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Minutes of the Board of Trustees
January 15, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president, on Friday, January 15, 2021, at 3 p.m., Central Standard Time. The videoconference meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

ADA Staff in Attendance: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jerry Bowman, chief of governance and strategy management; Scott Fowkes, general counsel; Wendy Wils, deputy general counsel; Tom Elliott, deputy general counsel; Mike Kendall, senior associate, general counsel; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Mike Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Sarah Milligan, director, Political Affairs, ADPAC; Stephanie Moritz, chief communications officer; Leslee Williams, senior director, Communications; Dave Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer: Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Molly Potnick, coordinator, Publications and Projects; and Kyle Smith, manager, House of Delegates.

Guest: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee.

Before consideration of business Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclosure any conflicts of interest. No disclosures were made.

DC Unrest Statement Discussion: Following the January 6 violence on Capitol Hill, Dr. Klemmedson announced that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to obtain Board consensus on releasing a potential ADA statement. After discussion, Resolution B-11 was considered and adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-11-2021. Resolved, that the statement, “ADA condemns violent actions, suspends PAC contributions” Chicago Jan 14 NOT be sent.

Adjournment: The special session of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 4:04 p.m.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
February 5-7, 2021
Headquarters Building, Chicago

Call to Order: The second regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president, on Friday, February 5, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time via videoconference.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

The following ADA staff were in attendance for all or portions of the meeting at the invitation of the president: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer; Jerome K. Bowman, chief, Governance and Strategy Management; Judith Fleeks, chief human resources officer; Scott W. Fowkes, general counsel; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Michael A. Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Catherine H. Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, chief communications officer; David Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; and Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs.

Guests in attendance for a portion or portions of the meeting included Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee; Dr. Joseph Crowley, ADA Business Innovation Group, Board of Directors; Mr. Rick Hanzelin, ADA Business Innovation Group, Board of Directors; Mr. Roger Liew, ADA Business Innovation Group, Board of Directors; Ms. Carolyn Maclver, ADA Business Innovation Group, Board of Directors; Ms. Kija Kim; ADA Business Innovation Group, Board of Directors; Dr. Kirk Norbo, ADA Business Innovation Group, Board of Directors; Dr. Gail Duffala, Budget and Finance Committee; Dr. Jeffery Hicks, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation; Dr. Bruce Rotter, vice chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation; Mr. Stewart Gill, partner, Jackson Hole Group; Dr. Chad Gehani, USA national liaison officer, FDI World Dental Federation, and Dr. Greg Chadwick, treasurer, FDI World Dental Federation.

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were: Catherine Albrecht, senior associate general counsel; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Deborah Doherty, chief executive officer, ADABEI; Thomas C. Elliott, Jr., deputy general counsel; Kelly Ganski, news director, ADA News; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Thomas Parcella, director, Financial Planning and Analysis; Sarah Milligan, director, ADPAC; Molly Potnick, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Dr. Elizabeth Roberts, Interim Executive Director, ADA Foundation; Bill Robinson, president and CEO, ADA Business Innovation Group; Samara Schwartz, associate general counsel; Kyle Smith, manager, House of Delegates; Kelly Wang, director, Conference Services and Meeting Planning; Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, Commission on Dental Accreditation; Wendy J. Wils, deputy general counsel; and Robert Zinn, director, Accounting and Reporting. Other ADA staff members were in attendance for specific agenda items.
Before consideration of business, Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy statement included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclose any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed at this time.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Items

Approval of Agenda. Before requesting approval of the agenda, Dr. Klemmedson announced that the following items of business had been withdrawn by the Council on Dental Practice:

- Report of the Council on Dental Practice: Pediatric Airway Meeting Request

Dr. Klemmedson asked if there were any items of new business. The following items of new business were identified:

- Executive Director Search Committee

Without objection, the new items of business were added to the agenda and the amended agenda was adopted by general consent.

B-2-2021. Resolved, that the agenda, as amended, be approved as the official order of business for the current meeting of the Board of Trustees except that the President may alter the order of the agenda when necessary to expedite business.

Approval of Consent Calendar. Dr. Klemmedson reviewed the list of proposed consent items; no items were removed. On vote, the consent calendar was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-1-2021. Resolved, that the resolutions contained on the Consent Calendar for Board of Trustees consideration be approved and reports be filed.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Sessions

Minutes of the October 21, 2020, virtual meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-8-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of October 21, 2020, meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

Minutes of the November 10, 2020, Special Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-9-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of November 10, 2020, special meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

Minutes of the December 10, 2020, Special Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-10-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the December 10, 2020, Special Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.
Minutes of the January 15, 2021, Special Telephonic meeting. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

**B-12-2021. Resolved,** that the minutes of the January 15, 2021, special meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

**Report on Mail Ballot Actions:** In accordance with the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees*, the following mail ballot actions are required to be reported in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The mail ballot resolutions were unanimously adopted (consent calendar item).

**Mail Ballot No. 1—Resolution 102 and Referral to the Board of Trustees.**

**B-139-2020. Resolved,** that the Council on Dental Benefit Programs be asked to respond to the referral of the 2020 House of Delegates Resolution 102, and all related resolutions, and report back to the 2021 House of Delegates.

**Mail Ballot No. 2—Confidential Report of the 2021 Humanitarian Award Selection Committee**

**B-140-2020. Resolved,** that Dr. Theresa Cheng, Washington, receive the 2021 Humanitarian Award.

**Reports of Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees**

**Report of the Audit Committee:** On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee’s January 20, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

**Report of the Budget and Finance Committee:** On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. George Shepley, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s January 21, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.

**Request for Funding: ADA Business Innovation Group ADA Practice Transitions Report.** Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-14 as amended by the Committee with the recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-14 was adopted.

**B-14. Resolved,** that the ADA Board of Trustees allocate up to $5M million dollars be allocated from reserves to for ADA Business Innovation Group (“ADABIG”) for the purpose of funding ongoing operations and growth of ADA Business Innovation Group ADA Practice Transitions (“ADAPT”) nationally, and be it further

**Resolved,** that such funds be released as requested by ADABIG, contingent upon the following: the semi-annual receipt by ADA Budget and Finance Committee of ADAPT’s established financial performance metrics; and ADAPT meeting such metrics.

Subsequent to the adoption of B-14, Dr. O’Loughlin requested clarification regarding how the second resolved clause would be administered. During discussion, a question was raised regarding who would be in charge of the release of the funds; the Committee or the Board. Dr. O’Loughlin stated that as written, the second resolved clause inferred that the release of the approved funds would only happen upon ADAPT meeting its metrics as submitted to the Committee. She expressed concern that the Committee can hold up the release of funds without coming back to the full Board.

After further discussion, Dr. Stephens moved to reconsider Resolution B-14. The motion to reconsider B-14 was adopted by a two-thirds vote. Dr. Rosato moved to postpone definitely reconsideration of Resolution B-14 until such time that the Committee and Dr. O’Loughlin have had time to address the questions raised during discussion.
Later in the meeting and on behalf of the Committee, Dr. Shepley moved to amend B-14 by substitution. On vote, the motion to amend B-14 by substitution was adopted. On vote, Resolution B-14, as amended, was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-14-2021. Resolved**, that up to $5M be allocated from reserves for ADA Business Innovation Group (“ADABIG”) for the purpose of funding operations of ADA Practice Transitions (“ADAPT”) nationally, with the release of tranches of the $5M conditioned on the ADA Budget and Finance Committee’s review twice a year of ADAPT’s performance (based on established metrics) and recommendation to the ADA Board of Trustees to determine appropriate funding or lack thereof.

*Report on the Status of the 2021 Board Contingency.* A Board Contingency Fund of $700,000 was authorized in the 2021 budget. A remaining balance of $569,785 was reported.

**Report of the Business Innovation Committee:** On behalf of the Governance Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s January 26, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken. Dr. Harrington moved Resolution B-15 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote Resolution B-15 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-15-2021. Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees approves the funding of up to $168,000 from ADA reserves for business innovation, to be spent between February 8, 2021 and December 31, 2021, to fund the launch of a Dental Team CE Subscription Program, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the expenditure of these funds be tracked in a separate cost center as part of the ADA Reserve Account with appropriate reporting of activity.

**Report of the Compensation Committee:** On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Compensation Committee’s January 20, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

**Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee:** On behalf of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Dr. Julio Rodriguez, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s January 14, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and reports received.

**Report of the Governance Committee:** On behalf of the Governance Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s January 11, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken. Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-7; on vote Resolution B-7 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-7-2021. Resolved,** that the Board’s Governance Committee be responsible to oversee annual governance training for the Board, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Governance Committee is authorized to make conforming changes to the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees* to effect these changes.

**Report of the Pension Committee:** On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Ted Sherwin, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s January 19, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Reports and Resolutions to the Board of Trustees

Financial Goal
Report on Financial Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress report on the financial goal of Common Ground: The ADA will be financially sustainable (consent calendar item).

Informational Report Regarding Officer Approval of Expenditures from Capital Replacement Reserve Spending: This informational report summarized Officer approval of spending from the Capital Replacement Reserves (consent calendar item).

Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: SmileCon™ Meeting Architecture: This confidential report, presented by Ms. Catherine Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education, and Ms. Kelly Wang, director, Conference Services and Meeting Planning, provided updated information about the SmileCon meeting architecture, framework and learning formats.

Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: SmileCon™ Board and Governance Draft Schedule of Events: This confidential report outlined the SmileCon schedule of events, inclusive of the 2021 House of Delegates.

Membership Goal

Report on Membership Goal of Common Ground 2025 and Presentation: Ms. April Kates-Ellison, Mr. Robert Quashie and Ms. Stephanie Moritz briefed the Board on strategies targeting the lagging DSO market. The Board voiced support for these efforts. In response to a request made by Dr. Maranga for a timeline for reporting on what states are doing on the local and grassroots level, Ms. Moritz stated that a Report of Membership Goal of Common Ground 2025 will be submitted at each meeting of the Board and include updates, progress and results.

Report of the New Dentist Committee: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee, provided updates on New Dentist related matters and provided an overview of the NDC plans for the 2021 year.

Organizational Goal

Report on Organizational Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress made on the organizational goal of Common Ground: All levels of the ADA will have sufficient organizational capacity necessary to achieve the goals of the strategic plan (consent calendar item).

Public Goal

Report on Public Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress made on the public goal of Common Ground: The ADA will support the advancement of the health of the public AND the success of the profession. This report also included a brief update on progress since ADA’s endorsement of Bento.

Report of the Department of Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropy: It was reported the Department of Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropy’s work has been entirely funded in both 2020 and 2021 through grants from the ADA Foundation as well as corporate sponsorships and grants. Next year, with unrestricted philanthropy funds from the Foundation largely already spent, the ADA will need to support the Department if the Board wishes to continue Give Kids A Smile and similar philanthropic activities. The report provided an update on Department activities and presents the benefits, costs and uncertainties of its key programs. Following the report, Resolution B-17 was moved for the Board’s consideration; on vote, Resolution B-17 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.
B-17-2021. Resolved, that the Department of Corporate Responsibility and Philanthropy is directed to proceed with its philanthropic programs in 2021 and to plan for 2022 and beyond.

Report of the Council on Communications: ADA Communications Trend Report 2020: This informational report identified important and emerging issues for dentists and their patients, as well as gaps between dentists and the ADA, and dentists and their patients, so that they can be better understood and addressed in the future (consent calendar item).

Report of the Senior Vice President, Education and Professional Affairs: Reauthorization of the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene Steering Committee: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-3-2021. Resolved, that a steering committee be reauthorized for the 2021 term to oversee the development, launch and validation of the ADA Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH), and be it further

Resolved, that the following individuals be reappointed to the Steering Committee for the 2021 term to oversee the completion, launch and validation of the ADA Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH):

• Dr. Paul Leary, Trustee
• Dr. Stephen M. Lepowsky (CDEL Member)
• Dr. Uri Hangorsky (CDEL Member)
• Donna Warren Morris, RDH, MEd (Dental Hygiene Program Director)
• Wanda Cloet, RDH, DHS (Dental Hygiene Program Director)
• Joyce C. Hudson, RDH, MS (Dental Hygiene Program Director)

and be it further

Resolved, that the following individuals be appointed to the Steering Committee for the 2021 term to oversee the completion, launch and validation of the ADA Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH):

• Ebony M. Thomas-Butler, MS, BS (Admissions Officer)
• Michelle R. Roman, EdD, MSM, MPH (Dental Hygiene Program Director)

Report of the Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs: Federal and State Legislative, Regulatory, and Public Affairs Update: This report, presented by Mr. Michael Graham, was considered during a closed session of the Board of Trustees.

