



SAN FRANCISCO DENTAL SOCIETY

Legislative Committee

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Purpose: The purpose of the Legislative Committee is to identify and monitor local political issues of importance to dentists and small business, and to educate SFDS members accordingly. The Committee maintains relationships with the CDA Policy Development Council, relevant ADA councils, the Dental Board of California and legislative agencies of allied health groups, as well.

Primary Responsibilities:

- Keep informed on local legislation that impacts small businesses and dentists and keep the SFDS Board of Directors apprised of such information
- Keep informed on bills presented to the California Assembly and Senate that in any way pertain to dentistry or health laws of the state and keep the SFDS Board of Directors apprised of such information
- Carry out the policies of the Society on all matters pertaining to legislation
- Establish key contacts for each supervisor in San Francisco
- Establish key contacts for each legislator within SFDS's boundaries
- Inform the membership and solicit their input and action on local, legislative or regulatory issues through articles and alerts in *The Bridge* and *Bridging the Gap* publications.
- Serve as grassroots liaison between SFDS members and CDA on legislative matters
- Inform local and state legislators about issues impacting dentistry and small businesses
- Support and liaise with the SFDS Political Action Committee (San Fran-D-PAC)
- The Chair provides, via the committee's Action Plan, an annual status report to the board on goals and objectives met for the year

Time Commitment/Meeting Schedule:

- Meetings two to four times a year, depending on local and state legislative activity. All committee meetings are to be scheduled with SFDS staff.
- Attend local business seminars, such as the Small Business Forum, SF Chamber of Commerce, SF Board of Supervisors, or local Dental Board of California meetings when warranted
- Attend CDA hosted legislative events

Composition and Terms of Office: Committee consists of at least six (6) members appointed by the president, subject to approval by the board of directors, and will include the SFDS president as a voting member of the committee. The committee chair serves a two (2) year term renewable for a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. Vice-chairs serve two (2) year terms, renewable for a maximum of three (3) consecutive terms. The Executive Director serves as an ex officio member of the committee, providing information related to legislative issues and serves as liaison between SFDS members and the committee.

Qualifications/Skills: Those volunteers who generally serve on the committee possess a genuine interest in small business and legislative affairs, current events, regularly read the ADA News and the CDA Update, and the SF Board of Supervisors Agenda and Minutes, which are on-line. New members to the committee are expected to be comfortable using technology.