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David Duncan, DDS, of Amarillo Elected as President of Texas Dental Association

AUSTIN — Dr David A. Duncan of Amarillo was recently elected by his peers as president on the 2013-14 Board of Directors of the 8,800-member Texas Dental Association (TDA). This is Dr Duncan's second year of a 3-year term.

Dr Duncan received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio Dental School in 1989. He received his Bachelor of Science from West Texas State University in 1985.

He is an active participant in all 3 levels of the organized dentistry tripartite system, which includes the Panhandle District Dental Society (PDDS) (local), the TDA (state), and the American Dental Association (ADA) (national). His past service includes serving as president of PDDS. He has also been a member of the ADA Council on Dental Practice and the TDA Board of Directors, Committee on the New Dentist, and Council on Dental Education, Trade and Ancillaries. He currently serves as a member of the TDA Council on Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.

During his tenure as president, Dr Duncan hopes to provide leadership to ensure the success of organized dentistry. "I am honored to be elected president of TDA. The Association is the Voice of Dentistry in Texas, and its dentist members provide expert care for the patients of Texas."

Dr Duncan is also a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, the International College of Dentists, and the American College of Dentists. He was awarded the TDA New Dentist Leadership Award in 1999 and nominated as the Academy of General Dentistry Dentist of the Year in 2005 and 2009.

He has been married to Janet for 30 years, and they have a son, Austin, who is a senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. Dr Duncan was an elder at Hillside Christian Church and a member of the External Relations Committee of Harrington Cancer Center, both in Amarillo. His hobbies include golf and ice hockey, and he is the team dentist for the Amarillo Bulls, a junior hockey team.

About the Texas Dental Association

Chartered in 1871, the Texas Dental Association (TDA) is the third largest state dental association in the United States. The Association has more than 8,800 members and is comprised of 26 local component dental societies grouped into 4 divisions across the state of Texas. The TDA is part of a tripartite affiliation with the American Dental Association at the national level and community dental societies at the local level.

The TDA Board of Directors, the executive body of the Association, is comprised of 15 voting members and 4 non-voting members. The executive director and the legal counsel also attend all Board meetings. The House of Delegates, the legislative body of the Association, is composed of 121 delegates representing the TDA's 26 component dental societies, members of the Board of Directors, the speaker of the house, and 1 student delegate from each of the 3 Texas dental schools.

The Association's councils and committees serve as policy recommending agencies. Each of these is assigned to study issues relating to its special area of interest and make recommendations on these matters to the Board of Directors. Actions of the Board of Directors are either ratified or amended annually by the House of Delegates. The Association's official publication is the monthly Texas Dental Journal. Published since 1883, it is the oldest continuously operating dental periodical in the Americas. The Association also publishes the TDA Today member newsletter and Smart Mouth, a patient publication, and maintains a website, tda.org. The TDA's central office in Austin, Texas, employs a full-time staff of 30 professionals managed by an executive director.

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