



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marc Worob, DDS, FAGD

"Control your own destiny or someone else will."

- Jack Welch

This is my last message as we will be installing our new officers and Board of Directors at the Texas Academy Awards on Friday, September 22nd. I hope you will join me there as we will also celebrate the announcement of our Dentist and New Dentist of the Year. It has been a real honor and privilege for me to lead our incredible association for the past year. We are made up of almost 2,700 passionate members who believe in the culture that we have created within this organization. This culture is the reason we have been successful as an organization and it drives our expectations and beliefs; our beliefs drive our behaviors which drives habits; these habits help us create our future.

I want to thank the executive committee, the board members, all of our components, and the Texas AGD staff for all of their contributions to our successes this past year. It takes everyone working together to help us fulfill our mission of "helping general dentists succeed." We have increased our membership, reactivated a component in East Texas, had more CE than ever before, and had big success in our advocacy efforts at the Legislature; just to name a few accomplishments. I would be remiss if I didn't also thank all of the committee chairs for their dedication and new ideas that have helped us foster changes in our organization that have positioned it to continue to grow and be a leader nationally.

Finally, I want to give a big thanks to our executive director, Francine Johannesen, whose expertise in so many areas and leadership will continue to grow our culture and help us control our destiny. I hope each of you will continue to give maximum support to our new President, Dr. Jeff Geno, and his board and committees. I hope to see many of you at the upcoming Lone Star Dental Conference, September 21-23, so I can thank you in person for your support.