

## Michael Lew, D.M.D., M.A.G.D. Candidate for Secretary of the Academy of General Dentistry

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*“The best way to predict your future is to create it.”-Abraham Lincoln*

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Dr. Michael Lew

It is with excitement and humility that I ask for your support to become your next Secretary of the AGD.

*Excitement*, because I believe our AGD leadership will guide the AGD into a higher plateau for all general dentists. Whether it be improved services and benefits for our members, greater learning opportunities and educational recognition, or coordination with other dental and medical organizations to face the political and economic challenges of today and tomorrow, I believe that the next few years will be the most exciting times for growth and development in our AGD.

It is with undaunted courage that we accept these challenges that lays before us. I am ready

to assume such responsibility, and together I trust that we, both AGD volunteers and staff, can create that new levels of success. Envision this- that our AGD become the best organization of general dentists dedicated to serving our patients and our communities through education and advocacy.



Discussing the future of the AGD with our members

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*“The greatest leader is not necessarily the one who does the greatest things. He is the one that gets the people to do the greatest things.” **Ronald Reagan***

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*Humility*, because we have so many great leaders in the AGD. We are a volunteer led organization. The House sets the policy and direction. And our Councils and Committees together with guidance of the Board carries out those policies and directions. It would be my job, as your secretary to provide the servant leadership enabling us to achieve our goals for the AGD.



With AGD Trustees Drs. Sanjay Uppal, Hans Guter and Guy Hanson

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*Some men see things the way they are and ask why. Other men dream of things that never were and ask why not? - Robert Kennedy*

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The AGD is a great organization representing general dentists and their educational achievements



With Drs. Gehrig and Miller at the AGD Convocation

We have unlimited potential for our future. I want our AGD to be at the forefront of that process. I am asking you to make me part of that leadership team. I believe in servant leadership, in serving AGD for the benefit of the organization and the members. I support AGD continuing process of strategic planning and growth. If elected, I will work to further AGD's goals as decided by the House of Delegates.



Representing the AGD at a dental student rally

Like you I have struggled with intrusive government regulations, diminished insurance reimbursements, staff challenges, and other changes in our profession. This motivated me to get involved with organized dentistry to help solve the problems of the everyday general dentist.



With Congressman Paul Gosar, DDS during AGD Hill Day



Let me work with you to help our members succeed in the face our challenges through advocacy and education. Together let us build a stronger AGD with more members and programs that are second to none. With your help and support I will serve you, the members of the AGD as your Secretary. Please vote for me to become your next Secretary of the AGD.





## Biography

Michael W. Lew currently serves as Trustee representing California. He received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Berkeley in 1979, and his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania in 1983. While at Penn he was recognized as the outstanding student in both Endodontics and Dental Radiology.

Dr. Lew joined the AGD immediately after graduating from dental school, receiving his Fellowship in 1993, and his Mastership in 2007. He also has Fellowships with the Academy of Cosmetic and Adhesive Dentistry, and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists.

Dr. Lew served on the Northern California AGD Board (San Francisco) and the California AGD Board since 2003 in multiple leadership capacities. He has lead or supported membership drives, student events, socials for new dentists, task forces, and educational courses at the local and state level. He has been a delegate to the AGD House of Delegates since 2003. Nationally, Dr. Lew served the AGD on its Strategic Planning Committee and on its Membership Council. He was Regional Director from 2009 to 2014 including leading as Chair and overseeing the Leadership Conference. As Trustee, he currently participates as Board Liaison to the Membership Council, Associate Member of the Investment Committee, and Member of the Budget and Finance Committee. In 2013 Dr Lew was awarded "Dentist of the Year" by the California AGD.



Dr. Lew has also been active with the ADA. He led local study clubs for his dental society for years. Dr. Lew was Trustee to the California Dental Association (CDA), member of the TDIC (The Dentists Insurance Company) board, member of the CDA Legislative Affairs Council, and the CDA Strategic Planning Group. He was alternate delegate to the American Dental Association.

In 2005 he joined the Dental Board of California where he would chair the Continuing Education Committee and participate on the Examination Committee. At the Dental Board, Dr. Lew successfully advocated for cultural diversity in dental education and acceptance of the AGD's PACE as "dental board approved" courses in California. He was a consistent voice for the general dentist throughout many deliberations.

Dr. Lew was in private practice for 25 years before joining the State of California as a correctional health dentist.

