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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Tripartite Membership is Our Lifeblood ...



Roderick M. MacIntyre III,
D.M.D., M.S.
President

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing summer with some rest, travel, and time off from your busy practices! With Fall upon us it is time to refocus our efforts towards our families, practices, and organized dentistry. If you remember from my first message, I emphasized the importance of membership. I asked that every Central District member invite at least one non-member dentist to an affiliate meeting this year. Even if they are a tripartite member, there are a number of them that are not familiar with their designated affiliates or where they

meet. Affiliates have already started meeting this fall and it is vitally important to increase our membership. By highlighting the tangible benefits and personalizing the invitation, you can increase the likelihood of them choosing to join organized dentistry. Inviting someone to join a dental organization involves more than just extending an invitation; it's about effectively conveying the benefits and value of membership:

The Tripartite of Dentistry: Unveiling the Benefits of ADA, FDA, and CFDDA Membership

Dentistry, like any other field of healthcare, thrives on collaboration, knowledge sharing, and professional growth. To foster these essential aspects of the dental profession, many dentists choose to become members of various dental organizations. Among these, the tripartite membership comprising the American Dental Association (ADA), the Florida Dental Association (FDA), and the Central Florida District Dental Association (CFDDA) stands out as a powerful alliance. In this message, I will explore the numerous advantages and benefits of being a member of the tripartite of dentistry.

I. A Unified Voice for Dentistry

One of the most significant benefits of tripartite membership is the ability to unify the voice of dentists on both local and national levels. By joining ADA, FDA, and CFDDA, dentists become part of a collective effort to advocate for the profession's interests and ensure that dentistry remains a vital component of healthcare. These organizations work together to influence legislative decisions, promote oral health initiatives, and protect the rights and interests of dental professionals and their patients.

- **Advocacy and Legislative Influence:** Dentists face a myriad of regulatory and legislative challenges that impact their practice and patients' well-being. Being part of the tripartite gives members access to a powerful advocacy network that can effectively address these challenges. Through lobbying efforts, grassroots campaigns, and policy analysis, these

organizations work to shape dental legislation, ensuring that it aligns with the best interests of dental professionals and patients. Our Government Affairs Office (GAO), and Florida Dental Association Political Action Committee (FDAPAC) are top notch!

- **Oral Health Promotion:** Tripartite members contribute to community oral health by supporting initiatives aimed at increasing awareness about oral hygiene, access to care, and preventive measures. The tripartite organizations often collaborate on oral health campaigns, amplifying their impact and reach.

II. Professional Development and Education

Membership in the tripartite offers an array of opportunities for continuous learning and professional growth. Dentists are encouraged to stay updated with the latest advancements, techniques, and best practices through a variety of educational resources and events.

- **Continuing Education:** ADA, FDA, and CFDDA offer a plethora of continuing education opportunities, including workshops, seminars, webinars, and conferences. These events provide access to world-class speakers and the latest research, helping dentists enhance their skills and stay at the forefront of their field.
 - **ADA Annual Meeting (ADA SmileCon)**
 - **CFDDA Annual Meeting – May 3-4, 2024, Hammock Beach Resort**
 - **FDA Meeting (FDC) - June 20-22, 2024, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center**
 - **Affiliate Meetings – C.E. dinner meetings throughout the year.**
- **Networking:** Dentistry is a dynamic profession, and networking is key to success. Tripartite members gain access to a vast network of dental professionals, which facilitates the exchange of ideas, collaboration on complex cases, and potential career opportunities. Local, state, and national meetings provide platforms for connecting with colleagues, mentors, and industry leaders.

III. Practice Support and Resources

Running a successful dental practice requires more than clinical expertise. Our Tripartite organization offers valuable resources and support to help dentists manage their practices efficiently, stay compliant with regulations, and navigate the business side of dentistry.

- **Practice Resources:** ADA, FDA, and CFDDA provide members with practice management resources, including guidance on coding and billing, staff management, and regulatory compliance. These resources help dentists streamline their operations and reduce administrative burdens. **FDA Services (FDAS)** is the insurance arm of the FDA; however, it is so much more! FDAS revenue generated from insurance sales saves members \$314 in dues reductions

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TRUSTEE REPORT



John Cordoba, DDS
At-Large Trustee

The FDA Board of Trustees met on August 25-26, 2023, at the Hotel Effie, Sandestin, Florida.

