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MISSION STATEMENT

To establish and maintain a cohesive organization that serves its membership by promoting the art, science and professionalism of dentistry, and by communicating the value of oral health to the community.

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Proposal for Bylaw Change for New Standing Committee

by Kristi M. Soileau, D.D.S., M.Ed. - NODA Immediate Past President



As per Article VIII of the New Orleans Dental Association Bylaws, this is the official notification to the

membership of a Bylaws change that will be voted on at the October 19th General Membership Meeting. The Board of Governors has approved this change to the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVII – Section 3

The Standing Committees of this association shall be: Annual Conference, Budget, Children's Dental Health Month, Constitution and Bylaws, Honor and Awards, Membership and Orientation, Newsletter, New Orleans Dental Enterprises L.L.C., Nominating, and Scientific Program.

"Be it resolved, that the wording of Section 3 of Article XVII be deleted, and replaced with the following wording:"

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NODA PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

by Laurie F. Moeller, D.D.S. - NODA President



As we approach the end of the year, it's a good time to reflect on our past accomplishments and goals for the future. With that

thought in mind, our NODA Board of Governors has approved a standing Strategic Planning Committee dedicated to accomplishing goals to further our mission. Four vital strategic areas have been identified:

- 1) Physical resources, which include improved office facilities and website development,
- 2) Communicating value to members and the public,
- 3) Grassroots Governmental Advocacy, and
- 4) Membership and Leadership Development.

Members of the strategic planning committee will meet regularly to review the goals and objectives and track our

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OCTOBER 19, 2011

General Membership Meeting
Messina's

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General Membership Meeting
Chateau Golf & Country Club

NODA PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE - Con't.

by Laurie F. Moeller, D.D.S. - NODA President

progress in attaining them. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome. Your participation in the process is needed. If you have a desire to become more involved in your association at any level, please contact us.

And toward that goal, our President-Elect, Dr. George Arch, Jr., is accepting nominations for positions on the NODA Board of Governors. It's a great time to be involved in the governance of our organization. Many decisions are being made at the state and national level that will impact our profession and the public. I encourage you to become active in the decision making process.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at Messina's Restaurant in Kenner. Mr. Stephen Pizzo, Esq., a very informative attorney active in medical malpractice law, will present "You've Been Sued! Now What?" This presentation is sponsored by Robert Ellis & Associates. Please remember to RSVP in advance. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Accepting Nominations for NODA Honor Dentist Award

by Kenneth G. Schott, D.D.S. - NODA Honors & Awards Committee Chair

December 9th is the deadline for submission of nominations for the NODA Honor Dentist Award. This award is presented to a member in good standing "in recognition of outstanding contributions and exemplary conduct in the profession of dentistry."

Please mail your nominations and reasons for your recommendations to the attention of Dr.

Kenneth G. Schott, Honors and Awards Committee Chairman, c/o NODA, 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 153, Metairie, LA 70001, fax

to 504-838-6909, or e-mail to nodental@bellsouth.net. Please remember the deadline for nominations is December 9th.

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Dr. Geist Named Outstanding Alumnus



Dr. Eric Geist, a graduate of the doctoral and oral surgery programs at the LSU School of Dentistry (LSUSD), has been selected outstanding alumnus for 2011. He will receive the award during the school's Alumni Day on September 23rd.

The announcement was made by Dr. Henry Gremillion, dean of LSUSD. "For decades, Dr. Geist has consistently reached out to serve his profession and his community, both nationally and throughout Louisiana," Dr. Gremillion said. "He gives wholeheartedly of himself as a teacher, leader and practitioner. In the process, he exemplifies the finest qualities of

dentistry and medicine."

Dr. Geist, a native of Houma, received his DDS from LSUSD in 1979. One year later he completed his internship at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, followed by the completion of his residency at LSU Medical Center in New Orleans in 1984. Two years later he became a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Since that time he has been in private practice in Monroe. He is an associate professor at the University of Louisiana in Monroe and assistant clinical professor in the Department of Surgery at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.


Leadership Roles

Since 1989, Dr. Geist has served in 22 different leadership positions in the American Association of Oral

and Maxillofacial Surgery (AAOMS) and received awards for fundraising and achievement. He has been integral to the leadership of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, including service as president, vice-president and member of the board of directors. In 2002, he was honored with their Examination Committee Award.


The LSU Tiger Athletic Foundation has recognized him for outstanding service. Since 1990, he has served in various leadership roles in the American Dental Association, which awarded him its "Grassroots Award for Outstanding Service" in 1999. He has been equally active in professional

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organizations in Louisiana, including the Louisiana Dental Association, Northeast Louisiana Dental Association and the Louisiana Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Dr. Geist has co-authored or edited 16 peer-reviewed publications. His research interests include the effects of diet, tobacco and alcohol on dental health.

Past Recipients

The Alumnus of the Year award is given to a graduate who has advanced the ideals of dentistry through distinguished teaching, service, patient care and research. The award was established in 1998.

