

Report of the President - 2017

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4 As president of the HDA this last year, I can truly say it has been a challenging year. The year
5 started with Dr. Steve Wilhite working hard to temporarily assist our staff while we continued
6 the search for our new executive director. After a lengthy and exhaustive search, we welcomed
7 our new Executive Director, Kim Nguyen, in March. Kim has proven to be a great fit with the
8 HDA and has hit the ground running as our new ED.
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10 The HDA had another successful annual meeting this year with the introduction of our free
11 ethics class which was a great hit. The meeting was well attended overall, and we received a lot
12 of positive feedback from our vendors and attendees.
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14 In August, I attended the Western States Presidents conference in McCall, Idaho. This event
15 rotates between the thirteen western states and it's by far the best interactive brainstorming
16 meeting I attended throughout the year.
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18 Early in the year, we finally obtained official 501c3 status for the Hawaii Dental Association
19 Foundation. The HDA Foundation is set up to be the non-profit, community service arm of our
20 association. Kim Nguyen has been a valuable asset in the organizational and policy area during
21 this process.
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23 Lastly, we worked to iron out the logistics of moving the House of Delegates to coincide with
24 our annual meeting. This change has given me the pleasure of an extra two months as President.
25 It truly has been my honor and privilege to serve the Hawaii Dental Association this past year. I
26 know that Dr. Robert Baysa will provide excellent leadership next year and I look forward to
27 great 2018.
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33 2016-2017 HDA President
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