

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

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Louisville, Kentucky
March 7, 2015

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. Theodore E. Logan, Jr.** 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 March 15, 2014 meeting of the House of Delegates were approved. The minutes of the March 16, 2014 meeting of the House of Delegates were approved.
7. **INTRODUCTIONS.** **Dr. Fred Howard** introduced the Head Table, Past Presidents of the KDA and special guest **Dr. Maxine Fineberg**, President of the American Dental Association.

8. KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEMORIAL SERVICE. Dr.

Theodore Logan conducted the annual Memorial Service. **Dr. Garth Bobrowski**, President of the KDA, placed a rose in the Memorial Vase after each member's name was called.

Those honored are as follows:

Dr. Steve Auslander
Dr. Frank Baker
Dr. Barry Ceridan
Dr. William Felty, Jr.
Dr. Robert C. Grammer
Dr. Robert Hinkebein, Jr.
***Dr. Joe W. Jones, Jr.**
Dr. Richard Kelly
Dr. Chester Kratz

***Dr. Harold Lester**
Dr. Gene Lewis
Dr. Willard Mahan
Dr. Jo Mattingly
Dr. William McIntire
***Dr. Joseph Miller**
Dr. Andrew Moore
Dr. Joe Seay, Jr.

*Past President

Each member's name was attached to a rose which was placed into the Memorial Vase upon the reading of their 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 PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL

ASSOCIATION. Dr. Maxine Fineberg brought greetings from the officers and trustees of the ADA. She reported that the ADA is currently being impacted by the same issues that impact our state associations.

Student debt continues to plague new graduates.

Membership continues to trend slowly downward. Much energy is being directed toward this issue. Relevancy of the association and communications geared to new generations top the issues being actively dealt with. Studies indicate that Millennials must be actively invited to join.

The ADA Strategic Plan is being examined. *Members 20-20* is a concept that puts members first. If members succeed, patients succeed. *Action for Dental Health* is an ADA program to get the word out for dentistry. The ADA is engaged in federal dental programs. Efforts are being made to assist in fixing a broken Medicaid program. Issues regarding credentialing and audits are being addressed.

10. **REPORT OF PRESIDENT. Dr Garth Bobrowski**, President of the Kentucky Dental Association, presented his address to the House of Delegates. The text of his message follows.

President's Address 3-7-15
KDA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Members of the Head Table, Dr. Feinstein, Dr. Zust, Members of the KDA House of Delegates, Friends and Guests.

I want to sincerely thank our KDA staff for their leadership, time and friendship: Dr. John Thompson for leading us as our Interim Executive Director, Mr. Rick Whitehouse as our new Executive Director(who brings a whole new array of talents to our organization), Todd Edwards, Janet Glover, Melissa Nathanson, and Dr. Ted Logan,Jr., our Secretary. I also want to thank our lobbyists from McCarthy Stategic Solutions for their ideas and input. We have really used their talents this year from setting up Legislative ‘Meet-n-Greets’ , to attending local component society meetings as we traveled across the state, to our highlight event : Our **Legislative Day** in Frankfort on Tuesday, February 24, 2015. We had about 35 dentists come for this event. I want to commend those dentists who took the time to come to this event. We had many State Senators and Representatives to come , several talked with us and others we were able to meet in their offices. It was a great day for the KDA.

As we have started the 2015 KDA Annual Meeting we had some very inclement weather. I really appreciate those who braved the elements to make it here: some 21 inches of snow overnight Wed. into Thurs.

I made some changes this year in our schedule of events for this meeting. For example, due to so many activities on the first day of our meeting it was getting harder and harder to be on time for the President’s reception. So I moved it to a Dessert Reception and opened it up to all KDA members. We sent out emails and it was in our Meeting Journal stating this is for all our dentists and that is why we didn’t send out personal invitations. I thought this might be a better time for those folks arriving later in the day to be able to attend the Dinner and /or the Dessert Reception in little more relaxed atmosphere.

Sometimes we all make excuses: I am too young, I am too old. I am not skilled enough or I am too tired. I want us to quit making excuses, think positive, and be more active within our dental profession. A common phrase that our lobbyists have used with us is ,” We need to be at the table , or we will be on the menu!!!!” We will be eaten up by outside groups. We have to fight for our profession or it will be taken away from us and others will be telling us exactly what to do. It is already starting , but it is not too late to take back our profession. You do have input. The KDA is starting to tell more about the tangible and intangible benefits of belonging to this organization. And yes, we do things that helps all dentists, but hopefully this is what will help people see the need to join us —to help us fight these battles. We need your help! As I was visiting at registration, in various CE courses, and on the exhibit floor I saw many people’s name badges with NO flags below their name. There are opportunities for these folks to get involved with organized dentistry. All of us should contribute some to our KDPAC. As openings arise,

get on a committee at the local society level or the state level. It really doesn't take that much time from your family or your business.

Another way we have input is the Ky Board of Dentistry elections and meetings. From March 6, 2015 to March 13, 2015 we can vote on line for two dentists to be on this very important position and we can vote for a dental hygienist , also.

We have various committees and Councils to be on that need your input and ideas. I want to personally thank our Medicaid workgroup and the Medicaid Dental TAC for all their hard work , time and efforts. The State has opened up the dental regs and they have given us only a few weeks to look at their proposals and respond. Because of the efforts of these two groups, these regs from the state are including an 25% increase in some of our reimbursements.

As I have worked on many KDA projects this last year, I have realized that I am not finished—
can I have another year? As dentists, we are givers. Have you had patients ask you, “ Are you going to give me a filling?”, “are you going to give me a shot?”. In being the KDA President I have often thought about how can I give back to my profession. I have one year. I want to give it my best shot and do a great job. I want to give of my talents, my time, my strengths and I want to improve my weaknesses or appoint someone who can do the job at hand. Reflecting back over the year and evaluating the things accomplished: What did I gain; New friends new acquaintances and contacts, strengthened relationships and gained about 15 pounds.

As we start our House of Delegate proceedings and finish up tomorrow, don't forget to change our clocks tonight and “SPRING FORWARD”.

Again I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you and to serve our great profession.

11. **ADDRESS OF THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT. Dr. Dennis Price** addressed the House of Delegates. He congratulated Dr. Bobrowski on an excellent year of leading the KDA. He announced that the 2015 *KDA Women's Forum* is scheduled for August 21, 2015. Featured speakers will be **Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin**, Executive Director of the ADA and **Dr. Carol Summerhays**, President-Elect of the ADA.

Dr. Price's focus will be on membership during his presidential term of office.

12. **REPORT OF THE KENTUCKY DENTAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE.**
Dr. Mike Johnson reported for the KDPAC. The KDPAC has raised \$15,000 as of March 15, 2014. A full report is available in the KDPAC minutes.

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

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs
Dr. Greg Bentley
Dr. Neil Collins

Council on Annual Sessions
Dr. Paige Warren
Dr. BJ Moorhead

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS. There was no unfinished business.

16. NEW BUSINESS. **Dr. Maxine Fineberg**, President of the ADA, presented the ADA State President's plaque to **Dr. Garth Bobrowski**.

17. ADJOURNMENT. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Theodore E. Logan, Jr., DMD
Secretary-Treasurer