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CHICAGO — Daniel J. Klemmedson, D.D.S., M.D., an oral and maxillofacial surgeon from Tucson, Arizona, is the new president-elect of the American Dental Association (ADA). He was recently elected at the World Dental Congress in San Francisco and will assume the role of ADA president in October 2020.

Since 2015, Dr. Klemmedson has served as the Fourteenth District trustee to the ADA Board of Trustees and was a delegate in the ADA House of Delegates from 2004-2014. He is a past president of the Arizona Dental Association, the Southern Arizona Dental Society, the Western Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the Arizona Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Klemmedson has earned a number of awards from prominent organizations, including the Dentist of the Year award and the Hall of Fame Service award from the Arizona Dental Association. In 2018, he received the Gerald E. Hanson Outstanding Service Award from the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) Foundation.

Dr. Klemmedson is a member of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and is a fellow of the American Dental Society of Anesthesiology. He is also a member of the Academy of Dentistry International, American Cleft Palate–Craniofacial Association and the American Medical Association. He has received fellowships from the American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

A graduate of the University of Southern California (USC) School of Dentistry, Dr. Klemmedson earned his medical degree at the USC School of Medicine. In addition to maintaining a private practice in Tucson, he is an attending oral and maxillofacial surgeon on the cleft palate and craniofacial team at Children's Clinics.

About the ADA

The not-for-profit ADA is the nation's largest dental association, representing 163,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public's health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive. The ADA Seal of Acceptance long has been a valuable and respected guide to consumer dental care products. The monthly The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) is the ADA's flagship publication and the best-read scientific journal in dentistry. For more information about the ADA, visit ADA.org. For more information on oral health, including prevention, care and treatment of dental disease, visit the ADA's consumer website MouthHealthy.org.

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