



Candidates for WSDA Elected Positions

The following members are running for WSDA elected positions. Elections will occur at the 2025 WSDA House of Delegates, held Sept. 25-27 in Tacoma.

Available Positions

- **President-elect** (1 position)
- **Secretary-Treasurer** (1 position)
- **Board of Directors** (4 positions)
- **ADA Delegate** (3 positions)

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Candidate for WSDA President-elect



Dr. Brittany Dean

Candidate for WSDA President-elect

Candidate Statement

It's an exciting time to think about leading this organization in a major way. My goal as president will be to bring the association even further towards what dentists really need and want. For years, we asked dentists of our state to trust us that we were doing the work to serve their best interests. We developed offerings that made sense to us and were then disappointed when it was meaningful enough to inspire only a portion of them to join and remain members of our organization.

It's time for a paradigm shift in the dental association world and I am proud to say that WSDA is leading that charge. Our association today recognizes that dentistry is really just a (very important) piece of who we are as humans. We are practice owners, employees, parents, children of aging parents, Little League coaches, food bank volunteers, travelers, marathon runners, learners, meditators, foodies, ceramicists. Our bold moves to lower the cost of membership, innovate a no-cost comprehensive workers comp support program and offer compliance software literally at your fingertips, not to mention a continuing education weekend that is actually joyful and fun and advancing the biggest dental benefits legislation in years are examples of how we are showing up for all dentists. The dental association of today needs to recognize, celebrate, and support this fuller identity. I believe we are on the right track. I humbly request your confidence and trust in my ability to continue leading us forward.

Specialty

- Pediatric Dentistry

Current Positions

- WSDA Board of Directors - 3 years
- Seattle/King County Clinic leadership - 9 years
- Edmonds United Methodist Church (EUMC), administrative board - 1 year
- EUMC Mission, Outreach, and Service Team chair - 1 year
- ADA Delegate - 1 year

Former Positions

- WSDA Editorial Board, 2017-2022
- ADA New Dentist Committee, 11th District Representative, 2014-2018
- ADA Delegate, 2009-2011, 2015
- Academy of General Dentistry, Council on Legislative and Governmental Affairs, 2013-2016
- American Student Dental Association, Vice President, 2011-2012

Professional Affiliations

- Pierre Fauchard Academy
- American College of Dentists
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- Washington State Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
- American Academy of Oral Medicine

Education

- MSD in Pediatric Dentistry, UW, 2019
- Certificate in Hospital Dentistry, UW GPR, 2013
- DDS, UW, 2012
- BA, St. Olaf College, 2006

Other

- Puget Sound Christian Clinic, Board of Directors, 2013-2017

Candidate for Secretary-Treasurer



Dr. Blake McKinley

Candidate for WSDA Secretary-Treasurer

Candidate Statement

It has been an honor to serve as your Secretary-Treasurer the past three years. The WSDA has remained on a stable financial footing while navigating potential financial disrupters such as continuing to grow our Retro program, building our ComplyBetter compliance program, aggressively pursuing legislation to level the dental benefit playing field, legally and regulatorily dealing with scope-of-practice issues, taking the strategic risk of moving from TDIC to MedPro for Professional Liability, or becoming one of five pilot states for the new ADA membership model.

The presidential leadership we have had during my term as your Secretary-Treasurer, and before, along with the financial foundation established by a long list of visionary past Secretary-Treasurers has been instrumental in the successes we are realizing in these endeavors. Stability of the WSDA only occurs through maintaining a strong financial position allowing us to take strategic positions. This starts with a balanced budget and ends with managing the budget to keep it in the black, monthly meetings with executive leadership and our accounting team, in addition to Budget and Finance Work Group meetings have been critical in the budget oversight process. Other components include maintaining an appropriate reserve fund, as well as strategically managing our investments.

I remain committed to maintaining a strong financial position so the WSDA can continue to take advantage of opportunities that are in development and those that arise for the benefit of the dental team and our patients. I ask for your vote to continue serving the WSDA as your Secretary-Treasurer.

Specialty

- Endodontics

Current Positions

- WSDA Secretary/Treasurer; 3 years
- WDIA Secretary/Treasurer; 3 years
- SDDS Budget and Finance Committee; 8 years
- Spokane Airports Tenants Association BOD; 12 years
- Spokane Airports Tenants Association President; elected 10/2024

Former Positions

- WSDA BOD; 5 years
- WDIA BOD; 3 years
- SDDS Executive Council Alternate; 4 years
- Boy Scouts of America Troop 400 Assistant Scout Master; 15 years

Professional Affiliations

- American Dental Association
- Washington State Dental Association
- Spokane District Dental Society
- Washington Association of Endodontists
- Boston University Endodontic Alumni Association

Education

- DDS, Creighton University, 1995
- CAGS, Boston University, 1997

Other

- ADA Delegate, 2 years

Candidates for WSDA Board of Directors



Dr. Mandy Alamwala

Candidate for WSDA Board of Directors

Candidate Statement

Working alongside colleagues on WSDA's Committee on Continuing Education to help shape the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference has been one of the most rewarding parts of my professional journey. It's a space where ideas come together, and where our shared commitment to education and community makes a real impact. Through that work—and also in representing Washington as a delegate to the ADA—I've seen how powerful organized dentistry can be when we lead with collaboration, vision, and purpose.