HIGHLIGHTS:

The newly enacted governance structure took effect at the close of business of the Florida Dental Association House of Delegates at the Florida Dental Convention. The newly elected FDA Board of Trustees convened for their annual retreat and meeting.

FDA President, Dr. Beatriz Terry, reported to the group of her activities since beginning her term in July. She highlighted some of the political accomplishments as well as the many touch points with members she has.



Bertram Hughes, DMD
Component Designated
Trustee

We had an extensive report from Deborah Minnis, JD, on sexual harassment in the workplace. She highlighted the current trends for employment and how the board can help mitigate its risks as representatives of the dental association.

Our Treasurer, Dr. Rodrigo Romano, along with FDA CFO, Greg Gruber, reported on the Association finances. We are still in a strong position, with 75% of our reserves growing from equities in the market. We are keeping a close eye on membership and market share as the value proposition for membership remains a difficult environment. Our membership director, Kerry Gomez-Rios, explained that while our membership trends are above 50%, the influx growth is eroding market share as membership grows. Hence, our actual membership numbers are growing, but not at the same pace as the influx of dentists. The Dental Service Organization (DSO) market is a contributing factor in market-share erosion. We are working on getting our membership initiative in South Florida up and running. Here we will have a member concierge on the ground to help increase membership. Florida did receive an award for the greatest percentage of reduced dues paying members being converted to

full dues paying members. The FDA also received an award for converting the most non-members to members. Florida is 7th in DSO growth, and 2nd in DSO affiliation by dentists.

The board participated in a brainstorming Workforce Discussion initiative of utilizing Pre-Dental students as assistants. The challenges of workforce were discussed and the pros and cons for this initiative. The FDA is working on developing a tool kit for training dentists to help utilize this initiative.

Joe Ann Hart on behalf of FDA Governmental Affairs reported on potential legislation concerning rules surrounding "Do it Yourself" dentistry and delegable duties in reference to scanning. Florida is also keeping an eye on recent dental compacts that are forming amongst various states to permit interstate movement of dental hygienists.

The Florida Dental convention was once again a success. The total attendance was 7,803 attendees. This is just 3% off Pre-Covid numbers. Next year's convention will be held June 20-22, 2024.

The Florida Dental Association Foundation (FDAF) 2024 Mission of Mercy will be held in Lakeland, FL. Registration and hotel information will be released in the coming months. CFDDA will be applying for the 2025 FLAMOM. The FDAF also donated \$5,000.00 to Hawaii for the disaster fund to help with the Maui wildfire.

With the new governance structure in place, the positions available on the FDA Board will be Speaker, Treasurer, Editor and six at large spots. These elections will take place in June 2024. Any interested party should contact Lianne Bell, FDA Leadership Liaison, at the FDA office.

The board also enacted a policy of only one absence per year will be permitted as instructed by the House of Delegates. This policy will remain under review as the board navigates the new governance structure.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drs. Bertram Hughes and John Cordoba

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FLORIDA BOARD OF DENTISTRY REPORT

From the Florida Dental Association

FDA Chief Legal Officer Casey Stoutamire

The Florida Board of Dentistry (BOD) met in Fort Lauderdale on Friday, August 11, 2023.

The Florida Dental Association (FDA) was represented by BOD Liaison Dr. **Steve Hochfelder** and Chief Legal Officer Casey Stoutamire. Drs. **Jerry Bird**, **Edy Guerro**, **Jim Haddix** and **Beatriz Terry**, FDA President, were also in attendance, as were dental students from the Nova Southeastern University College of Dental Medicine.

BOD members present included: Dr. **Claudio Miro**, chair; Dr. **Nick White**, vice-chair; Drs. **Brad Cherry** and **Jose Mellado**; hygiene members, Ms. Karyn Hill, and Ms. Angela Johnson; and consumer member Mr. Fabio Andrade. Drs. Christine Bojaxhi, **Tom McCawley** and **TJ Tejera** and consumer member Ben Mirza were absent.

As a reminder, the BOD approved the revisions to Rule 64B5-17.002 at its May meeting on what must be included in the dental record. This was to clarify what must be included in the dental record after an administrative law judge ruled that it was ambiguous. The discipline case that led to this rule revision dealt with a male dentist treating female dentists at his office after hours and not recording that treatment in the patients' records.

