

1 **REPORT OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**

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3 **2024**  
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5 As I wrap up my second year as part of the executive team at the MDA, the challenges ahead are  
6 not diminishing. Membership continues to fall and is quickly approaching 50 percent of active  
7 dentists being dues paying members of the tripartite (district, MDA, ADA). We, of course, are  
8 not alone in this challenge as most representative organizations face falling member numbers.  
9 The ADA is taking this problem on actively and working hard to stem the tide and reverse  
10 present trends and regain a solid membership footing in the coming years.  
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12 This past year I again participated in many committee meetings, doing my best to stay on top of  
13 the current issues being tackled by the various committees of the MDA. Additionally, I was part  
14 of the Minnesota delegation to the ADA House of Delegates in Orlando last October. In April I  
15 attended the Nebraska Dental Association Annual Meeting and House of Delegates. I was treated  
16 like one of their own and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Sitting in on the state meetings and  
17 House of Delegates of our fellow ADA Tenth District partners is always a reminder to me of just  
18 how well run and organized the MDA is as a statewide organization. It makes me proud every  
19 time! I also attended the Mid-States Dental Leaders Conference in Louisville, Kentucky in  
20 August. It was a great opportunity to touch base with our Midwest neighbors and discuss the  
21 various challenges and successes we each are facing and have experienced.  
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23 Our leadership team continues to agree on the goals and initiatives of the MDA and our board is  
24 engaged and active in working to move those efforts forward. I continue to be impressed by the  
25 caliber of our MDA leadership and staff and enjoy working with everyone involved. The year  
26 ahead will be interesting and, hopefully, exciting as we at the MDA and the ADA continue to  
27 make the changes necessary to keep our organizations strong and influential well into the future.  
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