

# MINNESOTA DENTAL ASSISTANTS ASSOCIATION

## *CATALYST*

### *Summer 2025*



Greetings to All,

As President of the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association, it is an honor to serve and represent such a passionate, skilled, and dedicated group of professionals. Each of you plays a vital role in delivering quality oral healthcare, and together, we continue to elevate the profession of dental assisting throughout our great state.

This year, our focus remains on education, advocacy, and engagement. We are committed to providing opportunities for continuing education, keeping you informed about legislative developments that impact our scope of practice, and creating spaces where dental assistants can connect, support, and grow with one another.

I encourage you to stay involved—whether by attending events, contributing your voice to important conversations, or mentoring the next generation of dental assistants. Your participation strengthens our profession and ensures we continue to move forward with purpose and pride.

Thank you for your commitment to excellence and to the MnDAA. Let's continue to inspire and empower each other in the months ahead.

Warm regards,

*Wendy*

Wendy Ahles, LDA, MnDAA President



Hello Everyone,

Happy Fall!! I am excited to step into the role of President-Elect for the Minnesota Dental Assistants Association. It is a privilege to serve such a passionate and dedicated group of professionals, who make a real difference in the lives of patients every single day.

As we look ahead, I am committed to supporting the growth and advancement of our profession through continuing education, advocacy, and strong community connections. Dental Assistants are vital members of the dental team, and together, we will continue to elevate our role, expand our impact, and ensure our voices are heard.

In the months ahead, I look forward to collaborating with MnDAA Board, and all of you to strengthen our Association and build an even brighter future for dental assisting in Minnesota. Whether you are new to the profession or a seasoned veteran, your involvement matters and your voice counts.

The MnDAA Executive Board is excited to bring back continuing education meetings, celebrating our 100 years and so much more. Stay tuned for more information to come!

I welcome your ideas, feedback and participation as we move forward together.

Sincerely,

*Kelli*

Kelli Olson, LDA, MnDAA President Elect



Are you enthusiastic about advancing the dental assisting profession in Minnesota? Do you want to help shape the future of our Association and contribute your voice and talents to the dental community?

The Minnesota Dental Assistants Association (MnDAA) is currently seeking dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers to serve on our Board of Directors and committees. Whether you have a few hours a month or are looking for a leadership opportunity, there is a place for you !

We are looking for individuals who are:

- Committed to promoting the dental assisting profession.
- Eager to collaborate and share ideas.
- Ready to grow professionally and personally.
- Willing to bring their energy and insights to the table.

Available opportunities include:

- Student Involvement/Schools
- Sponsorship
- Oral Cancer Walk
- Bylaws/Manual of Procedures

Your involvement can make a meaningful difference in the lives of dental assistants across Minnesota. Plus, volunteering with MnDAA is a great way to expand your network, develop leadership skills, and give back to your profession.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please contact us at [info@mndausa.org](mailto:info@mndausa.org). We will be happy to discuss the roles and help you find a spot that fits your interests and availability.

Thank you for being part of the MnDAA community—we hope you will consider joining us in this exciting work!

## **Make a Difference – Volunteer in Dental Assisting!**

Are you ready to give back, learn new skills, and make meaningful connections? Volunteering in dental assisting offers the chance to support patients, work alongside dental professionals, and contribute to healthier smiles in your community. Whether you're a student looking for hands-on experience or a professional wanting to share your expertise, your time and talents can make a lasting impact. Join us and be part of something truly rewarding!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Oral Cancer Walk**

Saturday September 27, 2025

Thomas Lake Park, Eagan Mn

9:00-1:00

<https://ocf.donordrive.com/twincities>

#### **Compassion Roseville Health Clinic**

Saturday November 8, 2025

Roseville Area Middle School

15 County B2 Road East, Little Canada, MN 55113

9:00-4:00

Compassion Roseville 2025 Clinical Volunteer

Registration: <https://compassionconnect.regfox.com/compassion-roseville-2025-clinical-volunteer-registration>



### 🦷 **Sharpen Your Skills & Your Smile!**

The future of dental assisting is bright—and so are you! Join us for our upcoming **Continuing Education** sessions, proudly hosted by MnDAA. Whether you're brushing up on the latest techniques, staying ahead of industry trends, or networking with your peers, this is your chance to grow, connect, and shine.

💡 Earn CE credits, expand your knowledge, and leave inspired. Because when dental assistants level up, the whole practice smiles!

📅 Stay tuned, we are putting our CE schedule together—your next step in professional excellence starts here!

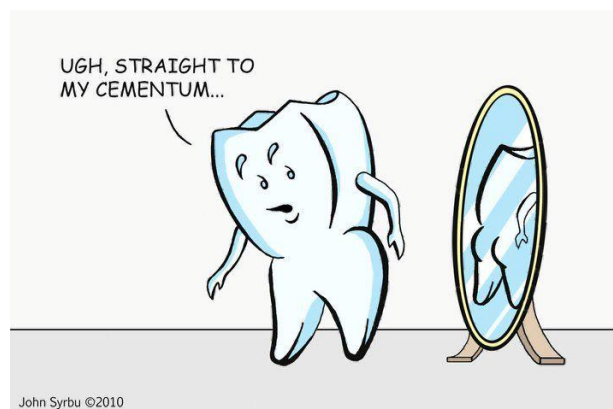
## **EXTRA EXTRA**

MnDAA is on the web.

Visit us at: [www.mndausa.org](http://www.mndausa.org)

Sign up for the newsletter and other information to be emailed to you!

If you have something that you would like to put on the website please contact [kelliolson84@gmail.com](mailto:kelliolson84@gmail.com)



## MnDAA Executive Board

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