

1 **COUNCIL ON DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE**
2 **AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION**
3 **VIDEO CONFERENCE, CHICAGO**
4 **SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**
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6 **Call to Order:** Dr. Linda C. Niessen, chair, called a meeting of the Council on Dental Education and
7 Licensure to order on Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via video conference.
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9 **Roll Call:** Dr. Rekha C. Gehani, Dr. Uri Hangorsky, Dr. Willis Stanton Hardesty Jr., Dr. Steven M.
10 Lepowsky, Dr. Jun S. Lim, Dr. William M. Litaker, Dr. Maurice S. Miles, Dr. James D. Nickman, Dr. Linda
11 C. Niessen, Dr. Joan Otomo-Corgel, Dr. Jacqueline Plemons, and Dr. Donna Thomas-Moses were
12 present. Dr. David F. Boden, Dr. GeriAnn DiFranco, Dr. Bruce R. Donoff, Dr. Daniel A. Hammer, Dr.
13 David L. Nielson and Mr. Craig McKenzie (American Student Dental Association representative) were
14 unable to participate in the call.
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16 Dr. John F. Harrington, ADA Board Liaison to the Council, was present.
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18 The following Council staff members attended the meeting: Ms. Tierra Braxton, Coordinator, Ms. Karen
19 M. Hart, Director, Ms. Annette Puzan, Manager, Dental Education and Licensure, and Dr. Meaghan
20 Strotman, Senior Manager, Dental Licensure and Education. Dr. Anthony J. Ziebert, Senior Vice-
21 President, Education and Professional Affairs also participated.
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23 **Adoption of Agenda, Disclosure of Business or Personal Relationships, and ADA Professional**
24 **Conduct Policy:** The Council approved the agenda. Dr. Niessen directed the Council's attention to the
25 ADA Disclosure Policy. No personal, professional or business relationships were disclosed.
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27 **2020 ADA House of Delegates Preliminary Schedule:** The Council reviewed the House of Delegates
28 and Related Activities Preliminary Schedule and noted that the virtual Hearing of the Reference
29 Committee on Dental Education, Science and Related Matters is scheduled for Friday, October 16,
30 2020 from 12:30 pm to 2:00 pm.
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32 **CDEL Annual Report to the 2020 House of Delegates:** Dr. Niessen called attention to the Council's
33 2020 Annual Report to the House of Delegates.
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35 **CDEL Members Serving as Delegates/Alternates:** Dr. Niessen asked Council members to confirm
36 their attendance at the 2020 ADA Dental Meeting and whether they would be serving as a delegate or
37 alternate. Additionally, Dr. Niessen informed the Council that the House of Delegates and Reference
38 Committee Hearings would be conducted virtually via livestream broadcasts. Access to the Virtual
39 House of Delegates and Virtual Reference Committee Hearings via an online platform will be provided
40 to the same groups who would normally have access to the House floor at an in-person meeting.
41 Delegates and alternate delegates will be automatically registered and provided a link to view the
42 livestream broadcast of the Virtual House of Delegates and Virtual Reference Committee Hearings.
43 Members who are not members of the House of Delegates must register in advance to view the
44 livestream broadcasts. She encouraged Council members who are not members of the House of
45 Delegates to complete the Registration Form posted on ADA.org as soon as possible. On Tuesday
46 October 13 a link to the livestream broadcasts will be emailed to those who have registered.
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48 **Resolutions of Interest to CDEL and its Duties:** Dr. Niessen led a discussion on resolutions related
49 to the Council's areas of responsibility. Resolution 1, submitted by the Council, calls for the review of
50 ADA Policies: Dentistry and Dentistry as an Independent Profession. The Council has proposed that

1 the two policies be combined by amending the policy *Dentistry* and rescinding the policy *Dentistry as an*
2 *Independent Profession*. The Board of Trustees has proposed an amendment to the resolution,
3 changing the term “maxillofacial” to “craniomaxillofacial” in the first resolving clause. The Council was
4 supportive of the Board’s proposal. The Council also discussed Resolution 84 submitted by the Board
5 of Trustees which calls for the ADA Interim Policy, “Dentistry is Essential Healthcare” to be adopted by
6 the House. Council members concluded that the second resolving clause of the proposed ADA policy
7 *Dentistry* should be further amended with the addition of the term “essential” to align with the Board of
8 Trustees’ Resolution 84 (addition underscored):

9 **Resolved**, that dentistry is essential and should remain an independent health care profession
10 that safeguards, promotes and provides care for the health of the public in collaboration with
11 other health care professionals.

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13 **Council Action:** The Council directed that its proposed amendment to Resolution 1B be
14 submitted to the Reference Committee on Education, Science and Related matters via the
15 Reference Committee Testimony Form.