Subsidiaries and Affiliate Entities

ADA Business Innovation Group Shareholder Meeting: The regular session of the Board of Trustees was adjourned for the purpose of convening the Shareholder Meeting of the ADA Business Innovation Group. Following the adjournment of the Shareholder Meeting of the ADA Business Innovation Group, the regular session of the Board of Trustees reconvened.

Report of ADA Business Enterprises: This informational report provided a summary of ADABEI activities through 2020 (consent calendar item).

ADA Business Enterprises, Inc. Stockholder Meeting: The regular session of the Board of Trustees was adjourned for the purpose of convening the Stockholder Meeting of ADA Business Enterprises, Inc. Following the adjournment of this Shareholder Meeting, the regular session of the Board of Trustees reconvened.
Liaison Reports

Report of Dr. Julio Rodriguez, Liaison to the Council on Dental Benefits: This informational report summarized the November 6, 2020, CDP meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. Julio Rodriguez, Liaison to the Council on Dental Benefits – Special Meeting Report: This informational report summarized the February 5, 2021, special CDP meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. George R. Shepley, Liaison to the American Dental Political Action Committee: This informational report summarized the January 12, 13, 22-23, 2021 meeting and was discussed during a closed session of the Board of Trustees.

Organizational/Other

ADA-FDI Background Report: This informational report was presented in response to questions raised through the Governance Committee about the ADA-FDI relationship, governance, and value.

Report from the FDI National Liaison Officer (NLO): 2020 ADA/FDI Actions: This report, presented by Dr. Chad Gehani, 2021 FDI National Liaison Officer, and Dr. Greg Chadwick, FDI Council Treasurer, reviewed basic facts about the FDI, including its history, benefits and costs of ADA membership, its activities and its governance. It was reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, for the first time ever, the FDI congress was cancelled and no meeting was held. This report included a synopsis of the electronic/virtual FDI governance actions and projects in 2020.

Approval of Amended 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-6-2021. Resolved, that the following 2021 Board of Trustees meeting dates, as amended, be approved:

- February 5-7, 2021 (Friday – Sunday)
- February 7-9, 2021 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- April 11-13, 2021 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- July 16-18, 2021 (Friday – Sunday)
- July 18-20, 2021 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- August 28, 2021 Special One-Day Meeting to Review the 2022 Budget (Saturday)
- September 12-14, 2021 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- October 17, 2021 (New Board of Trustees Meeting, Las Vegas)
- October 16, 2021 (New Board of Trustees Meeting, Las Vegas)
- December 11-13, 2021 (Saturday – Monday) (Retreat and Board meeting)

and be it further,

Resolved, that Resolutions B-57-2018, B-128-2020, and B-142-2020, approving the previous 2021 meeting dates, be rescinded.

Report of the Commission on Dental Accreditation: Informational Report on 2020 Administrative Fund: This informational report summarized (January through December) the 2020 Research and Development Fund activity (consent calendar item).

Report of the Division of Legal Affairs: Summary of Litigation and Other Matters: This confidential report was presented in an Attorney-Client session.
Report of the President: Dr. Daniel Klemmedson presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the October Board meeting.

Report of the President-elect: Dr. Cesar Sabates presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the October Board meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin reported on the state of the Association and reviewed COVID-19’s enormous impact on the ADA in 2020. Dr. O’Loughlin reported 2021 is focused on recovery—both financial results and membership results.

Report of Dr. James Stephens: Guidelines for Political Giving: This discussion took place during a closed session of the Board of Trustees. In open session, Dr. Stephen moved to amend Resolution B-13 by substitution. On vote, the motion to amend Resolution B-13 by substitution was not adopted by the Board of Trustees. Subsequently, at the request of Dr. Stephens and without any objection, Resolution B-13 was withdrawn.

B-13. (Withdrawn)

Special Orders of Business/Special Appearances

Governance in Action Presentation: Mr. Scott Fowkes and Ms. Wendy Wils facilitated a brief governance training activity for the Board.

ADABIG Presentation and Discussion: Mr. Bill Robinson, CEO, ADABIG and Dr. Kirk Norbo, chair, ADABIG, Board of Directors, provided the Board with an overview of how ADABIG has changed since its inception. Members of the ADABIG Board of Directors were also present for the discussion. While ADAPT has launched nationwide, the pandemic has had an impact on current revenue. The ADA’s investment in ADAPT has been very substantial and represents best efforts both to provide a direct benefit to members and to generate a new, long-term revenue stream. ADABIG’s leadership strongly believes that it remains a good investment for the ADA and provided the Board with important information to support that claim.

ADAF Interim Executive Director Introduction: The Board was introduced to the new interim executive director of the ADA Foundation, Dr. Elizabeth Roberts. Dr. Roberts briefed the Board on work to develop a new vision for the Foundation and to build the Foundation’s “business engine”, the necessary structure to fulfill its work.

CODA Presentation and Discussion: Dr. Jeffery Hicks, chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation and Dr. Bruce Rotter, vice chair, Commission on Dental Accreditation, met with the Board to report that CODA is responsible for the accreditation of over 1,400 programs and is currently developing its next strategic plan. Discussion included some areas of disagreement among CODA leadership and ADA leadership, relating to administrative funds and a shared services agreement. CODA also raised DOE requirements relating to some degree of independence and its need for new accreditation software.

New Business

Council on Scientific Affairs: Proposed ADA Endorsement of American Academy of Periodontology 2018 Periodontal Disease Classification System: This confidential report summarized the AAP Request for ADA endorsement. Resolution B-16 was moved for the Board’s consideration. On vote, Resolution B-16 was adopted.

B-16-2021. Resolved, that the American Dental Association endorses the revised “2018 Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions” as proposed by the American Academy of Periodontology.
Executive Director Search Committee Discussion: This discussion took place during a closed session of the Board of Trustees. In open session, Resolution B-18 was considered and adopted by the Board.

B-18-2021. (Confidential Action Temporarily Embargoed)

Closed Session

Closed sessions were held at various times during the February 5–7, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees. The detailed minutes of the closed session are separately recorded; however, any non-confidential actions taken by the Board are reflected in the minutes of the open meeting.

- Board Session on Executive Director Evaluation Process/Incentives
- Executive Director Search Committee
- Report of Dr. George R. Shepley, Liaison to the American Dental Political Action Committee
- Report of Dr. James Stephens: Guidelines for Political Giving

Attorney-Client Session

An attorney-client session of the Board of Trustees was held on Friday, February 5, 2021 via videoconference.

Adjournment

Without objection, the second regular meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned sine die on Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 12:35 p.m. (CDST).
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
April 11-13, 2021
Headquarters Building, Chicago

Call to Order: The third regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president, on Sunday, April 11, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard Time via videoconference.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

The following ADA staff were in attendance for all or portions of the meeting at the invitation of the president: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer; Jerome K. Bowman, chief, Governance and Strategy Management; Judith Fleeks, chief human resources officer; Scott W. Fowkes, general counsel; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Michael A. Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Catherine H. Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, chief communications officer; David Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; and Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs.

Guest in attendance: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee.

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were: Catherine Albrecht, senior associate general counsel; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Nicole Catral, director, Social Responsibility and Philanthropy; Deborah Doherty, chief executive officer, ADABEI; Thomas C. Elliott, Jr., deputy general counsel; Kelly Ganski, news director, ADA News; Michael Kendall, senior associate general counsel; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Jane Grover, director, CAAP; Thomas Parcella, director, Financial Planning and Analysis; Molly Potnick, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Dr. Elizabeth Roberts, Interim Executive Director, ADA Foundation; Bill Robinson, president and CEO, ADA Business Innovation Group; Samara Schwartz, associate general counsel; Kyle Smith, manager, House of Delegates; Wendy J. Wils, deputy general counsel; and Robert Zinn, director, Accounting and Reporting. Other ADA staff members were in attendance for specific agenda items.

Before consideration of business, Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy statement included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclose any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed at this time.

Approval of Agenda and Consent Items
Approval of Agenda. Dr. Klemmedson asked if there were any items of new business. No items of new business were proposed. On vote, the Board adopted the agenda.

B-20-2021. Resolved, that the agenda be approved as the official order of business for the current meeting of the Board of Trustees except that the President may alter the order of the agenda when necessary to expedite business.

Approval of Consent Calendar. Dr. Klemmedson reviewed the list of proposed consent items; the following items were removed from consent.

- Report of the Senior Vice President, Practice Institute: Proposal to Amend Metric on Objective 10 of Common Ground 2025 (Res. B-21)
- Informational Report of the Senior Vice President Education and Professional Affairs: Interstate Licensure Compacts

B-19-2021. Resolved, that the resolutions contained on the Consent Calendar for Board of Trustees consideration, as amended, be approved and reports be filed.

On vote, the consent calendar was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Sessions

Minutes of the February 5-7, 2021, virtual meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-36-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the February 5-7, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

Minutes of the March 19, 2021, Special Confidential Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-37-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of March 19, 2021, Special Confidential Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

Report on Mail Ballot Actions: In accordance with the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees, the following mail ballot action is required to be reported in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. The mail ballot resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mail Ballot No. 1—Honorary Membership.

B-24-2021. Resolved, that Honorary Membership to the American Dental Association be awarded to:

Mr. Jerome K. Bowman

Reports of Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees

Report of the Audit Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee’s March 24, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. George Shepley, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s April 5, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.
Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-38 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-38 was adopted.

**B-38-2021. Resolved,** that the ADA quarterly financial statements as of September 30, 2020, be filed and posted in the appropriate delegates section.

Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-39 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-39 was adopted.

**B-39-2021. Resolved,** that, for calendar year 2022 and beyond, fifty percent (50%) of the royalties from the ADA Members Insurance Plans be reported as revenue within ADA Operations, and fifty percent (50%) shall be reported in the Long Term Investment Reserve.

Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-40 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; hearing no objections, Resolution B-40 was adopted by general consent.

**B-40-2021. Resolved,** that, prior to January 1, 2022, an amount necessary to bring the balance of the ADA Members Insurance Royalty Reserve (“Royalty Reserve”) up to $100 million as set forth in B-81-2014 be allocated from the Long Term Investment Reserve to the Royalty Reserve, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Budget and Finance Committee (“the Committee”) consult with ADA’s independent investment advisors with regard to the timing of such transfer, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Royalty Reserve be held as a quasi-endowment (“Quasi-Endowment Royalty Fund”), and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Committee consult with ADA’s independent investment advisors to develop a proposed investment spending policy and any other policies necessary to govern the management of the Quasi-Endowment Royalty Fund, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Committee shall report its recommendations regarding such policies to the ADA Board of Trustees at the Board’s July 2021 meeting.

Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-41 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; hearing no objection, Resolution B-41 was adopted by general consent.

**B-41-2021. Resolved,** that the 2022 ADA operating budget shall target a deficit of no more than $3 million, which target includes $4 million of revenue from the newly created Quasi-Endowment Royalty Fund plus 50% of the royalties from the ADA Members Insurance Plans.

*Request for Funding: SmileCon COVID-19 Impacts.* Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-35 with the Committee’s recommendation to postpone definitely to the July 2021 meeting of the Board. Dr. Shepley reported that this added time would enable staff to collect additional, up-to-date information that is expected to be gathered during the Las Vegas site visit in late-April.

**B-35. Resolved,** that the ADA Board of Directors approve funding from reserves up to $385,000 to fund SmileCon™ 2021 unanticipated expenses related to the impact of COVID-19.

A motion was made to postpone consideration of Resolution B-35 definitely until the July meeting. Hearing no objection, the motion to postpone definitely until July was adopted by general consent.

*Report on the Status of the 2021 Board Contingency.* A Board Contingency Fund of $700,000 was authorized in the 2021 budget. The Board of Trustees has not approved any funding requests, which leaves the balance of the 2021 Board Contingency Fund at $700,000.
Report of the Compensation Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Compensation Committee’s March 25, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee: On behalf of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Dr. Julio Rodriguez, chair, presented reports of the Committee’s February 18, 2021, and March 25, 2021, meetings. The reports identified major topics discussed and reports received.

Report of the Governance Committee: On behalf of the Governance Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s March 23, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Report of the Pension Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Ted Sherwin, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s March 22, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Reports and Resolutions to the Board of Trustees

Financial Goal

Report on Finance Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress report on the financial goal of Common Ground: The ADA will be financially sustainable (consent calendar item).

