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Dear Colleagues,

For many years, the New Jersey Association of Endodontists has provided world class continuing education. In New Jersey every second Saturday in March at our Winter Symposium, and for over 5 years at our Fall meeting in October, this organization has shifted the paradigms that drive our specialty and dentistry too. The Fall meeting is an outstanding benefit of membership in the NJAE. Registration for the Fall meeting is free for members who have paid their dues by October 1st. These events are made possible by the hard work of the board of the NJAE, who volunteer their time for duties that include arranging corporate sponsorship for these events and working tirelessly to coordinate speakers, topics, and the venues where these events are held. Duties also include membership registration and financial record keeping. The board is a dedicated group of people consisting our President, Vice-president, Secretary/Treasurer, Immediate past president and one Board Member. Each position carries a two-year term. Some of our past presidents have graciously stayed on to help as board members ex-officio.

In order for our organization and the services we perform for the endodontic community to continue, we are in need of new board members to volunteer to come on board with their fresh ideas, and invaluable time (not a large amount of time) to help sustain and grow the organization and its meetings. As your president, my personal preference is to have a board as diverse as our specialty has become over the years. I would like to invite anyone interested in joining our board to contact me directly, or our Executive Director Dr. Marc Balson, to talk about what is involved.

My personal experiences as a board member have been rewarding. I see my duties in part as gratitude for those people who have done it in the past, and I stand on the shoulders of giants. Like many of you, I have been attending the Winter Symposium for many years, since the days of my Endodontic Residency. Besides the excellent endodontic CE offered in my home state, the thing I enjoy most is meeting up with colleagues who were my former instructors and mentors, as well as those I have known since my residency and only get to see on these occasions. With our national and international attendance, networking is always in strong supply. Another analogy I can provide as to what is involved is that it is similar to coaching my son's little league team. I am going to be there for the little league games anyway, just as we all will be for the symposium, so why not help out and give back? Only a little extra time allows me to give back and that becomes gratifying. Again, please consider volunteering to join the board to allow this organization to continue to thrive and serve us all going forward, and please contact me or Dr. Balson directly if you have any questions or interest.

Sincerely,

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