

I am running for Vice President of the Academy to ensure that we continue to grow through positive collaboration and creative development of ideas in services, continuing education and advocacy for our members and for general dentistry.

General Dentistry is under attack from multiple sources be it private or governmental. The AGD through its advocacy effort is fighting hard to protect and preserve the level of care for the patients and the quality and reputation of the profession. Many outside the Academy are now recognizing this and I want to increase that recognition.

The strength of the AGD is in our foundation of excellence in education. We must keep our core beliefs in highest regard and continue to promote and develop the excellence of our FAGD and MAGD awards. We should look at ways to energize the demand for quality CE, making the AGD the destination for all who seek top level education.

The President represents the will of the members and their vision for the profession and must have the ability to advocate for the Academy, to speak confidently and use fact based reasoning when confronting challenges to our beliefs. I have done this many times before for the Academy and as President I will continue to strongly represent you.

The President must enable the staff and volunteers to create the services and programs that best serve our members by facilitating the input and discussion of the volunteer leaders and the staff and help develop these into directions and actions. I will make sure that the business of the academy is well attended to, that our staff are well taken care of but more importantly that the value of membership is enhanced and that our members are well served.