The Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL) met by video conference on June 17-18, 2020. The following is a summary of actions taken by the Council:


2. Supported the conclusion of the Council on Government Affairs to retain as written the ADA policies, Trade Agreements (Trans.1993:711) and ADA Support for Constituent Societies Dealing with Mid-Level Provider Proposals (Trans. 2008:502).

3. Responded to the request of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs to review, comment and propose revision the CEBJA statement, “Ethical Considerations When Using Patients in the Examination Process.”

4. Directed that written comments be sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation supporting proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Endodontics, Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Accreditation Standards for Dental Laboratory Technology Education Programs.

5. Directed that written comment be sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation expressing general support for the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs, and urging that the proposed revisions to Standards 3-3 and 3-6 be modified so that licensed dentists who are not graduates of CODA-accredited dental education programs also may serve as dental hygiene program directors or faculty members in the future.

6. Awarded the 2020 CDEL tuition scholarships to the Academy for Academic Leadership's Institute for Teaching and Learning to Dr. Dalal Alhajji, Dr. Michael Wajdowicz, Dr. Valerie Perrine and Dr. Robin L. Hattervig (alternate). The Council also awarded a tuition scholarship to the Academy for Academy Leadership's Leadership Essentials for Advanced Programs to Dr. Sejal Thacker.

7. Studied licensure-related matters, including the progress of the Coalition for Modernizing Dental Licensure, launching of the Dental Licensure Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DLOSCE), and recent changes to state dental practice acts and rules and regulations regarding dental licensure due to Covid-19.

8. Reviewed the content domains, test specifications and examinee aggregate performance information for the Dental Admission Test and Advanced Dental Admission Test.

9. Received a briefing by Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin on the ADA’s Strategic Plan, Common Ground 2025 and the activities of the ADA in support of members and students during the Covid-19 pandemic.

10. Appointed Dr. Debra Woo to serve on the Council’s Recognition Committee and Dr. Julie A Marshall to serve on the Dental Admission Testing Committee for four-year terms commencing at the close of the 2020 ADA House of Delegates.
11. Elected Dr. Jaqueline Plemons to serve as the Council chair and Dr. Donna Thomas-Moses to serve as the vice-chair for 2020-2021.

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