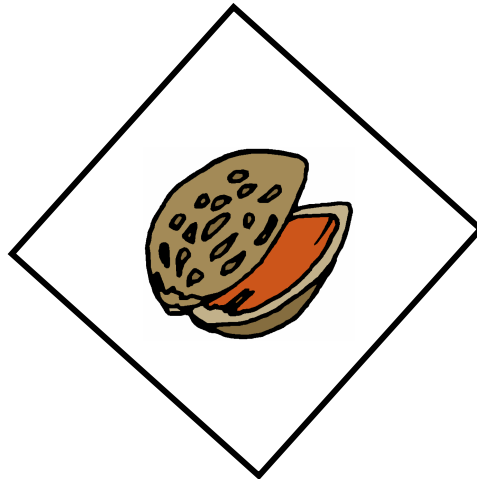


Alliance of the American Dental Association

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A GLOSSARY OF AADA TERMS

Mission Statement

The Alliance of the American Dental Association is the organization of ADA member spouses committed to supporting the American Dental Association through public oral health education, legislative advocacy and the well being of the dental family.

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AADA – Alliance of the American Dental Association

Organization whose active members are spouses' of members or student members of the American Dental Association; tripartite, composed of national, state, and local Alliances. At the end of this booklet, states are listed by district.

Access to Care

This term refers to the ability of people to have access to dental care, both geographically and economically.

ADPAC

American Dental Political Action Committee. Purpose is to support legislative candidates who are “friendly” to dental issues. Membership is open to dentists and/or Alliance Members through *ADA* or state dental associations. The Alliance has Representation/vote on the ADPAC Board of Directors.

Advisory Council

Comprised of several appointed members who serve in various capacities in the Alliance governance. Advisory Council members are not on the AADA Board of Directors, but serve important roles. The Advisory Council consists of the Immediate Past President/Nominating Chair, Reference Committee Chair, Surviving Spouse Chair, Annual Session Chair, Conference Chair, and Editor-in-Chief. Advisory Council members do not attend Board of Directors meetings unless specifically invited to do so

Alliance

Defined as affiliation, association, combination, compact, coalition, confederation, league, or union.

AllianceADA.org

This is the website address for the Alliance. You can find information on who is doing what, where and when! Download Alliance award applications, nomination forms, and registration for Conference and Convention. Also available are summaries of all activities, links to dental education and anti-smoking sites. There is a place to ask questions or send feedback to the Alliance. A great resource!

Annual Session – (See Convention)

Auxiliary

As early as the 1930s (even before), spouses of dentists were starting to organize locally to conduct dental health education programs and provide a social network for dental

families. In 1956, a dozen or so state Auxiliaries joined together and formed the national Auxiliary. In the 1990s, the Auxiliary of the American Dental Association changed its name to the Alliance of the American Dental Association.

Baby Bottle Syndrome

A condition of tooth decay which is caused by allowing a child to have sugary drinks, milk, etc. at nap time, night time, or between meals. Emphasis is placed on prevention with the awareness that primary teeth are just as important as permanent teeth, and the significance of cleaning the baby's mouth to prevent decay.

Beulah K. Spencer New Member Service Award

A Distinguished Service Award recognizing new Alliance members who have made outstanding contributions to their component (local) alliances, their constituent (state) alliances, or their community. There are ten possible award recipients each year. Awards are presented at AADA's Conference (spring meeting). At the time of application, a nominee must have been a member for less than ten years. (Past recipients of the Beulah K. Spencer New Member Service Award are not eligible.) The Beulah K. Spencer New Member Service Award was first presented in 1994 in honor of President Beulah K. Spencer (1978-79), who was an inspiring force dedicated to leadership development in the AADA.

Board of Directors (AADA)

The governing body of the organization is composed of Officers, Council Chairs, Ten District Trustees, a Student Spouse Trustee and the ADPAC Chair. Meetings are held three times yearly. The first organizational meeting is at Annual Convention (also known as Annual Session), usually directly after the installation of the new officers during the House of Delegates. There is an Interim Board Meeting at Conference (spring meeting) and a board meeting prior to Convention the following year. All elected board members of the AADA Board of Directors are required to attend Board Meetings.

Caucus

AADA is organized into 10 districts. At Convention (fall) and Conference (spring), members from each district gather together for discussions concerning issues before the House of Delegates. They also generally elect their Nominating Committee representatives during caucus. Trustees lead the meetings and prepare a short summary, which is sent to Central Office.

Circle of the Golden Key

Organization of Alliance of the American Dental Association Past Presidents. They meet annually during Annual Session. This is a very experienced and knowledgeable group of former Alliance officers who have the history of AADA at their fingertips!