Informational Report Regarding Officer Approval of Expenditures from Capital Replacement Reserve Spending: This informational report summarized Officer approval of spending from the Capital Replacement Reserves (consent calendar item).

Report of the Publishing Division: Publishing Division Update: Ms. Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing, reported that ADA’s publishing portfolio is divided into two halves: news and business publications and scholarly and scientific publications. ADA News and JADA are the most well-read and respected publications in all of dentistry, and ADA’s publications survived COVID in far stronger position than did the competitors. Print advertising revenue continues to decrease, but this is offset to a degree by increases in digital advertising. ADA is also creating more sophisticated advertising campaigns expected to drive revenue growth.

Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: CAM Charter Update: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-33-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Board of Trustees approves the following changes to the current CAM Charter (Adopted by the ADA Board of Trustees June 2019):

Ad Hoc Committees and Subcommittees. The Committee shall have an Ad Hoc Committee on Local Arrangements for the current year’s annual meeting and a Second Ad Hoc Committee on Local Arrangements for the following year’s annual meeting.

The First Ad Hoc Committee shall be made up of the designated Local Arrangements member that sits on the Committee on Annual Meetings. This person shall serve as the chair of this committee. He or she shall choose up to five (5) other committee members from the district in which the meeting is being held an appropriate number of members necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the committee. The committee is to function on a local basis in the grassroots and word of mouth promotion of the meeting, the recruitment of volunteers needed for the annual meeting and to help onsite during the annual meeting. Only the chair of the committee is a member of the Committee on Annual Meetings.
The Second Ad Hoc Committee shall be made up of the designated Local Arrangements member that sits on the Committee on Annual Meetings. This person shall serve as the chair of this committee. He or she shall choose up to five (5) other committee members from the district in which the meeting is being held an appropriate number of members necessary to fulfill the responsibilities of the committee. The committee is to function on a local basis in the grassroots and word of mouth promotion of the meeting, the recruitment of volunteers needed for the annual meeting and to help onsite during the annual meeting. Only the chair of the committee is a member of the Committee on Annual Meetings.

Report of the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs: ADA Members Insurance Plans State Regulatory Filings by Protective Life Insurance Company: This informational report advised the Board that Protective Life Insurance Company, in connection with the acquisition of the Great-West Life & Annuity Insurance Company including the ADA Plans, is in the process of newly filing each of the nine ADA Members and Student Members Insurance Plans master policies with thirty-five state insurance regulators to reaffirm legal compliance (consent calendar item).

Membership Goal

Report on Membership Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress report on the membership goal of Common Ground: The ADA will have sufficient members to be the premier voice for oral health (consent calendar item).

Report of the New Dentist Committee: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee, provided updates on New Dentist related matters. Dr. Leary moved Resolutions B-26 and B-27 for the Board’s consideration. On vote, the Board adopted Resolutions B-26 and B-27.

B-26-2021. Resolved, that Dr. Mai-Ly Duong be nominated to serve as the New Dentist Member of the Council on Scientific Affairs for the 2021-2022 term, and be it further

Resolved, that Dr. Duong’s nomination be transmitted to the 2021 House of Delegates.

B-27-2021. Resolved, that the ADA shall no longer offer a New Dentist Conference, and be it further

Resolved, that the New Dentist Committee and the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings are requested to continue to collaborate during 2021 on the development of the new dentist experience at the 2021 SmileCon meeting, and be it further

Resolved, that the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings is requested to collaborate with the New Dentist Committee to maximize the new dentist experience at all future SmileCon meetings.

Report on Pilot for Enhancing Retention Impact of the Quarter Year Dues Campaign: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-32-2021. Resolved, that the Pilot Program For Enhancing the Retention Impact of the Quarter-Year Dues Campaign be expanded through 2022 to include all state societies interested in participating.

Organizational Goal
Report on Organizational Capacity Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress made on the organizational goal of Common Ground: All levels of the ADA will have sufficient organizational capacity necessary to achieve the goals of the strategic plan (consent calendar item).

Public Goal

Report on Public Goal of Common Ground 2025: Public Goal Strategic Discussion: Dr. Dave Preble, Dr. Marcelo Araujo, Dr. Marko Vujicic, and Mr. Michael Graham presented the Board with progress made on the public goal of Common Ground before opening to a Board strategic discussion. For 2021, a major focus of the ADA’s work under the public goal is health equity. Cost barriers to dental care are decreasing for children, but rising for adults and seniors. Disparities among racial groups is also widening. ADA is focusing on health equity for multiple reasons. It reflects the approach of the Biden administration and will help to maintain influence in Washington. Health equity also reflects ADA’s core values. This focus also addresses other issues such as Eldercare, Medicaid and the public option for healthcare favored by President Biden. CAAP is also working on health equity and will likely propose formal ADA policy at the House of Delegates.

Report of the Senior Vice President, Practice Institute: Proposal to Amend Metric on Objective 10 of Common Ground 2025: It was reported that the Third Party Payer Concierge program was disbanded in 2020 as a result of intentional prioritization and associated budgetary reduction. Given this change, the ADA no longer responds to member calls related to dental benefit programs resulting in a need to revise the second metric associated with Objective 10. Following the report, Resolution B-21 was moved for the Board’s consideration; on vote, Resolution B-21 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-21-2021. Resolved, that the metrics for Public Goal, Objective 10 of the Common Ground 2025 Strategic Plan be modified as follows:

- Increase of legislative and regulatory activity in the states related to both public and private Third Party Payers by 30% in SPA States.
- Increase dentist participation in standardized industry solutions by 10% that lower administrative burden when participating with third party dental benefit programs.

During discussion, Dr. Preble was asked to provide an update on the ADA relationship with Bento. A toolkit with talking points related to Bento will be developed and provided to the Board.

Report of the Council on Dental Practice: ADA Standards Volunteer Awards Program: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolutions (consent calendar actions).

B-22-2021. Resolved, that the 2021 Standards Committee on Dental Products Volunteer Award be presented to:

Mr. Chi Shi Wong

B-23-2021. Resolved, that the 2021 Standards Committee on Dental Informatics Volunteer Award be presented to:

Dr. Holly Moon

Report of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs: Consultant Appointments: This informational report notified the Board of the six ADA members appointed as consultants for CDBP to serve until the close of the 2021 House of Delegates (consent calendar item).

Report of the Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs: Federal and State Legislative,
**Regulatory, and Public Affairs Update:** Mr. Michael Graham reported about possible legislation in DC. The infrastructure bill will be a true test as to whether bipartisan legislation will take place this year. The DC office is now engaging with state attorneys general about McCarron Ferguson, as a consumer protection measure. There is also potential increased federal appropriations to enhance antitrust enforcement efforts. Thirty one states are participating in the FIIST program. Virtual Lobby Day will commence on April 25.

**ADPAC Report on Edited Policy Manual and Giving Guidelines:** This informational report provided background information on the history of PACs, ADPAC’s funds and operating accounts as well as ADPAC activities in reaction to the 2020 Election Cycle and events that took place at the United States Capitol on January 6, 2021. Mr. Michael Graham answered several questions from members of the Board regarding this ADPAC Report. During discussion, a motion was made to move into closed session. Hearing no objection, the motion to move into closed session was adopted by general consent.

Later in the meeting and in open session, Dr. Sabates moved Resolution B-44 for the Board’s consideration.

**B-44. Resolved,** that a seven member *ad hoc* Workgroup be established to study the structure of ADPAC within the ADA’s corporate structure, including ADPAC’s own authority as well as the Board of Trustees’ authority over it, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the President be authorized to appoint the Workgroup members, including the chair, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Workgroup conduct its meetings by video and teleconferencing and provide the Board of Trustees with regular progress reports on its work until submission of its final report, with recommendations as appropriate, by no later than the September 2021 Board of Trustees meeting, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the Workgroup shall be supported by the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and the ADA General Counsel or his designee, as well as any other staff identified by the Executive Director.

Following discussion, Dr. Sabates made a motion to withdraw B-44. On vote, the motion to withdraw Resolution B-44 was adopted by the Board.

**Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations: Report on the 2020 Research and Development Fund:** This informational report provided the Board with JCNDE’s required summary of its Research and Development Fund activity for calendar year 2020 (consent calendar item).

**Informational Report of the Senior Vice President Education and Professional Affairs: Interstate Licensure Compacts:** This informational report summarized the dental licensure compact development process. The Board discussed CDEL’s grant application for the development of a licensure compact in dentistry and dental hygiene as outlined in the report. Such compacts are consistent with existing ADA policy and the Council acted within its authority as a committee of the House of Delegates in support of ADA policy on licensure. The Council’s Annual Report to the House will include detailed information on interstate licensure compacts. It was requested that the further discussion on interstate compacts be added to the July Board agenda.

**Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Progress Update:** This informational report described the progress the ATDH Steering Committee has made with respect to ATDH development, and provided the anticipated timeline for ATDH implementation (consent calendar item).

**Subsidiaries and Affiliate Entities**
Report of ADA Business Innovation Group: ADA Practice Transitions™ Update: This informational report provided a summary of ADABIG activities since the February Board meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of ADA Business Enterprises: This informational report provided a summary of ADABEI activities in 2021 (consent calendar item).

ADA Foundation: Meeting of the Member: The regular session of the Board of Trustees was adjourned for the purpose of convening the Member Meeting of the ADA Foundation.

Liaison Reports

Report of Dr. James D. Stephens, Liaison to the Council on Dental Practice: This informational report summarized the November 21-21, 2020, CDP meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger, Liaison to the Council on Dental Education and Licensure: This informational report summarized the January 21-22, 2021, CDEL meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. James D. Stephens, Liaison to the American Student Dental Association: This informational report summarized the January 2021, ASDA meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. James D. Stephens, Liaison to the American Student Dental Association on the February 2021 ASDA Virtual House of Delegates: This informational report summarized the February 19-21, 2021, ASDA Virtual House of Delegates meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez, Liaison to the Council on Dental Benefit Programs: This informational report summarized updates ahead of the May 2021, CDBP meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow, Liaison to the Council on Communications: This informational report summarized the March 12-13, 2021, CC meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. Gary Oyster, Liaison to the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs: This informational report summarized the March 25-26, 2021, CEBJA meeting (consent calendar item).

Report of Dr. Brett Kessler, ADA Liaison to the Dental Lifeline Network Board of Directors: Dr. Kessler reported that since its inception in 1985, Donated Dental Services (DDS) volunteer dentists and labs have donated over $495 million of comprehensive treatment for more than 165,914 vulnerable people thanks, in part, to the many ADA members who volunteer. Dr. Kessler also reported that the Dental Lifeline Network will have a big presence at SmileCon this year.

Organizational/Other

Report of Nominations to the Council on Scientific Affairs: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-25-2021. Resolved, that the names and qualifications of the following four individuals be transmitted to the 2021 House of Delegates as nominees for membership on the Council on Scientific Affairs for the 2021-2025 term.

Dr. Juliana da Costa (District 11)
Dr. Ashraf F. Fouad (District 5)
Dr. William A. MacDonnell (District 1)
Dr. Alessandro Villa (District 13)
Confidential Report on Nomination for ADA Distinguished Service Award: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

**B-28-2021. Resolved**, that the 2021 Distinguished Service Award be presented to:

Rear Admiral Timothy Ricks

Report on Nominations for ADA Honorary Membership: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolutions.

**B-29-2021. Resolved**, that Honorary Membership to the American Dental Association be awarded to:

Mr. Fred J. Leviton

Before consideration of Resolution B-30, Dr. Sabates reported that Mr. Stephen O'Loughlin’s nomination was submitted without the required CV. A motion was made and adopted to suspend the Board Rules regarding the requirement of a CV.

**B-30-2021. Resolved**, that Honorary Membership to the American Dental Association be awarded to:

Mr. Stephen O'Loughlin

**B-31-2021. Resolved**, that Honorary Membership to the American Dental Association be awarded to:

Mr. Richard D. Stevens

Report of the Division of Legal Affairs: Summary of Litigation and Other Matters: This confidential report was presented in an Attorney-Client session.

Report of the President: Dr. Daniel Klemmedson presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the February Board meeting.

Report of the President-elect: Dr. Cesar Sabates presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the February Board meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin reported on the state of the Association including progress in recovery from COVID-related financial and membership challenges.

