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## President's Message Dr. Nicole Sawatzke



Hello GMDA Members!

The fall season is always busy as we kick off our year with many fabulous events. I hope you were able to attend our social and CE events.

In September, we hosted our Fall Social and welcomed WDA President Dr. Chris Hansen (Manitowoc) to our association. Dr. Hansen mingled with members during cocktail hour and then spoke on the WDA's current activities and future advocacy priorities. This event was well attended, thank you to everyone who made it an interactive social event!

The GMDA hosted our fall CE event in October, which was attended by 40 of our members. Both of our speakers, Mike Karegeannes and Jennie Herklotz, introduced how their practice specialties influence treatment when managing patients with TMD. Stay tuned for our 2025 CE events!

GMDA delegates recently represented our region at the WDA's House of Delegates (HOD) in Eau Claire. This year

we had three new delegates attend. All three commented on their positive experience engaging with our local region and the WDA. Priorities for this year's HOD was to review the Bylaws and adopt the WDA Governance Manual. This manual is organized to contain the WDA's general governance, organizational policies, and processes. The amended manual was adopted and will be available to members. We also celebrated three of our GMDA members who were elected into new positions. Dr. Monica Hebl won a contested election for ADA 9th District Trustee, Dr. Cheska Avery-Stafford ended her second term as Region 3 trustee and was elected as WDA Vice President, and Dr. Charlie Stoianovici was elected Region 3 Trustee. Congratulations to GMDA member, Dr. Lisa Teel who was honored at the WDA Presidents Gala with an award in Leadership and Mentorship.

Our annual Holiday Party is on Thursday, December 5th at the Milwaukee Yacht Club. We are looking forward to a festive evening with cocktails, dinner, live music, and our annual raffle. This year proceeds from the raffle will support the Marquette Chapter of Dental Brigades to support their upcoming service trip to Panama. A few Pre-Dental Scholars from Marquette will be in attendance at our holiday party to help with the sale of raffle tickets while also sharing their involvement with this student lead organization. They are donating an autographed Packers football to our raffle so get ready to buy your tickets!

Finally, the GMDA's executive board would like to make you aware of a new position. This GMDA Advisory Board Position was created and unanimously passed by vote to be adopted at our October board meeting. Please read the description of this position as listed below, if you qualify and are interested in serving on the GMDA Advisory Board,

please submit your interest to me via email at [nicole.a.sawatzke@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.a.sawatzke@gmail.com).

### **GMDA Advisory Board Position**

- Is a member in good standing of the GMDA/WDA/ADA
- Has served on the Executive Board of the GMDA and/or has served as WDA Trustee for Region 3
- Stays informed about GMDA matters, can provide input/comment on minutes and reports
- Appointed by the GMDA Board
- Attends a minimum of 6 out of 9 GMDA Board Mtgs.
- Recommendation for 3 Advisors that will work together to ensure adequate coverage at each meeting (at least two advisors present) and be available to assist the board in making decisions by providing background information when needed.
- Not a voting member
- Familiar with basic Parliamentary procedure
- Provides guidance in matters of the Election/Ballot annually
- Assists with interpreting GMDA Bylaws
- Attends at least 50% of GMDA Events
- 3 year term with no term limits

I look forward to seeing you at our Holiday Party! Please check your email and follow the GMDA on Facebook and Instagram ([gmda\\_milwaukee](https://www.instagram.com/gmda_milwaukee)) for updates relating to future CE events and social events!



Drs. Swathi Golla, Mike Grady, Angela Lueck, Eddie Morales, Andy Smith, Sirisha Pulapaka, Nicole Sawatzke, Emily Eckdahl, Charlie Krenzke, Charlie Stoianovici, Marybeth Francis, Katie Satula, John Moser, Cheska Avery-Stafford, Tom Raimann, Bridget Mackey, Monica Hebl and Geoff Ganzman

# WDA House of Delegates Meeting Eau Claire, WI Nov 8th and 9th



WDA Speaker of the House, Dr. Monica Hebl



Region 3 Trustees  
Drs. Cheska Avery-Stafford  
and Angela Lueck



WIDPAC Chair  
Dr. Emily Eckdahl



Pierre Fauchard  
Academy Inductees  
Drs. Emily Eckdahl,  
Charlie Stoianovici and  
Swathi Golla