Central Office (AADA)

Located at 211 E. Chicago Ave, Chicago, IL 60611, 1800/621-8099 ext 2865 (in the ADA Building). AADA's permanent and current records are kept here. Staff is available 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Central Time, Monday – Friday to assist members and leaders with board, committee, constituent, or component work. Central Office is staffed by an Executive Director and an office Manager. Members are encouraged to call with information, news, questions, requests, etc.

Councils (AADA)

Chairs of the Council on Dental Health Education, Council on Government Affairs, and Council on Well Being are appointed individuals who serve a two year term. The Councils are made up of members from each of the 10 districts. Most positions do not require a great deal of time and are an excellent way to get more involved in the Alliance. If you are interested in serving on one of these committees, please contact your Trustee or Central Office. The AADA Chairs of the Council on Government Affairs represents the AADA on the ADA's Council on Government Affairs. The AADA's Chair of the Council on Well Being represents the AADA at the ADA's Council on Well Being.

Component

Local Alliance organization. Often confused with "constituent" which refers to the state organization. Component = "local" and constituent = state.

Conference

Annual Spring AADA meeting consisting of guest speakers, workshops, project displays, saleable items, special events, and continuing education (CDE) for dentists. Conference is a time to focus on accomplishing the goals of that year, training future leaders, and acquiring skills and ideas to take back to components. All AADA members and spouses are invited to attend Conference, which is held in a different state each year, and often hosted by that state's constituent Alliance. Constituent and component officers and committee chairs are especially encouraged to attend. Location varies by invitation of component Alliances, (Editorial comment: informative, stimulating, and fun!)

Convention (Annual Session)

Held each fall in conjunction with the ADA's Annual Session. Both outgoing and incoming Boards of Directors meet at this time. During Annual Session, the AADA House of Delegates elects and installs officers and conducts the business of the organization which includes approving the budget for the coming year. Reference committee meetings are held prior to the House of Delegates to allow members to voice their opinions on resolutions, changes to AADA's bylaws, and the budget. All members are invited to attend district caucuses where new ideas can be voiced. The Thelma J. Neff Awards Luncheon, ADPAC Breakfast, Presidents' Reception, saleable items, and workshops are some of the planned events.

Constituent

State Alliance organization. Often confused with “component” which refers to the local organization. Component = “local” and constituent = state.

Contributing Member / Contributing Student Member

Contributing Member is a person who supports the mission of AADA but who is not the spouse of an ADA member dentist or ASDA member dental student and therefore not eligible to be an active member of the AADA. Contributing Members can serve on committees and task forces; receive the quarterly newsletter KEY and additional communications such as legislative alerts, but cannot vote or hold office.

Council on Government Affairs

Legislative policy panel of the American Dental Association. This group meets in Washington, DC four times annually to monitor and discuss legislative matters before making recommendations to the ADA Board of Trustees. AADA is represented on this ADA Council by the Chair of the AADA Council of Government Affairs.

Delegates (AADA House)

This is the voting assembly at Convention (Annual Session). Election and installation of officers, the budget, by-law changes, and resolutions are some of the business items included in the agenda for this meeting. A delegate must be a current member of AADA whose name is submitted by their constituent alliance President. Each state is allowed one delegate per 100 members in the state. The Trustee of each district may appoint one delegate for each unaffiliated state of 100 member- at- large in the state. Delegates receive materials prior to the meeting to familiarize themselves with the Resolutions before the House of Delegates and to explain the procedures such as credentials. Delegates are encouraged to attend both the caucuses and reference committee meeting where discussion of the issues take place.

DHE

Dental Health Education. The Alliance began in 1955 as a dental health education spouses’ organization, and today the AADA supports the ADA through projects to educate the public about good oral hygiene practices; and also initiates projects when issues or needs are recognized. Projects take place within every level of the tripartite organization, national, state or local as well as through individual efforts. In many communities throughout the country, the Alliance has provided DHE to those who have not had access to good dental care. Many children have received their first toothbrush from an Alliance member. Projects might include making a one-person presentation at the local school, library, or mall, raising funds and staffing public displays, or volunteering at museums, to name only a few examples. Many DHE projects are started by one person and are eventually supported by corporate sponsors, anti-tobacco organizations, or receive assistance from dental societies. If you have an idea for a project, call Central Office to find out how to contact the current DHE Chair. There is great support if you just reach out!

FDS – Federal Dental Services

Dental branches of the U.S. Public Health Service, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and Veterans Affairs. Their interests are covered under the umbrella of the ADA Council on Government Affairs.

FDHE

The Alliance's Foundation for Dental Health Education. This is the 501(c) (3) charitable organization which was formed by Alliance members to raise funds and to support educational programs.

Future Planning Committee

Committee appointed and chaired by the AADA President-elect. The Future Planning Committee usually meets annually in December, to formulate short and long term goals for the Alliance of the American Dental Association.