I've been especially inspired by the direction WSDA has taken in recent years. Our executive team, staff, and current board of directors have led with intention—moving the needle on dental insurance reform, modernizing membership, and keeping WSDA focused on the real challenges dentists face today. I believe we're heading in the right direction, and I want to help accelerate that progress.

A rewarding career, financial stability, and the ability to live a full life outside the clinic—these are goals we all share as dentists. WSDA plays a critical role in protecting that vision by advocating for us, supporting members at every stage, and ensuring our voices are heard where it matters most. This is a time for bold, thoughtful leadership. If elected, I'll bring my experience, energy, and perspective to the board, and work hard to ensure WSDA remains strong, relevant, and a voice that truly represents its members.

Current Positions

- WSDA, Committee Member, Committee on Continuing Education, 6-7 years

- ADA, Delegate, 3 years
- WSDA, Delegate or Alternate Delegate, 6-7 years
- MBDDS, Committee Member, Committee on Continuing Education, 3 years

Former Positions

- ADA, Council on Dental Benefits Program (ASDA Liaison), 1 year
- ADA, Institute for Diversity in Leadership Member, 1 year
- WSDA, Past Chair for Committee on Continuing Education, 1 year
- WSDA, Component Ambassador, 5 years
- MBBCS, Past President and Secretary/Treasurer, 3 years

Professional Affiliations

- American Dental Association
- Washington State Dental Association
- Mount Baker District Dental Association
- American College of Dentists
- Pierre Fauchard Academy

Education

- DMD, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, 2016
- B.Sc, University of British Columbia, 2009



Dr. Emily Hobart

Candidate for WSDA Board of Directors

Candidate Statement

I am honored to run for reelection to the Board of Directors. Currently I serve as the Dental Director at didg^wálič Wellness Center—a tribal FQHC in Anacortes—where we care for patients in addiction recovery. I represent the public health practice modality, with experience in private practice, group practice, teaching, corrections, and consulting. As the youngest member of the Board, I epitomize the new dentist demographic, bringing a fresh perspective and ensuring that our leadership fully reflects the face of dentistry in Washington State.

The past three years on the Board have been among the most meaningful of my 10-year dental career. Despite personal challenges during my first term—including welcoming a new baby and losing my mom—my dedication to WSDA has remained unwavering. We launched major initiatives that reduce barriers to membership and support sustainable, non-dues revenue like the ADA membership pilot, WSDA Retro, and ComplyBetter. With the Legislative, Wellness, and Student Loan Task Forces, we helped advance our dental benefits bill and advocated for our members' mental health and financial well-being.

As Chair of PNDC, I have seen firsthand how our annual conference fosters connection within the profession and boosts membership engagement, which is essential to us thriving as an organization and accomplishing our shared goals. Organized dentistry isn't just a passion—it's a commitment. I am eager to continue building a stronger, more inclusive WSDA for our members and patients alike and shaping the future of dentistry. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Current Positions

- WSDA Board of Directors, 2022-Present (3 Years)
- WSDA Continuing Education Committee, 2019-Present (6 Years) - Chair, 2024-2025
- WSDA Delegate, 2017-Present (Except 2023, 7 Years)
- WSDA Wellness Task Force, 2024-Present (1 Year) - Chair, 2025-Present
- WSDA Legislative Task Force, 2024-Present (1 Year)

Former Positions

- ADA Delegate, 2020-2024 (Except 2023, 4 Years)
- MBDDS Immediate Past-/President/-Elect/Secretary-Treasurer, 2017-2021 (4 Years)
- WSDA Apple Health Work Group, 2023-2024 (1.5 Years)
- WSDA Leadership Institute, 2018 (1 Year)
- ASDA District 10 Trustee, 2014-2015 (1 Year)

Professional Affiliations

- Fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry (FAGD)
- Fellow of the American College of Dentists (ACD)
- Fellow of the International College of Dentists (ICD)
- Fellow of the Pierre Fauchard Academy (PFA)
- American Association of Dental Consultants (AADC)

Education

- Doctor of Dental Medicine, Midwestern University - Arizona, 2015
- Bachelor of Arts (Chemistry & French), University of Arizona, 2010

