**MDA Announces New Leadership for 2021-22**

The Michigan Dental Association named a new president, president-elect, and elected others to officer and leadership positions at its virtual 2021 House of Delegates, held April 17-18.

Dr. Michael Maihofer, of Saint Clair Shores, will serve as MDA president for the association’s 2021-22 administrative year. Dr. Vincent Benivegna, of East Lansing, was elected to the position of MDA president-elect.

Dr. Eric Knudsen, of Escanaba, was re-elected as MDA secretary/treasurer. Dr. Stephen Meraw, of Warren, who served as MDA president during 2020-21, was named the association’s immediate past president.

Dr. Jerry Kohen, of West Bloomfield; Dr. Michelle Dziurgot, of Shelby Township; Dr. Cheri Newman, of Warren; and Dr. Erick Rupprecht, of Ada, were elected to open positions on the MDA Board of Trustees.

The MDA House of Delegates also elected delegates and alternates to the 2021 American Dental Association House of Delegates. Delegates elected include Dr. Margaret Gingrich, of Big Rapids; Dr. Gabriel Holdwick of Harbor Beach; and Dr. Debra Peters, of Grand Rapids. Alternate delegates elected include Dr. Lisa Christy, of Bridgman; Dr. Gary Jeffers, of Northville; Dr. Mark Johnston, of Lansing; Dr. Elizabeth Knudsen, of Escanaba; Dr. Rachel Sinacola, of Grand Rapids; Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki, of Warren; Dr. Alexa Vitek-Hitchcock, of Dewitt; and Dr. Elizabeth White, of Grand Rapids.

Other delegates to the 2021 ADA House include MDA officers Dr. Michael Maihofer; Dr. Vince Benivegna; Dr. Todd Christy, of Berrien Springs; Dr. Eric Knudsen; Dr. Steven Meraw; and Dr. Christopher Smiley, of Grand Rapids. Other MDA Board members on the delegation include Dr. Michelle Dziurgot; Dr. Christopher Gorecki, of Warren; Dr. Jerry Kohen; Dr. Vincent Lizzio, of Canton; Dr. Melanie Mayberry, of Rochester Hills; Dr. Cheri Newman; Dr. William Patchak, of Jackson; Dr. Erick Rupprecht; and Dr. Lauryne Vanderhoof, of Kentwood.