



CDA Speaker of the House, 2026

Application, California Dental Association

Due by July 15, 2024

Instructions

Applications must be submitted to volunteer@cda.org by **July 15** and should include:

- **A completed application.** To complete the application, you must save it to your computer. Be sure to save as you go and upon completion to ensure your progress is captured. It is recommended that you retain a copy of this application for your records.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae (CV),** no more than three pages in Word or PDF format, minimum 10 pt. font. CVs may include information regarding leadership and volunteer experience, education, professional experience, membership in professional organizations and any special awards you believe are relevant to the position in which you are applying, as well as a professional headshot should you wish to submit one. Please note that if more than three pages are submitted, only the first three pages will be provided for consideration.

Once your application has been submitted, you will receive an email confirmation. Any changes to the application or CV must be submitted prior to the deadline.

Applicant information

Name: _____

ADA member number: _____

Email address: _____

Dental specialty, if applicable: _____

Phone number: _____

Position summary

In 2023, the house of delegates adopted a resolution modifying the speaker of the house election process to elect a nominee for speaker-elect the year prior to the expiration of the incumbent speaker’s term, allowing the incoming speaker to shadow the incumbent speaker for a year before taking office. CDA is soliciting applications for the 2026-2028 speaker term, with shadowing to occur in 2025.

For information pertaining to primary duties, required qualifications/skills and time requirements, please refer to the [Speaker of the House](#) job description.

Election process

Candidates for the speaker-elect position submit their application to the Committee on Volunteer Placement for confirmation of eligibility, are nominated by the CDA Board of Directors and elected by the CDA House of Delegates the year prior to the expiration of the incumbent speaker’s term. Candidates will be invited to attend the August 23, 2024 board meeting, at which time nominations will be conducted.

Important dates

- August 23, 2024, nominations process (save the date; meeting to be held in person at the CDA building in Sacramento)
- November 8-9, 2024, CDA House of Delegates, election occurs
- 2025, speaker-elect shadows incumbent speaker on house-related activities throughout the year
- November 21-22, 2025, CDA House of Delegates
- TBD, Future CDA House of Delegates

Interest and experience

1. Explain what the speaker position means to you, and why you are interested in this position. (750-character limit)

2. Highlight your specific education, training, expertise or skills, and how they will contribute to the speaker position and as a participant on the board of directors. Please include any specific training in parliamentary procedure. (1000-character limit)

3. The house consists of 200-210 delegates with varying personalities and opinions. When facilitating a meeting, how would you ensure it is conducted in a fair manner while maintaining order? (750-character limit)

4. The speaker position requires strong communication and public speaking skills. How would you ensure key information and processes are understood? What techniques do you use to engage listeners? (1000-character limit)

5. What do you anticipate as the most challenging aspect of the speaker position, and how will you approach overcoming the challenge? (750-character limit)

6. Please share any additional information you believe may assist the board in determining your qualifications for this position. (750-character limit)