The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met via videoconference on January 21-22, 2021. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Council:

1. Requested that other national dental organizations noted in the draft Application for Assistance to Develop New Interstate Compacts for Occupational Licensure be invited to support the application and approved the submission of the Application to the Council of State Governments National Center for Interstate Compacts with the caveat that mention of any organization declining to support the application be deleted from the Application prior to its submission.

2. Approved transmitting a resolution to the 2021 House of Delegates proposing amendment to the ADA definition of Continuing Competency.

3. Reviewed and affirmed that the following ADA policy statements be retained as written and directed that this action be reported to the 2021 House of Delegates:

- State Board and Commission on Dental Accreditation Roles in Candidate Evaluation for Licensure
- Sponsorship of Dental Accreditation Programs
- Single Accreditation Program
- Consultation and Evaluation of International Dental Schools
- Dental Degrees
- Support of Dental Education Programs
- Assistance to Dental Schools Upon Closure
- Support for the Continued Existence of Private and Public Dental Schools in the United States
- Participation in Dental Outreach Programs
- Participation in International Higher Education Collaborative Networks

4. Approved the Guidelines for Teaching Pediatric Pain Control and Sedation to Dentists and Dental Students and directed that the document be disseminated to the appropriate communities of interest.

5. Received a briefing by Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin on the ADA’s Strategic Plan, Common Ground 2025 and confirmed its priorities and projects for 2021 in light of the Strategic Plan and the Council’s defined responsibilities.

6. Reviewed the Unofficial Actions of the 2020 ADA House of Delegates and resolutions assigned to the Council for follow-up.

- In response to Resolution 100H-2020: Special Needs Dentistry, directed the Dental Education Committee to conduct a survey of the appropriate communities of interest to gather data on the current state of special needs dentistry education and report its findings for consideration at the June Council meeting.

- Referred Resolution 76-2020: Elder Care Strategies on Increased Preparedness of Educational Institutions to the Dental Education Committee for study and requested a report of its findings and recommendations for the Council’s June meeting.

7. Accepted the 2020 annual reports of the National Board for Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology and the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc.
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