The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met on June 27-28, 2019 at the ADA Headquarters Building in Chicago. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Council:

1. Approved transmission to the 2019 House of Delegates proposed amendment to the Criteria for Recognition of a Certification Board for Dental Assistants and the Criteria for Recognition of a Certification Board for Dental Laboratory Technicians.

2. Approved transmission to the 2019 House of Delegates proposed rescission of the policy, Admission Criteria for Dental Hygiene Programs.

3. Supported amendments proposed by the Council on Government Affairs to ADA policies related to federal student loans and postgraduate debt.

4. Directed that its response to Resolution 83-2018 Geriatric Dentistry be transmitted to the 2019 House of Delegates, noting that based on a preliminary study, it appears that the geriatric dentistry education community is interested in developing an accreditation process for advanced education programs in geriatric dentistry and recommending that the House of Delegates provide these findings to the Special Care Dentistry Association for consideration.

5. Conducted its 2019 Self-assessment and directed that the findings be reported to the 2019 House of Delegates.

6. Directed that written comments be sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation regarding proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs, Advanced Education Programs in Periodontics, and Advanced Education Programs in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.

7. Studied licensure-related matters, including the progress of the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure, development of the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE), the concept of licensure compacts for dentistry and recent changes to state dental practice acts and rules and regulations regarding dental licensure.

8. Directed that the Council’s Licensure Committee further explore state licensure compacts and their implications for dentistry and report progress to the Council.

9. Received a briefing by Dr. Anthony Ziebert on behalf of Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin on the ADA’s new Strategic Plan, Common Ground 2025.

10. Reviewed programs and projects for the Council’s 2020 budget in accord with Common Ground 2025: ADA Strategic Plan.

11. Agreed with the Board of Trustees in support of the proposal to develop a new admission test for dental hygiene programs and their program applicants.

12. Received a briefing by Dr. Marko Vujicic on dental student debt.

13. Appointed Dr. Roy L. Stevens and Dr. Guy E. Acheson to serve on the Council’s Anesthesiology Committee and Dr. Kathleen Boesze-Battaglia, Dr. Stan Constantino, Dr. Janet Guthmiller, and Dr. Craig Hirschberg to serve on the Council’s Dental Admission Testing Committee for four-year terms commencing at the close of the 2019 ADA House of Delegates.
14. Awarded the 2019 CDEL Tuition Scholarships to the Academy for Academic Leadership’s Institute for Teaching and Learning to Dr. Kenneth J. Zganjar, Dr. Nicholas Kaleel, and Dr. Wilma Luquis-Aponte.

15. Took steps to better inform the communities of interest (e.g., members, delegates, state dental associations and state dental boards) on the roles and responsibilities of the Council on Dental Education and Licensure, the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards and the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

16. Elected Dr. Linda C. Niessen to serve as the Council chair and Dr. Jaqueline Plemons to serve as the vice-chair for 2019-2020.

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