As you may know, the WSDA House of Delegates (HOD) occurred at the end of September. Until I became involved on the local and state levels, I had no idea how much “behind the scenes” work happens to try to protect and improve our profession. Every year at the HOD, the WSDA legislative agenda is discussed. You may be unaware of how many bills get introduced into the state legislature every year that could have direct impact on us as dentists. For the last several years, for example, there have been bills regarding the allowance of dental therapists in our state. And every year, so far, the WSDA has been able to show legislators why this idea is generally not an answer to improve access to care. The same discussion will likely be occurring during the 2020 legislative session as well.

In addition to fighting to protect our profession and patients, the WSDA has committed to trying to find ways to address the workforce shortage in this state. An idea that was contentiously debated, but ultimately passed and became part of the 2020 legislative agenda, was to support amending the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) to allow dental assistants, with proper training to be established by DQAC, to scale visible calculus, including with an ultrasonic device, under close supervision for patients in a healthy oral state. This does not mean that this idea will necessarily become adopted in our state soon, but it does show that the WSDA is trying to find creative ways to address the prevalent workforce shortage in Washington. You can find the full text of this and all resolutions adopted at this year’s House of Delegates at https://www.wesda.org/member-center/governance/house-of-delegates.

Next year’s HOD will be held in Seattle, which is unusual. You do not have to be a delegate to attend and since it will be so convenient to us, you should consider attending part or all of the meeting if you are interested in seeing how the resolutions are discussed and passed and how the elections at the state level occur. If you are not a delegate, you cannot vote on the resolutions or candidates for election, but you can ask permission to speak during the debate on resolutions. Some years the resolutions are more contentious than others, but there is usually a debate to be had on at least one.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season and I hope to see you at our Foundation Gala on November 14th!
SCDS SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD
Nominate a SCDS Member!

Each May our Society recognizes one member dentist for volunteer activities or community service — either local and/or foreign.

If you are aware of a dentist who is making a difference, please contact the SCDS office with his or her name and why you think they should be nominated. Nominations may be made anytime during the year, and the deadline is April 1st. The recipient will be honored at our May meeting. See a list of past recipients by clicking the News tab on the SCDS website.

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SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR PROGRAM TOPICS AND SPEAKERS

Is there a topic or speaker you’d like to hear at one of our 2020–2021 monthly programs or annual seminar? Please let us know as we are starting to book now. Email suggestions to Judy: info@scdentists.org

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Be sure to let Judy know at the SCDS office know as we are often a first point of contact and would love to make connections. Also, a reminder you can post on our Society’s Facebook page. Just the basics, never specifics of pay or benefits. If you haven’t joined our FB page yet, just visit our website for the link to sign up, or search our name.

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► Snohomish County Dental Foundation: As you consider year-end charitable donations, please keep our Society’s Foundation in mind, which supports dental-related programs in Snohomish County. We also welcome the donation of Raffle items for our Nov. 14th Gala – It’s a 501c(3) organization so all donations are tax-deductible. Cash donations can be made to: Snohomish County Dental Foundation and mailed to: 1214 Alpine View Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98274-8722. See enclosed donation form.
If you’d like to donate a raffle item for the Gala, please contact Judy at the SCDS office.

► Volunteer in Tanzania in 2020 with Health & Hope Foundation. 21 CE Units for dentists ($50) offered by UW Cont Ed. Contact loree@healthandhopefoundation.org for May and June 2020 dates and details.

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► The SCDS office will be closed Nov. 17—Nov. 28th. Messages will be returned Nov. 29th.

All SCDS General Membership meetings are held at the Mill Creek Country Club starting at 6PM with a Meet & Greet, followed by dinner meeting and CE program, ending by 8:30PM. 2 Credits. The dinner & programs are always complimentary for SCDS member dentists, and $40 for guests.