At-Large Trustees Drs. Eddie Morales (Left) and Andy Smith (Right) with GMDA Board member Geoff Ganzman



Dr. Cheska Avery-Stafford, Deanne Wecker, Drs. Angela Lueck, Katie Satula, Emily Eckdahl, Laura Lux and Bridget Mackey



Drs. Swathi Golla, Monica Hebl  
And Dr. Sirisha Pulapaka



Drs. Angela Lueck and  
Nicole Sawatzke



# DENTAL BRIGADES Marquette

Join the largest movement for global health and economic development.

## What is Dental Brigades at Marquette?

- Mobile medical & dental clinics and preventative health workshops are implemented within partner communities through the utilization of student and health professional volunteers participating in 7 day volunteer trips called "Dental Brigades."
- All campus involvements are student-run and directed with the supervision of a Marquette educational staff
- Service trips also give the opportunity to include college undergraduate students not at Marquette to go if their university does not offer this opportunity

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## **NEW LAW** U.S. Beneficial Ownership Information Registry Now Accepting Reports

***Existing Companies must file by Jan 1, 2025.***

***New Companies Must File Within 90 Days of Creation or Registration***

WASHINGTON –U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) began accepting [beneficial ownership information reports](#). The bipartisan Corporate Transparency Act, enacted in 2021 to curb illicit finance, requires many companies doing business in the United States to report information about the individuals who ultimately own or control them to protect our economic and national security. According to Secretary of the Treasury, Janet L. Yellen, “Corporate anonymity enables money laundering, drug trafficking, terrorism, and corruption. It harms American citizens and puts law-abiding small businesses at a disadvantage. Having a centralized database of beneficial ownership information will allow us to tackle the scourge of illicit finance enabled by opaque corporate structures.”

Filing is simple, secure, and free of charge.

Beneficial ownership information reporting is not an annual requirement. A report only needs to be submitted once, unless the filer needs to update or correct information. Generally, reporting companies must provide four pieces of information about each beneficial owner:

- name
- date of birth
- address
- the identifying number and issuer from either a non-expired U.S. driver’s license, a non-expired U.S. passport, or a non-expired identification document issued by a State (including a U.S. territory or possession), local government, or Indian tribe. If none of those documents exist, a non-expired foreign passport can be used. An image of the document must also be submitted.

FinCEN’s [Small Entity Compliance Guide](#) walks small businesses through the requirements in plain language.

**File at this website:** <https://boiefiling.fincen.gov>



# The WDA Foundation is YOUR Foundation

The Wisconsin Dental Association (WDA) Foundation is YOUR Foundation, created by, and for, Wisconsin dentists. The WDA Foundation was created in 1957 in response to dentists' requests for a way to provide tax-deductible contributions to charitable, scientific and educational oral health endeavors – particularly in the dental science and public health arenas. The WDA Foundation currently supports seven charitable programs that help the dental professionals of today & tomorrow, as well as the community at large.

## How can you help the Foundation?

In three different ways: VOLUNTEER. GIVE. EDUCATE OTHERS.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Put your talents and empathy for others in need into action by becoming a WDA Foundation volunteer. Volunteer opportunities include:

- Serve as a volunteer in the Donated Dental Services program
- Serve as a volunteer at the Mission of Mercy event
- Serve on the Foundation Board of Directors or one of its committees
- Serve as a volunteer raising contributions for the Mission Member – Annual Support Campaign

### **GIVE**

The contribution you make today will help make a difference in the oral health and lives of thousands of underserved children and adults in Wisconsin, as well as support dental professionals to assure that quality oral health care will be available today and for the future. Learn more at:

<https://www.wda.org/wda-foundation>

### **EDUCATE OTHERS**

Knowledge is power. Become familiar with the programs & services offered by the WDA Foundation and share these with your colleagues. Don't let YOUR Foundation remain one of the best-kept secrets.

Please join me in this journey to make the WDA Foundation the most impactful it can be!

