



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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"There's no such thing as a one-sided committed relationship."

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My last president's letter focused on reasons why you should be a member of Texas AGD - what the Texas AGD brings to you and does for you. This time I would like to look at the opposite side of the coin. Membership in an association constitutes a "relationship" between the member and the organization. We all know that for any relationship to be successful, each side must contribute.

So... what type of things could be considered responsibilities of the member toward the association?

- 1) Actively promoting the Texas AGD. I engage other doctors frequently in a variety of settings and I am an unabashed promoter of what I consider the BEST dental organization in the state of Texas.
- 2) Supporting your local component's social and CE events, both with attendance and promoting to your colleagues.
- 3) Thoughtfully filling out the surveys that are sent to you from Texas AGD and your local component. There are many volunteers working very hard on your behalf. Those surveys are an invaluable source of information used to produce and provide value to our members. Please do the same for the evaluations we ask for at the end of CE events. Again, they are invaluable sources of information.
- 4) Becoming a volunteer. There are multiple ways in which to contribute. You could serve on a committee that deals with an area of interest to you such as education, membership, advocacy or social. You could also serve in a leadership position. There are opportunities at the local, state and national levels.
- 5) For those in Dallas, San Antonio or Houston, visiting the FellowTrack programs at the dental schools and interacting with/mentoring the students, or giving a lecture to one of our New Dentist Study Clubs. There is no greater satisfaction than mentoring our younger colleagues – and it pays future dividends for our profession.
- 6) Fulfilling your personal journey by acquiring the Fellowship and Mastership Awards. These designations are known by everyone in dentistry as proof of your personal commitment to the ethos of your profession.

These are a few ideas about how to fulfill the member's side of the relationship. As always I look forward to seeing and speaking to you at the events around the state, and hearing ideas you have about fulfilling your half of this relationship. Congratulations on being a member of the FINEST dental organization in the State of Texas – and that "ranking" doesn't happen without all of our commitment!