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2026 Alaska Dental Society Annual Meeting in Seward

**ALASKA DENTAL SOCIETY 2026 ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 22-23, 2026 | SEWARD, ALASKA
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Mark your calendars! The Alaska Dental Society Annual Meeting is back with a program full of opportunities for continuing education (CE), networking, and fun for dentists and their dental teams.

We look forward to seeing you this May for an engaging, educational, and fun-filled Annual Meeting. See you there!



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PRESENTERS

Richard J. Rosato, D.M.D. and President of the ADA

President Dr. Richard J. Rosato is President of the American Dental Association. Dr. Rosato, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon practicing in Concord, Hanover and Peterborough, New Hampshire, previously served as First District Trustee of the ADA.

Dr. Rosato is a long-standing member who has served the Association in many leadership roles, including chair of the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs, and as chair of the ADA Election Commission.

Dr. Rosato previously served as president of the New Hampshire Dental Society and the New Hampshire Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Society. He is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has also served on the Boards of the ADA Business Enterprises, Inc., ADA Business Innovation Group and the ADA Innovation Advisory Committee.

Dr. Rosato earned his dental degree with honors from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and served as chief resident of the University of Illinois-Chicago Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery residency program. He and his wife, Laurie (also a practicing dentist), are the parents of three adult children.



Dr. Andrew Currie



Dr. Andrew Currie loves travel and dentistry, so he's excited to make the 3500 mile journey from Atlanta, GA to spend some time with the Alaska Dental

Society. Dr. Currie earned his DMD and Masters of Oral Biology from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry prior to completing a two-year, implant-and-surgery-focused GPR at the Medical College of Georgia (now the Dental College of Georgia at Augusta University). For 15 years, he has dedicated his private practice almost exclusively to surgical and implant dentistry, and he handles most of the complex implant cases for his 5 office locations. Teaching has long been a passion of Dr. Currie's, and he

lectures nationally (and occasionally internationally) on digital dentistry, guided surgery, 3D printing, and all things related to dental implants for various companies and institutions such as Biohorizons, Acteon, Implant Pathways, 3D Systems, and the AAID Maxicourse.

Dr. Alex Fleury



Dr. Alex Fleury received his Masters of Science Degree in Oral Biology and Certificate in Endodontics from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He received his DDS Degree in 1984 from the University of São Paulo. Dr. Fleury served as Director of Predoctoral Endodontics for 6 years at both

Nova Southeastern University School of Dental Medicine in Florida and Texas A&M College of Dentistry. He currently serves as Assistant Professor at Texas A&M College of Dentistry, working with Endodontic Residents.

Of particular pride is being named the recipient of the "Edward E. Osetek Award" for best new Endodontic Educator of the year by the American Association of Endodontists. In addition, Dr. Fleury is honored to have been the recipient of the "Richard F. Weiss Achievement Award presented by the Louis I. Grossman Study Club (University of Pennsylvania). He also served on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Journal of Endodontics. Dr. Fleury is currently in the full-time private practice of Endodontics in Dallas, Texas.



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Dave Vigerust, MS., Ph.D.



Dr. Vigerust received a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Texas at El Paso, a master's degree in microbiology and

Immunology from Texas Tech University and a Doctorate in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Dr. Vigerust conducted post-doctoral research at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Dr. Vigerust completed a second post-doctoral fellowship at Vanderbilt University Medical School in the Department of Pediatric Infectious Disease. Dr. Vigerust was a full-time faculty member in the Pathology, Immunology and Microbiology Department at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and a Health Research Scientist in the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs. He remains an adjunct assistant professor at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in the Department of Neurological Surgery. Most recently, Dr. Vigerust has served as the Chief Scientific Officer and VP of Immunology and Clinical Affairs for several diagnostic laboratories focused on precision medicine in oncology and cardiovascular medicine, genomics, chronic disease prevention and infectious disease. He has authored more than 4 dozen publications in national and

international journals and is active as a reviewer and editor.

Dr. Vigerust has developed several novel molecular diagnostic assays for the prediction of inflammation and cardiovascular risk in patients with diabetes, infectious disease and cancer. Dr. Vigerust speaks often on the subject of precision medicine and has previously been selected as a TEDx speaker. In his recreational time, he enjoys cycling, golf, kayaking and spending time with family.