Special Orders of Business/Special Appearances

Governance in Action Presentation: Mr. Scott Fowkes and Ms. Wendy Wils facilitated a brief governance training activity for the Board.

Board of Trustees and New Dentist Committee Joint Strategic Session: The Board participated in a joint session with the New Dentist Committee. The joint session was facilitated by Dr. Steven Shepard, founder, Shepard Communications Group, and focused on the inner workings on generational theory that provided insights about how to manage, attract, motivate, inspire, lead, and influence four cycles of generations. This session was the first of a three part collaborative leadership, learning and strategy series for the Board and the New Dentist Committee.
**Business Continuity Plan Training:** Mr. Jordan Baugh provided the Board with an overview of the status on and updates to ADA’s Business Continuity Plan.

**Report of the Executive Director Search Committee:** This report was presented during a Board of Trustees closed session. In open session, the following resolutions were considered and adopted by the Board of Trustees.

- **B-42-2021.** (Confidential Action Temporarily Embargoed)
- **B-43-2021.** (Confidential Action Temporarily Embargoed)

**Board Educational Session: Harassment:** Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, provided the Board with its annual overview on workplace harassment.

**Closed Session**

Closed sessions were held at various times during the April 11–13, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees. The detailed minutes of the closed session are separately recorded; however, any non-confidential actions taken by the Board are reflected in the minutes of the open meeting.

- Report of the Executive Director Search Committee

**Attorney-Client Session**

An attorney-client session of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, April 12, 2021 via videoconference.

**Adjournment**

Without objection, the third regular meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned *sine die* on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 11:36 a.m. (CST).
Minutes of the Board of Trustees

May 10, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: A special meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Daniel J. Klemmedson on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time via videoconference.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

ADA Staff In Attendance: Mr. Scott Fowkes, general counsel and Ms. Judith Fleeks, chief human resources officer.

Purpose of the Special Meeting: Dr. Klemmedson stated the purpose of the special meeting was to discuss employment matters in a closed session. The detailed minutes of the closed session are separately recorded.

A motion was made and adopted to suspend the Board Rules to allow official action to be conducted during the closed session.

Adjournment: The Board of Trustees meeting adjourned sine die at 9:40 p.m. Central Daylight Savings Time.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
May 24, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president, on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 7:30 p.m., Central Daylight Savings Time. The videoconference meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

ADA Staff in Attendance: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer, Jerry Bowman, chief of governance and strategy management; Judi Fleeks, chief human resources officer; Scott Fowkes, general counsel; Wendy Wils, deputy general counsel; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Mike Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Catherine Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, chief communications officer; Dave Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; Leslee Williams, senior director, Communications; Tony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education and Professional Affairs; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; and Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters.

Guest: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee.

Before consideration of business Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclosure any conflicts of interest. No disclosures were made.

Informational MyView Response Discussion: Following the publication of the MyView column, Dr. Klemmedson announced that the purpose of the Special Meeting was to obtain Board consensus on releasing a potential ADA statement. After discussion and responding to questions, the Board agreed to release a statement and to not remain silent.

Adjournment: Without objection, the special session of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 9:03 p.m.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
July 16-18, 2021
Headquarters Building, Chicago

Call to Order: The fourth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president, on Friday, July 16, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the ADA Headquarters Building, Chicago.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

The following ADA staff were in attendance for all or portions of the meeting at the invitation of the president: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer; Jerome K. Bowman, chief of governance and strategy management; Judith Fleeks, chief human resources officer; Scott W. Fowkes, general counsel; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Michael A. Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Catherine H. Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, chief marketing and communications officer; David Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; and Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs.

Guest in attendance: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee; Dr. Randall Markarian, chair, Council on Dental Benefit Programs; Mr. Dan Logsdon, Council on State Governments; Mr. Matt Schafer, Council on State Governments; Dr. Todd Ester, University of Michigan School of Dentistry

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were: Catherine Albrecht, senior associate general counsel; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Nicole Catral, director, Social Responsibility and Philanthropy; Deborah Doherty, chief executive officer, ADEBEI; Thomas C. Elliott, Jr., deputy general counsel; Michael Kendall, senior associate general counsel; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Jane Grover, director, Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention; Dr. Elizabeth Roberts, Interim Executive Director, ADA Foundation; Suzanne Ebert, vice president, Dental Practice and Relationship Management, ADA Business Innovation Group; Samara Schwartz, associate general counsel; Wendy J. Wils, deputy general counsel; and Robert Zinn, director, Accounting and Reporting. Other ADA staff members were in attendance for specific agenda items.

Before consideration of business, Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy statement included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclose any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed at this time.
Approval of Agenda and Consent Items

Approval of Agenda. Before requesting approval of the agenda, Dr. Klemmedson asked if there were any items of new business. No items of new business were proposed. Dr. Klemmedson announced that the Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: Annual Meeting and House of Delegates Scheduling Recommendation was slated to be presented to the July Board and appears on the agenda and posted with the agenda book meeting materials. Subsequent to the posting, the Committee made the decision to postpone its presentation of this report and will submit its report to the September Board. The agenda was adopted by general consent.

B-46-2021. Resolved, that the agenda be approved as the official order of business for the current meeting of the Board of Trustees except that the President may alter the order of the agenda when necessary to expedite business.

Approval of Consent Calendar. Dr. Klemmedson reviewed the list of proposed consent items; the following items were added to the consent calendar.

- Council on Government Affairs: Amendment of the Policy, Support for Adult Medicaid Dental Services (Res.27)
- Council on Dental Practice: Amendment to the Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (Res. 42)

The amended consent calendar was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-45-2021. Resolved, that the resolutions contained on the Consent Calendar for Board of Trustees consideration, as amended, be approved and reports be filed.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Sessions

April 11-13, 2021, Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-71-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the April 11-13, 2021, Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

May 10, 2021, Special Confidential Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-72-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the May 10, 2021, Special Confidential Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

May 24, 2021, Special Telephonic Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The following resolution was adopted (consent calendar action).

B-73-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the May 24, 2021, Special Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

Reports of Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees

Report of the Audit Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee’s June 23, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Dr. Harrington moved Resolutions B-50, B-51 and B-52 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote Resolutions B-50, B-51 and B-52 were adopted.
B-50-2021. Resolved, that the final audited consolidated 2020 ADA financial statements be posted to the House of Delegates library on ADA Connect.


B-52-2021. Resolved, that the final audited 2020 financial statements for ADPAC be posted to the House of Delegates library on ADA Connect.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee: On behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee, Dr. George Shepley, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s June 30, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.

Request for Funding: Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings, COVID-19 Impacts Request for Reserve Funding. Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-48 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-48 was adopted by general consent.

B-48-2021. Resolved, that funding up to $161,000 from the contingency fund be approved to produce the SmileCon virtual meeting components for 2021.

Request for Funding: Report of the Division of Technology, CODA Re-Platform Project. Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-49, as amended by the Committee, with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt. Hearing no objections, Resolution B-49 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-49-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Board of Trustees allocate up to $485,000 from reserves to cover the costs of securing consultants to execute the CODA platform evaluation, selection and implementation project through the end of 2022, and be it further

Resolved, that all costs related to this project be tracked in a separate reserve cost center for Division of Technology (Cost Center: 020-1450-000) CODA REPLATFORM PROJECT and disclosed in regular monthly financial reports.

Dr. Sabates requested that discussion on the ADA/CODA relationship be taken up at the September 2021 meeting of the Board.

Request for Funding: Digital Transformation Update: Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-64; on vote, Resolution B-64 was adopted.

B-64-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Board of Trustees allocate $5.4 million from reserves in 2021 to support the execution of the Digital Transformation strategy, with such allocation anticipated to support the ongoing execution through the end of 2022, and be it further

Resolved, that ADA staff provide regular updates on progress and results of the Digital Transformation strategy to the ADA Board of Trustees in 2021 and through 2022, and be it further

Resolved, that ADA staff provide a refined project plan and report on the Digital Transformation strategy results to the ADA Board of Trustees at its first meeting in 2022.

Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-79 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-79 was adopted.

B-79-2021. Resolved, that the Quasi-Endowment Royalty Fund, created pursuant to B-40-2021, be managed in the same portfolio as all existing ADA long term investments under one combined investment policy, but shall be tracked separately.
Dr. Shepley moved Resolution B-80 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-80 was adopted.

**B-80-2021. Resolved**, that the spending rate for the Quasi-Endowment Royalty Fund, created pursuant to B-40-2021, be $4 million annually for the 2022, 2023, and 2024 calendar years, provided, however, that this amount shall be periodically reviewed and updated no less frequently than annually by the Budget and Finance Committee, with recommendation to be made to the Board of Trustees, and be it further

Resolved, that the Governance Committee be authorized to make conforming changes to the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees* to reflect this action, and be it further

Resolved, that in 2024, a spending policy be developed to govern management of the Quasi-Endowment Royalty Fund effective commencing in 2025.

*Report on the Status of the 2021 Board Contingency.* A Board Contingency Fund of $700,000 was authorized in the 2021 budget. The Board of Trustees has not approved any funding requests, which leaves the balance of the 2021 Board Contingency Fund at $539,000.

*Report of the Business Innovation Committee:* On behalf of the Business Innovation Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s May 4, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.

*Report of the Compensation Committee:* On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Compensation during a closed session. In open session, Resolution B-65 was considered and adopted by the Board.

**B-65-2021. Resolved**, that the Board approve the 2021 Executive Director Incentive Plan

*Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee:* On behalf of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Dr. Julio Rodriguez, chair, presented reports of the Committee’s June 22, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and reports received.

The President announced that B-62-2021 and B-63-2021 would be reported out in Board Report 1 to the House of Delegates.

**B-62-2021. Resolved,** that the following candidates be approved to participate in the 2021-2022 Class of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership:

1. Asensi, Gabriela, Coral Gables, FL
2. Bujnoski, Emily, Scottsdale, AZ
3. Burdette, Kerin, Waxahachie, TX
4. Cummings, Zazell, Koezebue, AK
5. Fleming, Eleanor, Franklin, TN
6. Lagreca, Gabriela, Framingham, MA
7. Lee, Austin, San Antonio, TX
8. Lopez, Esther, Oak Park, IL
9. Martinsen Seifert, Valerie, LaPorte, IN
10. Nunez, Natali, Boston, MA
11. Rathore, Sonali, Glen Allen, VA
12. Rawal, Kady, Boston, MA
13. Rodriguez, Nicholas, McAllen, TX
14. Sergie, Susan, Bethel, AK
15. Stuefen, Sara, Vinton, IA
16. White, Lawrence, Chicago, IL
B-63-2021. Resolved, that the following three candidates be approved as alternates for the 2021-2022 Class of the ADA Institute for Diversity in Leadership:

Baldwin, Krystal, Getzville, NY
Keohane, Ana, Newton, MA
Pronych, Gilda, Portsmouth, NH

Report of the Governance Committee: On behalf of the Governance Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s June 29, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-66; on vote, Resolution B-66 was adopted.

B-66-2021. Resolved, that the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees regarding the FDI Delegation, Sections 2, 3, 5 and 6 be amended as shown in Appendix A of this report.

Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-67; on vote, Resolution B-67 was adopted.


Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-68; on vote, Resolution B-68 was adopted.

B-68-2021. Resolved, that each ADA subsidiary or related entity is urged to complete an annual self-assessment in narrative form and to report the results back to the ADA Board of Trustees for review by its Governance Committee, and be it further

Resolved, that absent a special request from the entity, the evaluation reports be provided in time for the Board’s meeting held in April, May or June of each year.

Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-69; on vote, Resolution B-69 was adopted.

B-69-2021. Resolved, that the “Report 3 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Review of Treasurer Application” be submitted to the Board for action.

Reports and Resolutions to the Board of Trustees

Financial Goal

Report on Finance Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress report on the financial goal of Common Ground: The ADA will be financially sustainable.

SmileCon 2021 COVID-19 Impacts: Request for Reserve Funding: At the April 2021 meeting, Resolution B-35 was postponed definitely until the July meeting. Ms. Mills reported that since April, the projected funding as presented in April had been revised to fund COVID-related costs.

B-35. Resolved, that the ADA Board of Directors approve funding from reserves up to $385,000 to fund SmileCon TM 2021 unanticipated expenses related to the impact of COVID-19.

A motion was made to amend Resolution B-35 by substitution as follows:

Resolved, funding up to $186,000 from reserves be approved for SmileCon and House of Delegates unanticipated expenses related to the impact of COVID-19.
On vote, the Board adopted the motion to amend by substitution. On vote, Resolution B-35 was adopted as presented below.

