

House of Delegates
California Dental Hygiene Association Meeting
June 3- June 6, 2022
Sacramento California

Attending the house of delegates meeting in Sacramento with so many important figures was an exciting event that spanned three days involving introductions, elections, updating of bylaws, proposing resolutions, and planning a budget. This was an important yearly meeting of professionals and students who would pave a path for the future and future allowable duties of the field of dental hygiene. I was able to meet these figures such as CDHA president Kathy Kane, President-elect Vicky Kimbrough, and Immediate past president Heidi Coogan. Conversation on issues with these important figures in the field of dental hygiene opened the potential for involvement in future leadership and delegation.

As the CDHA representative for West LA College, I had the privilege of traveling to Sacramento and having sponsorship by the CDHA for the weekend meeting and activities. I had the pleasure of traveling and congregating with my fellow classmates and colleagues Paul Kim (WLAC DH President) and Joan Pham (WLAC DH VP). We would be vital in bringing back information about the discussion and observations we made during our time attending the three-day meeting. On our first night there we were introduced along with all the committee members, we would be instructed as

far as our roles as students. We went through the schedule of events and important milestones from the previous year. The following day we would attend introductions of the candidates for elected positions within the CDHA and go through the list of actions such as criteria for allowing professional membership. One of the most important factors of this meeting was a bill (Assembly Bill (AB) 2276) that would allow unlicensed dental assistants the ability to coronal polish and place sealants. This bill was rejected as the importance of having proper education and knowledge is key in providing the best care possible. On the third and final day we voted on many budget issues and elected new officials for the committee. I met many students from around California Dental Hygiene Schools and was surprised that our school was one of the two Bachelor of Science Degrees in California. This made me proud to have been accepted to our program and am grateful for the education I am receiving.

In conclusion I look forward to attending meetings and being a long term member of the CDHA and other professional organizations as they provide CE courses, education and resources for our profession. Being part of this organization will also allow me to promote it and help others join and allow to enjoy the benefits of belonging to this organization.