

November 11, 2021

Ms. Kathlene Gerrity
Executive Director
Connecticut State Dental Association
835 West Queen Street
Southington, CT 06489

Dear Ms. Gerrity:

It is with great excitement that I announce my intent to run for the office of President-Elect of the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA, Society) and as an ADA Alternate/Delegate. I believe that I can serve our Society, our membership and our patients well through the coordinated terms of President-Elect and then President.

I have been an active member of the ADA since dental school when I was an officer of the NYU ASDA chapter, maintaining my membership to the ADA through residency and into private practice. I opened my own practice in 2004 and the following year was immediately elected to vice president of the Naugatuck Valley Dental Society (NVDS), and in 2006 I became the president of that component. I continued to serve the NVDS as president and delegate to the CSDA House through 2014, when my commitment to the board of the Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons became too much of a time conflict.

Upon completing my obligation to the CSOMS, I returned to serve the NVDS again as President and alternate delegate to the CSDA House (we lost 1 delegate seat). At the 2021 House, I was installed as the Board of Governors representative for district III. I was truly honored that my fellow delegates believed I would serve them well in that capacity. Now, after serving on the Board, I believe that it is my honor and duty to serve our Society further by seeking an officer position.

My curriculum vitae is attached to this application, so I will not rehash what can be read on that document. I would summarize it by stating that my experience in organized dentistry/oral & maxillofacial surgery and resident education gives me the know-how to work with all of the involved parties to make the CSDA as successful for our members and patients as possible.

What is not on my CV is my experience working with the Department of Public Health on issues related to dentistry. This has entailed working with both the administration and leadership of the Department. I have a history of working with

multiple departments within the Yale-New Haven Hospital system to develop educational and leadership programs for our residents. I have coordinated frequently with the CSDA professional staff throughout the years, and have found those experiences to be collaborative and fruitful.

My ultimate goal in attaining this position is not for personal glory and not to see my name in lights. I truly believe that we have an obligation as professionals to serve our peers and our patients at the organizational level. We need to represent ourselves and our profession to the public and the politicians that we are providing the best possible service to our communities in the form of high quality and safe care. We cannot expect others to represent us, and if you sit on the sidelines to let others speak, then you cannot complain that your voice isn't heard.

Over the years, I have watched and listened as many professional leaders of the CSDA, from local component leaders, to delegates, to committee persons, to officers, have served their dental communities. Always impressed by their commitment and their resolve, I now wish to add my skills to serve the CSDA at least as well as those who have come before me.

I am honored that I have come to the point in my career that I can now offer my services at President-Elect and President levels for my fellow dentists, and given the opportunity, I will serve to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

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CSDA Board of Governors

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POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL/YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, Connecticut
Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery – Certificate
July 1999 – June 2003

COLUMBIA-PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER, New York, New York
Postdoctoral Residency Fellow in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
July 1998 – June 1999

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, New York, New York
Doctor of Dental Surgery awarded June 1998
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY, Garden City, New York
Bachelor of Business Administration awarded December 1988
Major in Finance, Minor in Marketing

EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR ORAL & IMPLANT SURGERY, Shelton, Connecticut July 2004 – Present

Founder, Surgeon & Owner: Practicing full time oral & maxillofacial surgery in private practice. Started practice from scratch, including finding location, financing, design, equipment purchasing, hiring staff and training. Marketed practice to area referring dentists and specialists. Perform surgery on a daily basis including dental-alveolar, extractions, dental implants, hard and soft tissue grafting, oral and maxillofacial pathology, and reconstruction using local and general anesthetics.

YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, Connecticut April 2017 – Present

Director of Resident Research: Coordinate and manage research projects undertaken by the oral & maxillofacial surgery residents. Responsible for approving projects, developing projects and assigning faculty mentors. Host of the annual research presentations.

Attending Surgeon: Facilitate resident education via regularly scheduled clinic sessions, operating room coverage and lectures. Twice awarded Bernard Levine Teaching Award. Regular rotations of ER and trauma call.

AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY April 2020 – Present

Board Examiner: Served as a developer of items for question banks related to board qualifying, resident in-service, and board recertification examinations. Preparing to serve as oral board examiner through training.

HOSPITAL OF ST. RAPHAEL, New Haven, Connecticut July 2003 – April 2017

Attending Surgeon: Supervised and trained residents in oral & maxillofacial surgery to become practicing surgeons. Formulated lesson plans, taught both didactic and hands-on courses, supervised in clinical and operating room scenarios. Terminated employment only due to purchase of the Hospital by Yale-New Haven Hospital, where I immediately held the same position.

OMS ASSOCIATES, Waterbury, Connecticut July 2003 – June 2004

Associate Surgeon: Practicing full time oral & maxillofacial surgery in a private practice. Perform full scope surgery. Manage staff of five nurses, assistants and front desk staff. Teach at associated general dental and oral & maxillofacial surgery training programs.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, CT (formerly **HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL**) July 2003 – Present
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Simulated Anesthesia Emergencies for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (SAEOMFS) course, faculty.
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Clinical Competency Committee
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Mock Board Examiner
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Resident Selection Committee
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Section, Residency Evaluation Committee, Chair
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Dental Student Externship Program Director

HONORS/AWARDS

HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL/YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, Connecticut
2005, 2020 Bernard Levine Teaching Award

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, New York, New York
1998 The David B. Kriser Award for Compassion
1998 The Division of Comprehensive Care and Applied Practice Administration, Bernard E. Rudner Memorial Award
1997 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Senior Honors

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, New York
1996 President's Service Award for Programming

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago, Illinois
1994-98 ADA Dental Student Academic Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons – Fellow
Current – Member, Committee on Professional & Public Communications
Past – Delegate of the House, Associate Delegate of the House

American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons –
Diplomate – Certified 2006, recertified 2016

American Dental Association
Connecticut Department of Public Health –
Dental Policy Advisory Committee

Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons –
Past – President,
Vice President,
Anesthesia Committee Chair,
President Elect,
Treasurer.
Executive Board General Member

Connecticut State Dental Association
Current – Board of Governors, District III representative
Board Liaison to Committees
Governance
Annual Scientific Sessions
Continuing Education
Anesthesia
Peer Review

Past - Delegate to the House
Council on Legislation
Rules & Order Committee – Chair, 2011, 2012, 2013
Council on Constitution and Bylaws
Governance Review Committee

Naugatuck Valley Dental Society
Past – President, Vice-President
Current – Interim President

Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certification, American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
Connecticut State Dental License
Connecticut General Anesthesia Permit
Connecticut Controlled Substance Registration Permit
Drug Enforcement Agency Permit, schedule II, III, IV
ACLS
BLS
PALS
Stop the Bleed Certification, US Department of Defense