

2023 VOTE



“When Jay said he’d get something done, he always got it done...with the support of the people around him. Jay is a phenomenal leader.”

Dr. Mary Jane Hanlon
*Past President
Massachusetts Dental Association
and former member CoM*



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ADA Second Vice President

I am Jay Freedman and I'm running to be your next ADA 2nd Vice President.



My pathway to leadership was in no way a straight line. In fact, I wasn't active in leadership until my 40's. I mostly attended meetings and CE programs. I wondered how to get involved until finally I received a call from a friend asking me if I could fill a vacant committee

chair position. I finally had my opportunity and I said yes!

Before that fortuitous call, I had served on the board of our community Nature Center learning the valuable skill of fundraising. I am an Attending at our regional General Practice Residency, serving on various committees. I was excited and nervous about my new responsibility, but embraced the challenge!

It turned out, I LOVED being part of our professional organization. I became efficient in my role and was eager for more. There is so much available for our members, I felt it became my personal responsibility to share. When additional opportunities became available, I volunteered: an officer at my local, and eventually president, officer at my PDA District and President, various committees for the Greater Philadelphia Dental Conference, committees for the Pennsylvania Dental Meeting, the PDA Membership Committee, our first every PDA Vacation Conference and the committee for the PDA Leadership Academy. And let's not forget a lead for MOM-n-PA since 2014!

I've been elected multiple times to serve Pennsylvania as a Delegate to the ADA House, to serve on a Reference Committee and to co-author several significant resolutions. I was privileged to be appointed to the ADA Council of Membership and then be elected by my peers to serve as its Chair. Most recently, I have been selected to serve as faculty for the Pennsylvania Dental Association Leadership Academy and on a SFC Action Committee.

I am now running to continue my service to you as ADA 2nd Vice President, where I will be able to bring all my experience, expertise, enthusiasm and skills to the ADA BOT. Our profession is at a critical juncture with so many moving parts, that a board must be well informed in order to make the most appropriate decisions. Practicing full time keeps me grounded in the present, teaching a GPR gives me vision into the future, and my involvement at all three levels of the Tripartite allows me a 360 degree view.

I look forward to serving you, our profession and making a difference for the better!

I humbly ask for your vote!

Jay

Jay Freedman, DDS, FACD, FICD, FPFA
Candidate ADA 2nd Vice President 2023

Platform Statement



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Beginning the day after the election, my primary responsibility will be to get up to speed on the issues confronting the Board of Trustees and be ready to fully engage and be an effective voice at its next meeting. And as the House has instituted SFC governance, I intend to work towards a smooth and efficient workflow with measurable results.

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The ADA and our members helped to finally get the McCarran-Ferguson Act repealed nearly three years ago, and yet, there have been no noticeable changes. I would be a voice on the board advocating for definitive action to address the number one concern of our members – Insurance reform!

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As the ADA and dentistry are pushed toward RVUs for reimbursement, I would campaign for an independent study conducted by a Wall Street Financial Consultant for an evidence based conclusion as to which model favors our profession's and patients' well-being (RVUs vs. Procedure based) and not the insurance companies.

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Finally, I would champion a formal mechanism within membership to engage, recruit and retain GPR and Specialty students; continue to work toward a welcoming and inclusive association and create better solutions for managing student debt and the enormous cost of dental education.



Testimonials



“Jay is able to collaborate with groups of all ages and experience levels. Jay always brings plenty of passion, enthusiasm and energy.”

Dr. Tom Howley
Past President AGD and ED Montgomery Bucks Dental Association

“Jay is a team player with decisive leadership, an innovative thinker who is committed to leadership.”

Dr. Alejandro Aguirre
1st Vice President Minnesota Dental Association



“Always welcoming and inviting and he always made sure they knew how they were appreciated for their efforts. He would make sure all members felt included and their voice was heard.”

Dr. Pia Chatterjee-Kirk
Mississippi Dental Association, Dental School Faculty and former member CoM

“Seriously committed to work on problems and challenges the profession faces. He has helped many, many, many young members get involved.”

Dr. Kumar Patel
Georgia Dental Association, ADA Delegate and incoming Vice Chair of CERP



“Always prepared, energetic, and passionate about the ADA and it’s members. I consider Jay a great friend, a mentor and an amazing leader.”

Dr. Heather Willis
Alaska Dental Association, ADA Delegate, member of CGA and former member of CoM

“Jay has the knowledge, experience, disposition and moral fiber necessary.”

Dr. Mark Muncy
Arkansas Dental Association