At its August meeting, the Board revised the language again to clarify what needs to be included in the record if the dentist "saw" the patient via teledentistry. The proposed rule now reads:

64B5-17.002 Written Dental Records; Minimum Content; Retention.

A dentist shall maintain patient dental records in a legible manner and with sufficient detail to clearly demonstrate why the course of treatment was undertaken.

(1) Dental Record: The dental record shall contain sufficient information to record each patient/ dentist in person or teledentistry encounter, identify the patient, support the diagnosis, identify and justify the treatment and document

the course and results of treatment accurately, by including, at a minimum, patient histories; X-rays (if taken); examination results; test results; records of drugs prescribed, dispensed, or administered; reports of consultation or referrals; identification of all treatments and procedures preformed and when they were performed, and copies of records or reports or other documentation obtained from health care practitioners at the request of the dentist and relied upon by the dentist in determining the appropriate treatment of the patient.

Mr. Ed Tellechea, Board counsel, asked the BOD what rules it would like to include in its annual regulatory plan. These are rules that the Board feels need to be modified. The FDA asked the Board to update its rules on remediable tasks to hygienists and assistants to clarify what those auxiliary staff can do regarding the placement of implants and under what supervision level. The rules were promulgated at a time when implants were not as prevalent as they are today and the FDA encouraged the Board to make sure all dentists understand what is and is not remediable when it comes to implants. The FDA will be working with the Board on this issue.

The Board recognized Ms. Jessica Sapp and thanked her for her service as executive director. The FDA wishes Ms. Sapp well in her new position at the Department of Health. The Board then introduced Ms. Allison Dudley as its new executive director, and we look forward to working with her.

There were three disciplinary cases and one petition for modification of a final order that included, among other things, failing to meet the minimum standard of care by a general dentist providing root canal therapy, the placement of a temporary bridge and a very difficult root canal procedure by an endodontist. **It is much better to be a spectator than a participant in BOD disciplinary cases.**

The next BOD meeting is scheduled for **Friday, November 17, 2023, 7:30 a.m.** in Gainesville.

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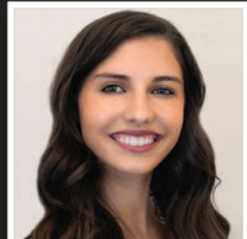
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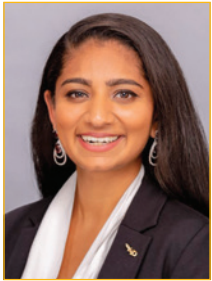


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Dr. Vrinda Shah
Editor

With 3 months to graduation, after the height of the pandemic, I found myself scrolling through every job posting, to find a good fit. Most seasoned dentists encouraged private practice, yet every job posting was for another DSO. I was frustrated, and although certain I could find employment, I wasn't sure it would be in the most supportive, patient centered environment. I turned to ADAPT (ADA Practice Transitions) and BCDS (Brevard County Dental Society). Through ADAPT,

I was connected to private practices with similar practice philosophies. Through BCDS's monthly meeting, I befriended providers in my desired location of practice. Maintaining these relationships opened the door to mentorship and opportunity I could have only dreamed of receiving a year out of dental school. The dentists I now work with are friends and incredible mentors, and I know I have a strong supportive network of professionals around me.

Our careers are fulfilling and highly rewarding, but caring for patients and providing Dentistry is mentally challenging, takes a physical toll, and a large part of our time and lives. Add to that the weight of economic environment fluctuations, pandemic-type events, insurance companies, rising education costs, and a large influx of capitalistic investors that view dentists as their

workhorses, and we're left with quite a bit of heavy lifting.

Flipping through the ADA/FDA member benefit guides for this year, it is obvious we have many resources at our fingertips to help navigate the challenges of our career. From looking for your first associateship, service opportunities and practice transitions to advocacy, continuing education, and insurance resources - organized dentistry really does provide us with the tools to help us best succeed and get through it all.

The collective heartbeat of passion, dedication, and unity is palpable whether attending big events such as Dentist Day on the Hill and the annual Florida Dental Convention or monthly Dental Society meetings. This is the greatest benefit of organized dentistry — the harmony of human connection. Building friendships, finding mentors, and having the support and guidance of people who have walked before you.