**B-35-2021. Resolved**, funding up to $186,000 from reserves be approved for SmileCon and House of Delegates unanticipated expenses related to the impact of COVID-19.

**COVID-19 Smilecon Health and Safety Policy**: This informational report summarized the health and safety plan for the 2021 SmileCon™ conference. Following discussion of the report, a motion was made to maintain the current COVID-19 SmileCon Health and Safety Protocols as they appear on ADA.org. On vote the Board adopted the motion to maintain the current COVID-19 SmileCon Health and Safety Protocols.

**Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: 2023 Annual Meeting Site Relocation Recommendation**: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

**B-78-2021. (Emargoed)**

**Membership Goal**

**Report on Membership Goal of Common Ground 2025**: This report summarized the progress report on the membership goal of Common Ground: The ADA will have sufficient members to be the premier voice for oral health (consent calendar item).

**Report of the New Dentist Committee**: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee, provided updates on New Dentist related matters.

**Report of the New Dentist Committee: Council Appointment Recommendations**: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution.

**B-54-2021. Resolved**, that the New Dentist Committee recommends that the Board nominate the following New Dentist Members for the 2021-2022 term:

- Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP), Dr. J. Luke Andrew
- Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs (CMIRP), Dr. Stephanie Ganter Briggs
- Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings (CAM), Dr. Daryn Lu
- Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP), Dr. Brooke Fukuoka (reappointment)
- Council on Dental Education and Licensure (CDEL), Dr. Jarod Johnson
- Council on Communications (CC), Dr. Tanya Sue Maestas
- Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA), Dr. Alex Mellion (reappointment)
- Committee on Membership (CM), Dr. Benjamin Youel (reappointment)
- American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC), Dr. Jonathan Vogel
- Council on Dental Practice (CDP), Dr. ArNelle Wright
- Council on Government Affairs (CGA), Dr. Steve Feldman (reappointment)

**Report of the Council on Membership: Update on Managing Puerto Rico Dental Society Membership**: This informational report provided a summary of Puerto Rico membership (consent calendar item).

**Report of the Council on Membership: Large Group Practice Membership Dues Strategy**: Resolution B-70 was moved for the Board’s consideration; on vote, Resolution B-70 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.
**B-70-2021. Resolved**, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the development and implementation of a pilot program of up to three years duration to explore efficiencies and interest in a dues collection process which allows the ADA to offer multi-state large group practices the option to pay an average flat-rate dues amount for its employed and affiliated dentists, which amount will be calculated by the ADA annually, and be it further

**Resolved**, that as part of this pilot program the ADA work with interested state and local dental societies to:

- coordinate the processes for collecting tripartite dues from large group practices on behalf of the dentists in said practices,
- distribute the actual dues owed to the state and local societies choosing to participate in the pilot program, and
- coordinate the processes for tripartite member value, engagement, and retention,

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the pilot program be assessed by the Council on Membership and reports be provided to the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates annually after it has been implemented.

**Organizational Goal**

**Report on Organizational Capacity Goal of Common Ground 2025**: This report summarized the progress made on the organizational goal of Common Ground: The ADA will support the advancement of the health of the public and the success of the profession (consent calendar item).

**Public Goal**

**Report on Public Goal of Common Ground 2025**: This report summarized the progress made on the public goal of Common Ground: All levels of the ADA will have sufficient organizational capacity necessary to achieve the goals of the strategic plan (consent calendar item).

**Proposal for Enhanced CDT Code Funding Request**: Resolution B-55 was moved for the Board’s consideration.

**B-55. Resolved**, that the following appropriation be allocated in accordance with the terms of the supplemental appropriation request to cover the costs of a full time employee for the remainder of 2021 to develop an enhanced CDT Code.

Cost Center:  150-0200-000  Amount: up to $69,500

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the following amounts be included in the 2022 budget for staffing and consulting services.

Cost Center:  150 0200 000  Staffing up to $139,000  Consulting Services $70,000

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) be urged to expeditiously establish a Council taskforce with multi-stakeholder representation from across the
A request was made to divide B-55 into two individual resolutions so that each may be considered and voted on separately; B-55a and B-55b. Dr. Klemmedson accepted the request. Dr. Rodriguez moved Resolution B55b for the Board’s consideration.

Resolution B-55b was considered by the Board of Trustees; on vote, Resolution B-55b was adopted.

**B-55b-2021. Resolved**, that the Chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) be urged to expeditiously establish a Council taskforce with multi-stakeholder representation from across the dental business community to support development and implementation of an enhanced CDT Code.

Resolution B-55a was considered by the Board. A motion was made to refer Resolution B-55a to the Committee on Budget and Finance in order to gain greater clarity on the budget assumptions presented in Resolution B-55a and to report back to the September Board. On vote, the motion to refer Resolution B-55a to the Committee on Budget and Finance with a report back to the September Board was adopted.

**B-55a. Resolved**, that the following appropriation be allocated in accordance with the terms of the supplemental appropriation request to cover the costs of a full time employee for the remainder of 2021 to develop an enhanced CDT Code.

- **Cost Center:** 150-0200-000
- **Amount:** up to $69,500

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the following amounts be included in the 2022 budget for staffing and consulting services.

- **Cost Center:** 150 0200 000
- **Staffing:** up to $139,000
- **Consulting Services:** $70,000

**Informational Report of the Council on Dental Practice Regarding 2021-2022 Consultants:** This informational report notified the Board of the consultants appointed to serve until the close of the 2022 House of Delegates (consent calendar item).

**Report of the Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs:** Federal and State Legislative, Regulatory, and Public Affairs Update: Mr. Michael Graham provided an update on developments in Washington regarding a proposal to create a Medicare dental benefit. As yet, this has not yet been put into legislative language, but is part of a budget reconciliation resolution. There are no details although it appears that the benefit would be limited to approximately $24 billion per year, which is less than what we have previously calculated as necessary to provide a full Medicare dental benefit. There is still a great deal of uncertainty surrounding this proposal. And its prospects of ultimate passage are uncertain.

**Report of the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer:** Integrated Marketing and Communications, Annual Review of ADA Spokespersons: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

**B-47-2021. Resolved**, that the following individuals be approved as national ADA spokespersons through the conclusion of the 2022 annual meeting.

*New Spokespersons*
Ashley Popejoy, D.D.S., M.S., Nixa, Mo. District 6 (Medicaid)
Mirissa Price, D.M.D., Boston, Mass. District 1 (Consumer Advisor)

Change in Spokesperson Designation


Consumer Advisors

ADA spokespersons who can address a broad range of topics with top-tier media

Alice G. Boghosian, D.D.S., Park Ridge, IL
Ada S. Cooper, D.D.S., New York, NY
Sally Cram, D.D.S., Washington, DC (Action for Dental Health)
Edmond R. Hewlett, D.D.S., Los Angeles, CA (Action for Dental Health)
Julius Manz D.D.S., Farmington, NM
Matthew Messina, D.D.S., Upper Arlington, OH
Richard Price, D.M.D., Waban, MA
Tricia Quartey, D.M.D., Brooklyn, NY
Tyrone Rodriguez, D.D.S., San Antonio, TX (Bilingual)
Genaro Romo, D.D.S., Oak Lawn, IL (Bilingual)
Ruchi (Deepinder) K. Sahota, D.D.S., Fremont, CA (Action for Dental Health)
Brittany Seymour, D.D.S., M.P.H., Boston, MA

Technical Experts

ADA spokespersons with expertise in a particular area of dentistry

Anita Aminoshariae, D.D.S., M.S., Cleveland, OH (Opioids)
Alan Boghosian, D.D.S., Chicago, IL (Dental Materials)
Sharon Brooks, D.D.S., Chelsea, MI (Oral and Maxillofacial Radiography; x-rays)
Anthony C. Caputo, D.D.S., Tucson, AZ (Anesthesia)
Gregory N. Connolly, D.M.D., Belmont, MA (Science/EBD)
Jane Grover, D.D.S., M.P.H., Chicago, IL (Action for Dental Health)
Mary J. Hayes, D.D.S., Chicago, IL (Pediatric Dentistry)
Monica Hebl, D.D.S., Milwaukee, WI (Oral and Maxillofacial Radiography; x-rays)
J. Robert Kelly, D.D.S., M.S., DMedSc, Farmington, CT (Dental Materials)
Purnima Kumar, B.D.S., M.S., Ph.D., Columbus, OH (Vaping)
J. Rodway Mackert, D.M.D., Ph.D., Augusta, GA (Dental Amalgam)
Angelo Mariotti, B.S., D.D.S., Ph.D., Columbus, OH (Home oral care)
John A. Molinari, Ph.D., Arroyo Grande, California (Infection Control/Dental Unit Water Lines)
Robert M. Pick, D.D.S., Aurora, IL (Dental Implants)
Howard F. Pollick, D.D.S., M.P.H., San Francisco, CA (Action for Dental Health, Fluoridation)
Louis Rafetto, D.M.D., Wilmington, DE (Oral Surgery and Anesthesia)
Brian Schmidt, D.D.S., New York, NY (Oral cancer, HIV)
Rico Short, D.M.D., Smyrna, GA (Endodontics)
Thomas Sollecito, D.M.D., Philadelphia, PA (Oral Medicine)
Susan Tiede, D.D.S., Missoula, MT (Fluoridation)
Subsidiaries and Affiliate Entities

Report of the ADA Business Innovation Group (ADABIG): This informational report provided a summary of ADABIG activities since the April Board meeting.

Report of ADA Business Enterprises: This informational report provided a summary of ADABEI activities through the first four months of 2021.

ADA Foundation: Meeting of the Member: The regular session of the Board of Trustees was adjourned for the purpose of convening the Member Meeting of the ADA Foundation. Following the adjournment of the Member Meeting of ADAF, the regular session of the Board of Trustees reconvened.

ADA Science & Research Institute, LLC: Meeting of the Member: The regular session of the Board of Trustees was adjourned for the purpose of convening the Member Meeting of ADASRI.

Liaison Reports

Report of Dr. James D. Stephens, Liaison to the Council on Dental Practice: This informational report summarized the May 6-7, 2021, CDP meeting.

Report of Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger, Liaison to the Council on Dental Education and Licensure: This informational report summarized the June 10-11, 2021, CDEL meeting (consent calendar item).

Organizational/Other

Report of Nominations to the New Dentist Committee: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-53-2021. Resolved, that the following individuals be appointed to serve as members of the New Dentist Committee for the 2021-25 term.

   Dr. James A. Wanamaker, New York (District 2)
   Dr. Bryce A. Larson, Illinois (District 8)
   Dr. Kellie J. McGinley, Nevada (District 14)
   Dr. James T. Purvis, North Carolina (District 16)

Report of the Alliance of the American Dental Association: This informational report summarized the philanthropic and advocacy activities of the Alliance of the American Dental Association (consent calendar item).

Annual Report of the Health Policy Institute: This informational report highlighted HPI’s most impactful work conducted from summer 2020 to spring 2021 (consent calendar item).


Report of the Workgroup on ADA/CODA Relationship: This informational report reviewed the ADA’s and CODA’s separate perspectives on their Shared Services Agreement, which expired January 1, 2020. The report also provided an update on CODA’s ongoing technology needs (consent calendar item).
Report of the Executive Director Search Committee: Final Report: This informational report provided an update on the executive director search (consent calendar item).

Report of Nominations of Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings General Members: The Board of Trustees considered multiple nominations for the open positions on CAM. Trustees who nominated an individual were given the opportunity to offer comments on their nominee's qualifications. In accordance with the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees, the Board balloted on the nominations and selected two members to fill the general member positions on the Committee. On vote, Resolution B-56 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-56-2021. Resolved, that the following two individuals be appointed to serve as general members of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings for the 2021-2026 term.

Dr. Victor Rodriguez, Texas
Dr. Brenda Shah, Maryland

ADA/FDI Delegation: 2021 FDI Elections: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolutions (consent calendar actions).

B-57-2021. Resolved, that Dr. Greg Chadwick (North Carolina) be approved as the 2021 ADA candidate for FDI President-Elect, and appropriate materials be developed for his candidacy.

B-58-2021. Resolved, that Dr. Chad Gehani (New York) be approved as the 2021 ADA candidate for FDI Council, and appropriate materials be developed for his candidacy.

B-59-2021. Resolved, that Dr. Brian Hollander (Alaska) be approved as the 2021 ADA candidate for the FDI Public Health Committee, and appropriate materials be developed for his candidacy.

