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Council on Access to Care and Public Service

Overview

- The Council on Access to Care and Public Service develops and implements public service programs of the association and develops and implements ODA sponsored access to dental care programs. Serving on this council requires an interest and knowledge in ODA access to care and public service programs, as well as nursing home and long-term care issues related to oral health.

Composition

- The council is composed of one member from each ODA subdistrict, nominated and elected by the subdistrict, and confirmed by the House of Delegates. The council also includes two at-large members with expertise on access to care. At-large members are appointed by the Ad Interim Committee.

Term of Office

- The term of office for council members shall be limited to three consecutive 2-year terms.

Meetings

- The Council on Access to Care and Public Service meets up to four times per year, with conference calls in the interim if necessary.
- Typically, the council meets on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the ODA office in Columbus.

Council Duties

- Develop and implement public service campaigns to educate members, consumers and school-age children about appropriate dental-related topics.
- Oversee the ODA Forensic Dental Team.
- Identify and inventory existing resources by developing a resource data base/directory and referral system.
- Establish liaison with appropriate advocacy groups and health and human services agencies.
- Increase public and professional awareness of the need to help underserved groups achieve and maintain good oral health.
- Promote oral health care services for underserved groups.
- Develop, implement, and evaluate ODA sponsored access to dental care programs.
- Help meet the dental care needs of Ohio nursing home residents by assisting nursing home administrators in locating dentists to provide care.
- Recruit nominees and select a winner of the award that recognizes programs throughout Ohio which increase access to dental care to underserved groups.

Criteria and Training for Council Members

Mandatory Criteria:

- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement, Conflict of Interest Statement, Anti-Trust Policy, Anti-harassment Policy
- Be a member in good standing

Recommended Criteria:

- Attend a council orientation
- Attend the ODA Leadership Institute
- Attend the subsequent ODA Leadership Institute in order to serve additional council terms
- Meet recommended criteria of the council on which the member will serve
- Participate in the local component society activities
- Be an ODA delegate or alternate delegate
- Participate in ODA reference committee hearings

Recommended Leadership Training:

- Ethics
- Strategic Planning
- Time Management
- Characteristics of Leaders
- Employee Relationships
- Electronic Communication

Recommended Qualifications and Expectations

- have served on component level council in public service or related areas; participated in GKAS and/or the local children’s dental health committee; served as a leader in the component society (officer, delegate, alternate delegate, etc.); or have demonstrated leadership capabilities;
- have an interest in the public service programs;
- have an interest in access to dental care;
- be willing to report to each of their representative component societies within 30 days after council meetings;
- be willing to attend at least one dental society meeting each year, of their representative component societies;
- attend no less than three scheduled council meetings each year. Failure to do so without acceptable reason results in forfeiture of their council post;
- bring input from ODA members in their subdistrict to council meetings;
- be prepared to communicate with Executive Committee members. All ODA councils report to and take direction from the Executive Committee;
- prepare for and actively participate in council meetings. Review meeting materials and agenda prior to each meeting;
- help achieve the goals and objectives of the council. Follow through on assignments and contribute ideas;
- have knowledge of the services and benefits of membership;
- and be a dedicated individual who has shown, through outstanding participation in organized dentistry, a strong sense of commitment to represent and strengthen the future of the profession.
Council on Dental Care Programs and Dental Practice

Overview

- The Council on Dental Care Programs and Dental Practice assists the membership in addressing issues related to regulatory compliance, dental insurance, managed care, dental practice and risk management. Serving on this council requires knowledge of and strong interest in third-party reimbursement issues, managed care, dental practice, and environmental and dental practice management issues.

Composition

- The council is composed of one member from each ODA subdistrict, nominated and elected by the subdistrict, and confirmed by the House of Delegates. The council also includes four at-large members, with the terms appropriately staggered so that two members’ terms expire each year. At-large members are appointed by the Ad Interim Committee.

Term of Office

- The term of office for council members shall be limited to three consecutive 2-year terms.

Meetings

- The Council on Dental Care Programs and Dental Practice meets up to four times per year, with conference calls in the interim if necessary.
- Typically, the council meets for dinner on Tuesday evenings at various restaurants around the Columbus area and then meets again on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the ODA office in Columbus.