Dr. Brooke Fukuoka



Dr. Brooke is a passionate speaker whose primary focus is improving oral health for patients who have special

healthcare needs and geriatric patients who live in long-term care. She has practiced in a diverse array of settings and has built programs to help expand access to care for her patients. In her part time practice, Your Special Smiles PLLC, she practices portable dentistry, hospital dentistry, teledentistry and most importantly has developed a professionally aided home hygiene program in two long-term care facilities. She also works full time with a Federally Qualified Health Center, Family Health Services of Idaho where she has developed their Advanced Delivery Dental Clinic for patients who have special

healthcare needs. She is active in organized dentistry and enjoys working with diverse groups of people. Her high-energy and fast-paced courses can be catered to any group regardless of size or education level. She strives to create a fun, yet educational, interactive environment where learners gain knowledge and experiences they can immediately implement into practice.

Dan McNeff



Mr. McNeff is the CEO of Legally Mine. In addition to running his own businesses for the last 20 years, he has served as the Senior Vice President of

one of the Nation's largest financial services company for 15 years. He is a published author with one book and many magazine and newspaper articles.

Mr. McNeff has conducted hundreds of seminars and is responsible for helping thousands of people protect their assets and reduce their tax liability.



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Susan Cotten, BSDH, RDH



Susan Cotten, BSDH, RDH, has performed more than 60,000 oral cancer screenings and is a nationally recognized speaker and leader in screening and

the early detection of oral cancer. She is the founder of Oral Cancer Free and Oral Cancer Consulting, and developer of The Cotten Method™ of Screening, a proven, science-based approach to comprehensive oral and oropharyngeal cancer screening. Susan works with dental professionals to build confidence in screening protocols, reduce liability risk, and improve early detection.

Susan's career includes working clinically in private practice and public health as an Integrative Dental Hygienist in medical-dental integration and serving as Dental Lead for the Alliance for HPV-Free Colorado. She has volunteered with the Denver Homeless Head and Neck Cancer Screening and Care Group and Colorado Mission of Mercy, where she served as a board member and oral cancer screening coordinator. She has organized and led numerous free oral cancer screening events, including the

Denver Broncos Health and Wellness Expo and the Rocky Mountain Dental Conference.

Susan serves on the RDH Advisory Boards for RDH Magazine and the Oral Cancer Foundation, is an instructor for the National Network of Healthcare Hygienists, and is a 1994 graduate of the University of Colorado School of Dental Medicine, Department of Dental Hygiene. On a personal note, she loves watching college football, walking the beaches of Hawaii, and is a former country dance competitor.

Major Christine R. Melch, DDS

Major Christine R. Melch, DDS is a periodontics with the United States Air Force. Dr. Melch graduated from the University of Washington School of Dentistry in 2016 and completed a 1 year AEGD program at Offutt Air Force Base in 2017. Her previous assignments as a general dentist include Offutt AFB, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Pope Army Airfield, before entering into the Air Force periodontics residency.

Anthony Penketh



Anthony Penketh is the Vice President of Business Development at ePractice Manager, a nationally recognized dental consulting firm with

more than 25 years of experience helping dentists and oral surgeons build stronger, more profitable, and better-managed practices. He brings a unique blend of corporate leadership and hands-on dental consulting experience, having trained more than 2,500 dentists and their teams on core business fundamentals such as new patient generation and case acceptance.

Earlier in his career, Anthony served for nearly a decade as Head of Sales and Chief Marketing Officer at ClearCorrect, where he helped grow the company from a startup with a few hundred doctors to more than 10,000 providers before its acquisition by the Straumann Group. Today, he focuses on helping practices implement proven personnel, training, and management systems that support exceptional patient care while building sustainable, successful businesses.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY MAY 22, 2026

7:30a – 8:30a	Breakfast
8:30a – 10:15a	AM Course Presentations
10:15a – 10:30a	AM Networking Break
10:30a – 12n	AM Course Presentations
12n – 1p	Lunch
1p – 2:45p	PM Course Presentations
2:45p – 3p	PM Networking Break
3p – 5p	Business Panel Discussion
5:30p – 9p	ADS Dinner Cruise

SATURDAY MAY 23, 2026

7:30a – 8:30a	Breakfast
8:30a – 10:15a	AM Course Presentations
10:15a – 10:30a	AM Networking Break
10:30a – 12n	AM Course Presentations
12n – 1p	ADS Membership Luncheon <i>Dr. Richard Rosato,</i> <i>American Dental Association President</i>
1p – 2:45p	PM Course Presentations
2:45p – 3p	PM Networking Break
3p – 5p	PM Course Presentations



Gilligan's Island Dinner Cruise and Costume Contest!

