

Colleagues,

I am interested in the position for several reasons. Some have said that our generation came into the field of Dentistry in the "Golden Years." While this may be true, I hope that now and, in the future, Dentistry can continue to shine as a reputable profession for our generation and the generations to come. I have always been active in Organized Dentistry and was honored as a New Dentist to represent the 16th District of the ADA on the Committee of the New Dentist.

I felt that the Committee represented the challenges and opportunities facing the New Graduate and, as a committee that was representative of the Nation, we helped bring together thoughts, ideas and actions for our Profession and future Colleagues. I feel that these opportunities to protect our profession as we put together strategic plans for the Future of Dentistry are still most important.

I have had the opportunity to represent our County and District Dental Societies on the State Level of Leadership. Grassroots being the foundation of the Organization, I feel that keeping the membership apprised of the goings on, not only in our corner of the world but also in the state and around the country will keep the organization strong and keep the values intact.

I have also volunteered locally and internationally, addressing the dental needs of the underserved. Throughout my career, I have been a part of the Organization while building a successful Dental practice and a Proprietary School training individuals to become Dental Assistant I. As a Delegate at Large of 2020-2022, I had the advantage of being a part of NC and 16th District Caucuses and contribute to the opinions of our region that were carried forth to Las Vegas and Houston for ADA House consideration.

I feel that through the opportunities that I have had in leading, organizing and training through building consensus, I would be qualified to continue my service and to serve on the NCDS Delegation and represent our District on the national level once again.

Specifically, I feel that I can bring a voice to the table regarding the auxiliary workforce issues, access to care and the value of membership as well as being a voice of diversity and experience. We need leadership that reflects what our profession is, has been and is becoming, not just what it has been.

I would appreciate the consideration of the Members of NCDS and the House of Delegates at the Annual Session.

All the Best,

Karen