



New York State
Dental Association
Council on Membership & Communications

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS COUNCIL?

The Council on Membership & Communication is responsible for NYSDA membership recruitment and retention programs.

“JOB DESCRIPTION”: WHAT IS EXPECTED OF ME?

General Responsibilities of a Council on Membership & Communication member:

- To conduct an ongoing study of membership problems and formulate plans for maintaining and increasing the membership of this Association, in conformity with policies adopted by the House of Delegates.
- To recruit and retain dentists who have graduated from dental school within the previous ten years (also referred to as “new dentists”), in the tripartite system of organized dentistry.
- To provide information and assistance for new dentists to facilitate the transition from dental school to active practice.
- To establish, maintain and encourage positive relationships with the faculty, students and staff of New York State's dental schools.
- To formulate programs with the Association's component societies and the American Dental Association that support and facilitate the participation of new dentists in the tripartite system of organized dentistry.

WHAT WILL I GAIN BY DEDICATING MY TIME AND TALENTS (What’s in it for me?)

As a member of the Council on Membership, you will gain insight to NYSDA activities and help to direct the recruitment and retention activities of the NYSDA. You will meet with like-minded individuals from across the state and form relationships with fellow dentists and leaders. You will have the opportunity to hone your leadership skills and learn more about organized dentistry.

SERIOUSLY, I’M REALLY BUSY! HOW MUCH TIME WILL THIS TAKE?

A few hours per month. There is an in-person and one video conference meeting a year. Staff will notify you and provide you with agenda materials in advance of the meetings. You will be reimbursed for overnight accommodations (if necessary), travel and meal expenses when attending a meeting in Albany.

WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THIS COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

The New Dentist member’s term is 2-years, up to a maximum of two consecutive terms (provided the person remains qualified as a new dentist throughout the term), based on recommendation from the New Dentist Committee and nomination by the NYSDA Board of Trustees, with election by the NYSDA House of Delegates.