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Kenai Fjords Tours | Resurrection Bay
6pm Cruise Departure

Family Friendly Event!





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COURSES

Up Your Implant Game: Anterior Implant Esthetics, Complex Treatment Planning, and Current Methods, Materials, and Workflows

Presented by Dr. Andrew Currie

Ever wish you'd done some type of residency? Ever feel like there is so much to know to be a master of your craft that it is impossible to attend all the CE on your wish list?

If you do, then you don't want to miss this year's ADS meeting in Seward, Alaska. Dr. Andrew Currie is going to take you on a crash course of all things dental implants - from small, priceless pearls to large, critical concepts - you will leave having drunk from a firehose. Dr. Currie spent two years in an implant focused residency, and then he's stacked 14 years of CE and implant experience on top of that. His goal: to have all attendees leave having leveled up and feeling like they completed a mini-implant residency, ready to plan (and successfully execute!) a wide array of implant treatment plans from single units to full mouth rehab.

Restoring implants can be one of the easiest or one of the most challenging things dentists deal with in their daily practice. A perfectly placed implant is a joy to work with, and a less-than-perfect one can become a tough situation for dentist and patient alike. Knowing how to plan properly - whether you're referring to an outside surgeon or not - is critical for a predictable, ideal result. Knowing how to salvage a tough situation and turn it into a beautiful final restoration is an invaluable skill set, and there are many, many tricks and methods to make it happen. Come join us on May 22-23 to learn new, cutting-edge approaches, rub elbows with colleagues and friends, and to party on a 3-hour tour with Dr. Currie, Gilligan, the Skipper, and more!

The Wonderful World of Special Care : Special care concepts that can help any patient be more comfortable in your chair

Presented by Dr. Brooke

The Wonderful World of Special Care is an interactive course that puts the learner in the shoes of many of our patients. This course contains simulations that leave the learners with a newly formed empathy for our patients' struggles in the dental office. Step out of your world and into ours as you engage and feel what it is like to experience the world in a different way. Sit in the "Splash Zone" for a particularly interactive experience. **IN PERSON COURSE ONLY. NO RECORDING ALLOWED.**

Clinical review of Stage IV, Grade C periodontitis

Presented by Major Christine R. Melch, DDS

This course, presented by a board-certified periodontist, provides a comprehensive clinical review of Stage IV, Grade C periodontitis with an emphasis on evidence-based diagnosis, risk assessment, and prognosis. Attendees will explore advanced non-surgical and surgical treatment strategies aimed at stabilizing disease, preserving natural dentition, and extending tooth longevity. The program will critically evaluate when regenerative, resective, or supportive therapies may be appropriate alternatives to full-arch extraction and All-on-X implant solutions, supporting thoughtful, patient-centered decision-making in complex periodontal cases.



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Hiring the Right Team Member

Presented by Anthony Penketh - ePractice Manager

This is not another “HR talk.” This is a practice-defining, must-see experience that every dental owner and leader needs right now. If hiring feels impossible, turnover feels constant, and “good help” feels mythical—this session is for you. Miss it, and your practice will continue to struggle. Attend it, and you’ll walk away with a repeatable, legally sound hiring system you can implement immediately.

In this high-impact CE presentation, Anthony tackles two of the toughest challenges in dentistry today: finding the right people and turning them into top performers through clear, effective communication. You’ll learn how to attract true “unicorn” candidates, eliminate costly hiring mistakes, and confidently select team members who align with your culture, values, and vision—while staying fully compliant with non-discrimination laws.

Here’s the pearl: a proven hiring and interview framework that removes guesswork, reduces turnover, and elevates your entire team. This is practical, real-world, and 100% implementable the moment you return to your office.

Highly Effective Communication Techniques

Presented by Anthony Penketh - ePractice Manager

This is a can’t-miss, practice-changing experience for every dental professional who wants better case acceptance, calmer patients, and a stronger, more unified team. Communication is one of the toughest challenges in dentistry today—and when it breaks down, everything suffers. Miss this session, and your practice will continue to struggle with confusion, resistance, and missed opportunities. Attend it, and you’ll walk away with tools you can implement immediately.

In this powerful one-hour CE program, Anthony delivers a real-world, high-impact framework for communicating with patients who are anxious, distracted, or overwhelmed—and with team members who must

deliver a consistent message every time. You’ll learn how mindset, tone, body language, and composure directly influence trust, understanding, and treatment acceptance. This session goes beyond theory, showing you exactly how to gain attention, minimize distractions, and deliver instructions that patients truly hear and follow.