I encourage everyone to remember why many of us are in dentistry - to help people and connect with them, let's continue to do that with our peers. There is strength in numbers and organized dentistry maximizes that impact. Continue to volunteer for a few hours at Give Kids a Smile, have a drink for an hour with the new dentist in town or spend just a single day advocating for the health of our patients in Tallahassee — because even just a millimeter of involvement can make the biggest difference for both our patients, and our profession.

Welcome!

June 9, 2023 – September 8, 2023

We welcome the following new and returning members, and those who have transferred into the CFDDA area. Thank you for your commitment to the Power of Three!



- Dr. Ameen Alameen, West Melbourne
- Dr. Drake Allen, Gainesville
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- Dr. Ben Wasson, Orlando
- Dr. Kayla Wilkerson, Orlando
- Dr. Tony Yassa, Port Orange

In Memoriam



Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff, Ormond Beach, passed away August 29, 2023. He began his membership journey as a student in 1971. Dr. Pranikoff had a passion for organized dentistry and was a past president of the Volusia-Flagler County Dental Association and was the 2011-2012 CFDDA President. He served many years on the CFDDA delegation to the FDA and also as a trustee to the FDA. In 2022, Dr. Pranikoff was recognized for his service to dentistry and was awarded the FDA's J. Leon Schwartz Lifetime Achievement Award.

Affiliate Corner

The **Alachua County Dental Association** will meet on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville. Speaker: Dr. Theresa Beachy - "Domestic Violence" 2 CEUs. For more information, contact Dr. Paul D. Martin, 352-333-9898.

Brevard County Dental Society will have their next meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023, at the Holiday Inn-Viera, 8298 North Wickham Road, Melbourne, Florida, 32940, 6:00PM. CPR with Mike Vershel & Medical Errors with Robin Wessels. Contact Kelly Millett, bcdssecretary@msn.com, 321-363-1820 for more info.

The **Dental Society of Greater Orlando** will meet on Monday, October 30, 2023, at the Winter Park Community Center. Speaker: Dr. Nicholas Mercer - "Tackling Musculoskeletal Disorders in Dental Professionals." For this meeting, spouses, partners, and significant others are invited guests. Dress in costume to receive a discounted (or free!) dinner for your guest. Questions? 407-898-9798 or sharonhamilton@dsgo.org

Lake County Dental Association is meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Venetian Center, 1 Dozier Circle, located in Leesburg, Florida. Dr. Anita Gohel will present, "Radiographic Navigation in the Diagnosis of Lesions within the Jaw" For more information: Dr. Chris Wollenschlaeger, 352-895-2962, or email: lakecountydentalassociation@gmail.com.

The **Marion County Dental Association** will be meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Ocala. Dr. Roberta Pileggi will present, "Traumatic Injuries: From Evidence Based to Clinical Practice" Contact: Charlie Gill at charliedental2@gmail.com or call, 352-342-2421.

The **Volusia-Flagler County Dental Association's** next meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at the LPGA Clubhouse, Daytona Beach. Questions? Dr. Darshan Patel, 386-316-9952, darshanp224@gmail.com

Don't belong to your local affiliate dental association? Contact any of the above to join and start networking with your peers close to your office/home.

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November 17, 2023	Florida Board of Dentistry Gainesville, FL
January 11, 2024	CFDDA House of Delegates/ Caucus – Orlando, FL
January 19-20, 2024	FDA House of Delegates Location: Orlando, FL
January 30, 2024	Dentists' Day on the Hill Tallahassee, FL
February 16, 2024	Florida Board of Dentistry Ft. Myers, FL
May 3-4, 2024	CFDDA ANNUAL MEETING HAMMOCK BEACH RESORT PALM COAST, FL
May 17, 2024	Florida Board of Dentistry Jacksonville, FL
June 20-22, 2024	Florida Dental Convention Gaylord Palms – Orlando, FL

SAVE THE DATE

Complete meeting information will be in the Winter 2024 Newsletter, future CFDDA E-News, and the CFDDA Annual Meeting brochure to be mailed soon.



Dear CFDDA Member,

I hope this letter finds you all in good health and high spirits. I am writing to you today on behalf of the campaign supporting Dr. Rudy Liddell for the position of President Elect of the American Dental Association (ADA).