Past recipients are: Sandra Andrieu, PhD, DH '72; Virginia

Angelico-Tatum, DDS '79; Randy Green, DDS '78; A. Fred McMullen III, DDS '87, Endo '89; Denis E. "Chip" Simon III, DDS '76; Gerard R. Tully, Jr., DDS '75; Gerard J. Chiche, DDS, Pros '79; Ronald A. Bell, DDS '73; Michael T. Robichaux, DDS '72; Henry A. Gremillion, DDS '77; Harry E. Goza, DDS '78, and F. Ralph Dauterive, DDS, Loyola '53.

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Graduate Honored for Community Service

Raj Diwan, D.D.S., a 2011 graduate of the LSU School of Dentistry and currently a resident in the General Practice Residency, is one of four students nationally to receive the first-ever Student Servant Leadership Award presented by The Academy of Dentistry International (ADI). The award includes a \$500 stipend. It was presented by Dr. Don Brown, president of the ADI Foundation President.

The purpose of the award is to recognize senior dental students who have excelled in volunteerism and student leadership. As a dental student, Dr. Diwan founded the student service organization called "Making Impressions." He recruited a leadership team and network of dental students and

hygienists that helped more than 1,000 people through oral health screenings, provision of dental supplies, and one-on-one education. The student volunteers helped the homeless population in the inner city, along with suburban parents, unwed mothers and HIV/AIDS patients living in a hospice.



Dr. Don Brown presents award to Dr. Raj Diwan

"Our purpose was to connect with the neglected communities of our state," Dr. Diwan said. "We wanted to promote volunteerism through the dental school with the hope of continuing the concept of service as practitioners."

The award was initiated by Dr. T. Bob Davis, USA Section Board Secretary and South Central Regent. The three other recipients are recent graduates of The University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston, the Dental School at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio and Texas A&M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry.

A time to reflect





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The money LADPAC raises is very helpful in persuading legislators to consider and hopefully support issues of importance to the dental community.

This is an excellent opportunity for anyone who was unable to, or didn't make a contribution to support LADPAC, and you might even win something. People who have contributed are also welcome to take a chance.

In recent years, NODA members support for LADPAC has been perceived to be weaker than would be expected from the state's largest component. This is an excellent opportunity to change that perception. The NODA general membership meetings in September and October will now present you with two more opportunities to purchase tickets, and you are urged to do so. You may also contact Ken Schott (451-2491) or Tom Giacona (813-6513).

Call for Nominations of 2012 NODA Officers & Delegates

by George H. Arch Jr., D.D.S. – 2012 NODA Nominating Committee Chairman

The 2012 Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations for open officers and elective positions of NODA in 2012. As required by NODA Bylaws, Article XIII, Section 1-11, the Nominating Committee has been formed. The Nominating Committee members are: Drs. George Arch, Jr. (chairman), Darrell Bourg, Jr., Kevin Collins, Erin Fontenot and Jeffry Leeson.

Nominations may be submitted to any member of the Nominating Committee listed above or to the NODA office located at 2121 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 153, Metairie, LA 70001. All Nominations must be received by Wednesday, November 16, 2011, the date of the November General Membership Meeting. All nominations must be submitted in writing and signed by

two Active, Active Life, Retired and/or Life Members in good standing.

The Committee requests that nominations be submitted as early as possible so that all nominations may be considered before the announcement of the formal slate of nominations at the November Board Meeting and the November General Membership Meeting.

If there is more than one candidate for any office or elective position, candidates will have an opportunity to address the membership at the December General Membership Meeting on December 21, 2011, prior to a vote of the membership. All newly elected officers and board members will officially begin their term of office immediately upon taking the oath of office.

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1	1 st Vice President	1 year
1	2 nd Vice President	1 year
1	Treasurer	2 year
1	At-Large Board Member	3 year
1	Director to LDA Board of Directors	2 year
2	Alternate Director to LDA Board of Directors	1 year
1	Delegate to ADA	3 year
1	Alternate Delegate to ADA	1 year
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by George H. Arch, Jr., D.D.S. - NODA Scientific Program Committee Chair

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October 21 - 23 Friday - Sunday New Orleans	LSU's Advanced Cosmetic Maxillofacial Surgery Course Director: Jon D. Perenack, DDS, MD At the Marriott New Orleans at the Convention Center and the Russell C. Klein, MD Center for Advanced Practice	Practitioner Resident	See website or call C.E. office.	22.5 L/P C CDE or CME
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November 5 Saturday New Orleans	Digital & Conventional Radiology for Dental Assistants w/Drs. Kavas Thunthy and J. Sean Hubar at LSUSD	Dentist	\$149	7 L/P C
November 11 Friday New Orleans	Local Anesthesia Update for Dentists and Hygienists w/Dr. Michael E. O'Brien and Dr. Frank Drongowski	Dentist Hygienist	\$295* \$195*	7L C
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