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Please accept this as my notice of intent to run for the position of CSDA Delegate to the American Dental Association House of Delegates. I believe that my skill set, along with my volunteer and leadership experiences at all levels of the ADA tripartite, position me well to deliberate and advocate for positions and policies which will benefit members of the CSDA, the six New England States in the First District, and the profession at large.

Our profession currently faces a myriad of challenges; however, with these challenges come numerous opportunities. Our membership market share has been wavering for a number of years. This is a serious concern if we are to maintain the stature of the ADA as the voice of the dental profession. Any decline challenges us to rethink the services and benefits that we provide to our members, in order to make them more valuable to potential new members as well as to those who may have chosen not to renew. We must examine the needs of dentists at all stages of their careers and on widely varying career paths (e.g. solo private practice, large group practice, general dentists, specialists, academia, research, public health dentistry etc.), but we must also think beyond those traditional delineations to consider the needs of practitioners, however they prefer to see themselves, while keeping in mind that in the end we're all dentists.

As a member, and eventually the Chair of the ADA's Council on Dental Practice (CDP) in 2012-2013, I strenuously advocated for the re-examination of the Association's mix of services, with particular emphasis on making certain that the offerings provided by individual state societies would not be forced to compete with programs rolled out at the national level. At the time, we were developing the advanced business training for dentists to be provided by the University of Notre Dame and there was some overlap with programs being offered by the Massachusetts Dental Society, and the California Dental Association. Ultimately, the power of three was born, and our Association has moved toward a much more efficient, collaborative organization with a mission to deliver services and benefits, at the most appropriate level of the organization, in order to create a true value proposition for members and potential members.

During my tenure on CDP, I was also intimately involved with policy matters pertaining to the ever-expanding phenomenon of large group and corporate dental practice models. External pressures from third party carriers, state and federal governmental agencies, and the economics of the practice of dentistry have necessitated the need to be intimately familiar with the various forces at play and how they are impacting the practice of dentistry in its varied settings. I am a solo practitioner, but I fully understand the strengths and weaknesses of "corporate" models of care delivery, as well as some of the other mid and large group dental models, many of which are capable of providing high quality, ethical care while maintaining the integrity of the doctor patient relationship.

As a result of my involvement with Standards Development and Informatics, I am keenly aware of the looming importance of the ownership and control of health data, an ongoing issue of discussion in the ADA HOD. In my roles on the Dental Content Committee (content and structure for dental claims) and with SCDDI, I have developed a broad and deep understanding of data flow, collection and aggregation, and a keen awareness of how much control of data will impact the future of how we will practice dentistry. This

has direct implications in the worlds of third-party payers and claims processing, oral health policy and economics, and the burgeoning worlds of augmented intelligence, tele-dentistry and the related DIY dentistry phenomenon. The axiom "He or she who controls the data, wins" continues to grow in significance.

The issues mentioned above are just some of the items that we continue to discuss at the ADA HOD in our efforts to create effective policies to guide the future of our organization. My participation has spanned these and many other areas of interest and I continue to be fascinated as new issues and challenges/opportunities arise.

Lastly, having been involved as either an alternate delegate or delegate for the past 13 years (including a recent span of four years as the First District Caucus Whip), we have cultivated a great team of delegates and alternates from our state and our district, which has successfully integrated many newer and younger delegates with our more experienced participants. A strong grasp of parliamentary procedure and an understanding of the politics at play - within the various districts as well as within the various stakeholder groups - on issues before the HOD, has afforded me the opportunity to positively influence policy discussion during the course of the meeting and on the floor of the HOD. These skills and experiences have also provided me the privilege of forging strong personal relationships with individual delegates as well as with other entire districts at the HOD, which further enhances our district's ability to advocate on behalf of policies that benefit our members.

Please examine my CV, which further outlines the depth and breadth of my expertise and commitment: to our dental profession, to the CSDA, and to all of organized dentistry.

I look forward to the opportunity to continue to represent you and I humbly ask for your vote to be a member of the CSDA delegation to the ADA HOD in Houston.