B-60-2021. Resolved, that Dr. Irene Marron-Tarrazzi (Florida) be approved as the 2021 ADA candidate for the FDI Membership Liaison and Support Committee, and appropriate materials be developed for her candidacy

Report of Nominations of Continuing Education Provider Recognition: On vote, Resolution B-74 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-74-2021. Resolved, that the following two general dentist commissioners be appointed to serve on the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition for the 2021-2025 term.

Dr. Mark Nuger, Maryland
Dr. Susan Zelazo-Smith, Illinois

Report of Nominations of Commission on Dental Accreditation: The Board of Trustees considered multiple nominations for the open positions on CODA. Trustees who nominated an individual were given the opportunity to offer comments on their nominee's qualifications. In accordance with the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees, the Board balloted on the nominations and selected a member to fill the position. On vote, Resolution B-75 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-75-2021. Resolved, that the following commissioner be appointed to serve on the Commission on Dental Accreditation for the 2022-2026 term.

Dr. Deborah Weisfuse, New York
**Report of Nominations of Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations:** On vote, Resolution B-76 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-76-2021. Resolved,** that Dr. Frank Schiano be appointed to serve on the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations for the 2021-2025 term.

**Report of National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards:** The Board of Trustees considered multiple nominations for the open positions on NCRDSCB. Trustees who nominated an individual were given the opportunity to offer comments on their nominee’s qualifications. In accordance with the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees,* the Board balloted on the nominations and selected members to fill the open positions on the Commission. On vote, Resolution B-77 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-77-2021. Resolved,** that the following three general dentist commissioners be appointed to serve on the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards for the 2021-2025 term.

- Dr. Len Aste, Utah
- Dr. Michele Beeler, Kentucky
- Dr. Ned Murphy, Wisconsin

**ADPAC Governance Discussion: Best Practices for Oversight and Governance Memorandum:** The Board of Trustees discussed a summary legal analysis regarding Best Practices for Oversight and Governance of Connected Separate Segregated Funds (“PACs”).

Subsequent to Board discussion, Dr. Sabates moved the following resolution for the Board’s consideration.

**B-81. Resolved,** that the ADA Board of Trustees approves the ADA Statement regarding ADA Core Values and U.S. Congressman Paul Gosar, as presented in the Board’s July 2021 agenda, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the ADA Board directs the ADPAC Board to not support Representative Paul Gosar.

**Statement:**

**ADA, Citing Core Values, Announces No Further PAC Contributions to Rep. Paul Gosar**

**CHICAGO** (July XX, 2021)—The American Dental Association’s (ADA’s) core values are at the heart of its mission to help dentists succeed and to advance public health. Among these core values are integrity, diversity, and inclusion. Engaging our professional community on all of our seven core values is critical as we drive oral health forward and promote health equity in our nation.

The American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC) is a bipartisan political action committee that supports issues pertaining to the patients, practice, and profession of dentistry. The ADA’s active participation in the political process is essential for the advancement of dentistry and advocates for legislation that benefits the dental profession and the communities it serves.
The ADA believes participation in the political process should largely reflect its values, ideals and priorities. Opinions and beliefs expressed by Rep. Paul Gosar have progressively become more objectionable and do not conform with what we expect of ourselves or our profession. The ADA last contributed to Rep. Gosar in January 2020 and will suspend all future contributions.

In addition, ADA core values will be considered when decisions are made regarding future political contributions by ADA’s PAC.

The ADA will continue to support policies that align with our values and help us fulfill our vision of achieving optimal health for all.

About the ADA
The not-for-profit ADA is the nation’s largest dental association, representing 162,000 dentist members. The premier source of oral health information, the ADA has advocated for the public’s health and promoted the art and science of dentistry since 1859. The ADA's state-of-the-art research facilities develop and test dental products and materials that have advanced the practice of dentistry and made the patient experience more positive. The ADA Seal of Acceptance long has been a valuable and respected guide to consumer dental care products. The monthly The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) is the ADA's flagship publication and the best-read scientific journal in dentistry. For more information about the ADA, visit ADA.org. For more information on oral health, including prevention, care and treatment of dental disease, visit the ADA's consumer website MouthHealthy.org.

A motion was made to divide B-81 into two individual resolutions so that each may be considered and voted on separately; B-81a and B-81b. The motion to divide Resolution B-81 was adopted.

After an extensive discussion, the following resolutions were considered, severally amended, and then adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-81a-2021. Resolved**, that the ADA Board of Trustees adopt the following statement:

**CHICAGO** (July 17, 2021) — The American Dental Association’s (ADA) core values are at the heart of its mission to help dentists succeed and support the advancement of the health of the public.

Among these core values are integrity, diversity and inclusion. Engaging our professional community on all of our seven core values is critical as we drive oral health forward and promote health equity in our nation.

The ADA believes participation in the political process should reflect its values, ideals and priorities. The ADA will support those individuals who advance our mission and are in alignment with those ideals, views and priorities.

**B-81b-2021. Resolved**, that the ADA Board directs the ADPAC Board to suspend contributions to Representative Paul Gosar.

**ADPAC Workgroup:** Dr. Sabates presented Resolution B-82 for the Board’s consideration.

**B-82. Resolved**, that a seven member ad hoc Workgroup be established to study the structure of ADPAC within the ADA’s corporate structure, including ADPAC’s own authority as well as the Board of Trustees’ authority over it, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the President be authorized to appoint the work group members, including the chair, and be it further
Resolved, that the Workgroup conduct its meetings by video and teleconferencing and provide the Board of Trustees with a progress report on its work at the September 2021 Board meeting, including a recommendation for the 2021-2022 Board to reauthorize the task force for the following year, and be it further

Resolved, that the Workgroup shall be supported by the Senior Vice President of Government Affairs and the ADA General Counsel or his designee, as well as any other staff identified by the Executive Director.

Following discussion, a motion was made to refer Resolution B-82 to the Governance Committee with a report back to the September Board. On vote, the motion to refer Resolution B-82 was adopted.

**Report of Nominations to the Board of Directors of the American Dental Political Action Committee:** The report was presented during a closed session of the Board of Trustees. A motion was made and adopted to suspend the Board *Rules* to vote on Resolution B-61 during closed session.

**B-61-2021. Resolved,** that the following nominees to the American Dental Political Action Committee Board of Directors be approved:

- Dr. Jeffrey M. Cole, Delaware (District 4)
- Dr. Mark R. Zust, Missouri (District 6)
- Dr. Rita M. Cammarata (District 15)

**Report of the Division of Legal Affairs: Summary of Litigation and Other Matters:** This confidential report was presented in an Attorney-Client session.

**Report of the President:** Dr. Daniel Klemmedson presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the April Board meeting.

**Report of the President-elect:** Dr. Cesar Sabates presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the April Board meeting.

**Report of the Executive Director:** Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin reported on the state of the Association, reporting that 2021 is a recovery year, following 2020, which was severely disrupted by COVID-19. Dr. O'Loughlin also shared the many awards the ADA and staff have received in recent months.

**Report of Resolutions of the Board of Trustees No Longer Confidential or Embargoed:** This informational report notified the Board that the previously embargoed resolutions listed below are no longer embargoed (consent calendar action):

*February 7-9, 2020 Confidential and Embargoed Actions of the Board of Trustees*

**B-21-2020. Resolved,** that the Board approve the attached Executive Director’s 2020 Goals.

**B-23-2020. Resolved,** that the Board approve a change to the Compensation Committee’s Charter to provide for a review of the Committee’s external ED evaluation vendor on a 3-5 year basis.

Note: The Executive Director’s 2020 Goals adopted via B-21-2020 are appended on page 27.

*February 7-9, 2020 Board of Trustees Attorney-Client Session Action*

**Honorary Membership**
B-26-2020. Resolved, that Honorary Membership to the American Dental Association be awarded to:

Tomisena Y. Cole

April 3, 2020 Board of Trustees Closed Session Action—Consideration of Confidential Board Action

B-57-2020. Resolved, that the Board allocates up to $100,000 from the Board Contingency to be used, if needed, by the Executive Director Search Committee to be appointed by Dr. Gehani pursuant to the resolution adopted by the ADA Board of Trustees at its February 2020 meeting.


B-81-2020. Resolved, that the minutes of the May 22, 2020, Special Confidential Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

B-82-2020. Resolved, that the minutes of the April 3, 2020, Confidential meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

April 3, 2020 Board of Trustees Closed Session Action—Consideration of Confidential Board Action

B-57-2020. Resolved, that the Board allocates up to $100,000 from the Board Contingency to be used, if needed, by the Executive Director Search Committee to be appointed by Dr. Gehani pursuant to the resolution adopted by the ADA Board of Trustees at its February 2020 meeting.


B-81-2020. Resolved, that the minutes of the May 22, 2020, Special Confidential Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

B-82-2020. Resolved, that the minutes of the April 3, 2020, Confidential meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

August 21-22, 2020 Board of Trustees Confidential and Embargoed Action: Report of the Committee of the ADA Board of Trustees (A motion was made and adopted to suspend the Board Rules to permit official action or business to be conducted during a closed session)

B-121-2020. Resolved, that additional funds be set aside in an amount up to $150,000 for purposes of the Executive Director's search process starting in 2020 and extending through a period of time in 2021.

Special Orders of Business/Special Appearances

Governance in Action Presentation: Mr. Scott Fowkes and Ms. Wendy Wils facilitated a brief governance training activity for the Board.

Code of Dental Terminology (CDT) Report and Presentation: Dr. Randall Markarian, chair, Council on Dental Benefit Programs presented the Board with plans to enhance the CDT Code.
Council on State Governments and Interstate Licensure Compacts Presentation: Mr. Dan Logsdon, Council on State Governments and Mr. Matt Schafer, Council on State Governments provided the Board with a presentation on inter-state compacts for the dental profession.

Diversity and Inclusion: Advancing Inclusion while Growing Membership Diversity: Dr. Todd Ester, Assistant Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, University of Michigan School of Dentistry, and Ms. Susanna Galvan, senior manager, Membership, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Analytics, facilitated a Diversity and Inclusion Education Session with the Board of Trustees. Both diversity and inclusion are part of ADA’s core values and both are essential to membership growth. Board members were asked to be “catalytic leaders,” spurring change at the state and local level.

Strategic Plan Update: Talent Strategy, Capacity Goal, and Finance Goal: Mr. Jim Goodman, Ms. April Kates-Ellison, Ms. Fleeks, and Mr. Paul Sholty presented the Board with a high level overview of talent strategy of the Association.

Digital Member Experience (DMX) Update and Presentation: Ms. Stephanie Moritz, Mr. Robert Quashie, and Mr. Jordan Baugh reported that by 2025 the ADA will deliver a more personalized member experience and in the fourth quarter the new ADA.org will be launched, built on the latest technology with an improved and simple-to-use site search. Further improvements will continue to be issued.

SmileCon Attendee Experience Presentation: The Board was briefed on “The Attendee Journey” for the upcoming SmileCon event.

New Business

ADA Foundation Resolution: Resolution 83 was presented for the Board’s consideration. On vote, Resolution B-83 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-83-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Foundation (“ADAF”) shall maintain its focus on its two endowments and current award programs, and be it further

Resolved, that the ADA Board of Trustees urges the ADAF to give funding priority to any grant request from the ADA Department of Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropy regarding the Give Kids A Smile and Tiny Smiles programs, to the extent financially possible.

