

Purpose

The Thirteenth District Delegation serves as one of the official representatives to the ADA House of Delegates, in an endeavor to fulfill duties in a manner that will promote the best interests of the American Dental Association and its members.

Primary Duties

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

Some members:

- Mentor new delegates, sponsored alternates or alternates.
- Serve as workgroup leads or subject matter specialists.
- Serve as access managers.
- Serve as district representatives.
- Serve on the steering committee.
- Serve on the networking coordination committee.
- Serve on house committees such as reference committee, as selected by ADA.

Qualifications/Skills

All members:

- ADA active, life or retired member in good standing with CDA.
- Well-versed on dental and association issues and policy.
- Connections to/memberships in other dental groups such as specialty organizations, dental school networks, etc.
- Ability to synthesize substantial amounts of information provided in a short period of time and effectively converse about the material in order to inform/develop an opinion.

Some members:

- National dental association leadership experience and expertise.

Time Requirements

Delegate/sponsored alternates:

- House of Delegates: Five to six days annually, including travel
- Delegation meetings: One to two annually
- Delegation calls: Two to three annually
- Social, networking and lobbying activities: As needed

Composition

The delegation shall be comprised of delegates and alternate delegates as defined below:

- Delegates: Number allocated by the ADA. Delegates are recommended by the Committee on Volunteer Placement and elected by the CDA board.
- Ex officio delegates (19): Members of the CDA board, speaker of the house, editor, subsidiary chair. These positions are included in the ADA delegate allocation.
- Alternate delegates: Not to exceed the number of delegates – a small number of whom shall be sponsored to attend the house. Alternate delegates are recommended by the Committee on Volunteer Placement and elected by the CDA board.

The chair shall be appointed by the president.

Term/Tenure

The term shall be one year. The tenure is unlimited.