Other

- WSDA Leadership Development & Opportunities Task Force, 2020-2021 (1.5 Years)
- WSDA Nominations Committee, 2020 (1 Year)
- AGD New Dentist Committee, 2016-2018 (2 Years)
- AGD Council On Membership, 2016-2018 (2 Years)
- ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs Student Liaison, 2013-2014 (1 Year)



Dr. John Lo

Candidate for WSDA Board of Directors

Candidate Statement

Now, more than ever, our profession faces critical challenges—rising operational costs, mounting debt on young practitioners, stagnant third-party reimbursements, workforce shortages, and increasing regulatory burdens. At the same time, public misperception and legislative misunderstanding of dentistry remain. We must continue to raise awareness that dentists are essential healthcare providers, offering comprehensive care in a uniquely efficient model.

As a WSDA board member, I will continue to support initiatives that:

- Advance our legislative advocacy and strengthen DentPAC
- Promote access to care through sustainable funding and strategic incentives
- Grow the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference into a premier event with the large regional meetings
- Expand CE access through digital platforms
- Create more unity within the profession to counter external pressures
- Educate legislators and the public about dentistry.

The dental team delivers true primary care. Medicine should be following our model, not vice versa. I'm proud of the WSDA's ongoing efforts and honored to support this work. I believe in the strength of our dental community and am committed to representing your voice on the Board. "Divided, we perish, united we prosper!"

Thank you for your consideration, and feel free to contact me with any questions you might have.

Current Positions

- DentPAC Board member-WSDA, 12 years
- PNDC Committee member-WSDA, 10 years

Former Positions

- Government Affairs board member-WSDA, 5 years
- Pierce County Dental Society Board (PCDS), 5 years
- PCDS President, 1 year
- PNDC committee chairman, 1 year
- PNDC vice chairman, 1 year

Professional Affiliations

- American Dental Association
- Washington State Dental Association
- Pierce County Dental Society
- International College of Dentists

Education

- BS, Lehigh University, 1988
- DMD, University of Pennsylvania, 1991

Other

- PCDS House of Delegates representative, 5 years
- WSDA Government Affairs committee, 5 years
- WPFC soccer team manager, 3 years
- AOPi parents club co-president, 1.5 years



Dr. Danny Tremblay

Candidate for WSDA Board of Directors

Candidate Statement

I am running for re-election to the WSDA Board of Directors because I have a passion and ability to actively listen to the needs of our members and work towards effective changes for our profession. Serving on the WSDA Board the past 3 years, it is clear to me that the WSDA is at the forefront of innovation for the ADA and dentistry. We are continually challenging the status quo nationally and working to make changes that provide tangible benefits to our members, their practices and their patients.

Through bold initiatives like Reimagining Membership, we have worked to reduce dues for dentists to make membership affordable and attainable. I believe the WSDA is the most influential voice for quality, patient centered dentistry in our state. Unfortunately, we still have work to do to engage all dentists to truly see every dentist's voice be heard and represented for our profession. I want to continue working toward this goal, so that our membership grows larger than any membership of an insurance company in our state. Our patients deserve their voice to be represented by their providers, not an insurance company.

During my time, I have served on our Dental Benefits Committee and have worked to continue to and investigate challenges our membership faces from third party payers. I want to continue to fight for our dental benefits legislation that was passed this year to make sure that out of network reimbursement fairness is achieved and a dental loss ratio is established in our state. I will continue to fight for

transparency and effective changes to insurance companies to ensure that their members are heard and patient care, not profit, is their top priority.

Moving forward, we need to proactively introduce measures that address the workforce shortage in dentistry and increasing student debt load, recognizing its potential influence on graduates and their job choices. I am confident that my leadership skills, as well as firsthand experience with the challenges dentists face will allow me to excel in this position and continue to bring a unique perspective to the Board role, while working to serve all Washington dentists.

Current Positions

- WSDA Board of Directors, Board Member, 3 years
- Dental Benefits Committee, Committee Member, 4 years
- Member Nominating Panel, Panel Member, 2 years
- SKCDS Delegate, Delegate, 6+ years
- ACT Dental To The Top Study Club, Member, 3 years

Former Positions

- Lahai Health, Board Member, 2 years served
- WSDA New Dentist Think Tank, Committee Member, 4 years
- WSDA Mentor for Leadership Institute, 2 years

Professional Affiliations

- ADA, WSDA, SKCDS
- American College of Dentists
- ACT Dental

Education

- DDS, University of Washington School of Dentistry, 2012
- AEGD Certificate, Northwest AEGD Residency Program, 2013
- BA in Spanish, BS in Biology, University of Washington, 2008

Candidates for ADA Delegate



Dr. Nathan Russell

Candidate for ADA Delegate

Candidate Statement

I have enjoyed serving and being involved in organized dentistry for over 9 years. The ADA is at a crossroads and having members/delegates who understand the issues we are facing is vitally important. Furthermore, you need someone who understands parliamentary procedures and how to call the question.