Respectfully,

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Curriculum Vitae

PERSONAL: Married 25 years and father to 19-year-old triplets

EDUCATION: University of CT School of Dental Medicine – 1985-1989
Tufts University, BA Biology – 1978-1982

WORK

EXPERIENCE: Family Dentistry practice – Bethel, CT – 1994-present
Associate, Elm Dental Associates, Waltham, MA – 1990-1994
Associate, General Practice of James Sunners, DDS, Natick, MA – 1989-1991
Biochemistry/Endocrinology Research Associate, Boston University – 1982-1985
Published numerous research articles/abstracts

PROFESSIONAL

MEMBERSHIPS: ADA – 1989-present

Council on Dental Practice – Chair 2012-2013; First District Representative – 2009-2013

Subcommittee on Dental Workforce Issues – 2009- 2012

Electronic Health Record (EHR) Interagency Workgroup – 2010- present; Chair – 2012-2014

EHR Members Advisory Subcommittee – Chair – 2010-2012

EHR Advocacy Subcommittee – 2010- 2012

Dental Content Committee – 2010- present. Review and develop necessary data elements/fields for electronic claims processing.

Standards Committee on Dental Informatics – 2010-present

Oversight Committee – 2010-present

Subcommittee on Information Exchange – Chair – 2013 - present. Supervise, guide, and participate in the work of 12 active Working Groups which, via more than 25 work items at a given time, develops and produces numerous white papers, Technical Reports, and ADA/ANSI Standards for electronic exchange of information in dentistry, e.g. ANSI Standard 1058 - Forensic Dental Data Set to aid in identifying human remains or a living amnesiac - subsequently adopted by the FBI, NIST, Homeland Security, and Interpol

Delegate/Alternate to ADA House of Delegates – 2003-present CT Delegation Chair – 2018

ADA Amalgam Spokesperson – FDA Amalgam Hearing– Dec. 2010

ADA HOD Reference Committee on Legal and Legislative Matters – Chair – 2011

First District Caucus Whip – 2013- 2015

First District Caucus Deputy Whip – 2011-2013

ADA EBD Champion – 2013 - present

Shenkin for ADA Second Vice President Campaign Committee – 2013

Faiella for ADA President-elect Campaign Committee – 2010-2011

ADPAC Action Team Leader – Sen. Richard Blumenthal – 2012 – 2015, Rep. Jim Himes – 2010-2012

CSDA – 1994-present

Council on Legislation Co-Chair – 2010-2016, 2017-2021

CSDA Board of Governors – 2003-2010, 2021-present

President – 2008 - 2009 – Personnel Committee Chair

President-elect – 2007-2008 – Budget Committee Chair, Communications Chair

Vice President – 2006-2007

Liaison to Legislative Council – 2003-2008, 2021-present. Developed and implemented plans to accomplish passage of new CT dental practice statutes and the School Nutrition Bill.

Liaison to Insurance Council – 2003-2006

Access Committee – 2009 – present
Strategic Planning Committee –2006-2019
Amalgam Task Force
Dental Relations Committee
Relocation Committee

CSDA House of Delegates – 1998-2003
 Credentials Committee Chair
 Reference Committee Chair
 Member of numerous reference committees – 1999-present

Ethics Council Various dates
Legislative Council 1996 - present
Nominating Committee - Various dates
Public Awareness Council
Greater Danbury Dental Society – 1993-present
Massachusetts Dental Society – 1989-1993

ASDA – 1985-1989

**PROFESSIONAL
APPOINTMENTS:**

Tunxis Community College Allied Dental Advisory Board – 2019 - present
CT Dental Health Partnership (HUSKY) Administration Team
 HRSA Intensive Community Outreach (ICO) Initiative Grant – 2013 - present
New England Rural Oral Health Roundtable – Sept. 10, 2013
 Presenter - "Quality Measures in Dentistry - Who, What, When, Where, Why"
Yankee Dental Congress Volunteer –2010-2012
 Student Poster Session Evaluator - 2014
Connecticut Mission of Mercy
 Local Lead Liaison - CTMOM Danbury – 2019-2020; 2014-2015; Fifth Anniversary CTMOM Danbury –
 2011-2012
 Central Steering Committee – 2007- present
Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach
 Board Member – 2009-present
University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine - Dean Search Committee – 2005-2006
Connecticut Down Syndrome Congress – 1999-present

HONORARY

MEMBERSHIPS: Pierre Fauchard Academy – 2006-present
 American College of Dentists – 2007-present
 International College of Dentists – 2009-present

AWARDS: Phi Chi Chapter, Omicron Kappa Upsilon, University of Connecticut
 School of Dental Medicine, **Leadership Award – 4/2009**
 Connecticut State Dental Association **Special Citation Award – 5/2011**
 Connecticut State Dental Association **Sal Squatrito Legislative Award – 5/2014**
 American Dental Association Standards Committee on Dental Informatics **Chairman's Award – 2020**

OUTSIDE

INTERESTS: *a capella* singing, wine, photography, gardening, antiques and travel