

WHO IS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU? (LEAVING YOU IN GOOD HANDS, WITH MY CLOSING LETTER)

President's Final Message

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You may or may not be aware of the activities in Austin regarding the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. After going through the mandated "sunset" process, an entire new board was formed by the state legislature. The legislature also - in response to a cluster of anesthesia-related accidents - required the new board to form a Blue Ribbon Anesthesia Panel, following its report to update the rules and regulations involving sedation.

Hopefully, you are aware of the CE requirements for opioid prescribing. If not, please make plans to meet the 2-hour CE requirement through our [online program](#). What you are probably unaware of is the process that has unfolded surrounding the sedation rules. As of this writing, the process is ongoing. The Texas AGD, through its Advocacy Council and legislative consultant, has put in a herculean effort on behalf of the general dentist in the state of Texas. The number of conference calls and visits to appear before the TSBDE and advocate on your behalf are too numerous to count. The volunteers - dentists - on the Advocacy Council are leaving their practices and towns on a regular basis to travel to Austin and represent the general dentist...to represent you.

I hope that you have let your positions be known on the current issues facing us. If you haven't, speak up. They represent YOU. And I also hope that you will take the time to thank them for their service when you see them. They are doing yeoman's work on behalf of Texas AGD, general dentists, and you.

On a personal note, this will be my last President's letter, as we install new board members in September. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve this organization and its members. I think that Texas AGD is the finest dental association in the great state of Texas. To have been given the opportunity to serve is humbling. I have great expectations for the future, as the incoming group of officers and the talent and drive of our incredible executive director and professional staff comprise an unbeatable cadre -- let alone, our other leadership such as committees like the Advocacy Council. I look forward to seeing you around the state.

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