The true pearl: a repeatable communication model that aligns your entire team and transforms patient interactions overnight.

You Had Me At Saliva...An Unforgettable Experience

Presented by Dave Vigerust, MS., Ph.D.

What if a single, noninvasive test could transform how you diagnose risk, personalize care, and elevate your practice to a level few offices ever reach? This powerful session will change the way you think about dentistry—immediately and permanently.

Salivary diagnostics are no longer “emerging.” They are here, they are actionable, and they are rapidly becoming the dividing line between average practices and those delivering true precision care. In this dynamic, eye-opening presentation, Dr. Vigerust reveals how saliva converts subjective chairside impressions into objective, trackable data that directly drives treatment decisions, prevention strategies, and recall intervals. You will see how microbial, inflammatory, and proteomic biomarkers connect oral health to cardiometabolic and systemic disease—and how elite practices are already using this information to differentiate themselves.

This is not theory. This is a plug-and-play workflow you can implement Monday morning—covering collection, technology selection, interpretation, patient communication, and referral triggers. Miss this presentation and your practice risks falling behind. Experience it—and walk away with a true clinical pearl that will be implemented 100% in your office.



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BUSINESS PANEL

FULL SAIL TO SUCCESS

Navigating the Waters of Dental Practice Mastery

Chart a confident course for your future at this must-see, all-hands-on-deck panel designed to guide dentists from first launch to a successful handoff. Full Sail to Success brings together an unmatched fleet of experts—on one stage, at one time—each essential to navigating the complex waters of dental practice ownership and personal prosperity.

This powerful panel features a financial wealth advisor, CPA firm, dental practice insurance broker, Bank of America dental practice solutions advisors, and a dental practice transition broker—a complete navigational crew focused on helping you avoid hidden reefs, seize favorable winds, and steer toward long-term success. From acquisition and growth to risk management, tax strategy, financing, wealth accumulation, and eventual transition, no critical waypoint is left uncharted.

Unlike traditional lectures, this dynamic session is structured as a guided voyage. The five panelists will both ask and answer the hard questions dentists face at every stage of their careers—creating a real-world, start-to-finish roadmap for success. You'll gain practical "how-to" insights, strategic foresight, and clarity that can only come from seeing the entire journey at once.

Whether you're just setting sail, navigating open waters, or planning your next port of call, this session delivers the tools to help you captain your practice with confidence. Miss this panel, and you risk drifting without a compass. Attend, and you'll leave with a clear heading toward professional achievement and personal fulfillment.



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Paul Houston | Conrad Houston Insurance



Paul was born in Fairbanks Alaska and is proud to be a lifelong Alaska. Paul graduated from Dimond High School in Anchorage, Alaska. He subsequently attended the University of Northern Colorado

and graduated with a business management degree. He began working in the family insurance brokerage after graduation and after some time, left to attend Willamette University School of Law. Upon graduation, he returned to Alaska to practice law and at the same time remained involved in management of the insurance agency. Eventually he turned his full focus to the insurance agency and has been running Conrad Houston Insurance for over 35 years.

Mike Dennis | Conrad Houston Insurance



Mike came to Alaska with his family when he was in 6th grade. Mike graduated from Dimond High School and the University of Northern Colorado. His early plans were to college football, but

after he met his wife Keisha and began a family he made the career change to commercial insurance. Mike works with a broad variety of clients ranging from hospitality to tourism to construction. He has been with Conrad Houston Insurance for over 35 years.

Rachael Mohns | BDO



Rachael Mohns is a Tax Senior Manager in BDO's Anchorage office. She is a lifelong Alaskan and joined BDO in 2016 after graduating from the University of Alaska Anchorage. Rachael advises

privately owned businesses and their owners on tax compliance and planning, including entity selection and business structuring, transactional support for mergers and acquisitions, and ongoing consulting related

to retirement planning and employer services. She has experience with partnerships, S and C corporations, and exempt BIO, across federal and multi-state filings, and supports clients with accounting method changes and other specialized transactions.

Rachael is active in the Anchorage community and has participated in speaking engagements with future accounting graduates at her alma mater (UAA). She is an active trustee for the Make-A-Wish Alaska & Washington Chapter and is currently the Finance Chair.

