

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
FIRST SESSION**

Galt House
Louisville, KY
August 17, 2019

Dr. H. Fred Howard, Speaker of the House

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** **Dr. Fred Howard, Speaker of the House**, called the House of Delegates to order at 2:30 p.m.
2. **QUORUM STATEMENT.** **Dr. Barry Curry** announced that a quorum was present.
3. **INVOCATION.** **Dr. Sharon Turner** gave the invocation.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** **Dr. Fred Howard** led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** The agenda for the first session of the House of Delegates was approved.
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES.** The minutes of the August 25, 2018 meeting of the House of Delegates were approved. The minutes of the August 26, 2018 meeting of the House of Delegates were approved.
7. **INTRODUCTIONS.** **Dr. Fred Howard** introduced the Head Table and Past Presidents of the KDA.

8. **KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SERVICE.** **Dr. Bill Lee and Dr. Darren Greenwell, Second Vice President** conducted the annual Memorial Service. **Dr. Bill Lee**, President of the KDA, placed a rose in the Memorial Vase after each member's name was called.

Those honored are as follows:

2019 Necrology Report

The following members of the Kentucky Dental Association have passed away since the 2018 Annual Meeting:

Dr. Robert Lawrence	Lawrenceburg	June 16, 2018	86
Dr. Paul Townsend	Prospect	September 11, 2018	71
Dr. John Mink	Lexington	October 26, 2018	91
Dr. Kenneth Bondra	Richmond	December 2, 2018	72
Dr. Gordon McAlpin	Tompkinsville	May 15, 2019	64

***Past President**

President Bill Lee placed a rose into the Memorial Vase upon the reading of the name. The Memorial Vase, with its roses, remained at the center of the podium throughout all activities of the House of Delegates. At the conclusion of the Memorial Service, the roses were made available to family and friends of the deceased.

9. **ADDRESS OF THE ADA PRESIDENT.** **Dr. Chad Gehani**, President of the American Dental Association presented brief remarks to the House of Delegates.
10. **ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.** **Dr. Bill Lee**, President of the Kentucky Dental Association presented the following address to the House of Delegates.

Alright my Delegates, eyes on the podium and you shall see. The last official address of your President, Dr. Bill Lee. Before I start, let me make something very clear. There's a very good reason the term of President is only one year. I started my year wanting to be the face of change. Some things I accomplished, some things out of range. Trends and attitudes don't change overnight. But sometimes it takes a tipping point to turn on the light.

We have issues galore affecting the profession. I think a bigger issue is within our organization. I'll call it "Member Entitlement" for lack of a better name. And it's not just organizations, societies are the same. In my day, I paid my dues, then I'd show you what I could do.

Today's attitude is, You pay your dues, now we owe you. To me, that's like joining a gym to try to lose weight. And then not touching the bikes, or the ellipticals, or the free weights.

If I don't put forth the effort, why pay the fee? If I don't put forth the effort, there's nothing for me. That's an attitude that we, in this room, don't share. Everyone in this room is here, because we care. We know our dues bring more than personal gain.

Collectively, our dues improve our professional terrain. The one constant is change, that will always be. There is change that we make happen, and there is change that may we see.

It seems that for many the Big Picture is pretty dim. They think their dues dollars are just about them. So improving membership is very much like a two edge sword.

Convincing our colleagues that dues are for more than personal reward. We have our issues, Medicaid, Opioids, Teledentistry to name a few. Student debt, Non-covered Services and Smile Club, too. Member involvement is absolutely paramount. But dues are more than just the dollar amount.

Enough of my rant, I'm happy to say. I've enjoyed my time in dentistry almost every day.

As I stand at the end of my Presidential year. I also stand in retirement of my professional career. Blending practice, personal and profession all into one.

I can look back and tell myself, "Job well done.". And as I cast my gaze out over these lands, I can see that leadership is in very good hands. So thanks for your support, I did my best, I've done all I can, you can do the rest. Thank you!

11. ADDRESS OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. Dr. Mark Moats, First Vice President of the KDA presented the following address to the House of Delegates.

ADA President Dr. Chad Gehani, KDA President Dr. Bill Lee, KDA Leaders, Members and Administrative team, Distinguished Guests, Family and Friends:

It is my privilege to be with you today and share my Appreciation for the opportunity to have served this past year as First Vice President of the KDA. I have been grateful to work alongside a talented administrative team and dedicated volunteer leaders throughout the Commonwealth working to improve dentistry in Kentucky.

Of course, I want to thank my family, my patients and my dental team for the time and resources to be a part of the KDA.

