

December 27, 2024

Ms. Kathlene Gerrity
Executive Director
Connecticut State Dental Association
835 West Queen Street
Southington, CT 06489

Dear Ms. Gerrity:

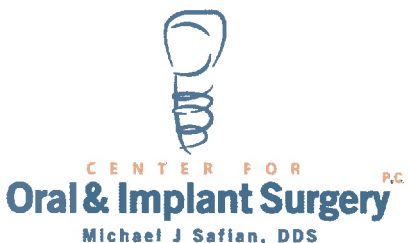
It is with great excitement that I announce my intent to run for the offices of Speaker of the House of the Connecticut State Dental Association (CSDA, Society), and as a member of the CSDA delegation to the ADA House of Delegates. I believe that I can serve our Society and our membership well through my abilities to lead an organization such as our House of Delegates, affiliated councils, committees and the Board of Governors.

I have been an active member of the ADA since dental school when I was an officer of the NYU ASDA chapter, maintaining my membership to the ADA through residency and into private practice. I opened my own practice in 2004 and the following year was immediately elected to vice president of the Naugatuck Valley Dental Society (NVDS), and in 2006 I became the president of that component. I continued to serve the NVDS as president and delegate to the CSDA House through 2014, when my commitment the board of the Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons became too much of a time conflict.

Upon completing my obligation to the CSOMS, I returned to serve the NVDS again as President and alternate delegate to the CSDA House (we lost 1 delegate seat). At the 2021 House, I was installed as the Board of Governors representative for district III. I was truly honored that my fellow delegates believed I would serve them well in that capacity. I followed that service as the President-Elect and then President of the CSDA, and am currently mid-term as the immediate past president.

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My curriculum vitae is attached to this application, so I will not rehash what can be read on that document. I would summarize it by stating that my experience in organized dentistry/oral & maxillofacial surgery and resident education gives me the know-how to work with all of the involved parties to make the CSDA as successful for our members and patients as possible.

My ultimate goal in attaining these positions is to represent our members, and to assist our leaders in proper governance, review of the bylaws and ensuring that proper process and procedures are followed. While not a parliamentarian by formal training, my experiences as a board member, bylaws writer and member of multiple delegate houses for multiple organizations, gives me the experience I need to fulfill the obligations needed.

I am honored that I have come to the point in my career that I can continue my service as a delegate to the ADA House, and now offer my services as CSDA Speaker of the House for my fellow dentists, and given the opportunity, I will serve to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted,

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POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL/YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, Connecticut
Advanced Dental Education Program in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery – Certificate
July 1999 – June 2003

COLUMBIA-PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER, New York, New York
Postdoctoral Residency Fellow in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
July 1998 – June 1999

EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, New York, New York
Doctor of Dental Surgery awarded June 1998
Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society

ADELPHI UNIVERSITY, Garden City, New York
Bachelor of Business Administration awarded December 1988
Major in Finance, Minor in Marketing

EXPERIENCE

CENTER FOR ORAL & IMPLANT SURGERY, Shelton, Connecticut July 2004 – Present

Founder, Surgeon & Owner: Practicing full time oral & maxillofacial surgery in private practice. Started practice from scratch, including finding location, financing, design, equipment purchasing, hiring staff and training. Marketed practice to area referring dentists and specialists. Perform surgery on a daily basis including dental-alveolar, extractions, dental implants, hard and soft tissue grafting, oral and maxillofacial pathology, and reconstruction using local and general anesthesia.

YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, Connecticut April 2017 – Present

Associate Program Director: Direct the education of 9 oral and maxillofacial surgery residents by arranging operating room and clinic scheduling, overseeing didactic education programs, and maintaining accreditation with the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the ADA

Director of Resident Research (Past): Coordinated and managed research projects undertaken by the oral & maxillofacial surgery residents. Responsible for approving projects, developing projects and assigning faculty mentors. Host of the annual research presentations.

Attending Surgeon: Facilitate resident education via regular scheduled clinic sessions, operating room coverage and lectures. Twice awarded Bernard Levine Teaching Award. See committee appointments below.

AMERICAN BOARD OF ORAL & MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY, Chicago, IL
2020 – Appointed Board Examiner & Item Writer

Researched, developed and wrote questions for the Board's written examinations, including the Written Qualifying Examination, OMSITE Examination and Certificate Maintenance Program.

