

FDA Trustee Application

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Please upload a photo of yourself. A professional headshot is preferred.



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

I have been very involved and have served on Jacksonville Dental Society, Clay County Dental Society, NEDDA, and FDA for the past 13 years.

Have served as CFA FDA Vice Chair and therefore have first-hand knowledge of the budget for FDA.

Have served on Board of Directors, FDA Foundation Committee.

Have served as Medical Triage Lead for the Mission of Mercy Jacksonville, FL from Jan 2021 to April 2021.

Also connected with our Medical Colleagues by serving on the Women in Medicine Executive Board at Baptist.

I have served on Give Kids A Smile Chair and Volunteer at Sulzbacher Center from 2014-2017.

Founding Member, Jacksonville Women's Dental Society (JWDS) in 2012.

Florida Department of Health, Dental Anesthesia Inspector Consultant.

Have served in the U.S. Navy Reserve for past 27 years and currently serve as CAPT, Commanding Officer, 14th Company, 4th Dental Battalion.

I currently serve as FDA Credentials Committee Member.

I was inducted into two honor societies recently: Pierre Fauchard Academy and International College of Dentists.

Diplomate, American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Diplomate, National Dental Board of Anesthesiology

National Association of Professional Women

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

FDA HOD Credentials Committee for NEDDA 2024 to present
Board of Directors-Florida Dental Association Foundation 2021 to present
FDA Vice-Chair, Financial Affairs Committee, Apr 2021 to present
NEDDA Delegate 2021 to present
Medical Triage Lead, Mission of Mercy Jacksonville, FL, Jan 2021 to April 2021
Past President, Jacksonville Dental Society 2018-2019
President, Jacksonville Dental Society 2017-2018
FDA, Financial Affairs Committee Member 2016-present
Clay County Dental Society 2016-present
Vice President, Jacksonville Dental Society 2016-2017
NEDDA Alternate Delegate 2019-2021
Treasurer, Jacksonville Dental Society 2015-2016
Secretary, Jacksonville Dental Society 2014-2015
Give Kids A Smile Chair and Volunteer at Sulzbacher Center from 2014-2017
Women in Medicine Executive Board, Baptist Hospital 2013-present
Founding Member, Jacksonville Women's Dental Society (JWDS) 2012
Florida Department of Health, Dental Anesthesia Inspector Consultant, 2016 to present
U.S. Navy Reserve CAPT, Commanding Officer, 14th Company, 4th Dental Battalion

Please share any accomplishments while serving in other leadership positions.

Actively involved in Give Kids A Smile event for 5 years and treated many children for free whereas they would not have received care.
As JDS President, brought in various speakers to help members receive CE in various topics and stay current with their required medical errors and domestic violence CE topics.
As CFA Vice Chair, helped review budget yearly and ensure that operations stayed within budget parameters.
As NEDDA delegate, attended Day on the Hill to assist in meeting with Congressmen and Senators to discuss key issues for dentists.
As NEDDA delegate, attended the House of Delegates to help change bylaws to better the organization for members.
As Women in Medicine Baptist Executive Board member, helped meet with women to encourage more women in leadership/executives at hospitals and encourage volunteering for various activities such as HABIJAX and Shelter for Battered Women.

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

Yes, I have participated in CE and training programs in leadership. It is important to go to these type of activities to meet other leaders and to learn different techniques in leadership. One must always be open to re-invent themselves, improve, and do things in a better way. Going to these type of courses, is always great for self-improvement.

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

It is very important to have tripartite membership that way information can be taken from local to state to national levels and vice versa. This way information is disseminated and can be made available to all dentists from national level to local level.

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?

Yes, I think that the FDA helps members succeed daily. There is a yearly meeting that allows members to complete required CE. FDA representatives are always available for questions that may come up in day-to-day practice with patients. They have FDA representatives that stay abreast of legislation that affects

dentists and we can then go to meetings to help Congressmen/Senators be more educated to vote to help dentists in Florida.

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?

Big issues coming:

- More lawsuits from patients
- Dentists not wanting to attend meetings/prefer doing CE online
- More DSO organizations, less private practitioners
- Staffing issues as more and more staff members want to work less and get paid more

Please provide any additional information you would like to share.

I look forward to serving as a Trustee.