

FDA Trustee Application

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Please list your qualifications for this position. (Leadership roles, experience, etc.)

President WCDDA - 2013-2014,
President - Lee County Dental Society 2003-2004,
Board Member FDAS 2022- Present, Legislative Contact Dentist 6 years,
House of Delegates - 2003- present,
Fundraising lead for FLA MOMs - 2018-2019 & 2023-2024 (Committee).
Board of Trustee- Nova Southeastern University 2018- present,
Government Action Committee for FDA 2005-2009

Please list any boards, committees or other groups you currently or previously have served on (dental or non-dental) along with years of service.

President of India Association 2015,
President of Gujarati Samaj 2013,
Active Member of Project Dentist's Care 2001 - present,
International College of Dentist - Active Member 2023-present,
ADA/ FDA - Active member 1994 - present,
American Orthodontic Society Member -2007- Present

Please share any accomplishments while serving in other leadership positions.

FDA Leadership Award - 2014,
Kansugi Award -2019
Presidential Award -2013-2014 WCDDA
Community Investment Award by Governor Jeb Bush, Florida
Outstanding Representation Award 2005-2009 WCDDA for GAC

Have you participated in continuing education or training programs in leadership? If yes, please share your experience.

Yes. I learned how to convey visions clearly and inspire others to action. I learned team building activities

to help promote harmony, trust, and synergy among team members, enhancing productivity and new ideas.

Do you think there is value in the tripartite membership structure (ADA/FDA/Component)? Why or why not?

I do believe there is value in tripartite membership for various reasons. One of those reasons is having membership at local, state, and national levels allows for understanding and a complete perspective on organized dentistry. Members can benefit from knowledge passed down from national and state level programs and apply it to local dentistry. There is also opportunities for networking and sharing knowledge which will help personally and professionally.

The mission of the FDA is to "Help Members Succeed". Do you feel that the association is fully utilizing its resources to fulfill this mission? If yes, share why. If no, what additional actions would you propose?

I do feel the association is fully utilizing its resources to fulfill the mission. The FDA has ample resources that help dentists personally by offering various insurance products like life, health and disability and professionally by offering dental continuing education on various topics, rules and regulations to run the practice effectively and coding seminars.

What are the biggest challenges you see for the FDA as an organization in the coming years and what are ways you suggest the FDA can meet those challenges?

The biggest challenge is membership. Moving forward the membership committee should raise to challenge to figure out what it is that is lacking, in spite of the various things we offer, that will attract the new graduates to join the FDA. The second challenge is the Dental Auxiliary professionals. The dental hygienist and assistant pool is diminishing. One possible solution is to provide in office expedited training with certification. Too many government regulations and economic inflation.

Please provide any additional information you would like to share.

I am looking forward to working with you all and am willing and able to learn any extra activities or software applications in order to continue to work with you as efficiently and timely as possible. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

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