Matthew Muller | Bank of America



Matt is a Regional Vice President specializing in financing of practice start-ups, commercial real estate, debt consolidation and equipment financing. Matt began his career with Bank of America at the beginning of 2019 following

a successful tenure focusing on dental core equipment for new and expanding offices. Matt covers the Pacific Northwest (AK, WA, OR, MT, ID) and is committed to providing his clients the service and resources necessary to get their projects done on time and within budget.

Michael Thompson | Bank of America



Michael began his career with Bank of America in 2016 within the Practice Solutions division. In early 2019, he was promoted to serve as the Regional Manager for the Pacific Northwest (AK, WA, OR, MT, ID) specializing in medical

financing. In this role, he supports clients in practice acquisitions, start-ups, real estate, debt consolidation and expansions. He surrounds his clients with the right team of advisors to help them realize their dreams of successful practice ownership. Michael has been responsible for over \$400 million in funding volume to the practice community in his career with Bank of America.

Paul Consani | Consani Associates



Paul Consani, President/Broker, has been personally brokering dental practices in Alaska since 1996. He is a Member of American Dental Sales and PVSG - Practice Valuation Study Group. Paul

is a helpful open book on how to prepare your practice for sale and how to prepare to purchase a practice. Consani Associates Ltd. is a proud member company of ADS Dental Transitions, a study club and advertising affiliate of 23 independent large regional brokers. ADS is an invitation-only national organization of brokers consisting of dentists, attorneys and accountants who specialize in dental practice transitions.

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Ryan Callaway | North Harbor Wealth Management



Ryan R. Callaway, CFP®, is Chief Executive Officer and Private Wealth Advisor at North Harbor Wealth Management, an Ameriprise advisory practice in

Anchorage, Alaska. Ryan grew up in Alaska, attended Robert Service High School and then attended University of Northern Colorado, where he graduated with a BS in Business Administration. With over 20 years of experience, Ryan specializes in retirement and tax planning, investment management, estate strategies, and wealth preservation. He has been recognized by Forbes as one of Alaska's Best-in-State Wealth Advisors and leads a team committed to personalized financial guidance that helps clients pursue their goals with confidence. He and his wife Lyndsey have four daughters and the entire family loves Alaska whether it be in the Prince William Sound or the shores of Big Lake.



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REGISTRATION

Please complete this form for EACH PERSON attending from your office: (copy form)

NAME

TELEPHONE

CELL

EMAIL (for confirmation and course material)

Dentist – ADS/11th District/ First Year Dentist	2 DAYS	1 DAY
Regular price (before 4/17)	\$200	\$150
Late registration price (after 4/1)	\$300	\$200
Dentist – Non-Member ADS (Tripartite)		
Regular price (before 4/17)	\$1200	\$650
Late registration price (after 4/17)	\$1500	\$750
Registered Dental Hygienist (RDH)		
Regular price (before 4/17)	\$350	\$200
Late registration price (after 4/17)	\$400	\$275
Assistant/Office Staff		
Regular price (before 4/17)	\$250	\$150
Late registration price (after 4/17)	\$300	\$200
ADS Gilligan's Island Themed Dinner Cruise		
Adults includes dinner / Includes (2) Drink Tickets		\$120/ea
Children (Under 15)		\$55/ea
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday May 22nd, 2026 @ 6pm• Family Friendly Event• Gilligan's Island Costume Contest - N/C		



Accommodations provided by the Seward Windsong Lodge

**FOR RESERVATIONS:
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(Reservations cannot be made online,
through voicemail, or email)

Group Name: Alaska Dental Society

Make your reservations early - enjoy the long
weekend at great rates!

**REGISTER AND
PAY ONLINE:**



Cancellation policy: registration fees are 100% refundable for cancellations received 30 days in advance of the course. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received less than 30 days before the course date or for no shows. Welcoming Reception and Continental Breakfast included in registration fee.

JOIN THE FUN!

GILLIGAN'S ISLAND DINNER CRUISE *and Costume Contest!*

3 HOUR TOUR

Friday May 22, 2026

Kenai Fjords Tours

Resurrection Bay

6pm Cruise Departure

**All ADS Annual Meeting
attendees and family
members are invited!
Bring the kiddos!**



**PRIZES FOR THESE
CATEGORIES!**

- **Best Individual Costume**
(PICK FROM MARY ANN SUMMERS,
THE SKIPPER, PROFESSOR ROY HINKLEY,
GINGER GRANT, MRS. LOVEY HOWELL,
GILLIGAN, OR THURSTON HOWELL III)
- **Best Group Costumes**
- **Extra Credit for 'The Gorilla'**

**Dinner! Music!
Drinks! Laughs!**



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