Dr. Lew is happily married to Vivian, a professional photographer. They have three children, Bettina, a dental hygienist, Benjamin, a web programmer, and Jonathan, an account

executive for Yelp. His interests outside of dentistry include history, finance, hiking, Chinese food, and music.



## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

1979-1983

University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, PA  
Degree: D.M.D., May 1983

Award Outstanding Student in Oral Radiology

Award in Outstanding Student in Endodontics

Externship in Oral Surgery, VA Hospital, Philadelphia, PA

Externship in Oral Cancer, VA Hospital, Long Beach, CA

1975-1979

University of California, Berkeley, California

Degree: B.A. Zoology 1979

### HONORS AND AWARDS

2013

California AGD Dentist of the Year

2008

Fellow, National Commission of Correctional Healthcare

2008

Fellow, International College of Dentist

2007

Mastership, Academy of General Dentistry

2004

Fellow, American College of Dentist

2002

Fellow, Pierre Fauchard Academy

1996

Fellow, International Congress of Oral Implantologists

1991

Fellowship, Academy of General Dentistry

1983

Best Student in Endodontics, University of Pennsylvania

1983

Best Student in Oral Radiology, University of Pennsylvania

### OTHER EDUCATION OF NOTE

Pankey Institute

Fortune Management

Pride Institute

Misch Institute

Academy of Cosmetic and Adhesive Dentistry



Leading an AGD study club meeting

## MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Academy of General Dentistry  
 California Academy of General Dentistry  
 Northern California Academy of General Dentistry  
 American Dental Association  
 California Dental Association  
 Marin County Dental Society  
 American College of Dentists  
 International College of Dentists  
 Union of American Physicians and Dentists

## ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY ACTIVITIES

2014-2017

### Trustee

Member of Budget and Finance,  
 Liaison to Membership Council,  
 Guidelines Committee  
 Advisor to the Investment Committee  
 Awards Committee

2009-2014

### Regional Thirteen Dental Director

Chair of Regional Directors  
 Dr. Thaddeus Weclaw Award Committee,  
*lead the CAGD 2013 Strategic Planning Meeting;*  
*actively participated on the California AGD board*  
*wrote quarterly leadership articles for the GP News;*  
*lead the CAGD pre-Caucus and CAGD Caucus at the HOD;*  
*attended the board meetings each of the CAGD components;*

2003-2012

Board Member, California AGD  
*strategic planning committees (2003-2010)*

*delegate to the HOD (2003-2009)*  
*Vice President (2008)*  
*(2005-2008)*  
*attending the biennial AGD Leadership Conference*  
*PIO (2003-2005)*  
*Webmaster (2002-2003)*

1983-2012 Northern California, AGD Board  
*past president(2005)*

2007-2013 **AGD Membership Council,**  
 International Membership Task Force

2010-2016 **"How to be a Success in Dentistry" lectures/membership drives**  
 UCSF USC, UCLA *dental students*  
*Nashville, Tenn, AGD Annual Convention*  
*Philadelphia, Pa, AGD Annual Convention*  
*Monterey, California*  
*Microdental Laboratory (March 2011)*  
*Vacaville (October 2010)*  
*Blythe (August 2010)*

2010-2011 **Local Arrangements Committee, San Diego**

2005 **Strategic Planning Committee**

2004 Advocacy Reference Committee, AGD HOD

2003-2005 **Fellowship Exam Committee**



Sharing American Dentistry at the Dental School in Guilin, China

## ACTIVITIES IN OTHER PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

1990-2017	Host, California Dental Association Convention,
2014, 2016	Humanitarian Dental Trips, Guilin China,
2014	CDA Cares, Vallejo, California;
2012	<b>Big Sur Health Community Dental Clinic, Dental Director</b> <i>Founded by Dr. Lew January 2012</i>
2009-2012	California Dental Association, Policy Development Council, Monterey Bay Dental Society, <u>Smileline</u> Newsletter, Editor
2006-2009	<b>Dental Board of California, Chairman, CE Committee</b>
2001-2006	<b>Trustee, California Dental Association</b>
2000	Strategic Planning Committee, California Dental Association
2000	<b>President, Marin County Dental Society</b>
1995-2001	Delegate, California Dental Association House of Delegates
1998-1999	Editor,
Marin County Dental Society Newsletter	
1996-1998	MCDS,
Study Club Chairman	