



Jacob K Lee, DDS, AAPD Western District Trustee Report

It is a tremendous honor to be elected to serve as your AAPD Western District Trustee (2018-2021). The Western District encompasses the states of Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming as well as the Canadian Provinces of Alberta, British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

I follow in the footsteps of past Western District Trustees who are well-remembered for their service, including Drs. John Gibbons (2015-2018), Santos Cortez (2012-2015), Jade Miller (2009-2012), Joel Berg (2006-2009), Richard Mungo (2003-2006), Ray Stewart (2000-2003), Paul Reggiardo (1997-2000), Richard Sobel (1994-1997), Weyland Lum (1991-1994), and Warren Brandli (1988-1991). I am acutely aware that they leave behind some mighty big shoes to fill. I pray that my feet will quickly grow to fill them.

Biennial Chapter Leadership Summit and Public Policy Advocacy (PPA) Workshop, September 28-29, 2018.

In April 2017, I attended the AAPD Chapter Leadership and Orientation and PPA Refresher Course. Dr. John Gibbons was one of the speakers at the meeting. Due to the overwhelming response, the AAPD decided to hold an expanded conference every two years to assemble chapter leaders and their respective PPAs from all the states and provinces. This is an opportunity where chapters can network and benefit from others' experiences. Recognizing the robust advocacy of the Washington State Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, the AAPD has invited Dr. Gibbons and Dr. John Liu to speak at the Summit. Dr. Patricia Benton, Dr. Julia Richman and Ms. Stephanie Cook will be representing the WSAPD as well. What does this mean for WSAPD members? There is an African proverb that says, "If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk together." Clearly WSAPD members take great pride in supporting each other on the road to success.

As we walk together in our incredibly rewarding profession of pediatric dentistry, my goal is to uphold the noble service of my predecessors, serving as a conduit of communication, enhancing the symbiotic relationship between the AAPD and the Western District Chapters.

Respectfully,

Jacob K. Lee.