

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

2024

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5 It has truly been my honor to serve you as President-Elect of the MDA this past year.

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7 I have dedicated this and my previous year to learn as much as I can about the MDA by attending as
8 many MDF, MINDENPAC, and committee meetings as possible. As an officer, it is my obligation to
9 attend; I, however, do not see it as such but rather as an opportunity to continue my organized
10 dentistry education and contribute to make our association as effective as possible.

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12 I have been able to witness how our dedicated volunteer leaders and MDA team members work
13 hand in hand for the benefit of our members.

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15 In addition, I am the 10th District ADPAC representative, and I serve a double duty when I visit our
16 10th District states and share my ADPAC reports with them. My term expires at the end of the ADA
17 HOD. Every time there is a development on that front, I write a report to the district stakeholders. If
18 you are interested in reading those reports, feel free to reach out to me or Carmelo and we will be
19 happy to share them. I also look forward to working with our 10th District delegates at the
20 upcoming ADA House of Delegates in October.

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22 As you may know, I am the Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) state chair. Our MnMOM event
23 was held June 7-8, 2024, at the DECC in Duluth. Our local chairs, Drs. Eileen Patterson and Kim
24 Lindquist, our MnMOM Leads Team, which includes our Program Coordinator Vicki Capistrant, and
25 the MDA Team led by our Executive Director Carmelo Cinqueonce made the event a tremendous
26 success. I cannot thank every single volunteer, but I want you to know that it does not matter on
27 what capacity you volunteer, you have a big place in my heart and thank you in the name of the
28 patients. It is amazing to see every single volunteer spending part of their lives helping the many
29 patients who otherwise would continue to suffer from dental pain and infection.

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31 We have established the Minnesota Dental Association Leadership Academy; the first class has
32 graduated, and we are now recruiting for the second class, starting in September. Carmelo and I
33 have worked for several months to bring this new benefit to fruition, and we are very lucky to have
34 secured nationally known faculty who bring the Academy to a higher level of quality education. We
35 are working to make each class better as we learn more of the needs of emerging volunteers to
36 make their experience worthwhile. If you would like more information, please reach out to Carmelo
37 or me. While it qualifies as a member benefit, there is an application process and a finite number of
38 spaces. We will accommodate everyone who has a desire to participate as much as we possibly can.

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40 I would like to personally thank our MDA team members and Executive Director Carmelo
41 Cinqueonce for their unwavering support to make me a better volunteer.

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43 Finally, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns arise. I look forward to working for
44 and with you over the next year.

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