Rudy Liddell is an esteemed dental professional who has dedicated his career to advancing the profession as the primary source of oral healthcare. He has served in countless roles in our association, representing us as members and working hard to make our profession the best it can be. His vision for the ADA is centered around assuring all members understand the value and benefits from being part of the organization. With his vast experience and depth of knowledge about the issues we face as we strive to build successful practices and assure better health for our patients, Rudy is the ideal candidate to continue to move the ADA forward as the nation's leading dental organization.

To ensure Rudy's success in this crucial role, we are seeking the support of CFDDA – as a component as a whole and also as individuals. Your generous donation to the campaign will enable us to spread Rudy's message, so the values and successes that we have come to expect as dental professionals in Florida can expand across the nation and strengthen the ADA's impact on oral healthcare policy.

We kindly request your consideration of a donation to Rudy Liddell's campaign. Your contribution will help us champion the values we hold dear in dentistry. Together, we can create a stronger, more unified dental profession.

Campaign donations can be made using the QR code or by check using the info below.

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Thank you for your time and I thank you in advance for your support. Together, we can work to shape the future of the ADA under Rudy Liddell's leadership.

Sincerely,

Christopher Bulnes, DMD
Campaign Manager



Biennium Ends on February 28, 2024 Don't Wait to the Last Minute ...

Just a quick reminder of requirements for license renewal:

- General Hours 28
- Medical Errors 2
- Domestic Violence 2 Due every 3rd biennium
- HIV/AIDS 2 Due for first renewal only
- Current CPR Certificate Required and must be a live course.
- Safe and Effective Prescribing of
- Controlled Substances 2

THE NEW DEA REQUIREMENT:

A new law requires prescribers of controlled substances to complete eight hours of training before receiving or renewing a Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) registration. The Medication Access and Training Expansion Act (MATE Act) was included in the omnibus spending bill that passed Congress at the end of 2022. The American Dental Association (ADA) successfully advocated for Congress to amend certain provisions of the MATE Act to conform with ADA policy.

The ADA has updated its **FAQ document** to comport with the information in the DEA's email; it includes course offerings as well as information about past trainings or coursework from recognized groups that may qualify. The ADA's **"DEA Registration"** webpage is also a good resource for information and will be updated regularly.



If you have questions about the requirements, please contact FDA Chief Legal Officer Casey Stoutamire at cstoutamire@floridadental.org or by calling 850-350-7202.

- Looking for Medical Errors? Go to www.cfdda.org and look under the tab: Members Only-Required Course for more information.
- The CFDDA will also be sending out information in the CFDDA E-news of any affiliates providing any of the required courses — make sure to check out the affiliate corner in each e-news (next e-news will be August 1st).

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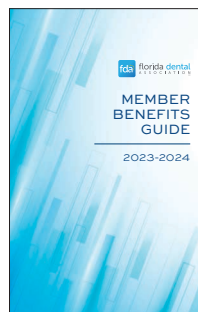
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RENEW AND CONNECT – MEMBERSHIP 2024

The Florida Dental Association will soon send your *tripartite* dues statement out. When you remit your dues payment, you are covering three dental associations with one payment: the American Dental Association, Florida Dental Association, and the Central Florida District Dental Association. Below are some of the benefits to belonging to organized dentistry and we thank you for renewing for 2024!

