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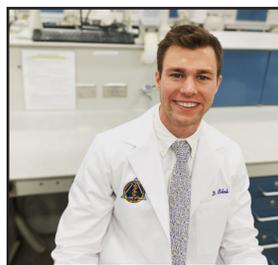
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# MEET OUR PRESIDENT

## My Trail Ends in Full Circle

Greetings to all my Wisconsin AGD colleagues!

Fifteen years ago, I was asked and voted in as the WiAGD constituent president. At that time, I wrote a welcome letter to our members asking of them to foster membership and education to and with fellow Wisconsin dentists. Much has changed since then in dentistry but the value of being an AGD dentist has not.

My journey after the presidency fifteen years ago, in education and leadership continued to where I am today. In education I volunteered to write our fellowship examination and eventually became the AGD Examination Chair. Fostering education in pathology, oral medicine, and implant dentistry took me to many places worldwide as a lecturer. I have been a semi-annual lecturer for the Wisconsin Illinois Master-Track for many years. My resume also includes lecturing at the world-famous Chicago Mid-winter meeting many times. My continued effort to educate dentists followed me to other organizations in dentistry; from Chief Examination officer for the diplomat examination in the ICOI, to my position as a faculty member working side-by-side in the Misch Implant continuum with Dr. Randolph Resnik.

My coexisting pathway in leadership especially in the AGD has been an honor and a pleasure for me. After my stint as president for the WiAGD I was elected as the Regional Director for the Michigan Wisconsin Region #9. I served this position for six years and as RD, I became the Regional Director Chair for the AGD. As RD I was honored enough to host and chair the "Leadership Conference" which fosters leadership pathways in the AGD. My term as Regional Director went to term as I then took over the position as Regional Trustee for region #9. Well that ended as my term expired after 3 years and then I took a chance to become the "Supreme Leader" in the AGD. Yes, crazy as it sounds and was, I ran for the President of our AGD. The result of that election did not go my way but hey I can say "I did it" and that will never go away.

So now I have been asked to take over as your President again, and I am honored to do so. I am also taking on the chair of our education committee to try to bring top lecturers to our local constituents.

I implore upon all of you young and old to never stop in your quest for education in dentistry. Explore the possibilities of being a valued volunteer in our organization if even to be on an AGD committee or council. If you feel like you might want to be on our board, just reach out to one of us, and we would love to have you as a board member. You can always contact me at 414-349-7244 my personal cell or [olsen.j.a@att.net](mailto:olsen.j.a@att.net) my e-mail.



Thank you all for my journey and thank you all for what you do in dentistry!

John Olsen DDS, MAGD, DICOI

# MESSAGE FROM TRUSTEE

Hello to my Wisconsin AGD Colleagues,

2022 is now in full swing for us all. As Wisconsin finally moves closer to normalcy, our practices can begin to relax our restrictions and continue our excellent service to our clients in a more customary way. AGD has been there for our members with information, webinars, personal and practice support during this tumultuous time. This assistance continues with our many programs designed to help you and your practices. I hope you have been, and are, planning to take advantage of some of your AGD member benefits.

## **Future AGD meetings:**

AGD 2023 – Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas July 19-22

AGD 2024 – Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN July 17-20

You can help our organization grow, and, be rewarded too! Refer A Colleague - Refer a new member and receive a \$50.00 coupon to use on AGD purchases (rules apply). Additional information is available here: <https://www.agd.org/member-center/refer-a-colleague>

The Wisconsin AGD Board would welcome your assistance as we continue to serve our Wisconsin Members. Volunteer to serve by emailing [Wisconsinagd@gmail.com](mailto:Wisconsinagd@gmail.com). You can attend a board meeting and see how you can help.

Let’s make 2022 a great year for everyone!

Dennis G Charnesky DDS, MAGD  
Trustee Region 9



# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) honored Wisconsin general dentist Robb A. Warren, DDS, with its 2021 Humanitarian Award. The award was presented during the 2021 House of Delegates this past November. Dr. Warren is recognized because of his dedication to the field of dentistry and his extraordinary, selfless commitment and service to his community and nationally with the Special Olympics.

The Humanitarian Service Award is presented to a dentist who contributes voluntary service in conjunction with a consistent commitment to enhancing the image of general dentistry through the continuous delivery of quality dental care. This awardee must demonstrate leadership in areas of civic involvement, exhibit a sense of responsibility toward the well-being of mankind and sacrifice his/her own interests to better serve the public.

Warren is an organizational founder of Touched Twice Ministries Madison, where he has donated over 2 million dollars in care since Warren started the program in 2005. Warren also sits on the board of directors for Affordable Dental Care (ADC), which is a non-profit clinic that offers oral care to individuals without dental insurance. He also makes dental house calls to individuals, both children and adults, who cannot physically leave their home due to physical and mental limitations but who need dire attention. Most times these services are provided pro bono.

According to Warren's wife Erin, he wants to create an impact for people who are "not seen" and he continues to search for ways he can make anything better or more efficient in serving the community, especially in a way that values the hearts and needs of others. His dream is to have dental services available in every hospital to address the emergency and trauma needs. In doing so this would create a long-term dental home focusing on prevention. He believes dentistry should not be a luxury but available to everyone as he says "too often dental issues keep people from enjoying everyday life, and that needs to change."



Warren's motto: "The most valuable thing you have is your time and your unique talent, if we each find a way to share those to serve others, the world will be a better place."