Reports and Resolutions to the House of Delegates

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee A
(Budget, Business, Membership and Administrative Matters)

Board of Trustees Resolution 44: Sustaining the Pipeline of Volunteer Leadership
(Worksheet:2002) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 44 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council of Membership Resolution 69: Proposed Policy on ADA Diversity and Inclusion
(Worksheet:2008) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 69 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Vote: Unanimous)

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee B
(Dental Benefits, Practice and Related Matters)

Council on Dental Practice Resolution 42: Amendment to the Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (Worksheet:3000) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 42 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Council on Dental Practice Resolution 43: Proposed ADA Policy Statement on the Use of Augmented Intelligence in Dentistry (Worksheet:3003) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 43 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Practice Resolution 54: Rescission of Policy, Individual Practice Association (Worksheet:3006) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 54 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Practice Resolution 55: Rescission of Policy, Support for Individual Practice Associations (Worksheet:3008) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 55 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Benefit Programs Resolution 63: Proposed Policy for the Elimination of Wait Periods for Children in Dental Benefit Plans (Worksheet:3010) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 63 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Benefit Programs Resolution 71: Amendment of the Policy, Third-Party Payers Overpayment Recovery Practices (Worksheet:3012) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 71 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Practice Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 28H-2019: Pediatric Screening for Sleep-Related Breathing Disorders (Worksheet:3019) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit CDP Report 1 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee C (Dental Education, Science and Related Matters)

Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition Resolution 31: Amendment of Chapter IX, Section A of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association (Worksheet:4001) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 31 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Education and Licensure Resolution 32: Amendment of the Policy: Review of ADA Definition: Continuing Competency (Worksheet:4005) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 32 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Education and Licensure Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 100H-2020: Special Needs Dentistry (Worksheet:4007) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit CDEL Report 1 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Resolution 46—Special Care Dentistry Association (Worksheet:4057) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 46 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Resolution 47—Continuing Education Market Research (Worksheet:4058) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 47 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Resolution 48—Developing Continuing Education Activities (Worksheet:4059) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 48 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Resolution 49—Proposed Policy: Patients with Special Needs (Worksheet:4060) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 49 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Dental Education and Licensure Report 2 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 76-2020 – Elder Care Strategies on Increased Preparedness of Educational Institutions (Worksheet:4061) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit CDEL Report 2 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Scientific Affairs Resolution 64: Amendment of the Policy Statement on Intraoral/Perioral Piercing and Tongue Splitting (Worksheet:4065) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 64 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Scientific Affairs Resolution 65: Amendment of the Policy, Research Funds (Worksheet:4066) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 65 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Scientific Affairs Resolution 66: Rescission of the Policy, Comparative Effectiveness Research and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (Worksheet:4069) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 66 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Scientific Affairs Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 21H-2020 – Feasibility of Assessing the Role of Dental Health in the Management of Diseases and Medical Conditions (Worksheet:4072) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit CSA Report 1 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Scientific Affairs Report 2 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 72H-2020 – Modifying the Existing Medicare Dental Coverage: Statutory Dental Exclusion (Worksheet:4074) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit CSA Report 2 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Scientific Affairs Report 3 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 75-2020 – Elder Care Strategies on Research (Worksheet:4076) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit CSA Report 3 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)


Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee D (Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 1: Proposed Policy, Rank and Status of Dentists in the Uniformed Services (Worksheet:5000) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 1 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Council on Government Affairs Resolution 2: Amendment of the Policy, Dental Research by Military Departments (Worksheet:5004) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 2 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 3: Proposed Policy, Anesthesia Coverage under Health Plans (Worksheet:5007) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 3 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 4: Proposed Policy, Provisions for ERISA Plans (Worksheet:5011) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 4 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 5: Rescission of the Policy, Advocating for ERISA Reform (Worksheet:5015) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 5 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 6: Amendment of the Policy, Use of Expert Witnesses in Liability Cases (Worksheet:5019) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 6 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 7: Rescission of the Policy, Professional Liability Insurance Legislation (Worksheet:5021) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 7 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 8: Rescission of the Policy, Costs for the Submission of Electronic Dental Claims (Worksheet:5025) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 8 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 9: Amendment of the Policy, Fee-For-Service Medicaid Programs (Worksheet:5029) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 9 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 10: Amendment of the Policy, Medicaid and Indigent Care Funding (Worksheet:5032) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 10 to the House of Delegates with recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 11: Amendment of the Policy, Use of Dentist-To-Population Ratios (Worksheet:5035) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 11 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 12: Rescission of the Policy, Maldistribution of the Dental Workforce (Worksheet:5039) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 12 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 13: Rescission of the Policy, Availability of Dentists for Underserved Populations (Worksheet:5042) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 13 to
the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 14: Proposed Policy, Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist (Worksheet:5046)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 14 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 15: Proposed Policy, Discrimination of Benefit Payment Based on Professional Degree of Provider (Worksheet:5051)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 15 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 16: Amendment of the Policy, Freedom of Choice in Publicly Funded Aid Programs (Worksheet:5054)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 16 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 17: Amendment of the Policy, Limited English Proficiency (Worksheet:5056)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 17 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 18: Amendment of the Policy, Protection of Retirement Assets (Worksheet:5059)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 18 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 19: Amendment of the Policy, Suggested Dental Practice Acts (Worksheet:5062)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 19 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 20: Rescission of the Policy, State Regulation of Advertising (Worksheet:5065)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 20 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 21: Rescission of the Policy, ADA Assistance in Legislative Initiatives (Worksheet:5070)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 21 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 22: Rescission of the Policy, Dental Focus in Federal Health Agencies (Worksheet:5073)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 22 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 23: Amendment of the Policy, Confidentiality and Privacy Regarding Health Information (Worksheet:5078)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 23 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 24: Amendment of the Policy, Need for HIPAA Standards Reform (Worksheet:5081)** The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 24 to the
House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 25:** Rescission of the Policy, Legislation Prohibiting Waiver of Patient Copayment/Overbilling (Worksheet:5083) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 25 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 26:** Rescission of the Policy, Legislation Reflecting ADA Policy on Primary Dental Health Care Provider (Worksheet:5085) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 26 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 27:** Amendment to the Policy, Support for Adult Medicaid Dental Services (Worksheet:5087) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 27 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 28:** Rescission of the Policy, Legislative Separation of Medicine and Dentistry (Worksheet:5090) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 28 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 30:** Amendment of the Policy, Antitrust Reform (Worksheet:5094) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 30 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Government Affairs Resolution 33:** Amendment of the Policy, Legislative Delegations (Worksheet:5099) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 33 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Resolution 34:** Amendment and Simplification of Bylaws Chapter I., Section 20.B. (Worksheet:5101) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 34 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Resolution 35:** Response to Referred Resolution 64-2020, Amendment of Chapter III., Section 120., of the ADA Bylaws (Worksheet:5106) The Board of Trustees transmitted the following resolution to the House of Delegates.

**Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 36:** Proposed Policy, Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policy on Early Childhood Caries (Worksheet:5108) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 36 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

**Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 37:** Rescission of the Policy, Preventive Dental Procedures (Worksheet:5113) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 37 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 38: Amendment of the Policy, Health Planning Guidelines (Worksheet:5116) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 38 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 39: Rescission of the Policy, High Blood Pressure Programs (Worksheet:5119) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 39 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 40: Amendment of the Policy, Communication and Dental Practice (Worksheet:5122) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 40 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 41: Amendment of the Policy, Encouraging the Development of Oral Health Literacy Continuing Education Programs (Worksheet:5124) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 41 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Resolution 45: Amendment to Section 3.A. of the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct (Worksheet:5126) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 45 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 50: Amendment of the Policy, Use of Health Literacy Principles for All Patients (Worksheet:5130) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 50 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 52: Amendment of the Policy, Bottled Water, Home Water Treatment Systems and Fluoride Exposure (Worksheet:5131) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 52 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Eighth Trustee District Resolution 53: The New Dentist Committee Chair Serving on the Board of Trustees (Worksheet:5134) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 53 to the House of Delegates with and recommendation and recommendation to vote yes. (Vote: Unanimous)

The Board of Trustees unanimously supports Resolution 53. This has been considered by the Board for several years and with the changing age demographics, the Board feels it is time to support having the New Dentist Chair as one of its voting members with full privileges.

The Board thanks the Eighth District for its very important resolution. Both the Board and Governance Committee concur that it is a timely approach.

40 respondents of the 53 dental societies with new dentist participation on their boards overwhelmingly (93%) have voting privileges for those members.

In 2017, Resolution 47H-2017 converted new dentist liaisons to full voting members of Councils. This Resolution has now been successfully implemented. The Board believes that now is the time to bring this same innovation to the Board.

By allowing the chair of the New Dentist Committee a vote on the Board, the ADA will help to better align its leadership with its membership.
• The New Dentist Committee Chair is in the ideal position to carry forward the voice of the new dentist. This individual would join the Board after having served three years at the national level as a member of the New Dentist Committee and continue to have access to the full New Dentist Committee for additional input.
• The New Dentist Committee is an Advisory Committee of the ADA Board of Trustees and the chair has been participating in ADA Board meetings as a guest of the Board since 2015. While the New Dentist Committee Chair is currently invited to Board meetings, the chair is not a voting member.
• As a guest, the chair’s participation in the retreat, in closed sessions, and full access to the Board agenda, has been at the discretion of the Board. This exclusion led to the lack of full access to complete information and the inability to provide a perspective of the New Dentist Committee on various discussions.

Concerning the issue of providing a district with more than one representative on the Board by this addition of the chair of the New Dentist Committee, we need to be reminded that it already occurs with both the Vice President positions. The Board of Trustees does not foresee negative consequences, but only positive results with the addition of a different perspective.

The Board looks forward to welcoming the New Dentist Committee Chair to the Board as a full voting member.

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 57: Proposed Policy, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Statement on Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care (2021) (Worksheet:5136) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 57 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 58: Proposed Policy, Oral Health Equity (2021) (Worksheet:5145) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 58 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 59: Amendment of the Policy, Women’s Oral Health: Patient Education (Worksheet:5146) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 59 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 60: Amendment of the Policy, Non-Dental Providers Completing Educational Program on Oral Health (Worksheet:5148) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 60 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 61: Amendment of the Policy, Non-Dental Providers Notification of Preventive Dental Treatment (Worksheet:5151) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 61 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 62: Amendment of the Policy, Limited Oral Health Literacy Skills and Understanding in Adults (Worksheet:5154) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 62 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 67: Amendment of the Policy, Comprehensive Statement on Allied Dental Personnel (Worksheet:5156) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 67 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 68: Amendment to the Policy, Oral Health Education in Schools (Worksheet:5159) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 68 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Eleventh Trustee District Resolution 72: Generating More Inclusive Member Feedback on Matters before the House of Delegates (Worksheet:5161) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 72 to the House of Delegates with the following comment and recommendation to vote no. (Vote: 18 No—Drs. Armstrong, Doroshow, Fiddler, Harrington, Himmelberger, Kessler, Leighty, Liddell, Maranga, Medovic, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Rodriguez, Rosato, Sabates, Shepley, Stephens; 2 Yes: Drs. Edgar, Leary)

The Board understands that the intent of Resolution 72 was to increase the “voice” of general membership on issues before the House of Delegates and appreciates the Eleventh District’s Resolution. The Board considered this proposal but recommends a No Vote. The Board agrees with the concept of increasing the “voice” of the membership. Parts of this Resolution that will give members access to the process of the House of Delegates have already been considered and implemented for the 2021 House of Delegates. For example, there has already been discussion on live streaming the activities of the House and allowing a mechanism for a broader segment of the membership to provide testimony to Reference Committees. Other ideas remain under discussion for the future. In addition, this year, many of the pre-House meetings will be conducted virtually.

Whether intentional or not, this Resolution confuses our representative form of governance with a general assembly type of governance. The idea of a house of delegates is that the delegate represents the body that elects the person. The delegate should seek input and information from that representative body, included but not limited to subject matter experts or those non-traditional House members or anyone else the delegate feels would be helpful to make an informed decision on a particular issue. The Board feels that the current delegate system gives members from the representative body the best and most personal avenue to have their “voice” heard.

Report 3 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Review of Treasurer Application (Worksheet:5166) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 3 to the House of Delegates. (Vote: Unanimous)

Report 4 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Clarifying Amendments to the Manual of the House of Delegates Relating to Delegate Allocation (Worksheet:5163) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit the following resolution to the House of Delegates.

Resolution 73—Clarifying Amendments to the Manual of the House of Delegates Relating to Delegate Allocation (Worksheet:5165) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 73 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Vote: Unanimous)

Miscellaneous House Matters

Report 1 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Association Affairs and Resolutions (Worksheet:1000) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 1 to the House of Delegates. (Vote: Unanimous)

Resolution 56—Nominations to Councils (Worksheet:1019) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 56 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Vote: Unanimous)
Closed Session

Closed sessions were held at various times during the July 16-18, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees. The detailed minutes of the closed session are separately recorded; however, any non-confidential actions taken by the Board are reflected in the minutes of the open meeting.

- Report of the Compensation Committee
- Report of Nominations to the Board of Directors of the American Dental Political Action Committee.

Attorney-Client Sessions

Attorney-client sessions were convened on Friday, July 16 and Sunday, July 18.

