

Dear Colleagues:

My name is Rebekkah Merrell, and I am a practicing dentist and practice owner in Asheville, NC. I am writing with the intent to fill an open ADA Delegate position. Since I was in dental school, I have been extremely active in organized dentistry. I served as our ASDA Trustee for District 3. During my time as Trustee, I worked with numerous ADA committees as a student and was selected as a student delegate for the ADA in Washington DC in 2015. Since graduating, it has always been my intent to become more active with the ADA.

Being involved in organized dentistry is one of my true passions. I believe that strong leadership within the dental community makes our profession stronger. Through dental leadership, advocacy, and community service, our profession has remained one of the most respected health care professions. We are able to provide better care and better access to care through policies made at the ADA Level. I currently serve on the Legislative and Governmental Affairs Council for the Academy of General Dentistry and have participated in numerous dental lobby days. Through our efforts, I want to help ensure the future of our profession is bright. I want to have a strong voice to help affect policy on a national level.

Lastly, I would like to join the NC Dental Society as a delegate to affect policies that can provide a positive impact to my colleagues and my patients. I have volunteered for numerous dental organizations because I want to make a positive impact on our profession and for our future colleagues. I believe that taking time away from my dental practice to serve on these committees leaves a lasting legacy and helps better serve our communities. I would love to join the ADA Delegation in order to humbly serve my colleagues and represent our wonderful profession.

Best,

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