

MICHAEL J SAFIAN, D.D.S.

Candidate for ADA 2nd Vice President — Making the ADA Essential Again



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Making the ADA Essential Again

THE CHALLENGE

- PPO abuses, network leasing, and administrative burden are breaking independent practice.
- Young dentists face crushing debt and uncertain futures.
- Corporate platforms are increasingly setting the rules of our profession.

WHY I'M RUNNING

Dentistry has given me everything. A career I love. A practice I built from nothing. The privilege of training the next generation of oral surgeons at Yale. And last October, the honor of serving this House as Chair of Reference Committee A — where you saw firsthand how I lead: clearly, calmly, and in service of every person in that room.

I am not running to add a title to my wall. I have been fortunate enough in this profession that I do not need one. I am running because I believe the ADA can be more than it currently is — and I know how to help get it there. Not for me. For all of us.

545-53-17-1 — WHAT IT MEANS

545 component societies. 53 constituents. 17 districts. 1 ADA. This is the architecture of our profession — and every level matters. Effective ADA leadership must understand and serve the entire structure, from the local component all the way to the national body. I have served at every level, and I will lead with every level in mind.

THE REAL PROBLEM

The ADA does not have a messaging problem. It has a relevance problem. When an institution truly improves people's lives — protects their livelihoods, fights their battles, and earns their trust — people do not ignore it. Making the ADA essential again means delivering real value to every dentist, at every career stage, every single year.

A DIFFERENT KIND OF LEADER

Most candidates ask you to imagine what their leadership looks like. You have already seen mine — right here in this House. I led Reference Committee A clearly and calmly, in service of this entire body. That is exactly how I will serve as your 2nd Vice President: not for recognition, but for the profession that has given me so much.

DR. MICHAEL J SAFIAN | ADA 2ND VICE PRESIDENT

Platform, Credentials & Vision

PLATFORM & VISION

Fix the Economics of Practice

Coordinate national advocacy against PPO abuses, network leasing, and non-covered service clauses. Build practical economic defense tools for members.

Rebuild Membership Value

Deliver career-stage specific value for students, early-career dentists, owners, and late-career professionals. Membership should feel like an asset, not a tax.

Lead on Technology & AI

Establish ethical and clinical frameworks that protect dentist autonomy and prevent commoditization in the age of AI and digital dentistry.

Protect the Professional Core

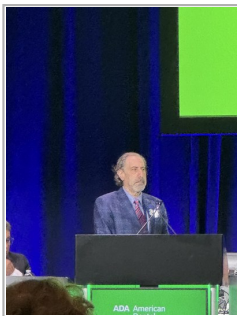
Advance access to care through dentist-led, team-based models while maintaining non-negotiable standards for quality and patient safety.

Modernize ADA Governance

Make the organization faster, clearer, and more responsive while preserving democratic legitimacy and reducing internal complexity.

Champion the Next Generation

Ensure the ADA speaks directly to the needs of students and early-career dentists — informed by years teaching residents at Yale.



Chairing Reference Committee A, ADA House of Delegates 2025



With residents in oral surgery, general practice & pediatric dentistry

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

Clinical Excellence: Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon. Founder & owner, Center for Oral & Implant Surgery, Shelton CT (2004–present). Board Certified ABOMS, recertified 2026.

National ADA Leadership: House of Delegates Delegate & CT Delegation Leader. Reference Committee A Chair, 2025. ADA Audit Committee & ERISA Task Force.

Education: Associate Program Director, Yale-New Haven Hospital OMS Residency. Two-time Bernard Levine Teaching Award. ABOMS Oral Certifying Exam Co-Chair (2026–2028).

State Leadership: Past President, CSDA (2023–2024). Speaker of the House, CSDA (2025–2028). Past President, CT Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons.

Fellowships: Fellow: American College of Dentists, International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy. BBA Finance, Adelphi University.

I am asking for your vote — not for me, but for all of us.

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