



WHAT IS MSDA?

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE MARYLAND STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Mission Statement

“The Maryland State Dental Association is Maryland’s Oral Health Advocate”

MSDA Values

- Professionalism in Oral Health
- Protection of Dentist/Patient Rights
- State, Local, and National Representation

Membership

- MSDA members are over 2500 strong and growing.
- Members are not only comprised of active licensed dentists, but retired dentists and pre and postdoctoral dental students.

Leadership

- MSDA Executive Committee
 - President; President-Elect; Immediate Past-President; Vice President; Vice President-Elect; Secretary; Treasure; Speaker of the House; Editor
- Board of Trustees
 - 12 Trustees that represent each dental component
 - 1 American Student Dental Association (ASDA) Representative
 - Liaisons from the Dental School and MD State Board of Dental Examiners
- House of Delegates
 - 150 members, representing all 12 dental societies, serve as the association’s governing body

Standing Committees

- Public and Professional Communication
- New Dentists
- Constitution and Bylaws
- Continuing Education and Professional Development
- Dental Auxiliary Education and Accreditation
- Finance
- Legislative Affairs
- Membership

Continuing Committees

- Dental Performance Review Committee and Panels
- Dentists’ Well-Being
- Distinguished Service Award
- Elections
- Forensic Dentistry
- General Arrangements
- Peer Review

Publications

- MSDA Newsletter
- MSDA Membership Directory
- Roadmap to Success
- Legislative Newsletter (Coming Soon)

Chesapeake Dental Conference (CDC)



- September 23-25, 2011, Ocean City MD
- September 21-23, 2012, Ocean City MD
- September 20-22, 2013, Ocean City MD

Components

- 12 component dental societies give dentists representation at the local level

Allegany-Garrett Dental Soc.	Frederick County Dental Soc.
Anne Arundel County Dental Soc.	Harford-Cecil Dental Soc.
Baltimore City Dental Soc.	Howard County Dental Ass., Inc.
Baltimore County Dental Ass.	Patuxent Dental Soc.
Carroll County Dental Soc.	Southern Maryland Dental Soc.
Eastern Shore Dental Soc.	Washington County Dental Soc.

Education Programs

- Approximately 24 Continuing Education hours offered per year for dentists/hygienists
- CPR and Infection Control Courses
- Dental Assisting Classes
 - Basic Dental Assisting
 - Radiology
 - Expanded Functions

Professional Issues and Advocacy

- Access to Care
- Dentist Day – Annapolis, MD
- Advocating for better oral healthcare
- Protecting our patients oral health and well being
- Updates on the latest legislative developments

www.MSDA.com

- List of Board Members, Committees and Staff Contacts
- Download important forms and applications
- Links to updated dental issues
 - COMAR, OSHA, MOSHA, etc.
- Events Calendar

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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A Professional Association

The MSDA was established in 1883 and has been serving the dental community for over 125 years. As a professional association, the MSDA is the state level representation of the American Dental Association (ADA). Our membership is comprised of over 2500 dentists who make up a variety of practices. Our membership ranges from general practitioners to specialties that include orthodontics, periodontics, endodontics and pediatric dentistry, among others.

Membership brings a number of benefits which include, but are not limited to:

- MSDA Monthly Newsletter
- MSDA Membership Directory
- Free admission to the CDC Exhibit Hall
- Discounts of 25%-50% on a wide variety of Continuing Education Courses
- Special discounts with MSDA Endorsed vendors.

Best of all, being part of the MSDA family provides you with a network of professional peers and life-long friendships with leading professionals in dentistry.

Affiliate membership is open to dentists who are members of other state societies. Other types of memberships include students, grad students, recent graduates and retired dentists.

Programs such as Access to Care and Dentist Day demonstrate ways in which MSDA is helping the citizens of the state of Maryland understand the importance of oral health.

Types of Memberships Available

- Active
 - Dentists Licensed in Maryland
 - Discounts for Recent Graduates
- Student
 - Pre/Post Doctorate
- Associate
 - Engaged in Activity Related to Dentistry
- Affiliate
 - Members of Constituents Outside Maryland, but Have Interest in MSDA
- Life
 - 65+ years in age
 - Member of ADA for 30 continuous years, or 40 total years
- Retired

Understanding the Tripartite

The MSDA is part of a three tier structure called a tripartite. It is comprised of national (ADA), state (MSDA) and local (component) representation. While each part acts as a separate entity, we all work together for you. Affiliate and Associate members only have MSDA membership. They do not hold membership at all three levels.

For example, a dentist practicing in Columbia, MD would be a member of the ADA (national), MSDA (state), and the Howard County Dental Association (component). Dues payments would be made to our office and we would divide your payment amongst the three parties. Tripartite membership is designed to be mutually supportive. It also helps provide a consistent voice in lobbying activities.

In addition, each level offers you special advantages and benefits such as publications, meetings, social activities and peer review. Added together, the three levels of the tripartite become more than the sum of its parts!

How to Apply for Membership

- Apply online at www.MSDA.com
- Request an Application
 - Phone: (410) 964-2880 ext 110
 - Email: Art@msda.com

MSDA Staff

- Frank McLaughlin - *Executive Director*
- Colleen Fowler - *Assistant Executive Director/Membership Services*
- Peter Holmes, MS, IOM - *Director of Governance and Public Policy*
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- Rose Richardson - *Director of Finances*
- Kathi Smith - *Director of Marketing*
- Kayla Bate - *Events Manager*
- Debra Lampton - *Administrative Assistant/Registrar*
- Art Cleaver - *Membership Services Assistant*
- Megan Owens - *Administrative Assistant/Receptionist*



MSDA Endorsed Vendors

- www.DentalCompany.com
- Exclusive Member Benefits with MSDA Endorsed Vendors

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