Our KDA President, Dr. Bill Lee, has provided a wonderful example of leadership, guidance and patience that has allowed me to gain a much greater appreciation for the role that I will assume in the year ahead. I would also like to recognize our Immediate Past President, Dr. Ansley Depp for her support and thank her for outstanding vision and service to our Association.

Of course, I am humbled to follow in their footsteps and to follow so many others that have **lead, mentored, served** and **been a part of** the membership and the rich history of our KDA.

I also offer special my thanks to the members of *The Green River Dental Society* for the chance to experience this unique opportunity.

I am grateful for members such as Drs. Barry Curry, Mike Johnson, Joe McCarty and Tom Keen, Greg Adams and especially my family dentist, Dr. William L. Smith for the support and example of service.

To be with you today is a special honor for me since this year marks the 25th Anniversary of my graduation from ULSD.

I would like to recognize one member of my class that has continued to support me as a mentor and friend throughout my journey in organized dentistry, one of our ADA Delegates, Dr. Samantha Shaver. I am grateful for her example of dedication to Lifelong Learning and Service. Thank you Dr. Shaver for the invitation and encouragement to be a part of the process so many years ago.

My goal in the year ahead is to continue to advance the Mission of the KDA as stated on our newly forged challenge coin: **Helping our Members to Succeed and Serve**. One of the ways I hope to accomplish this is a born out of the vision and focus of Dr. Ansley Depp. She commissioned a Presidential Workgroup that culminated with recommendations that hope to improve the function and success of our local components.

Working with Drs. Fred Howard, Laura Hancock Jones with support and guidance Drs. Depp, Rick Whitehouse and Jeanine Pekkarinen, from the ADA. We developed a focus on Local Membership Outreach Initiatives and a Dental School Engagement Initiatives. Dr. Lee allowed us to maintain a connection to this workgroup this past year.

Now, these initiatives stand out as opportunities for us to advance in the year ahead. These efforts can only augment the already positive move forward with our membership growth. Increasing Member recruitment and retention is critical to our success in the years ahead. Dentistry is changing and the face of dentistry is changing and we have a responsibility to lead that change and speak for all of dentistry.

As we begin to share more about these initiatives with our Local Component Visits, our Presidential e-Tidings and KDA Today, I invite each of you as leaders and members to look for ways to offer your time and talents. I will also invite you to continue to share your suggestions and input.

One of the lessons for me this past year reminds me of the simple advice “You Don’t Know What You Don’t Know”. I have gained a real and practical appreciation for ongoing day to day efforts of so many dedicated volunteer members and our awesome Administrative team.

They work diligently to carry out the Goals of the Association to

1. Advocate,
2. Serve and Support and
3. Promote Dentistry.

1. They work to Advocate for dentistry throughout the Commonwealth by facing many challenges such as Medicaid Reimbursements, Dental Student Debt, Membership Recruitment and Retention, Midlevel Providers, Fluoride Challenges, Telehealth, McCarron Ferguson that continue to influence and shape our profession.

2. They work to serve and support the needs and success of members with real benefits such as The Dental Supply Company. The benefits of this member program alone could easily offset the cost of Association membership.

3. They also work to Promote oral health through community service and public relations on so many fronts.

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Presidents Elects Conference at the ADA in Chicago. Working with the leadership of the ADA and the Dental Association Presidents and leaders throughout America, I was able see first hand the level of expertise, experience and passion of our ADA.

The ability to network with other state leaders and our ADA leaders reminds me that we all have similar successes and challenges. Regardless of what method of practice that you have in Kentucky, the ADA and the KDA is **your** voice. I invite you to continue to share your voice and be a part of the process.

I am certain that this coming year will be eventful for each of us. Thank you, **to each of you**, for your commitment to our KDA.

12. **KDPAC REPORT. Chairman, Dr. Mike Johnson** gave a brief update on the status of the KDPAC.

13. **NOMINATION/ELECTION OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. Dr. Mike Johnson** nominated **Dr. Fred Howard** for the office of **Speaker of the House**. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Matt Johnson**. There were no additional nominations. The secretary cast one vote for **Dr. Fred Howard**. He was elected by acclamation.

14. **COUNCIL ELECTIONS.** The following were elected to Councils by acclamation:

Council on Governmental Affairs and Federal Dental Services

Dr. Darren Greenwell

Dr. Matt Johnson

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs

Dr. Bobby Mann

Dr. Matt Milliner

Council on Annual Sessions

Dr. Gina Davis

Dr. John Lowe

Dr. Charles Montague

15. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS.** There was no unfinished business.

16. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 3:45p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Sharon Turner
Secretary-Treasurer