



Mission Statement/Purpose

The mission of a member of the ADA delegation is to serve as one of the official representatives of this association to the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association, and to endeavor at all times to fulfill duties in a manner which will promote the best interests of the American Dental Association and its members.

Primary Duties

1. Act, first, in the best interest of the profession, dentists nationally, and American Dental Association as a whole; and second, in the best interest of California dentists
2. Be informed about the issues facing ADA and dentistry nationally in order to make sound decisions on business transacted at the House of Delegates. This includes reading all meeting material provided by ADA, forming opinions on the issues, discussing options, and ultimately voting on the issues presented
3. Elect the officers of ADA
4. Be able to communicate the actions of the ADA house and the reasons for those actions
5. Network, build new relationships and maintain contact with delegates from other districts

Secondary Duties

If called upon, delegates may be asked to serve in secondary roles as part of their service. These include: mentor to new delegates or alternate delegates, workgroup whip or vice whip, networking chair, speaker's assistant/floor manager, or other positions as necessary for the effective functioning of the delegation. ADA also selects delegates to serve on house committees such as reference committee as needed.

The delegation may be divided into workgroups (mirroring the house reference committees), but each delegate and sponsored alternate will be required to be familiar with all resolutions.

Qualifications

Must be an active, life, or retired member of the American Dental Association, with membership in good standing in the California Dental Association.

Time Requirements

Participation in the following meetings is expected for delegates and alternates sponsored by CDA to attend the house:

- Thirteenth district delegation meetings (1-2 days per year)*
- Delegation workgroup conference calls (2-3 per year)*
- ADA House of Delegates (6 days per year)*
- Social, networking and lobbying activities as needed

Skill sets needed

All members:

- Well-versed on dental and association issues and policy
- Connections to (memberships in) other dental groups such as specialty organizations, dental school alumni networks, etc.
- Ability to synthesize substantial amounts of information provided in a short period of time and converse about the material effectively in order to inform/develop an opinion about the issues

Some members:

- National dental association leadership experience and expertise
- Service at previous ADA house

Composition

The thirteenth district delegation to the ADA shall consist of the number of delegates allocated to this association by the ADA, and alternate delegates as selected annually (not to exceed in number those of delegates – a small number of whom shall be sponsored to attend the ADA house). *Ex officio* delegates are: the CDA president, president-elect, vice president, secretary, treasurer, speaker of the house, immediate past president, editor, and TDIC/TDIC Insurance Solutions Board of Directors chair.

Term/Tenure

The term of office is one year. An unlimited number of terms may be served.

*Mandatory events