

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

Galt House
Louisville, KY
August 21, 2021

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. Kevin Wall** 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 29, 2020 meeting of the House of Delegates were approved.
7. **SPEAKER REMARKS.** **Dr. Fred Howard** made brief remarks to the KDA House of Delegates.
8. **INTRODUCTIONS.** **Dr. Fred Howard** introduced the Head Table and Past Presidents of the KDA.
9. **ADDRESS OF THE ADA PRESIDENT-ELECT.** **Dr. Cesar Sabates, President-Elect of the American Dental Association** presented brief remarks to the House of Delegates.

10. KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SERVICE. Dr. Darren Greenwell and Dr. Don Heine, Second Vice President conducted the annual Memorial Service.

Those honored are as follows:

2021 Necrology Report

The following members of the Kentucky Dental Association have passed away since the 2020 Annual Meeting:

Dr. Russell Greer	Lexington	August 22, 2020	93
Dr. Raymond Russman	Louisville	November 6, 2020	87
Dr. Fredric Hatcher	Louisville	November 12, 2020	83
*Dr. James C. Murphy	Richmond	November 17, 2020	88
Dr. Chad Millay	Hebron	November 22, 2020	49
Dr. Fred Ballou, Jr.	Richmond	November 24, 2020	76
Dr. James Ray Lewis	Louisville	November 27, 2020	89
Dr. David Flanagan	Orange, CA	December 15, 2020	87
Dr. Charles Ellinger	Lexington	December 19, 2020	86
Dr. Robert Mendel	Louisville	January 6, 2021	95
Dr. Paul Armstrong, Jr.	Lexington	January 31, 2021	84
Dr. Robert Brashear	Columbia	February 19, 2021	67
Dr. Kenneth Bewley	Vine Grove	February 21, 2021	69
Dr. Kathleen von Roenn	Louisville	May 19, 2021	67
*Dr. Paul W. Evans	Georgetown	June 25, 2021	98

***Past President**

President Darren Greenwell 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.

11. ADDRESS OF THE SIXTH DISTRICT TRUSTEE. Dr. Mike Medovic, Sixth District Trustee of the American Dental Association presented brief remark to the KDA House of Delegates.

12. ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT. Dr. Darren Greenwell, President of the Kentucky Dental Association presented the following address to the House of Delegates.

Hello everyone. It's been a crazy but exciting year for me as your President. I would like to thank all the members of the House of Delegates, our distinguished guests Dr. Ceaser Sabates our ADA President-Elect and Dr Michael Medovic our 6th district Trustee. The Executive staff;

Rick, Todd, Melissa, and Janet. The Executive Committee Dr. Moats, Dr. Rich, Dr. Heine. The Speaker of the House, Dr. Howard, and members.

It's been a privilege serving as KDA President this past year. It's also been a privilege for 33 years to be married to my wife Hollie. She has suffered through many a zoom calls late into the night and traveling across the state to meet with members. Thank you so much for all that you do and have done over the many years to help me get to the place I am today.

Many of my staff are here today and I would like to thank them for what they have done to help me and the patients we serve.

I am a very lucky man to be surrounded by such great friends.

Early on in my dental career, I learned quickly that dental school had really only taught me the basics of our profession.

After graduation from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry in 2000, I joined the Air Force and was assigned to Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport Louisiana for an Advanced Education in General Dentistry Residency. At the time, I really didn't want to spend another year in training. I really didn't understand how little I knew. Obviously, I was now a doctor and knew anything I would need to serve my patients. After starting the program, I was quickly humbled about my level of learning. I would say that I was a good technician of dentistry, but not a doctor. A doctor has to go beyond the trade of dentistry and understand the

Why. I could see caries on a radiograph and remove the caries and complete a "filling". I could see an apical radiolucency on a radiograph and say the tooth needed an extraction or root canal. But I really didn't understand **why** these things were happening. I learned to treat the symptoms but didn't treat the disease. Where was my diagnosis. To get to a true diagnosis you have to ask **why**.

During my residency, one of the oral surgeons in my program who by the way was a very scary man, would always ask me **why**. I learned quickly to try to understand **why** or suffer his wrath. It turned out that man became a great mentor and friend who taught me one of the greatest lessons in life. **JUST ASK WHY**.

