Michigan Dental Association

MATT UDAY NEW DENTIST LEADERSHIP AWARD GUIDELINES

Matt Uday New Dentist Leadership Award

Resolved, that the following guidelines for the Michigan Dental Association Matt Uday New Dentist Leadership Award shall be adopted as official policy of the Michigan Dental Association:

Name: The name of this award shall be the Michigan Dental Association Matt Uday New Dentist Leadership Award.

Purpose: The purpose of the award shall be to recognize a new dentist that has demonstrated leadership qualities of such a substantial nature that they serve as a model for other new dentists. The recipient shall be a member of the Michigan Dental Association and received their DDS or DMD degree less than ten (10) years before the time of selection.

Nominations: On September 1, an "open call for nominations" will be promoted via all MDA communication vehicles, both print and e-communications and a unique email to component officers and executive directors/secretaries.

Nominations must be received by the Michigan Dental Association's Central Office no later than November 1 of each year and must include biographical or other pertinent information, an essay documenting examples of the nominee's leadership qualities, professional and ethical conduct and volunteer activities in the community and organized dentistry and a letter of support from the component president. Sitting Board members are not eligible for nomination.

The award shall be limited to one recipient a year and need not be presented annually.

Approval: The Board of Trustees, by a majority vote, shall have the final authority to approve the recipient for this award at its first meeting after November 1 of each year. The review and discussion of all nominations are to be in executive session.

Ceremony: The award recipient shall be recognized at an appropriate function of the Michigan Dental Association. A suitable acknowledgement shall be presented to the recipient by the President of the Michigan Dental Association.

Notification to the Membership and Public: The Editor of the MDA *Journal* shall publish notice of the recipient in the MDA *Journal* shortly after the Annual Session. The marketing and communications department is to develop and submit a press release(s) to the recipients' local newspaper and the American Dental Association.

Record: A permanent record of the names and contributions of each recipient shall be maintained at the MDA Central Office.