

## **Report of the KDA Second Vice President**

First off, I would like to thank all the members of the KDA executive board and past presidents. As first vice president the dedicated leaders have mentored me and supported me in my advancement up the KDA leadership ladder. I would like to thank Dr. Mark Moats for his leadership through a very tough year as President due to the pandemic. I hope to continue his lead and support his leadership in the future.

As the incoming President, I would like to direct the KDA into an offensive position regarding legislation in 3<sup>rd</sup> party reform in Kentucky. The KDA has been very successful in opposing attacks on dentistry in the past. The association has defeated denturists, anti-fluoridation groups and overzealous government regulation. It is now time to take the ball and run. My focus is to continue the good work of the past and move forward in bringing Kentucky the very needed 3<sup>rd</sup> party payer reform.

The American Dental Association has the "The Patient Oral Health Bill of Rights." There are many aspects of the proposed legislation that can benefit our patients and bring more fairness to the 3<sup>rd</sup> party issues we all face in our daily practices. This push will not be easy or cheap. It will require a commitment from our leadership and members, both with manpower and financial support. If our membership really wants this reform, it will be imperative to have their support. I am ready for the fight. I will provide as much manpower needed and I will contribute \$5,000 to the cause - half of my donation to the KDPAC and half to the advocacy fund. I hope that I can count on a robust contribution of time and money from our leadership and members. Please think about the long term. This will not happen overnight. This will be a multi-year project. I want to thank everyone for your past contributions of organized dentistry and my hope for your continued support.

Respectfully

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