- Advocating – Thousand of members = clout in Tallahassee and Washington, D.C.
- FDAPAC/ADPAC – Both PACs work diligently to identify and support dental friendly candidates.
- Legislative Action Center, Capital Report, and Dentists’ Day on the Hill – all avenues of communication to keep you informed and in touch with the latest developments in Tallahassee.
- The FDA’s Governmental Action Committee meets weekly during Florida’s legislative session to develop strategies to better serve you in the political arena.
- Legislative Contact Dentists – Volunteer! Contact the FDA Governmental Affairs Office at gao@floridadental.org
- Assistance with Third Party Payers – An FDA dedicated staff member can address your concerns with managed care.
- Educating the public through special events (i.e., FLA MOM), press releases, media, and digital outreach, and with the Alliance of the FDA and ADA.
- Find-A-Dentist (www.findadentist.ada.org) helps patients find you!
- Communication/Information – Newsletters (CFDDA 4x/year), Magazines, E-news (CFDDA 8x/year), CFDDA Leadership Directory, Social Media, and association staff to assist you and direct you to the proper resources.
- Meetings – CFDDA Meeting, May 3-4, 2024 (see page 10), no registration fee for members and their dental teams (free CE!), the Florida Dental Convention, June 20-22, 2024, and the ADA Annual Meeting – SmileCon. Ample opportunities to earn CE, visit with outstanding vendors and network with your peers.
- Online Continuing Education is available through the ADA and FDA. The FDA also sends out license renewal reminders. The FDA/CFDDA reports your CE credit to CE Broker.
- CFDDA’s affiliate associations – join your local affiliate to earn CE and meet your peers in your hometown. See page 10 for affiliate information.
- Dissemination of information to prepare you for the unexpected – COVID-19, Hurricane Readiness, the FDA’s emergency disaster fund, and crisis management (i.e., a call from the media).
- The FDA Florida’s Action for Dental Health to help improve access to oral health for all Floridians.

- Required posters, marketing toolkits, ADA Evidence-Based Dentistry, the ADA/FDA Find A Colleague online and the ADA Contract Analysis Service.
- ADA Ethics Hotline (800-621-8099) and the FDA Peer Review Process (see ad below).
- FDA Career Center offering a job board for dentists and employers of dental professionals.
- FDA Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the FDA. Outstanding ways to “give back” – 2024 FLA MOM, Project: Dentists Care, and Donated Dental Services.
- FDA Services, Inc. – numerous insurance products at competitive pricing! See page 2 for CFDDA’s local representative, Dennis Head’s contact information.
- FDA Services Crown Savings – Numerous ways to save on essential products and services for your practice.



To view a more comprehensive list of benefits:

ADA Membership Benefits:

<https://www.ada.org/join-the-ada/member-benefits>

FDA Membership Benefits Guide:

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CFDDA Executive Council Meets



Dr. Roderick MacIntyre, III, CFDDA President, presiding.

The CFDDA Executive Council (EC) met on Friday, September 22, 2023, in Orlando, with Dr. Roderick MacIntyre, III, CFDDA President presiding. At the close of the EC meeting, Drew Eason, FDA Executive Director, gave an overview of FDA/CFDDA membership numbers. The EC was then divided into two teams to participate in a “hack-a-thon” to strategize on how to recruit new members. Many great ideas were presented, but there could be only one winner — congrats Team #2!



Drew Eason explains the rules of Hack-a-Thon ... may the best team win!



Congrats to 1st place winning Team #2! (L-R) Drs. James Kortbus, Greg Chace, Jerry Bird, Paul Martin, and Beth Nixon. Missing: Dr. Monique Belin.



The CFDDA Executive Council at work.

Official Call

There will be a meeting of the Central Florida District Dental Association House of Delegates on Thursday, January 11, 2024, at the Courtyard by Marriott Orlando Downtown located at 730 North Magnolia Street, Orlando, Florida, 32306. Immediately following the adjournment of the CFDDA House of Delegates, the delegation will caucus in preparation for the upcoming FDA House of Delegates.



A strong 2nd place went to Team #1! (L-R) Drs. Bert Hughes, Rod MacIntyre, Wade Winker, Bernard Kahn, Matt Sheldon and John Cordoba.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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per year. FDA Services has researched and vetted business solutions and dental supplies so FDA members can take advantage of exclusive deals and discounts offered through the **Crown Savings Program**. Members who participate will save time, money and hassle, putting the focus back on patient care.

- **Legal and Ethical Guidance:** Dentists often face complex legal and ethical dilemmas in their practice. Tripartite organizations offer guidance and support, including access to legal experts who can provide advice and assistance when needed. Another program recently initiated at the FDA level is the **Peer Review Program**. This program helps member dentists avoid costly legal fees, malpractice suits and Board of Dentistry complaints. The FDA's outstanding peer review coordinator is Lywanda Tucker, and she can be reached at 850-350-7134 or tucker@floridadental.org. She is an invaluable asset to our profession!

IV. Community and Service Opportunities

Dentists who are members of the tripartite also have the chance to give back to their communities through various charitable and service initiatives. These organizations actively promote volunteerism and community engagement.