Council Duties

- Cooperate with, be official liaison to, monitor, study, and compile information on all relevant parties for maintaining and developing dental benefit programs and reimbursement mechanisms;
- Appoint the Subcouncil on Peer Review for all component society appellate cases and be responsible for the maintenance and development of the peer review mechanism for the ODA;
- Maintain liaison with relevant state government agencies including, but not limited to, the Department of Jobs and Family Services, the Department of Insurance, the Department of Health, and the Ohio State Dental Board;
- Maintain liaison between the ODA and employers, trade organizations, professional associations, and any other groups whose members would benefit from dental services or who are involved in the delivery of dental services;
- Assist the ODA’s membership in complying with the regulatory issues surrounding the practice of dentistry including, but not limited to, statutes and regulations set forth by the Ohio General Assembly, the Ohio State Dental Board, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, and the U.S. Office of Occupational Safety and Health Administration;
- Provide risk management and professional liability lawsuit information to members;
- Study, evaluate and disseminate information concerning various forms of business organization of a dental practice, economic factors related to dental practice, practice management techniques, dental office staff utilization and dental laboratory services to the end that dentists may continue to improve service to the public.

Criteria and Training for Council Members

Mandatory Criteria:

- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement, Conflict of Interest Statement, Anti-Trust Policy, Anti-harassment Policy
- Be a member in good standing

Recommended Criteria:

- Attend a council orientation
- Attend the ODA Leadership Institute
- Attend the subsequent ODA Leadership Institute in order to serve additional council terms
- Meet recommended criteria of the council on which the member will serve
- Participate in the local component society activities
- Be an ODA delegate or alternate delegate
- Participate in ODA reference committee hearings

Recommended Leadership Training:

- Ethics
- Strategic Planning
- Time Management
- Characteristics of Leaders
- Employee Relationships
- Electronic Communication

Recommended Qualifications and Expectations

- Have a willingness to be on the council;
- Be active in his/her local dental society;
- Have been practicing for a while;
- Know the number of meetings the council holds each year;
- Know the number of years he or she is expected to serve on the council; and
- Be familiar with the ODA Strategic Plan sections relevant to the council.
Council on Membership Services

Overview
- The Council on Membership Services coordinates and implements member recruitment and retention activities for the association. Serving on this council requires an interest in membership recruitment and studying membership needs and trends affecting membership and knowledge of membership issues and diversity issues in dentistry.

Composition
- The council is composed of one member from each ODA subdistrict, nominated and elected by the subdistrict, and confirmed by the House of Delegates. The council also includes two faculty members, one from the full-time faculty of Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and one from the full-time faculty of The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. These council faculty members shall be nominated by the dean of the respective dental school, shall be members of the ODA and confirmed by the House of Delegates. The council also includes two at-large members, one with interest in the council’s duties and one from a large group practice. At-large members are appointed by the Ad Interim Committee.

Term of Office
- The term of office for council members shall be limited to three consecutive 2-year terms.

Meetings
- The Council on Membership Services meets up to four times per year, with conference calls in the interim if necessary.
- Typically, the council meets on Fridays from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the ODA office in Columbus.

Council Duties
- Be responsible for matters relating to all classifications of membership in the ODA;
- Be responsible for coordinating and implementing member recruitment and retention activities;
- Maintain liaison with members, previous members, potential members, dental students, and component dental societies;
- Receive and make recommendations to the House of Delegates on all applications for charters for new component societies;
- Recommend to the Executive Committee persons for associate and honorary membership in the ODA;
- Nominate and direct members of the Subcouncil on Dentists Concerned for Dentists and Subcouncil on New Dentists.

Criteria and Training for Council Members

Mandatory Criteria:
- Sign a Confidentiality Agreement, Conflict of Interest Statement, Anti-Trust Policy, Anti-harassment Policy
- Be a member in good standing

Recommended Criteria:
- Attend a council orientation
- Attend the ODA Leadership Institute
- Attend the subsequent ODA Leadership Institute in order to serve additional council terms
- Meet recommended criteria of the council on which the member will serve
- Participate in the local component society activities
- Be an ODA delegate or alternate delegate
- Participate in ODA reference committee hearings

Recommended Leadership Training:
- Ethics
- Strategic Planning
- Time Management
- Characteristics of Leaders
- Employee Relationships
- Electronic Communication

Recommended Qualifications and Expectations
- Have an interest in the future of organized dentistry in Ohio and its membership;
- Be willing to actively participate in grassroots recruitment and retention strategies;
- Be willing to make personal outreach to dentist members and nonmembers;
- Be willing to study membership trends and demographics;
- Be willing to report to each of their representative component societies local grassroots outreach initiatives;
- Prepare for and actively participate in council meetings. Review meeting materials and agenda prior to each meeting;
- Help achieve the goals and objectives of the council. Follow through on assignments and contribute ideas; and
- Have knowledge of the services and benefits of membership.