The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met on January 16-17, 2020 at the ADA Headquarters Building in Chicago. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Council:


2. Directed that written comment be sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation supporting all proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry.

3. Directed that written comment be sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation opposing the proposed amendment to Standard 2-24 of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs and recommending an alternative amendment.

4. Did not support a request received from the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Products regarding a proposal to pursue a revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs requiring “graduates to be competent in the application of consensus-based standards, i.e., ANSI/ADA and ISO standards, which ensure the safety and efficacy of professional equipment and materials used in oral healthcare, and of dental practice facilities.”

5. Reviewed and supported the continuing education course presented annually at ADA Meetings, “Transitioning from Practice to Dental Education,” accepted the invitation by the Academy of Academic Leadership to send an advanced dental education program director to the AAL workshop, “Leadership Essentials for Advanced Programs,” and requested that additional courses/opportunities encouraging dentists to consider dental education as a career option be pursued.

6. 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.

7. Supported the Council’s Licensure Committee’s continued exploration of state licensure compacts and their implications for dentistry.

8. Received a briefing by Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin on the ADA’s new Strategic Plan, Common Ground 2025 and confirmed its priorities and projects for 2020 in light of the new Strategic Plan and the Council’s defined responsibilities.

9. Received Unofficial Actions of the 2019 ADA House of Delegates and resolutions assigned to the Council for follow-up.

10. Accepted the 2019 annual reports of the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology and the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.

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