

# THE NOVA SCOTIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

## ABOUT THE NSDA

The Nova Scotia Dental Association (NSDA) is a member-based organization serving the needs of more than 500 dentist members across the province. As a not-for-profit organization, the NSDA has been the voice for dentistry in Nova Scotia since 1891.

## MISSION

Dentists helping dentists.

## VALUES

- Professionalism
- Ethical conduct, respect and integrity
- Responsibility and accountability
- Relevancy and adaptability

## GOVERNANCE

The NSDA is directed by its members through the Annual General Meeting and a Governing Council of 16 dentists who determine the NSDA's goals, focus and scope of activities and programming.

Several standing committees and working groups work to achieve the goals of the NSDA. The association is run by members for members. Behind Governing Council, committees and groups are dozens of dedicated member volunteers. The NSDA is comprised of six staff members.

## MEMBERSHIP

Every dentist in Nova Scotia, including dental specialists, are members of the Nova Scotia Dental Association. The association does not represent any other dental professionals.

## WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE NSDA AND THE PROVINCIAL DENTAL BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA?

There are two organizations for dentistry in Nova Scotia: the Provincial Dental Board of Nova Scotia (the regulator) and the Nova Scotia Dental Association (professional association).

### PROVINCIAL DENTAL BOARD OF NOVA SCOTIA

- Responsible for regulating the profession and licensing and registering dentists.
- Legislated body mandated to protect the general public interests in matters related to the delivery of dental care. This mandate is fulfilled by assuring that only properly trained, qualified and licensed personnel render dental treatment and that the treatment is of an acceptable standard.
- Administers the provisions of the Dental Act and Regulations.

### NOVA SCOTIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

As a professional association, the NSDA represents and promotes the interests of its members.

#### What does the NSDA do?

The NSDA supports its members through:

- Advocacy on behalf of the profession.
- Oral health awareness and public education.
- Professional support.
- Business and practice management resources.

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