

Report of the President – 2020

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4 I would like to begin by thanking the HDA Board of Trustees, incoming President Dr. Patsy
5 Fujimoto, Executive Director Ms. Kim Nguyen, and Legislative Consultant Ms. Melissa
6 Pavlicek for their guidance, expertise, experience, and support during this challenging year.
7 Together, and with guidance from the ADA, we were able to navigate how to deal with the
8 COVID-19 pandemic, keeping our members safe and informed when there were no precedents to
9 reference or clear paths to follow.

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11 We were fortunate to have our largest revenue producing event, the HDA Convention, prior to
12 COVID-19. Travel restrictions prevented our officers, trustees, and delegates from attending
13 their scheduled HDA/ADA in person meetings, caucuses, and the 2020 ADA House of
14 Delegates. Although on site interactions were sorely missed, the savings on travel and venue
15 expenses were significant. Combined with healthy reserves, this should give us a bit of
16 breathing room for the financial uncertainties in 2021.

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18 Events surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the value of being a member of
19 organized dentistry more than any other time in recent history. As HDA President, I witnessed
20 firsthand how all components of the ADA tripartite worked together, going above and beyond
21 the call, to strongly advocate for dentists. I've learned, through this process, that we need a
22 strong, united voice to support us in the face of fear mongering and subversive rhetoric from the
23 media and other organizations.

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25 It has been an honor serving as your HDA President during this unprecedented time. I would
26 have much preferred a quiet year, but this was a great learning experience. I am grateful for all
27 of the support received, and I will continue to serve you as Immediate Past President in whatever
28 capacity is needed. Best wishes for 2021.

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31 Respectfully Submitted,

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34 Wayne S.H. Leong, D.D.S.
35 2020 HDA President