To understand **why** is to understand diagnosis. After a quick google search the definition of diagnosis is, the identification of the nature of an illness or other problem by examination of the symptoms.

Following my residency, I have tried to apply the rule of **why** in most of my decisions. Be it in my professional or private life.

I think that Organized Dentistry needs to step back and ask **why**. Not what I think, not what you think, but what our members think. **Why** are we losing members? **Why** are we not recruiting new members? Is it MONEY, PERSONAL TIME, APATHY?

I DON'T KNOW **WHY**.

Organized Dentistry really needs to know **why**.

Many here have been on many board, council, and committee meetings with me. I don't tend to speak much. I usually ask more questions than give opinions. I am always asking myself **WHY**. But after deliberations of a collection of talented, experienced, and intelligent people we many times really don't understand **why**. We make our decisions based on our base of knowledge.

Don't get me wrong, we do the best we can, getting to **why** is a difficult thing.

Does the KDA ask **why**? Or do we speculate based on our opinion?

I would ask everyone here to ask **WHY**. **Why** are you here today? Do you really understand the importance of the KDA? Did you come today because you were asked to just fill an open slot so

the HOD can have a quorum? Or are you hear to understand the **WHY** for yourself and our membership of the KDA?

The KDA has been in existence for many years. Have we really looked at **why** we do the things we do? Do we do the things we do just because **it** is the way **it** has always been done?

Obviously, dentistry has changed dramatically. So **why** is the KDA still doing things without asking **WHY** it hasn't changed?

Do we still need the KDA? Do we need an executive board? Do we need councils and committees? Do we need a House of Delegates? I don't know the answers, but the KDA needs to understand **why** we are losing members.

The demographics of our profession has changed. We have a significant increase in women and a slight increase in minorities. How can we function as if it was 1960s? We must ask ourselves **why**. Someone very dear to me here today, recently asked me **why** we have to ask for 3–5-year commitments for our leadership roles. Can we consider less commitment of time and use things like task forces to answer the **WHY**? The things I speak of are only speculations. We need to ask **WHY**.

As president, I have seen the disfunction of our councils. Usually, the chair is a one man/woman show. Members of the council have little involvement. Is this because of members just filling seats or is it chairs that want all control. We have to ask **WHY**. I have seen this HOUSE be dominated by specific individuals, I don't think so for their own glory, but maybe because of the apathy of many of the delegates. The role of president in my mind is to fulfill the wishes of the House, but I see little evidence from the house of a true understanding of the business of the KDA. We are here to lead, not to follow. It is my hope that every member of this House of Delegates truly understands the importance of this organization and puts forth the effort to understand **WHY**.

I truly believe in organized dentistry. I believe without it, our beloved profession would not be a great as it can be. The KDA has given me a lot. I understand more of the **WHY** of our profession. I understand **WHY** I have such great friends. I understand **WHY** we have differences in opinion. I also understand **WHY** we can rejoice, despite or differences and come together for the betterment of our association.

In a time of great political and societal hatred for different opinions, we can join and embrace our differences in opinion and become better leaders. This leadership is within all of us. The KDA is a great organization, but we need to always ask **WHY**. Thank you all for your generous support over the past several years. I now plan to fade into the background but hope always to continue to ask **why** and give all of my support for each of you and Organized dentistry.

13. **KDPAC REPORT. Chairman, Dr. Samantha Shaver** gave a brief update on the status of the KDPAC.

14. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN OF THE HOUSE.

Dr. Stephen Robertson nominated **Dr. Bill Lee** for the office of Parliamentarian of the KDA House of Delegates. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Joe McCarty**. There were no additional nominations. The secretary cast one vote for **Dr. Bill Lee**. He was elected by acclamation.

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

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

Council on Governmental Affairs and Federal Dental Services

Dr. Laura Hancock Jones

Dr. Pam VanArsdall

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs

Dr. Jonathan Rich

Dr. Stephen Robertson

Council on Annual Sessions

Dr. Kate von Lackum

Dr. Burton Young

Dr. Laura Hancock Jones

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. There was no unfinished business.

18. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 3:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Kevin Wall
Secretary-Treasurer\