

Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association

Policy: **01-09 Advocacy Director**

Program: **Board of Directors- 01**

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Purpose: To clarify the duties and responsibilities of the Advocacy Director.

Policy: The duties and responsibilities of the Advocacy Director shall include:

- Duties listed in section 01-01
- Stay current with Regional Component events
- Attend Regional Component and Constituent events when possible
- Serve a two-year term

Promotion

- Seek out opportunities to promote oral health, access to health care, the dental hygiene profession, and ODHA.
- Educate dental hygiene students and professionals about advocacy skills and strategies.

Communication

- Educate dental hygiene students and professionals about state regulation of dentistry and regulatory issues related to dental hygiene.
- Maintain ongoing communication with ADHA Government Relations.

Legislative

- Develop legislative agenda for approval by ODHA Board of Directors.
- Recommend position on legislative proposals & bills for approval by ODHA Board of Directors.
- Collaborate with key stakeholders regarding legislative proposals & bills.
- Monitor progress of bills related to dental hygiene and oral health that are being considered by Oregon Legislature.
- Identify ODHA members to be key contacts for Oregon legislators.
- Recommend that ODHA Board of Directors retain lobbying services as needed.
- File quarterly reports with Oregon Government Ethics Committee if ODHA employs a lobbyist

Board of Dentistry

- Attend meetings of the Oregon Board of Dentistry and report pertinent information to ODHA Board of Directors.
- Meet with members of the Oregon Board of Dentistry as needed.
- Recommend ODHA representatives for the standing committees of the Oregon Board of Dentistry to be appointed by the ODHA President.
- Submit agenda items for the Dental Hygiene Committee of the Oregon Board of Dentistry.
- Recommend new members for the Oregon Board of Dentistry with approval of the ODHA Board of Directors.

Alliances

- Establish and maintain positive relationships with key stakeholders including other healthcare providers, professional associations, government agencies coalitions, and advocacy groups.
- Encourage ODHA members to participate in other organizations that support ODHA mission and goals.
- Recommend ODHA members to serve on agencies, boards, coalitions and other strategic groups that support ODHA mission and goals.

Procedure: As prescribed by the ODHA Bylaws, the Advocacy Director will be elected to a two-year term, to alternate with the Membership Director.