Grassroots Program

Momentum of members designed to advance an agenda by mobilizing a constituency and creating a groundswell of support or opposition. It consists of teams made up of dentists/spouses in the district of a Congressman to "befriend" and to educate that lawmaker in matters dealing with the dental profession, and dental and related health care issues.

KEY

AADA publication, four issues per year. Distributed to entire AADA Membership. Contains current information on pertinent issues. An AADA Member is *KEY* Editor-in-Chief and also serves on the AADA Advisory Council.

MAL – Member-At-Large

Either nationally an AADA Member in a state not affiliated with AADA that may not have a state or local organization or an AADA Member in an affiliated state with representation nationally but without an organized component in the local area.

Medicaid

A federal assistance program that provides payment for medical care for certain low income individuals and families. The program is funded jointly by the state and federal government and administered by states which then determine what optional benefits (dentistry for adults) will be covered; how care will be delivered; and what reimbursement mechanisms will be used.

Membership Committee

A committee consisting of the ten District Trustees of the Alliance of the American Dental Association, chaired by the Vice President/Membership Chair. The Committee meets twice annually, during Conference and Annual Session. Conference calls are also held.

Membership Development Funds

Membership funding available to a member or group to help fund projects for recruiting members from the spouses in their dental community, or for introducing AADA to the spouses of dental students. Please contact the AADA membership chair for details on funding available, or check the AADA website: www.AllianceADA.org

Member Project Awards

Awards which acknowledge members programs, participation, achievements and contributions to the alliance, in communications, dental health education, legislative, American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC), membership, and Student Spouse members. The projects are submitted by members and awards are presented during Annual Session.

Mission Statement

Encapsulated statement of what AADA is and aspires to be in the future. This statement communicates the core value system of the Alliance of the American Dental Association. The Mission Statement of the AADA is: The AADA is the organization of ADA member spouses committed to supporting the American Dental Association through public oral health education, legislative advocacy and the well-being of the dental family.

Nominating Committee (AADA)

A Committee consisting of one member and one alternate from each District, chaired by the Immediate Past President. The Nominating Committee interviews candidates during Conference, and selects a slate of officers to be submitted to House of Delegates.

PAC – Political Action Committee

Organization formed to support its candidates of choice. The Alliance has representation on the ADPAC Board.

Reference Committee (AADA)

This committee conducts open hearings at Annual Session (Convention) where any AADA member may ask questions or offer opinions on resolutions or other matters. These discussions are recorded in the minutes and the committee makes recommendations to the House of Delegates, after deliberating at the conclusion of the Reference Committee hearings.

Resolutions

A mechanism whereby a member wishing to change the structure, governance, or bylaws of the Alliance can put their idea to a vote of the general membership. Resolutions must be formally prepared and submitted through an official protocol, are printed in *KEY* issue prior to Convention and then discussed in reference committees before they are brought to the House of Delegates.

SCHIP (State Children's Health Insurance Program)

A federal/state program for children in families with incomes above the eligibility level for Medicaid. It is not an entitlement program. Although it may be separate from a state Medicaid dental program, they are combined in many states.

Student Spouse Members

Spouses of student members of the American Student Dental Association.

Surviving Spouse

Is a member who is the surviving spouse of any active at death ADA member dentist. Surviving Spouses may vote, hold office, and participate at any level of AADA activities.

Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award

An award recognizing Alliance members who have made outstanding contributions in their local, constituent, or community through their Alliance activities. Candidates are nominated by Trustees or Constituent Presidents, must have been an active Alliance member for ten years to be eligible, and cannot have received the Beulah Spencer Award during the previous five year period. Past recipients of the Neff Award are not eligible. Ten awards are given annually during Annual Session, and constituent and components are encouraged to nominate candidates. Thelma J. Neff of California founded AADA in 1955 and served as its first president followed by 19 years as *KEY* editor. The Thelma J. Neff Distinguished Service Award is the highest award given to a member of the Alliance of the American Dental Association.

Tripartite

The Alliance is based on the ADA model of organized dentistry. Members having an active component (local) are part of their constituent (state), and part of the national. Members belong to all three levels at the same time, if they reside in an affiliated constituent, or have an active component. All 3 levels interact with each other and provide benefits for members.

Washington Leadership Conference

Held in Washington, DC and sponsored by the ADA to educate dentists and Alliance members on the issues affecting dentistry and the dental profession. Speakers and legislators present topics and issues, and assist with information. Dentists and Alliance members also visit their congressman. WLC is usually held in the spring for three days.