- **Oral Health Initiatives:** Tripartite members often participate in community outreach programs, providing dental care to underserved populations and promoting oral health education. These initiatives not only make a positive impact on communities but also enhance the reputation of the dental profession. *Florida Mission of Mercy (FLA-MOM)* is a large-scale professional dental clinic that provides care to any patient at no cost, with the goal of serving the under-served and uninsured in Florida - those who would otherwise go without care. The 2024 MOM event will be held in Lakeland at the RP Funding Center May 30 – June 1. **Your Central District has petitioned the FDA Foundation to host the 2025 MOM event in Daytona Beach.**
- **Mentorship and Leadership:** Becoming a member of the tripartite opens doors to mentorship and leadership opportunities. Experienced dentists can mentor younger colleagues, sharing their knowledge and expertise, while also fostering leadership skills within the profession.

V. Access to Research and Publications

Staying up to date with the latest research and clinical guidelines is essential for providing the best patient care. Tripartite organizations offer access to a wealth of dental

research, publications, and journals.

- **Scientific Journals:** ADA publishes the Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA), which is a reputable source of peer-reviewed research articles and clinical studies. Members receive access to JADA and other dental publications, ensuring they have access to cutting-edge research. The FDA and your Central District also have their respective periodic journal and newsletters that provide invaluable information concerning dental-related issues and content specifically tailored to you.
- **Evidence-Based Dentistry:** ADA's commitment to evidence-based dentistry ensures that members have access to the most current and reliable information, enabling them to make informed clinical decisions.

The dental tripartite offers a wide range of benefits and advantages to Florida dental professionals. From advocacy and legislative influence to professional development, practice support, community service opportunities, and access to research, the tripartite provides dentists with the tools and resources they need to thrive in their careers, serve their communities, and advance the field of dentistry. By joining this powerful alliance, dentists can amplify their impact, connect with like-minded professionals, and contribute to the ongoing growth and success of the dental profession.

On a more somber note, Central District, FDA, and ADA have lost a champion of organized dentistry. Dr. Howard Pranikoff passed away on August 29 after practicing 40 plus years in the Ormond and Daytona Beach areas. He had a true passion for organized dentistry and held long time leadership positions in the ADA, and FDA as a member of the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees. In 2022, he was awarded the J. Leon Schwartz Lifetime Achievement Award by the FDA. He was a great mentor to me and was responsible for my involvement in organized dentistry. He will be greatly missed!

My goal this year is to inspire all leadership in the Central District to become more engaged in membership! This ultimately starts at the affiliate level. Invite a colleague to your monthly meetings and show them the benefits of membership. Welcome them in an environment of fun, food, and fellowship! I hope to see and meet most of you at your affiliate meetings this fall and into next spring.

Roderick M. MacIntyre, DMD, MS
President, CFDDA



Reminder to fall back on
Sunday, November 5,
2023. Daylight Savings
Time Ends.

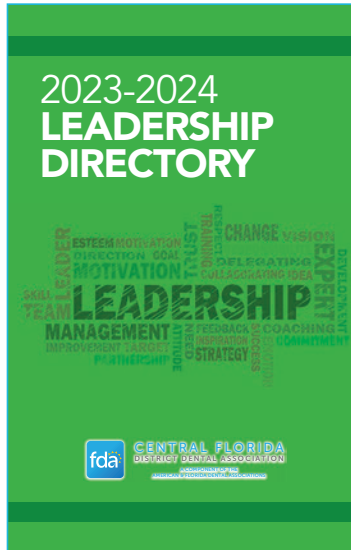
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Dental Workforce Issues – The FDA wants to Hear from You!

Dental staff recruitment issues continue to challenge many offices around the state. The FDA Workforce Innovation Task Group is looking for interested members who would be willing to help find opportunities and solutions that are right for Florida. If you are interested, please send an email to gao@floridadental.org.

CFDDA Program Committee

Great at planning? Know a wide range of dental speakers or vendors? Interested in local arrangements? If so, contact the CFDDA office for more information on being a committee member. 407-898-3481 or cfddental@cfdda.org



CFDDA Leadership Directory

Check out the 23-24 CFDDA Leadership Directory. Go to the CFDDA website, home page, scroll down – you will need your ADA #. Thank you to **Henry Schein Dental Practice Transitions** for underwriting the directory.

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