

**Council on Government Affairs  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
July 21-23, 2022**

The Council on Government Affairs (CGA) met in the ADA's Washington, D.C. office on July 21-23, 2022. The following is a summary of the major actions undertaken by the Council:

1. The Council elected its 2022-2023 chair and vice chair. Dr. Dan Gesek will be chair and Dr. Leigh Kent will be vice chair.
2. The Council voted to approve a resolution on supporting increased resources for Department of Veterans Affairs dental care.
3. The Council voted to approve the process for orienting new members of the Council.
4. The Council voted to approve the concept of the Council on Scientific Affairs' (CSA) resolution on research funding advocacy.
5. The Council voted to approve a resolution on tax policy.

**Council Members:**

Dr. Mark Vitale, chair, NJ  
Dr. Dan Gesek, vice chair, FL  
Dr. Abe Abdul, MA  
Dr. John Blake, CA  
Dr. Darren Chamberlain, UT  
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Dr. Leigh Kent, AL  
Dr. Raymond Miller, NY  
Dr. John Roberts, IN  
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Dr. Leon Stanislav, TN  
Dr. James Tauberg, PA  
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**Liaisons:**

Dr. Brad Barnes, chair, American Dental Political Action Committee, IL  
Dr. Linda Edgar, trustee-liaison, Eleventh Trustee District, WA  
Dr. Shailee Gupta, chair, Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention, TX  
Ms. Sue Hadnot, Alliance of the American Dental Association, MT  
Dr. Jake Holtzmann, American Student Dental Association, CO

**The Council will meet on January 19-21, 2023.**