

Letter of Intent – ADA Delegate at Large

To my colleagues and NCDS staff:

First, thank you for taking the time to consider my application. As a newer dentist and member in the profession, it can be quite easy to think that my opinion may not carry the same weight as the more experienced professional. However, that is far from the opposite of what I've experienced with the North Carolina Dental Society. This pattern of thinking is very common amongst the younger professionals and that is exactly what I hope to change with this position.

After serving a year as an Alternate ADA Delegate, my resolve has been further strengthened to continue lobbying and educating for our profession and patients. I enjoyed bringing back knowledge from the last ADA House of Delegates and was able to share that with my colleagues who are not as involved. It's easy to pass judgement on decisions that are made at the top level without having any further information on the topics at hand.

Being involved in discussions about the future of our profession is of utmost importance to me but most importantly, I want to show other young dentists that their opinion does matter, and they can make a difference this early in their career.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Victoria H. McGowen", written over a horizontal line.

Victoria H. McGowen, DMD, MS
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