Name

Merlin Ohmer

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

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

Director of a 15-dentist clinic, four years
COO of Naval Health Clinics, Hawaii, for two years
President, Florida AGD
Trustee, Region 20 AGD
President, AGD

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

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Navy credentialing boards for 6 years.
Director, Northshore Condominium Association for eight years.

Please share any accomplishments while serving in other leadership positions.

Multiple awards from the US Navy
Led the AGD through a difficult change in Executive Directors

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

Mentored many AEGD residents

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

Absolutely! We need a notional organization and local organizations to reach out and touch our members at the 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?

The FDA is a model for others to follow. That said, there is always room for improvement. I must study and observe the FDA deeply to make reasonable suggestions.

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?

Membership is the key to any professional organization. We must continue to engage our newer dentists to shape the ADA/FDA for future success.

Please provide any additional information you would like to share.

As my history shows, I am a dynamic and motivated leader. My goal is the FDA's success.