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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dr. Beth Kampschnieder
2024-25 ODDS President
(and her daughter Sloane)

Season's Greetings, ODDS!

In lieu of the more traditional President's message informing you of society happenings, I want to talk about something from the September meeting of the NDA House of Delegates.

One of the big discussions at

the meeting this past September centered around the value of membership — **Why be a member of the tripartite?**

Here is my why:

The biggest reason that I remain a member is advocacy, particularly at the state level. Simply put, I have very little trust that elected officials will act in my best interest as a clinician or a small business owner. Nor do I trust them to act in the best interests of my patients. Now, I do not think it is willful malfeasance in most cases, but rather that they just don't understand the unintended consequences of their actions because they aren't a dentist.

And if I don't trust them, that means that everything they propose needs to be scrutinized at the committee level, where it will be much easier to influence how that legislation is written ("the best defense is a good offense"). Problem: I do not have that kind of time. I'm guessing most of you don't either. This is where our professional associations excel—they can actively monitor proposed legislation and let us know where our voices really need to be heard.

Advocacy is a member benefit that often goes unseen, but without it, the consequences will most certainly be felt.

If advocacy is something that is of interest to you, I encourage you to join the NDA's Council on Advocacy.

I hope you all have a restful holiday season and I hope to see you at the February CE and Business Meeting.

Respectfully,

Beth Kampschnieder, DDS

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WINTER/ SPRING DATES TO REMEMBER

2/6/25

CE & Membership Meeting

3/29/25

Casino Night

4/10/25-4/11/25

NDA Annual Session

5/15/25-5/17/25

SDDA Annual Session



Did you know??

Through a reciprocity agreement NDA members can attend the South Dakota Annual Session without a registration fee. Earn additional CE & network with colleagues from another state!



LICENSE RENEWAL REQUIREMENT!!

MEMBERSHIP MEETING & CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT INFECTION CONTROL: ELEVATE YOUR STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

Guest speaker

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02.06.2025

5:00 - 9:00 PM

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**Dental Office Staff employed by an ODDS member are eligible for a \$15/person discount if registered by 1/1/25 Use code AUX0225 when registering.

Registration & Cancellation deadline: 1/23/25



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LIFE EVENTS

We are celebrating the successes and life events of our members.

Congratulations to the following:

- Drs. Rob & Amber Grode welcomed their second son, Stetson
- Dr. Shayna Mattox on the opening of her new practice, Treehouse Pediatric Dentistry

With heavy hearts we honor the life of Dr. Michael Liebentritt (1/8/1945 - 11/5/2024).

Do you or a dentist you know have a life event to share? We want to know! Email Executive Administrator, Erika Kampschnieder (omahadistrictdental@gmail.com). We want to celebrate weddings, births, and professional advancements as well as show our support during challenging times.

FROM THE ADA 10TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE



Dr. Sara Stuefen
ADA 10th District Trustee

Season's greetings District 10. As your new trustee I would like to take an opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Dr. Sara Stuefen and I'm a general dentist practicing in Vinton, Iowa. In October I was proud to be installed as the District 10 trustee. I'm truly excited to be able to take on this new challenge.

Over the past year I've had the wonderful opportunity to work with Dr. Scott Morrison as he finished his tenure as trustee. Dr. Morrison is a well respected board member and has been an excellent mentor. He has shown a true commitment to the profession and our district is fortunate to have had him as trustee.

Over the past few years, I have been honored to serve as IDA trustee, IDA legislative committee vice chair, IDA Medicaid committee Chair, and IDPAC vice chair. At the ADA I was fortunate to serve on on the New Dentist Committee and as a 5-year member on the Council on Dental Benefit Programs. I have gained expertise in dental benefits and am looking forward to bringing that knowledge to the board. I have also presented (and continue to present) over 50 ADA Success programs to dental students across the country.

Looking ahead, my board assignments this year include an appointment as the liaison to the American Student Dental Association. I look forward to hearing from student dentists about their concerns and ideas for the future of dentistry. I was recently able to attend their National Leadership Conference and was thrilled to see their excitement for their chosen profession. I was also appointed to the Strategic Forecasting Committee, whose aim is to continually assess our environment as an organization and adjust course in order to support our desired goals. Finally, I was appointed to the committee on Diversity and Inclusion, which are two core values embraced by the ADA to drive innovation and growth, ensure a relevant and sustainable organization, and deliver purposeful value to members.

I look forward to meeting you at future meetings and I invite you to reach me anytime at stuefens@ada.org. Here's to a new year and new adventures ahead.

Initiative Measure 436

In the November General Election, Nebraskans passed Initiative Measure 436, enacting the Nebraska Healthy Families and Workplaces Act. This is set to go into effect **October 1, 2025**.

An overview of the Act is provided below. The complete statute can be found on the Nebraska Legislature [website](#).

The ballot asked if a statute shall be enacted which:

1. provides eligible employees the right to earn paid sick time for personal or family health needs;
2. entitles employees of employers with fewer than 20 employees to accrue and use up to 40 hours of such time annually and those employed by employers with 20 or more employees to accrue and use up to 56 hours of such time annually;
3. specifies conditions regarding paid sick time
4. prohibits retaliation against employees for exercising such rights;
5. adopts documentation requirements;
6. and establishes enforcement powers and a civil cause of action for violations.

Key details at a glance:

- At a minimum, eligible employees will accrue 1 hour of paid sick time for every 30 hours worked; the amount an employee is entitled to accrue is based on employer size
- Full-time, part-time and temporary employees are included when determining if an employer has 20 or more employees
- Employers that have a paid leave policy, such as paid time off, already in place meeting the requirements of the Act, are not required to provide additional paid sick time under the Act
- Paid sick time can be used for the employee's mental or physical health needs, care of a family member, closures related to public health emergencies
- Employers shall give employees written notice at the commencement of employment or by September 15, 2025, whichever is later

It is anticipated the the Department of Labor will issue additional guidance in 2025. Please consult your human resources or legal professionals for guidance specific to your practice.

2024-2025
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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

- January 7, 2025
 - February 4, 2025
 - March 4, 2025
 - May 6, 2025
- MEETINGS BEGIN AT 5:45 PM.
ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

Meetings are held in the conference room at Omaha Oral Surgery

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NEBRASKA BOARD OF DENTISTRY
Dr. Takanari Miyamoto provided the following update to members in attendance at the November ODDS Membership Meeting.

In October the Nebraska Board of Dentistry held a vote regarding Dental and Dental Hygiene Examinations for initial licensing in Nebraska.

- Dental Hygiene: The state of Nebraska will continue accepting only the CRDTS examination
- Dentist: The state of Nebraska will accept CRDTS and ADEX (with a manikin or patient-based periodontal examination; passing score is 75), starting in 2025

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If you're planning to contribute to the 2025-2026 IWCC Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting scholarship, please contact the ODDS by 1/15/2025. The future of this scholarship depends on ODDS member support.

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