



2020 is such a year of unexpected change and impressive adaptation in our industry and in our state!

Thank you to those who participated in our WSDLA Zoom Meeting on May 1st. It was heartwarming to see many of your faces and share our stories during such an unprecedented time. It is moments like those that I am extremely grateful to be a part of this great organization. Thank you!

Back in March, the WSDLA Board acted quickly to reschedule our 2020 NW Lab Forum because of COVID-19 concerns and then pivoted AGAIN when the situation continued to move our event to the fall. We are on track to hold the forum from **October 30 – November 1, 2020**. The Embassy Suites Seattle/Bellevue is working hard to make sure all the appropriate safety measures are in place for the forum. Thanks for staying tuned and trusting us to have your best interests at heart! Mark your calendars and look for more details as we get closer to the event. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the forum in October!!

Speaking of looking ahead...we have one more upcoming workshop on the radar (date TBD) about the new WSDLA Dental Laboratory Registration law. The long-awaited Washington State House bill 1177 was passed in April 2019, made effective July 2019, and the Department of Health (DOH) is currently finalizing the implementation process. WSDLA is working closely with DOH to help ensure the responsibilities of laboratory owners are easy to implement and comply with this new law. The upcoming effective date of January 31, 2021 makes it even more important to determine how to register and become compliant with the new law. I'm excited to imagine the possibilities for how this legislation will positively impact our industry!

If you have questions about dental laboratory registration in the State of Washington, please let me know.

Enjoy the summer and stay healthy so I can see you all at the forum this fall!!!

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