Mark Spiegelhoff  
WDA Foundation Executive Director

# Trustee Report November 2024

By Region 3 Trustees

Drs. Angela Lueck and Charles Stoianovici

The WDA House of Delegates took place November 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> in Eau Claire. We would like to thank all of the Region 3 delegates/ alternates that participated: Drs. Emily Eckdahl, Marybeth Francis, Geoffrey Ganzman, Charlie Krenzke, Swathi Golla, Tom Raimann, Mike Grady, Bridget Mackey, Rick Mueller, Sirisha Pulapaka, Katie Satula, Nicole Sawatzke, and Charles Stoianovici. Please thank them for dedicating their time and efforts in helping to serve the members of the WDA and Region 3.

Dr. Avery-Stafford served her final year in her 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term as Region 3 Trustee and she has now been elected at the WDA Vice President. Dr. Charlie Stoianovici is now your new Trustee for Region 3 along with Dr. Angela Lueck, who has one year left on her 2<sup>nd</sup> three-year term as Trustee. If you are interested in becoming involved as a future Trustee, please reach out to us to answer any questions and let us know you are interested.

Two thirds of WDA's Legislative and Administrative Policy Guide has been reviewed and updated and the final one-third will be completed by the 2025 HOD and then reviewed periodically in the future to keep the guide up-to-date.

Legislative priorities for the upcoming year include Virtual Credit Card, Network Leasing, Medical Loss Ratio, Special Needs Adults, as well as the scope for Expanded Function Dental Assistants.

An update on EFDA programs: CVTC-Eau Claire has graduated 2 cohorts already, with up to 5 cohorts/year. Madison, WTC-La

Crosse, and MATC began programs this fall with FVTC-Appleton, NTC-Wausau, NWTC-Green Bay, WCTC and Northwood-Rice Lake beginning in 2025.

As a result of the WDA's legislative successes of 2023-2024 the state's technical schools received 20 million dollars to dedicate to increasing the numbers of dental auxiliary programs throughout WI. This will allow our technical colleges to graduate 200 more dental auxiliaries/year which includes assistants and hygienists to help with the shortage throughout the state. There will also be three new hygiene programs which have opened or are planning to open soon.

The WDA plans to launch a member-only Facebook group in 2025 as well as a texting platform. We can also look forward to a Dental Day at the Zoo in 2025.

Three of our GMDA members were inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy breakfast on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>: Drs. Emily Eckdahl, Swathi Golla, and Charles Stoianovici.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS to our past WDA and GMDA President, Dr. Monica Hebl, who won the ADA's 9<sup>th</sup> District Trustee position. We know that she will well represent the members of both Wisconsin and Michigan at the national level.

Our new WDA President, Dr Thomas Reid gave a wonderful speech at the HOD meeting where he provided two memorable quotes: "If you can't love yourself, how in the hell are you going to love somebody else" RuPaul, and "Love thy neighbor as thyself" from Matthew Chapter 22. As we enter into this holiday season, please remember how much we have to be thankful for and how blessed we are. Take care of yourself, your family, your patients, your friends, and your community in 2025.

# GMDA Social September 26<sup>th</sup> Featuring WDA President Dr. Chris Hansen at South 2nd



GMDA Board Members with Dr. Chris Hansen Drs. Rick Mueller, Geoff Ganzman, Swathi Golla, Nicole Sawatzke, Angela Lueck, Heather Harris, Chris Hansen, Bridget Mackey, John Triggs



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YOU ARE INVITED TO

# THE GMDA'S HOLIDAY PARTY

DINNER | COCKTAILS | RAFFLE

MILWAUKEE YACHT CLUB

1700 N LINCOLN MEMORIAL DRIVE

THURSDAY    \$100    DECEMBER 5th

6:00PM - COCKTAILS

7:15PM - DINNER

8:00PM - RAFFLE





# WDA Legislative Day

## February 26, 2025

WDA Legislative Day takes place every odd-numbered year, when hundreds of Wisconsin dentists and Marquette University School of Dentistry students gather in Madison for a morning session focusing on the WDA's legislative efforts and priorities. After lunch, they spend the afternoon at the Capitol, meeting with lawmakers and staff and advocating for issues important to dentistry.

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Registration Information Coming Soon

<https://www.wda.org/advocacy/legislative-day>

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