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17 The Council also reviewed Resolution 100 Special Needs Dentistry submitted by the Second Trustee
18 District. Resolution 100 calls for the Council to explore the feasibility of requesting an accreditation
19 process by the Commission on Dental Accreditation for advanced education programs in special care
20 dentistry. Further, Resolution 100 calls for the Council to address actionable strategies to enhance and
21 expand pre-doctoral training; develop and promote continuing education programs for existing
22 practitioners; and investigate advanced educational opportunities. It was noted that Resolution 100 has
23 a \$100,000 financial implication due to costs related to developing continuing education programs. Dr.
24 Rekha Gehani explained that the Second Trustee District was planning to submit a substitute resolution
25 focusing on developing strategies to promote continuing education activities rather than developing CE
26 activities at this time. The Council was supportive of the intent of Resolution 100, but determined that a
27 \$100,000 financial implication could not be supported at this time. Accordingly, the Council concluded
28 that the second resolve of Resolution 100 should be amended as follows (additions underscored;
29 deletions ~~stricken~~):

30 **Resolved**, that CDEL address actionable strategies to enhance and expand pre-doctoral
31 training; develop and promote continuing education programs for existing practitioners; and
32 investigate advanced educational opportunities, and be it further

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34 **Council Action:** The Council directed that its proposed amendment to Resolution 100 be
35 submitted to the Reference Committee on Education, Science and Related matters via the
36 Reference Committee Testimony Form.

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38 The Council reviewed Resolution 16 which will be considered by the Reference Committee on Dental
39 Benefits, Practice and Related Matters. The Council collaborated with the Council on Dental Practice
40 (CDP) this year on the amendment of the comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry. The
41 Council fully supported amendment of the policy as reflected in Resolution 16. The Council agreed that
42 these changes were necessary to stay abreast with the advancements over the past five years in
43 teledentistry telecommunication technology.

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45 The Council also reviewed several resolutions to be considered by the Reference Committee on
46 Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters. In regard to Resolution 11, the Council agreed
47 that the four policies, Compensation of Dental Specialists in the Federal Dental Services, Restoration of
48 the Rank of Brigadier General to the Army Reserve Position of Deputy Assistant Surgeon General for

1 Dental Services, Dentistry in the Armed Forces, and Rank Equivalency for Chief Dental Officers of the
2 Federal Dental Services, were similar in content and could be combined under a heading titled Rank
3 and Status of Dentists in the Armed Forces, Military Reserves and Public Health Service. Dr. Niessen
4 informed the Council members that she and Dr. Zack Kalarickal, member of the Council on
5 Government Affairs, discussed the need to amend the proposed policy to cite the Commission on
6 Dental Accreditation as the agency responsible for accrediting dental residency programs rather than
7 the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards. The Council
8 requested staff to inform the director of the Council on Government Affairs that CDEL is supportive of
9 the proposed amendment to be presented by the Council on Government Affairs at the Reference
10 Committee Hearing.

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12 The Council then reviewed Resolution 74 Elder Care Strategies on Continuing Education and
13 Resolution 76 Elder Care Strategies on Increased Preparedness of Educational Institutions. The
14 Council supported the importance of increasing understanding of the oral systemic health connection
15 and management of the medically complex older adult to all dentists, rather than just members, and
16 believed that the second resolve of Resolution 74 should be edited (addition underlined; deletion
17 ~~stricken~~):

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19 **Resolved**, elevate the importance of both the oral-systemic connection and the dental
20 management of the medically complex older adult to ~~members~~ dentists and the public, as
21 appropriate, by:

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23 The Council believed similar edits should be made to Resolution 76, but decided that the suggestions
24 could be communicated to the agency assigned to Resolutions 74 and 76 subsequent to actions taken
25 by the 2020 House of Delegates.

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27 Finally, the Council reviewed Resolution 4 Amendment of the Policy Use of Dentist-To-Population
28 Ratios, Resolution 5 Amendment of the Policy Suggested Dental Practice Acts, Resolution 23
29 Amendment of the Policy Encouraging the Development of Oral Health Literacy Continuing Education
30 Programs and Resolution 59 Proposed Policy Regulatory Definitions of Dentistry. The Council
31 considered these as informational and took no action.

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33 **2020-21 Standing Committee Assignments:** The Council reviewed the Standing Committee
34 Assignments for 2020-2021. Dr. Plemons informed the Council that an additional Council member has
35 been assigned to the subcommittees on Anesthesiology, Continuing Education, Dental Admission
36 Testing and Recognition of Specialties and Interest Areas in General Dentistry to serve in a vice-chair
37 capacity and to provide a smoother transition to the committee chair position the following year.

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39 **CDEL Meeting January 2021:** The next virtual meeting of the Council has been scheduled for January
40 21-22, 2021. Some Council members expressed concern about these dates. Council members will
41 receive a Meeting Doodle poll and will be asked to indicate their availability for additional dates and
42 time preferences.

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44 **Reminder- Fall Committee Meeting Dates:** Council members were informed that in the coming weeks
45 CDEL staff will be contacting the 2020-21 Committee chairs to determine dates for fall 2020 committee
46 conference calls.

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48 **Adjournment:** 7:28 PM, Monday, September 21, 2020