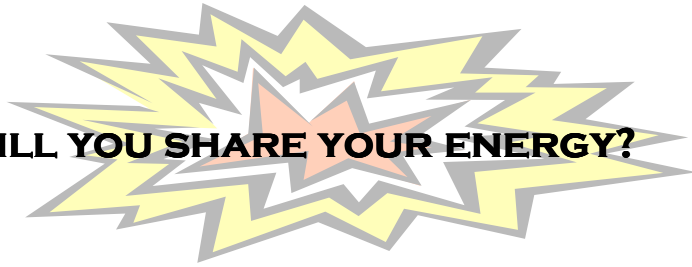




TRI-COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY

WILL YOU SHARE YOUR ENERGY?



AS A TRI-COUNTY DENTAL SOCIETY MEMBER, you have an opportunity to contribute your energy, knowledge or expertise for the betterment of your practice, organized dentistry, and the profession. **Committee work provides the pulse for responding to the ever-changing issues that we face today, a chance to anticipate needs, and shape our future.**

We make it easy for you to participate! In an effort to streamline, consolidate and make better use of your time, e-mail and fax are becoming the preferred communication tools. It is the goal of TCDS to provide opportunities for you to get involved in your professional organization, to keep you involved, and to respect your time so that no one has too cumbersome a job. We understand that you need the majority of your time for your business and your family. With that said, please consider becoming an active member of a TCDS committee for 2008.

WHERE DO YOU FIT IN? PICK A COMMITTEE, OR TWO, OR THREE AND GET INVOLVED!

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Utilizing all appropriate forms of communication to improve the image of dentistry in the eyes of the public, efforts shall be directed toward the areas of the dentist-patient relationships, intra-professional relationships, and relationships between the dental profession and the public at large.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 2-3 times a year FTF* & e-mail

Talent: Are you interested in community activities, children's dental health, and promoting public dental education and awareness? Do you want to satisfy that need to give back to your community? Then, this is the committee for you.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL RELATIONS

Recommend and implement programs for continuing education of Society members; encourage attendance at postgraduate courses and study clubs; encourage continuing education and improving skills of auxiliary personnel; foster and promote good relations with the local laboratory associations, the local dental hygienists societies, the local dental assistants' societies. Maintain liaison with schools engaged in the training of dental laboratory technicians, dental hygienists, and dental assistants.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 3-5 times a year FTF & e-mail

Talent: Are you interested in CE programs? Do you know the names of interesting speakers and know of interesting topics to be presented to the membership? If you want to help put together the schedule of classes for the membership, we can use your help!

TCDS BULLETIN

The primary function is to publish the Society Bulletin. Contribute articles for the monthly newsletter. Develop methods and suggestions for the improvement of the Society's Bulletin.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 1-2 times a year FTF

Talent: Are you a budding writer? Do you have something to say? Maybe the Bulletin can be your mouthpiece.

LEGISLATION

Keep the membership informed on proposed legislation affecting dentistry and the public health. Maintain liaison and cooperation with the legislative bodies of the CDA.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 1-2 times a year FTF or e-mail

Talent: Are you interested in politics? Do you want to make a difference in the legislation that affects your profession? This may be the council for you.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

Review membership issues and plan activities, events and opportunities for member recruitment as well as member retention. Serve as ambassadors to new members. Take such action as is possible to alleviate the distress of any member.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 4-6 times a year

Talent: Do you enjoy meeting new colleagues? Would you like to promote the many benefits of membership? We need personable individuals to make new members feel welcome. If you fit this description, this committee is for you!

BYLAWS

Review the Bylaws in order to keep them consistent with the Society's program. Recommend editorial corrections in the Bylaws.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: FTF as needed & via e-mail

Talent: Are you a detail person? Does governance make your eyes light up? Do you want to know what makes TCDS work? Then Bylaws is for you.

ETHICS

Resolve complaints brought forth against member dentists that may violate the CDA and the ADA *Codes of Ethics*.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: FTF as needed & e-mail

Talent: Help this committee educate member dentists about practicing dentistry within the Code of Ethics established by organized dentistry. Ethics is the foundation of our profession and working with this committee will help guide your clinical practice.

FINANCE & AUDIT

Act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Directors and the Executive Director on matters pertaining to the funds of the Society. Receive and consider requests for Society. Receive and prepare an annual budget for the Society.

Term: One year, renewable

Meeting: 2-3 times a year FTF

Talent: Do you like figures and detail work? Want to learn how the Society budgets its dollars to provide the best services for its members. Bring your abacus and join this committee.

*FTF – Face to face

PEER REVIEW

Review and, where possible, resolve complaints made by patients, third party carriers, dentist complaints against third party carriers, where such complaints involve quality and/or appropriateness of care and do not involve alleged violations of the *Code of Ethics*.

Term: Two years, renewable

Meetings: Various on caseload

Talent: Have you been in practice a minimum of five years? Are you interested in learning how to reduce the liability in your practice through the experiences of others? Can you keep confidences and maintain fairness? Are you willing to be trained bi-annually? Can you follow procedures? If so, you may qualify for this committee.

NEW PROFESSIONALS

Represent the interests of those dentists who have recently set up practice in the TCDS area; assist in recruitment and retention of the New Professionals in the area; maintain communication with the dental students at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry; maintain and monitor any special programs designated by the board of directors that pertain to dental students at the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 4-6 FTF

Talent: Have you been out of school ten years or less? Then this is YOUR committee.

WELL-BEING

Assist dentists and their employees who might be experiencing alcohol or drug misuse problems. Act as a resource for affected individuals for complaint referral. If indicated, encourage treatment and monitor the individual.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: Quarterly FTF

Talent: If you are recovering from chemical dependency, have experience in working with chemical dependency or you want to help others, we can use your help.

WEB SITE

Provide a dynamic web site for our membership and the public. Provide information for members 24 hours a day.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: Quarterly FTF & e-mail

Talent: Are you computer literate? Do you spend more time surfing the net than you want to admit? We can use your expertise!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Identify members with leadership abilities and encourage them through leadership training to become leaders of the dental society. Plan training conferences.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 4-6 FTF & e-mail

Talent: Do you have the ability to spot talent and groom members for leadership positions? Come and help TCDS be the best it can be.

BRANDING & MARKETING

Educate the profession and the public on the importance of membership in the ADA, CDA and TCDS. Find creative ways to keep the activities of TCDS in the news.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: Quarterly FTF & e-mail

Talent: If you have a bent toward public relations or have a creative advertising mind, please join Branding and Marketing.

GIVE KIDS A SMILE

Plan and participate in activities to provide dental care and oral health education to school-aged children on Give Kids A Smile Day or during the month of February.

Term: One year, renewable

Meetings: 6-8

Talent: If you are good at coordinating events, have a desire to help children, and enjoy working in a collaborative effort with other organizations, this is the committee for you!



TCDS COMMITTEE SIGN-UP 2008

**BE ACTIVE IN YOUR SOCIETY...
JOIN A COMMITTEE!**

Please Fax to (909) 370-4478 or
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Mail to Tri-County Dental Society
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Colton, CA 92324

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My committee choice(s) for 2008 is (yes, feel free to list several)

- Community Health
- Continuing Ed & Prof. Relations
- TCDS Bulletin
- Legislation
- Membership Recruitment/Retention
- Bylaws
- Ethics
- Finance & Audit
- Peer Review
- New Professionals
- Well-Being
- Web Site
- Leadership Development
- Branding & Marketing
- Give Kids A Smile