Current Positions

- WSDA Past President 2024-25
- WSDA President 2023-2024
- WSDA Secretary/Treasurer 2016-2023
- ADA Delegate 2016-present

Professional Affiliations

- United States Air Force Active Reserves 2008-present
- United States Air Force Active Duty 2003-2006

Education

- MBA, University of Washington, 2013
- DDS, University of Washington, 2003
- BS, University of Washington, 1999



Dr. Andrew Sholudko

Candidate for ADA Delegate

Candidate Statement

I am honored to seek re-election as an ADA Delegate. Over the past three years, it has been a privilege to represent our colleagues and advocate for the future of our profession on the national level. I bring continuity, experience, and a strong commitment to service.

In addition to serving one term as an ADA Delegate, I have served as the Speaker of the House for the Washington State Dental Association, a role I held for three years. This position has deepened my understanding of policy, procedure, and the importance of fostering respectful, productive dialogue across diverse perspectives.

Locally, I have been active in the Snohomish County Dental Society for the past decade—serving on the board for nine years, as Treasurer for seven, and now as Secretary. This long-standing involvement reflects my dedication to organized dentistry and the value I place on grassroots engagement.

As we face evolving challenges in healthcare delivery, workforce dynamics, and public trust, I believe experienced, thoughtful leadership is more essential than ever. I would be grateful for your support as I continue to represent our voices at the ADA House of Delegates. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

Current Positions

- ADA Delegate (3 years)
- WSDA Speaker of the House (3 years)
- SCDS Secretary (1 year)
- SCDS Executive Board Member (9 years)

Former Positions

- SCDS Treasurer (7 years)

Professional Affiliations

- ADA
- WSDA
- SCDS
- AGD

Education

- DMD - University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, 2013
- BS - Biophysics and Structural Biology - UConn, 2009
- Certificate for Orthodontics for GP - Progressive Ortho Seminar, 2021
- Certificate for Implant Placement for GP - London Institute, 2016



Dr. Crystal Vo

Candidate for ADA Delegate

Candidate Statement

It is with great enthusiasm that I, Crystal Vo, am running to represent Washington dentists as an ADA delegate. I graduated from the University of Southern California in 2013 and since then have worked in different private practices, corporate dentistry, and for the past 9 years, in public health.

I'm an active member of the Snohomish County Dental Society, including 4 years experience as a delegate to the WSDA, House of Delegates. In addition, my current service on the WSDA Board has provided me with the skills and knowledge needed to be an effective ADA delegate.

As clinical director of a busy FQHC, I see struggles in the clinic, including burn-out, workforce shortages, and low insurance reimbursements. I want to help. That is why I have been involved in state and local organized dentistry, including special efforts to expand the dental workforce. I also see the high student debt burden of young dentists, so I'm on a loan repayment task force. I am committed to addressing ongoing issues, and now is the time for the ADA to make huge changes.

Last year, I had the opportunity to serve as an alternate delegate at the ADA House of Delegates in New Orleans. Representing our state in the District 11 Caucus was such an honor. After the ADA HOD, I walked away with an even deeper appreciation of this organization. I want to help make decisions on issues that affect our organization and profession for the long term.

District 11 team is supportive, smart, strategic and we had Linda Edgar in the room! I learned our voices do matter and we need to advocate for our profession. I want to advocate for the ADA to serve all dental practice modalities to establish governance and leadership practices that mirror the WSDA's, in order to become more effective.

My passion for dentistry, coupled with my collaborative spirit and leadership acumen, positions me as a valuable asset as an ADA delegate. Thank you for your consideration and I appreciate your vote.

Current Positions

- WSDA Task Force on Student Loans, Member, 1 Year
- WSDA Board of Directors, Member, 2 Years
- WSDA Leadership Institute, Mentor, 2 Years
- WSDA Task Force on Recognition, Member, 2 Years
- WSDA Delegate, 4 Years

Former Positions

- WSDA Leadership Institute, Mentee, 1 Year

Professional Affiliations

- ADA
- WSDA
- Snohomish County Dental Society

Education

- BA, Biology, Drew University, 2007
- DDS, Herman Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC, 2013

Other

- USTA, Team Captain, 6 Years
- Seattle/King County Clinic Volunteer, 3 Years

- Skagit Valley College, Head Women's Tennis Coach, 1 Year
- Academy of General Dentistry, Member, 8 Years
- Delta Sigma Delta, Social Chair, 2 Years