



## Purpose

To support and advance the interests and the strategic plan of CDA by implementing CDA policy through state legislation, regulation, or administrative action, and to raise the profile and level of understanding of the dental profession in these arenas.

## Primary Duties

- To initiate legislation on behalf of CDA that implements CDA policies and/or resolutions
- To review legislation introduced by others and to evaluate its effect on the practice of dentistry and Californians' oral health and to establish CDA positions on such legislation
- To monitor and assess the activities of state regulatory boards and agencies as to their potential impact on dentistry and Californians' oral health and to take appropriate action based on CDA policies and resolutions
- To evaluate the implementation and administration of previously enacted legislation
- To convey information regarding the Council's activities to CDA membership through a system of verbal and written communications
- To make recommendations regarding candidates for appointment to state boards, commissions and committees the profession.

## Qualifications/Skills

- Active CDA member in good standing
- Knowledge of health care public policy issues with emphasis in issues of dental benefits, opioid policy, pediatric anesthesia and expanded access to dental care.
- Preferred, but not required:
  - Leadership experience in other dental organizations, groups or societies
  - Corporate or large group practice background
  - Experience in public health, military or federal, state, or county dentistry

## Time Requirements

Participation in the following meetings is expected:

- Three to four annual council meetings, in-person (required attendance). Conference calls as needed.
- Some members:
  - Attend meetings with lawmakers or stakeholders.
  - Attend hearings of the California legislature.
  - Respond to media inquiries.

Additionally, members should be able to commit enough time to read and evaluate periodic communications or mailings, including but not limited to legislative bills and proposed regulations, from the Public Policy Department and provide feedback to council chair and staff as required.

## Composition

The council shall be composed of up to 12 members.

- At-large members (10): Ten at-large members, one of which must be a new dentist, elected by the board.
- CDA directors (2): CDA president, secretary.
- Ex officio participants (3): The executive director, CDAPAC chair, ADA Council on Government Affairs representative.

The chair shall be appointed by the president.

## Term/Tenure

The term shall be two years. The tenures shall be three terms.

The term shall begin on December 1 and conclude November 30.