2022 to Current – Appointed to the Oral Certifying Examination Committee

Examined Board candidates during a weeklong session to determine whether each candidate was worthy of becoming Board certified. During the 2022 and 2023 examinations I served in Section 2, starting in 2024 I will be performing examinations for Section 1.

During this time I also developed, researched and wrote cases to be used during the current and future Board examinations.

CT DENTAL HEALTH PARTNERSHIP, Farmington, Connecticut June 2017 – Present
(Department of Social Services)

Consultant: Review and evaluate provider submission of cone beam radiograph requests for pre-authorization by surgeons participating in the Connecticut Medicaid/Husky program.

HOSPITAL OF ST. RAPHAEL, New Haven, Connecticut July 2003 – April 2017

Attending Surgeon: Supervised and trained residents in oral & maxillofacial surgery to become practicing surgeons. Formulated lesson plans, taught both didactic and hands-on courses, supervised in clinical and operating room scenarios. Terminated employment only due to purchase of the Hospital by Yale-New Haven Hospital, where I immediately held the same position.

OMS ASSOCIATES, Waterbury, Connecticut July 2003 – June 2004

Associate Surgeon: Practicing full time oral & maxillofacial surgery in a private practice. Perform full scope surgery. Manage staff of five nurses, assistants and front desk staff. Teach at associated general dental and oral & maxillofacial surgery training programs.

HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS

HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL, New Haven, CT July 2003 – April 2017
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, New Haven, CT September 2012 – Present
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL, Simulated Anesthesia Emergencies for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (SAEOMFS) course, instructor.
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Clinical Competency Committee
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Resident Selection Committee
YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Section, Residency Evaluation Committee, Chair

HONORS/AWARDS

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
2024 – Awarded Fellowship in the College

INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE OF DENTISTS
2023 – Awarded Fellowship in the College

YALE-NEW HAVEN HOSPITAL/HOSPITAL OF SAINT RAPHAEL, New Haven, Connecticut

2005 Bernard Levine Teaching Award

2020 Bernard Levine Teaching Award

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF DENTISTRY, New York, New York

1998 The David B. Kriser Award for Compassion

1998 The Division of Comprehensive Care and Applied Practice Administration, Bernard E. Rudner Memorial Award

1997 Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Senior Honors

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, New York

1996 President's Service Award for Programming

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION, Chicago, Illinois

1994-1998 ADA Dental Student Academic Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity

American College of Dentists - Fellow

American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons – Fellow

Past – Delegate of the House

Current – Member, Committee on Professional & Public Communications

American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons –

Diplomate – Certified 2006,

Recertified 2016

American Dental Association

2022 – House of Delegates, Alternate Delegate

2023 – House of Delegates, Delegate

2024 – House of Delegates, Delegate

Connecticut Department of Public Health –

Dental Policy Advisory Committee

Connecticut Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons –

Past – President,

Vice President,

Anesthesia Committee Chair,

President Elect,

Treasurer.

Executive Board General Member

Connecticut State Dental Association

ADA House of Delegates Coordinator

Chair, Personnel Committee

Past - President (2023-2024)

President-Elect

Board Trustee, District III

Delegate of the House

Council on Legislation

Rules & Order Committee

Governance Review Committee

International College of Dentists – Fellow

Naugatuck Valley Health District – member of the Medical Reserve Corp

Naugatuck Valley Dental Society

Past – President, Vice-President

Omicron Kappa Upsilon National Dental Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS

ORAL AND TONGUE LESIONS – May 2000
Hospital of Saint Raphael
Department of Medicine Grand Rounds

ORAL MYIASIS IN THE UNITED STATES
Hospital of Saint Raphael
American College of Physicians, Connecticut Chapter – Spring Meeting
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons – 2002 Annual Meeting

A MANDIBLE FRACTURE THREE WEEKS POST ORIF
American Association of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
Annual Scientific Meetings – October 2002
Trauma Clinical Interest Group

PRE-OPERATIVE ASSESSMENT OF OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA IN THE ABULATORY ANESTHESIA
PATIENT – A SURVEY OF OMS PROVIDERS
Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery, January 2019, pages 1135-1142

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS

Board Certification, American Board of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons
Connecticut State Dental License
Connecticut General Anesthesia Permit
Connecticut Controlled Substance Registration Permit
Drug Enforcement Agency Permit, schedule II, III, IV
ACLS
BLS
PALS
Stop the Bleed Certification, US Department of Defense