

As a member of the ADAA, you are also a member of the CDAA and your local organization – with the opportunity to participate as much or as little as you like. Here is an opportunity for you – and you never have to leave home!

Every year, the ADAA holds an Annual Session, during which the members present make decisions affecting dental assisting and the Association. This includes everything from electing new officers to discussing current issues in dental assisting to voting on a budget and bylaw changes. Every year, CDAA sends members to represent your viewpoints and interests.

As a part of the current transition at the ADAA, they are reviewing the way everything is done. Part of that review includes the Annual Session. This meeting can be expensive, so the ADAA Board of Trustees has been looking at ways to ensure that states have a complete and transparent way of providing input, suggestions, feedback, and methods of considering important association topics without unnecessary expense.

For the 2015 Annual Session (to be held in 2016), they are trying a new approach – a Virtual Annual Session. It will be held February 20-21, 2016 and March 5-6, 2016 using a combination of conference calls and an on-line meeting platform (GoToWebinar) and will probably involve about 2-4 hours each day. So, delegates will now be able to participate from home, cutting their travel costs and allowing more members to participate in the process.

The 1st House of Delegates Meeting and Reference Committee Meetings will be held on the first weekend, and the 2nd House of Delegates Meeting will be held on the second weekend. The election of officers will occur electronically prior to convening the 2nd House of Delegates. Caucuses will be held by conference calls scheduled in conjunction with your representative on the Board of Trustees. ADAA will be sending a more detailed explanation of how this process will work in the near future. In the meantime, CDAA is looking to our members who would like to participate.

In order to be serve as a delegate, you must be an active, life or special member in good standing and be available during the meeting times. Due to the nature of the Virtual Annual Session, each delegate should have access to a computer in order to participate in voting from the floor of the House of Delegates. Each Delegate will need to provide an email address in order to receive usernames and passwords that are required as well as to enable ADAA to communicate easily with all of the Delegates.

If you would like to participate, complete the **form** (<http://www.cdaaweb.org>) and send to secretary@cdaaweb.org *no later than December 27*. You will then be notified by email with further information and instructions for participation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at president@cdaaweb.org. We are looking forward to participating in this exciting new process!