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Oregon Dental Association Welcomes Barry Taylor, DMD as Executive Director

Portland, OR (July 6, 2020) – Barry J. Taylor, DMD, a longtime leader in the Oregon dental community, has been named Executive Director of the Oregon Dental Association (ODA), a nationally recognized 2,300 member professional association providing member service, continuing education, practice support and legislative advocacy.

An accomplished clinician, educator and mentor in the dental profession, Dr. Taylor is known as an innovative leader and passionate advocate for the Oregon Dental Association, serving as its President and prior to that, serving as the Editor. He is also an Assistant Professor in Restorative Dentistry at the Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry and in private practice at Woodburn Community Dental.

“Dr Taylor's leadership and passion for Oregon dentists will help lead us into a new chapter for the association,” said Brad Hester, DMD and President-Elect of the ODA Board of Trustees. “We are deeply grateful for his leadership in managing our response during the Covid-19 crisis and look forward to the powerful impact he will continue to have as the voice of advocacy for Oregon’s dental community.”

Dr. Taylor’s extensive involvement in organized dentistry for 25 years includes other leadership positions with the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, the Academy of General Dentistry, and the American Dental Association.

“I am very excited for this opportunity to work for our Association,” said Dr. Taylor. “I grew up in the Oregon dental community and am honored to now be in a position to help guide us into the future.”

Dr. Taylor is the recipient of numerous honors and awards including “Dentist of the Year” from both the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry and the Washington County Dental Society and is a frequent national lecturer in the dental industry. He received a D.M.D. from Oregon Health & Science University School of Dentistry and attended Oregon State University.

Dr. Taylor will assume his responsibilities as Executive Director of the Oregon Dental Association on July 13, 2020. As of July 10, he will step down as the Oregon Dental Association’s President, with Dr. Hester taking over for the remainder of the term.

Oregon Dental Association engaged Kittleman & Associates, a national executive search firm, to conduct the search for its new Executive Director. Kittleman & Associates specializes in the recruitment of CEOs for tax-exempt nonprofit organizations, public charities and philanthropic

organizations. Kittleman recruits leaders for the entire nonprofit sector including associations, healthcare, foundations, education and advocacy organizations. For more information, visit www.kittlemansearch.com.

Established in 1893, the Oregon Dental Association (ODA) is a voluntary membership organization for Oregon dentists which provides continuing education, advocacy and other services for dentists and public information to promote good dental health. The Association is a tripartite membership association whose members also belong to the American Dental Association (ADA) and one of the ODA's 16 local dental societies throughout Oregon that provide continuing education and service programs in their local communities. For more information, visit www.oregondental.org.

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