To read the full article, go to <https://www.agd.org/about-agd/publications-news/agd-news-details>

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## **Commorating: Ginny Scott: Immediate Past President & Editor**

Dr. Ginny Scott joined the AGD as soon as she graduated in 1993. She has always believed in the value of continuing education and the AGD impressed her with their similar value and endorsement of life time education. Dr. Scott received her Fellowship Award in 1998 and her Mastership Award in 2014. She joined the WiAGD Board in 2014 and was volunteered for the position of the newsletter editor of The Mirror. Ginny maintained that position until 2021. While the editor, the WiAGD newsletter won the AGD's Award for Excellence twice and was the runner up one year. She joined the Continuing Education committee in 2018 until 2021. Dr. Scott became Vice President in 2019, and the President in 2020 and 2021. For four years, she was an active participant to the House of Delegates, and in 2021 she became active in advocacy and represented the WiAGD speaking at the Wisconsin House and Senate.

We would like to thank Dr. Scott for her dedication to the Academy of General Dentistry, especially our Wisconsin Constituent!

## **Star of the North**

Dr. Richard B. Winter recently lectured at Star of the North conference in Minnesota this Spring. Dr. Winter lectured on various topics including Removable and Fixed Solutions with dentures, implant dentures, over dentures, and fixed dentures.





# PREMIERE CONTINUING EDUCATION PARTNER: D&S DENTAL LAB

The Wisconsin AGD would like to acknowledge and thank D&S Dental Lab for their continuing support of our CE programs. Particularly during the trying times of this pandemic, they have supported you and the Wisconsin AGD. We look forward to continuing working with D&S Lab. Congratulations on 50 years!

## TOOTH TALK

Hello!

My name is Mackenzie Schneider, and I want to introduce myself as the new editor of The Mirror and the Wisconsin AGD. I completed my undergraduate studies at Marquette University and graduated from the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health in 2020. I am now practicing as a third generation dentist in Burlington, Wisconsin. I was very involved in the Arizona AGD while in dental school, and I am very excited to now be a part of the WI AGD.

I am honored to be an active member of the Academy of General Dentistry and am grateful for the community and opportunities it has provided me. I am passionate about continuing education and am currently working towards my Fellowship in the AGD. I love helping others find the value in the organization, especially students. If you want to become more involved, are curious about what events are coming up, or want to connect, please reach out to me! I am happy to help!

I can be reached at [mackenzieschneider.dmd@gmail.com](mailto:mackenzieschneider.dmd@gmail.com).



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Our advocacy effort on behalf of all our WI AGD members have met with success! Our efforts to resist the passage of the misguided Midlevel Provider bill have been successful so far. Our support of the EFDA, Expanded Function Dental Assistants, bill helped lead to the passage of this legislation. This bill should make our offices function more efficiently and profitably. Governor Evers invited us to the signing of the EFDA bill in Madison. It was a very impressive upbeat ceremony with many supporters beyond the WDA and AGD present.

Recently the Wisconsin Dental Association has annually invited us to their board meetings. This communication has led to the best relations the AGD and ADA in many decades. I believe this strengthens both our organizations. We both want the best for our members and patients!

-Lou Boryc



-Pictured is Dr Lou Boryc with the Governor Evers at the signing of the EFDA bill.

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Since the signing of the EFDA bill by Gov. Evers, attention has now turned over to the Wisconsin Dental Examining Board. It is their responsibility to codify the regulatory standards for training and licensing of expanded duty dental assistants. This process is likely to take upwards of two years. Also, the DEB is considering extending the controlled substances prescribing continuing education requirement for dental narcotic prescribers. The decision will be made at the next DB meeting scheduled for July. Look for this requirement to be in place for the next licensing cycle in the fall of 2022.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (HS) has finally issued report regarding the Dental Pilot Program that provided enhanced funding for Medicaid dental services for Brown, Polk, Racine, Marathon counties. Almost \$72 million was spent during the 2016–2018 study period. In the eyes of the DHS the results were mixed, there were significant increases in provider numbers in Brown and Marathon counties but not a significant decrease in dental ER visits when compared to non-pilot counties. The conclusion stated “overall, the pilot program confirms findings in previous literature, that an increase in Medicaid payment appears necessary but not sufficient to improve access to dental services”. The legislature did their part this past year in approving an almost 40% increase in the Medicaid budget for dental services, but it will likely take more funding to significantly close the access gap.

Delta Dental in California has instituted a provider rating system that they will be posting on their provider profiles for their members enrolled in their plans. Basically what Delta is doing is putting ratings on providers so that their employers who purchase the plans can “make informed decisions” on who to go to obtain their care. This process is being monitored carefully and there will be dialogue with Delta Dental of Wisconsin concerning this program. Also of note, there’s been interest in this program with Delta entities in North Carolina and Illinois. Keep this on your radar screen if you are a Delta provider.

-Chris Hansen



-Pictured is Dr Lou Boryc with the WDA president, Dr. Paula Crum, and delegation at the signing of the EFDA bill.

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# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Brett Barton DDS  
Daniella Eglash DDS  
Jonathan Aiuppa DMD  
Kirsten Farr DMD  
Jeffrey Niedziela DDS  
Nadia Ahmed DDS  
Christopher Visaya DDS  
Charles Ariza DDS

Jan Bublik DDS  
Victorian Gokee DDS  
Cynthia Riffle DDS  
Ahmer Shah DDS  
Karen Wang DDS  
Keerthi Shabadu DDS  
Jordan Annis DDS  
Maria Paz DDS  
Jigeesha Mopidevi DDS  
Nadia Ahmed DDS

## New Student Members

The Marquette Student Chapter recruited over 40 new student  
members since January 2022!

WiAGD Board WELCOMES these new members!

Questions as a new member? Contact me!

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