Call to Order: Dr. Rekha C. Gehani, chair, called a meeting of the Council on Dental Education and Licensure to order on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. via teleconference call.

Roll Call: Dr. Edmund A. Cassella, Dr. Bruce Donoff, Dr. Daniel A. Hammer, Dr. Uri Hangorsky, Dr. Willis Stanton Hardesty Jr., Dr. Jennifer Korzeb, Dr. Steven M. Lepowsky, Dr. Jun S. Lim, Dr. Maurice S. Miles, Dr. David L. Nielson, Dr. Linda C. Niessen, Dr. Jacqueline Plemons and Dr. Donna Thomas-Moses were present. Dr. David Boden and Dr. GeriAnn DiFranco were unable to participate in the call.

Dr. Raymond A. Cohlmia, ADA Board Liaison to the Council, and Dr. Roopali Kulkarni, the American Student Dental Association representative, were unable to join the call.

The following ADA staff members attended the meeting: Mr. Thomas Elliott, Deputy General Counsel and Director, Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Ms. Karen M. Hart, Director, Council on Dental Education and Licensure, Ms. Annette Puzan, Manager, Dental Education and Licensure, Dr. Meaghan Strotman, Manager, Dental Licensure and Education and Dr. Anthony J. Ziebert, Senior Vice-President, Education and Professional Affairs.

Adoption of Agenda, Disclosure of Business or Personal Relationships, and ADA Professional Conduct Policy: The Council approved the agenda. Dr. Gehani directed the Council’s attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy. No personal, professional or business relationships were disclosed.

Consent Calendar: A consent calendar was prepared to expedite the business of the Council. Dr. Gehani reminded Council members that any report, recommendation or resolution could be removed from the consent calendar for discussion. The following reports in their entirety were placed on the consent calendar and adopted as received:

- Committee Assignments for 2019-2020
- Committee Meeting Dates
- CDEL Meeting January 16-17, 2020

ADA Meeting Attendance Chart: Dr. Gehani asked Council members to confirm their attendance at the 2019 ADA Dental Meeting and whether they would be serving as a delegate or alternate. Additionally, the members noted whether they would attend the Hearing of the Reference Committee on Dental Education, Science and Related Matters on Saturday, September 8, 2019.

House on Delegates Schedule: The Council reviewed the House of Delegates and Related Activities Preliminary Schedule. Dr. Cassella urged Council members attending as delegates to register to vote prior to Election Day, Monday September, 9, 2019.

CDEL Annual Report to the 2019 House of Delegates: Dr. Gehani asked the Council to become familiar with the Council’s 2019 Annual Report. Dr. Cassella noticed an error in Table 1. Recent Enacted State Licensure Legislation provided by the department of State Government Affairs, wherein they reported the state of Hawaii “Increase[d] the number of dental CE ethics hours required from at least three credits every year to at least six credits every two years.” He informed the Council that
Hawaii amended the timeline for earning at least six credits to the discretion of the dental professional every two years, rather than three continuing education units annually. Ms. Hart indicated that she would work with staff to correct the report if possible.

CDEL-Related Resolutions with Recommended Assignments: Dr. Gehani led a discussion on resolutions related to the Council’s areas of responsibility. Resolutions 17-25 call for amendment to the ADA Bylaws and Governance Manual for the Commission on Dental Accreditation, Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards and the Commission for Recognition of Continuing Education Providers. The Council agreed with the Board of Trustees that the governance practices among the Commissions should reflect best practices, be streamlined and consistent. The Council concluded that the changes proposed in Resolutions 17-25 will align the governance practices for the commissions and decrease some of the needless complexities within the Association’s governance structure for members and staff.


The Council also reviewed the four resolutions it transmitted to the 2019 ADA House of Delegates (Resolution 66 calling for amendment of the policy for the criteria for recognition of a certification board for dental assistants, Resolution 67 calling for amendment of the policy for the criteria for recognition of a certification board for dental laboratory technicians, Resolution 68 urging recession of the policy on admissions criteria for dental hygiene programs, and Resolution 69 recommending the findings of the study regarding the feasibility accreditation of advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry be provided to the Specialty Care Dentistry Association). Council members planning to attend the House of Delegates Meeting agreed on a plan to provide testimony in support of these resolutions at the Dental Education, Science and Related Matters Reference Committee Hearing.

The Council then reviewed several other resolutions related to the Council’s areas of responsibility which will be considered by the Reference Committee on Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters. The Council collaborated with the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs this year on reconsideration of the policy, Use of the Term “Specialty.” The Council reviewed CEBJA’s Resolution 70: Report on the Referral of Resolution 21H-2018: Amendment of Policy: Use of the Term “Specialty” and fully supported amendment of the policy as reflected in Resolution 70. The Council agreed that these changes will recognize the role of the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards and that jurisdictions may use means other than reliance on the National Commission on Recognition in allowing practitioners to announce as specialists within their borders. Council members agreed to provide testimony in support of this resolution at the Hearing.

The Council also collaborated with the Council on Government Affairs this year on the review and revision of a number of outdated policy statements into new statements which succinctly reflect the Association’s current efforts and positions related to Federal student loan programs. At its June 2019 meeting, the Council agreed to support Resolution 36: Proposed Policy - Federal Student Loan Programs, Resolution 37: Proposed Policy - Federal Student Loan Repayment Incentives, Resolution 38: Proposed Policy - Tax Treatment of Student Loan Interest, Scholarships and Stipends and Resolution 39: Proposed Policy - General, Pediatric and Public Health Dental Residency Programs. Council members agreed to provide testimony in support of these resolutions at the Hearing.

Finally, the Council reviewed Resolutions 14 and 15 calling for simplification of membership dues. The Council considered these as informational and took no action.

CODA Standards Hearing in San Francisco: The Council was reminded of the Commission on Dental Accreditation’s Standards Hearing to be held during the ADA Meeting. Council members were
encouraged to attend.

Reminders: The Council was reminded that CDEL standing committee assignments for 2019-20 have been posted in the Council’s area of Connect. The next in-person meeting of the Council will be January 16-17, 2020 at ADA Headquarters in Chicago.

Adjournment: 6:55 PM, Tuesday, August 20, 2019