

## Membership Application Form

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Name of Residency Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues:     **\$275.00**

\*Check or money order made payable to:  
Texas Society of Periodontists

Detach the Membership Application Form  
and mail together with your payment to :

Texas Society of Periodontists  
c/o Cindy Wainscott, Executive Director  
1226 Nautical Lane  
Richmond, TX 77469

### What You Can Do...

- Our members are the visible embodiment of our mission to “advance and protect the profession of Periodontics in Texas.” **Become an active, dues-paying member of the Texas Society of Periodontists (TSP).**
- If you cannot donate your time, please maintain your membership and support the TSP and organized dentistry.
- Become a DENPAC member. DENPAC is the Texas Dental Political Action Committee whose goal is to elect candidates for state office that are concerned about dentistry. EZ Pay monthly withdrawals have made it even easier to make a difference.

### One Voice...

By joining and supporting the TSP, you will help ensure that the needs of all Texas periodontists and our patients will be protected.

**But we need EVERY periodontist in the State of Texas to join the TSP to show that Texas Periodontists speak with One Voice for the good of our patients and our profession.**

**TEXAS  
SOCIETY OF  
PERIODONTISTS**

*... Working for You.*

# WHY SUPPORT THE TEXAS SOCIETY OF PERIODONTISTS?

## Why the TSP Matters

### Advocacy for your practice and your profession.

The Texas Society of Periodontists was founded through the foresight and vision of leaders like Drs. Charley L. Finley and L.K. Croft in 1971. Initially, the TSP served as an organization where friends and colleagues could meet to discuss the latest advances in our field.

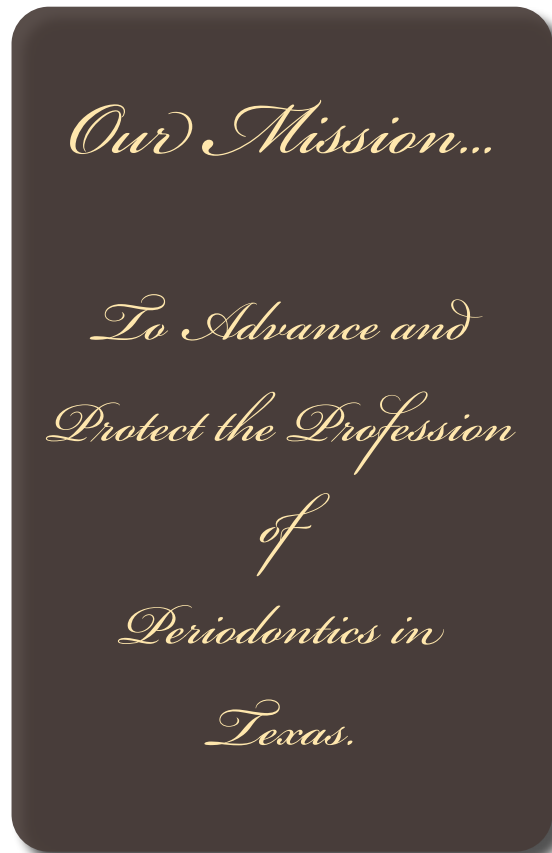
In 1983, after a year spent serving as AAP President, Dr. Finley feared a future need for the TSP: advocacy for our specialty at the state and national level.

His fears were realized in 1999–2000 with the first attempts in the Legislature and State Board to limit our scope of practice through new rules governing intravenous (IV) sedation.

The TSP was called into action, and through the leadership and hard work of our friends and colleagues like Drs. Pat Blanton, Leonard Tibbetts, and Chuck Rader, among others, our specialty stood strong and our practices and patients were protected.

**Unfortunately, 2016 saw renewed challenges not just to our scope of practice, but also to the very definition of our specialty.**

Remember, the rules and laws that govern our ability to practice Periodontics with the artistry, science and skill that are the foundation of our profession are contained within the Dental Practice Act; a political, legislative document – not a professional one.



## What is Happening NOW

- New rules and laws mandating inspections of offices offering outpatient conscious sedation have been proposed.
- Legal challenges to the definition and sanctity of our specialty as the premier providers of periodontal and implant care.
- The 2017 Legislative Session is upon us with many groups gearing up to push agendas detrimental to our profession and our patients.

## What the TSP is Doing for YOU

- Created an Anesthesia Committee to address proposed anesthesia rule changes.
- Board members have provided representation at TSBDE stakeholder meetings on anesthesia and advertising rules.
- The TSP hired an experienced lobbyist who has proven instrumental in helping our Society forge the necessary coalitions with fellow specialists and key legislators.
- The TSP secured representation for its members on the TSBDE's Blue Ribbon Panel on Dental Sedation/Anesthesia Safety. The Panel's creation was in no small part due to the TSP's lobbying of Sunset Commission members and working closely with other like-minded specialty groups.
- **BOTTOM LINE:** The TSP is the voice for your practice, your patients, and your profession in Austin.