

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

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Louisville, KY  
August 16, 2025

**Dr. Ansley Depp**, Speaker of the House

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** **Dr. Ansley Depp, Speaker of the House**, called the House of Delegates to order at 2:35 p.m.
2. **QUORUM STATEMENT.** **Dr. Kaitlyn Patel** announced that a quorum was present.
3. **INVOCATION.** **Dr. Kevin Wall** gave the invocation.
4. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.** **Dr. Ansley Depp** 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 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> 2024 meeting of the House of Delegates were approved.
7. **SPEAKER REMARKS.** **Dr. Ansley Depp** made brief remarks to the KDA House of Delegates.
8. **INTRODUCTIONS.** **Dr. Ansley Depp** introduced the Head Table, Past Presidents of the KDA and ADA representatives.
9. **ADDRESS OF ADA PERSIDENT-ELECT.** **Dr. Richard Rosato** gave brief remarks concerning the state of the ADA.
10. **ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.** **Dr. Matt Milliner**, President of the Kentucky Dental Association presented the following remarks to the House of Delegates.

**Final Address to the General Assembly and House of Delegates as President of the  
Kentucky Dental Association**

Matthew S Milliner, DMD, MS

The past year presented many opportunities for the Kentucky Dental Association. From legislative successes including the passage of the Assignment of Benefits Bill, maintaining water

Fluoridation in Kentucky's public water sources, and assignment of dentistry as an essential health benefit to the introduction the KDA Preferred Pricing Program our members continue to improve their ability to succeed in their respective practices.

We continue to recognize areas of improvement. Membership recruitment and retention ranks highly among our leadership, along with maintaining a balanced budget with adequate reserves. Local and national challenges with the implementation of Fonteva, the new Association Management System caused our local societies and staff members to thoroughly vet proper membership renewals. Even at the national level, the ADA recognized issues with budgetary maintenance and accountability related to spending of the reserves. Our Board of Trustees continues to address these concerns while building a path forward to regain the trust of all members.

As we move into the next 12 months, the Kentucky General Assembly begins the budgetary session in January. This year represents the best time to secure changes to the Medicaid program for dentistry not merely to bolster the program's reimbursement for all dentists, but to significantly raise the reimbursement floor for all private insurance companies. The combined efforts of the KDA and all specialty organizations began this morning with our first meeting to coordinate efforts across all areas of dentistry.

I entered the office ready to tackle Medicaid issues, but learned that my timing does not always match that of the General Assembly. As much as we receive feedback from members across the state insisting on changes that can only be managed by legislative action, the process of passing a bill or changing existing legislation often takes two to three years, and this depends on the totality of issues presented to the General Assembly when we propose our legislative agenda. Sometimes we simply must exercise patience. Sometimes we must push forward despite the resistance of our legislators. The continuous build from the last several years must remain with increased growth of the KDPAC funds, involvement of individual dentists and the component societies with their local legislators. With new leadership in our Council on Governmental Affairs, I anticipate a good year ahead. While I prefer change as soon as yesterday, the work cannot stop until we accomplish the necessary goals.

With the implementation of KDA3P, non-dues revenue from the program continues to grow and should be clearly tracked and properly managed as part of each future budget. This singular benefit combined with the processing program with Best Card from the ADA negotiations provides daily and hourly tangible benefits for ANY dentist. I will say one last time...take a look for yourself.

Throughout the year, I received several reminders that this was MY year to be president, often citing the intrinsic ability to lead and do things my way. As much as I understood the intent in most of these conversations, with most seeking to empower me as a leader with less experience than those before me, I often found these conversations perplexing. Was my job to lead? Yes; absolutely. However, this position should NEVER exist to celebrate authority, power, personal achievement, nor as a stepping stone for greater opportunities of personal acknowledgement. Instead, the consistent success of all members must be considered as we move forward. They continue to run businesses, work as associates, and care for patients. The daily benefit of our

members should always remain our primary goal and the potential for self-aggrandized recognition be placed on the far back burner. Likewise, cooperative work should be maximized and unnecessary posturing and disagreements minimized. Simply stated, we serve. As much as our work represents us, it represents EVERYONE within the KDA, and often represents non-member dentists within the Commonwealth. This is not to say we should never celebrate our own personal wins and achievement, but as we enter various positions, we must remember that we serve at the pleasure of the membership. Without our members we have no association.

I have enjoyed this year serving as president of the KDA and thank Don Heine for asking me to take the Second Vice President position when left vacant three years ago. As much as I have remained involved, stayed in touch with our leadership and Executive Director, and attempted to push forward in all opportunities for our members, I know I have learned more than I have given. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as president. We are in good hands with Dr. Shaver! I wish her all the best in the coming year and will support her efforts and the Association.

**11. NOMINATION/ELECTION OF SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE. Dr. Mark Moats** nominated **Dr. Ansley Depp** for the office of **Speaker of the House**. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Samantha Shaver**. There were no additional nominations. The secretary cast one vote for **Dr. Ansley Depp**. She was elected by acclamation.

**12. KDPAC REPORT. Dr. Samantha Shaver** brief remarks concerning the KDPAC.

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

**Council on Governmental Affairs and Federal Dental Services**  
**Dr. Daren Greenwell**

**Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs**  
**Dr. Andy Elliott**  
**Dr. Matt Milliner**

**Council on Annual Sessions**  
**Dr. Gina Davis**  
**Dr. Zak Taylor**

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

**15. ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr Kevin Wall  
Secretary-Treasurer