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AACD Member Since

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What position are you applying for?

☒ Accredited Member - Board of Directors

Are you an Accredited Member?

☒ Yes

Provide your condensed bio in one paragraph

I live and work in Lexington, KY where I've practiced 15 years. My zest for learning never stops and this is one of my favorite things about dentistry and my time with AACD. I attended my first AACD 4 days after graduating dental school in New Orleans. I've consistently attended Scientific Sessions and had the pleasure of practicing alongside other fellowed and accredited members.

I have served on the BOD for past year and a half and I have served on the executive board for the Lexington Cancer Foundation for the past 5 years. Outside dentistry, I most enjoy fun times and travel with my two children (ages 8 and 10) and my husband, Ben.B

List current or previous volunteer leadership positions (committees/boards) you've held within the AACD

I currently serve on the Board of Directors for AACD, Accredited position.

Describe any leadership experience you've had within your community or other dental organizations

I currently serve on the Board of Directors for AACD, Accredited position. I've held several key opinion leader positions within dentistry.

Have you served on boards in the past? If so, what have you learned from this experience?

In addition to the BOD, I serve on the Lexington Cancer Foundation Board. My time in these positions has taught me skills working with others, seeing differing viewpoints and working toward a common good. I've also gained insights on budgets and funding in this time.

Why are you applying for this position?

I feel it is my time to continue to become more ingrained in the Academy and give back as I have received so much from past leadership and my time with AACD. I see many changes ahead for the Academy. The educational landscape is changing in Dentistry and I hope to be part of the group that makes AACD stronger and more relevant than ever. I hope to continue my support of AACD in the future of academy leadership.

What is your vision for the future of the AACD?

Harmony. We have made some strides this year working together. We can't ignore climate changes in the industry. We need to be ready to pivot and plan for changes. People expect more than ever from memberships and we need to deliver value and experience.

We are interested in learning about your leadership skills and organization style. Tell us what we could expect and how you work with others. Be specific.

I am a true team player and can be described as a person that truly sees things from multiple perspectives. This talent serves well in decision making and being part of a group driving a direction. I have no personal agenda. My decision to serve is simply to help better the Academy and see us flourish.

Serving the AACD requires people to take on projects and see them to completion, often working with others to accomplish specific goals. Tell us about your accomplishments and approach to fulfilling obligations. *

I am a person of my word, if I say I will do something, I will do it with integrity and perseverance.

The AACD offers our members a superb opportunity to form friendships which could be brought into conflict when policy decisions or approaches must be addressed. Tell us about how you might balance those friendships when policy or ethical issues create such a conflict.

I come back to my skills of seeing multiple perspectives but staying true to myself and my integrity. It is ok to have a differing opinion than your friend, and thank goodness we have differing viewpoints. Great vision comes from multiple think caps working in a common direction. I have no issue holding a differing view from a friend.

What do you bring to this position that is unique or distinctive? How will you make a difference?

My ability to relate to others often makes me a peacemaker in a group. I am calm and thoughtful in my approach. I also feel my new entry into the AACD leadership brings a fresh mind that is completely unaware of past politics, should they exist.

Please give us an idea of where you see your interests and expertise supporting the advancement of the AACD strategic plan and reflecting an alignment with the Academy's core purpose.

I see interest in elevating our brand and relevancy to the dental community. The AACD has lost a little of its shine and we need to regain this specifically by positioning ourselves as the premier direction for cosmetics education. Potential members need to have a greater understanding of the benefit from working toward accreditation status. We need to make our scientific session a must not miss for our members. Creating amazing sessions that are focused and filled with good and relevant content will achieve this. People want to feel part of a community and we need to make sure the AACD strategy is working toward this.

Ultimately, the purpose of serving the AACD is to support our membership. Tell us how you see yourself relating to the membership and forming a bridge between the Board and our members.

I see myself first as a member wanting to relate to other members. I know what I want to see as a member from the academy and I want to bring this to the board. I don't see myself as special in this, just someone hoping to serve and represent our membership.

What unique ideas do you have to build and grow our membership?

Word of mouth is the most powerful way to help others want to be part of a like-minded community.

Please list any leadership courses or webinars taken. Leadership training is highly recommended.

Yes, I learned leadership from Imitaz Manji, founder of Spear Education. I was selected to be part of a year long mastermind group with him and ten colleagues from across the country. This time was very valuable.

What else should we know in order to consider you as an applicant for this position?

I will continue to be committed to this role with my whole heart and have no agenda other than to give back to the organization that has given so much to me.