REPORT OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

2024

Thank you for entrusting me to be your Second Vice President of the Minnesota Dental Association this past year. It has been an honor and I have appreciated the opportunity to serve.

I have been involved in the MDA for the past several years as a Southeastern District Trustee so, I had some background into the efforts of MDA leadership. However, this past year as an officer, I feel like I have learned even more about the efforts of the MDA and ADA teams that assist our dental profession on a daily basis.

I have had several opportunities to attend meetings this year including those in Florida, South Dakota, Saint Peter, Rochester, and Saint Paul, and at the MDA home office in Minneapolis. When talking to dentists, especially at the state level, the #1 problem that I hear relates to workforce shortages to serve our patient base.

I am anticipating 2025 to be another busy year legislatively with the upcoming election and the biennium budget year. Workforce solutions will continue to be a focus of the MDA. We are currently having engaged discussions with key stakeholders including the Minnesota legislature, community colleges, and the Board of Dentistry to help alleviate this problem.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you this past year. Also, thank you to those who have encouraged other fellow dentists to join the MDA. Please continue to promote our association, as we are the leading voice of dentistry in Minnesota. As always, feel free to contact me with concerns or ideas that will further serve our members.

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