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AADA Board of Directors

Elected Officers

President
President-Elect
Vice President
Recording Secretary
Treasurer
Trustees (10 Districts)
Student Spouse Trustee

Appointed Council Chairs

Chair, Council on Dental Health Education
Chair, Council on Well Being
Chair, Council on Government Affairs
Chair, ADPAC

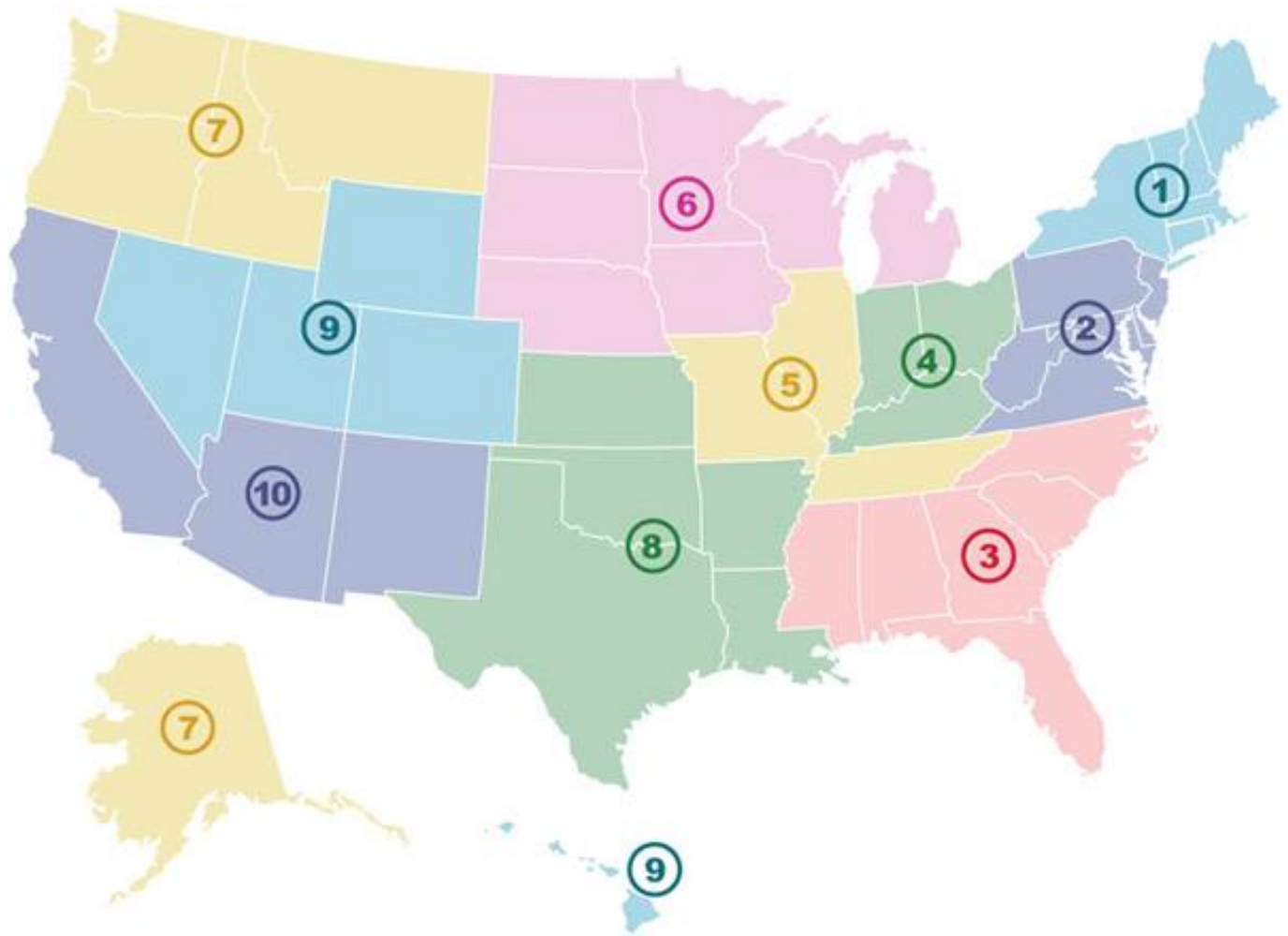
Advisory Council

Conference Chair
Convention (Annual Session) Chair
Immediate Past President
KEY Editor-in-Chief
Reference Committee Chair
Nominating Committee Chair
Surviving Spouse Chair

Standing Committees

Finance Oversight Committee
Future Planning Committee
Membership Committee
Nominating Committee
Reference Committee

Membership Districts



District 1

Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island & Vermont

District 2

Delaware, District of Columbia, Federal Dental Services, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, Virginia & West Virginia

District 3

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi & North Carolina & South Carolina

District 4

Indiana, Kentucky & Ohio

District 5

Illinois, Missouri & Tennessee

District 6

Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota & Wisconsin

District 7

Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon & Washington

District 8

Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma & Texas

District 9

Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, Utah & Wyoming

District 10

Arizona, California & New Mexico