Adjournment

Without objection, the fourth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned _sine die_ on Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 12:10 p.m. (CST).
Common Ground 2025:
Strategic Plan / 2020 Operating Plan
Alignment

January 10, 2020
Minutes of the Board of Trustees

August 28, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: A special session of the ADA Board of Trustees was called to order by Dr. Daniel Klemmedson, president, on Saturday, August 28, 2021, at 8:00 a.m. in the Board Room of the ADA Headquarters Building, Chicago. The purpose of the special meeting, as stated in the meeting notice, was to consider Board Report 2 to the 2021 House of Delegates.


Dr. Brett Kessler was not in attendance.

Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

The following ADA staff were in attendance for all or portions of the meeting at the invitation of the president: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer; Raymond Cohlmia, onboarding executive director; Scott W. Fowkes, general counsel; Judith Fleeks, vice president, Human Resources; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Michael Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing; Catherine H. Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, marketing and chief communications officer; David Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Betsy Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management; Paul Sholtz, chief financial officer; and Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs.

Guests in attendance for a portion or portions of the meeting included Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were: Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Nicole Catral, director, Social Responsibility and Philanthropy; Gary Grzesiak, manager, Budget and Financial Analysis; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Administrative Services; Tom Parcella, director, Financial Planning and Analysis; Wendy J. Wils, deputy general counsel; and Robert Zinn, director, Accounting and Reporting.

Before consideration of business, Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy statement included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclose any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed at this time.

Board of Trustees Budget Review: Dr. Ted Sherwin presented the proposed 2022 budget and Board Report 2.
Reports and Resolutions to the House of Delegates

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee A
(Budget, Business, Membership and Administrative Matters)

Report 2 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: ADA 2022 Budget (Worksheet:2010): Following discussion of the proposed 2022 budget, the Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 2 and the following resolutions to the House of Delegates. (Vote: 17 Yes—Doroshow, Edgar, Fiddler Harrington, Himmelberger, Leary, Leighty, Maranga, Medovic, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Rodriguez, Rosato, Sabates, Shepley, Stephens; 3 Absent: Drs. Armstrong, Kessler, Liddell)

Resolution 75—Approval of 2022 Budget (Worksheet:2084) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 75 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Vote: 17 Yes—Doroshow, Edgar, Fiddler Harrington, Himmelberger, Leary, Leighty, Maranga, Medovic, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Rodriguez, Rosato, Sabates, Shepley, Stephens; 3 Absent: Drs. Armstrong, Kessler, Liddell)

75. Resolved, that the 2022 Annual Budget of revenues and expenses, including net capital requirements be approved.

Resolution 76—Establishment of Dues Effective January 1, 2022 (Worksheet:2085) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 76 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Vote: 17 Yes—Doroshow, Edgar, Fiddler Harrington, Himmelberger, Leary, Leighty, Maranga, Medovic, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Rodriguez, Rosato, Sabates, Shepley, Stephens; 3 Absent: Drs. Armstrong, Kessler, Liddell)

76. Resolved, that the dues of ADA active members shall be $582.00, effective January 1, 2022.

Adjournment

Without objection, the special meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned sine die on Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 2:19 p.m.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
September 12-14, 2021
Headquarters Building, Chicago

Call to Order: The fifth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president, on Sunday, September 12, 2021, at 8:51 a.m. (Central Daylight Savings Time) in the Board Room of the ADA Headquarters Building, Chicago.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

The following ADA staff were in attendance for all or portions of the meeting at the invitation of the president: Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer; Judith Fleeks, chief human resources officer; Scott W. Fowkes, general counsel; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; James Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Michael A. Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Catherine H. Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, marketing and chief communications officer; David Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Betsy Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; and Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs.

Guests in attendance for a portion or portions of the meeting included Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee; Mr. John Maher, chair, ADABEI; Mr. Andrew Johnston, C Space; Ms. Kisha Payton, C Space; Ms. Karin Wittich, executive director, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons; and Dr. Scott Tomar, associate dean, University of Illinois-Chicago, College of Dentistry

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were: Krishna Aravamudhan, senior director, Council on Dental Benefit Programs; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Deborah Doherty, chief executive officer, ADABEI; Thomas C. Elliott, Jr., deputy general counsel; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Dr. Elizabeth Roberts, interim executive director, ADA Foundation; and Wendy J. Wils, deputy general counsel. Other ADA staff members were in attendance for specific agenda items.

Before consideration of business, Dr. Klemmedson called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy statement included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclose any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed at this time.
Preliminary

Approval of Agenda and Consent Items

Approval of Agenda. Before requesting approval of the agenda, Dr. Klemmedson asked if there were any items of new business. No items of new business were proposed. On vote, the Board adopted the agenda.

B-85-2021. Resolved, that the agenda be approved as the official order of business for the current meeting of the Board of Trustees except that the President may alter the order of the agenda when necessary to expedite business.

Approval of Consent Calendar. Dr. Klemmedson reviewed the list of proposed consent items; the following items were removed from consent.

- Report on Membership Goal of Common Ground 2025
- Report of the Senior Vice President, Education and Professional Affairs: Reauthorization of the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene Steering Committee (Dr. Ziebert) (Res. B-91)

Before taking action on the Consent Calendar Resolution, the Board was informed that the Report of the Liaison to American Dental Political Action Committee listed on the Consent Calendar was not submitted in time for the September Board meeting and would not be taken up at this meeting. The amended consent calendar was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-84-2021. Resolved, that the resolutions contained on the Consent Calendar for Board of Trustees consideration, as amended, be approved and reports be filed.

Reports of Standing Committees of the Board of Trustees

Report of the Audit Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee’s August 25, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.

Report of the Budget and Finance Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. George Shepley, chair, presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee’s August 30, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken. Dr. Shepley moved Resolutions B-100, B-101 and B-102 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote Resolutions B-100, B-101 and B-102 were adopted en bloc.

Enhanced CDT Code Request for Reserve Funding

B-100-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Board of Trustees approve funding from reserves for up to $1.5M to finance the cost of development and implementation of an enhanced CDT Code to support an electronic health record and cost-effective data analysis mechanisms, with yearly updates on progress.

Posting of Quarterly Financial Statements

B-101-2021. Resolved, that the ADA quarterly financial statements as of December 31, 2020, March 31, 2021 and June 30, 2021 be filed and posted in the appropriate delegates section.

Investment Rebalancing
B-102-2021. Resolved, that the Board approves the transfer of the projected tranche funding of $5,675 million to the ADA operating account from reserves, and be it further

Resolved, that the Budget and Finance Committee continue to review the reserve spending needs and rebalancing strategy in the first quarter of 2022.

Request for Funding: Dental Public Health Residency Program: Opportunity to Partner with University of Illinois-Chicago College of Dentistry (UIC): Dr. Scott Tomar, associate dean, UIC, presented the Board with the request for funding for a CODA-accredited Advanced Education program in dental public health affiliated with University of Illinois-Chicago, College of Dentistry. Following the report, Resolution B-90 was presented for the Board’s consideration. A motion was made to postpone definitely consideration of B-90 until the February Board meeting. On vote, the motion to postpone was not adopted. On vote, Resolution B-90 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-90-2021. Resolved, that the ADA enter a negotiation with the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Dentistry in order to explore the possibility of a CODA-accredited Advanced Education Program in Dental Public Health, where ADA would provide an educational experience up to two days per week as part of the academic school year in areas of dental public health research and/or dental public health policy advocacy, and be it further

Resolved, that the ADA contribute $100,000 per year for three years to support the establishment of the Advanced Education Program in Dental Public Health in collaboration with the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Dentistry, Department of Public Health upon the successful completion of a negotiated agreement.

Report on the Status of the 2021 Board Contingency. A Board Contingency Fund of $700,000 was authorized in the 2021 budget. The Board of Trustees has not approved any new funding requests for this meeting, which leaves the balance of the 2021 Board Contingency Fund at $539,000.

Report of the Business Innovation Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Jay Harrington, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s August 30, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.

Report of the Compensation Committee: On behalf of the Compensation Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s August 18, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken.

Report of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee: On behalf of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s August 23, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and reports received. Dr. Rodriguez moved Resolution B-99; on vote Resolution B-55 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

B-99-2021. Resolved, that B-20-2015, Expanding the Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Trans.2015:141), be amended as follows (new language underscored; deletions stricken):

Resolved, that the Committee on Diversity and Inclusion be authorized to use non-voting consultants who are representatives of the following organizations: American Association of Women Dentists, Hispanic Dental Association, National Dental Association, and Society of American Indian Dentists, other diverse dental associations as appropriate, and select Large Group Practices,

and be it further

Resolved, that $18,000 be appropriated to fund travel, per diem and lodging for these consultants.

Resolved, that
**Report of the Governance Committee:** On behalf of the Governance Committee, Dr. Linda Himmelberger, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s August 26, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed, reports received and actions taken. Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-97; on vote Resolution B-97 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-97-2021. Resolved,** that the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees* regarding the Terms of Emergency Succession Plan, paragraph 1 be amended as follows (additions underscored, deletions stricken):

Terms of Emergency Succession Plan: Immediately upon the declaration by the President of a vacancy in the Executive Director position or the absence of the Executive Director when he or she is unable to perform the duties of the position for an extended or indefinite period of time:

1. The Senior Vice President Education/Professional Affairs shall assume the position of interim Executive Director. In the event the Senior Vice President Education/Professional Affairs is unable or unwilling to assume the role of interim Executive Director, the **Chief of Governance Senior Vice President Practice Institute** shall automatically assume that position. In the event both the Senior Vice President Education/Professional Affairs and the **Chief of Governance Senior Vice President Practice Institute** are unable or unwilling to assume the role of interim Executive Director, the Vice President, Science Institute shall automatically assume that position. The Board shall reassess the line of succession annually.

Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution B-98; on vote Resolution B-98 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-98-2021. Resolved,** that the following language entitled Initial “Presidential Leadership Appointments” be added to the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees* (“the Board Rules”) by placing it at the end of the section of the Board Rules entitled “Rules of Procedure” (following the passage entitled “Embargoed Resolutions) on page 6, and be it further

Resolved, that the Governance Committee is authorized to make conforming changes to the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees* to effect these changes.

**Initial Presidential Leadership Appointments:** The ADA President is required to make a number of appointments and nominations at the commencement of each term of the Board of Trustees which begins at the adjournment of the annual session of the House of Delegates. The ADA President should have no constraints on the ability to make the appointments and nominations that are felt to be in the best interests of the Association. Those appointments and nominations are officially announced at the commencement of the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following the adjournment of the annual session. Without diluting or diminishing the authority of the President to make such appointments and nominations, as the leadership appointments and nominations decisions are being made by the President-elect prior to installation as President, it is suggested that the following be considered:

1. That the skills, experience and expertise required in the leadership positions being filled by Presidential appointment or nomination be considered so that individuals best suited for positions are appointed or nominated to those positions.

2. That the workload of each position filled and the overall workloads of the individuals being appointed or nominated to fill those positions be considered so that the time commitments and leadership responsibilities are, to the extent
possible, equally dispersed among the members of the Board of Trustees.

3. That, to the extent possible, discussions concerning possible appointments and nominations be held with the individuals being considered for such appointments and nominations so that any factors unknown to the then President-elect can be disclosed and accounted for.

4. That, to the extent possible, decisions on appointments and nominations be informally disclosed to the individuals receiving the appointments and nominations sufficiently in advance of the commencement of the effective date of the appointment or nomination to provide the individual appointed or nominated the opportunity to adjust their professional and personal schedules as needed to accommodate the commitments of the new positions they will assume.

5. That leadership assignments which entail meetings and travel before the end of the calendar year be distributed to the expected members of the next Board of Trustees thirty (30) days in advance of the first Board meeting after the House of Delegates.

6. A distribution of the leadership assignments will not be made to candidates for second vice president who are involved in a contested election for the position. The elected second vice president will receive the leadership assignments as a part of the agenda material distributed just prior to the commencement of the first Board meeting after the House of Delegates. To the extent that a second vice president candidate is not engaged in a contested election for the position, distribution of leadership assignments shall be made to that candidate in accordance with the immediately preceding paragraph.

To the extent that a President-elect discloses information concerning appointments or nominations to leadership positions, individuals are admonished to refrain from using that disclosure as an opportunity to lobby for appointment or nomination to any particular position. Further, it should be remembered that the President is charged with using their best judgment in filling leadership positions and thus individuals should refrain from any public comment on the matters discussed, saving any comments or criticism for private communications with the President. Finally, it should be remembered that disclosures concerning presidential nominations and appointments are officially announced at the first Board of Trustees meeting of a term.

Report of the Pension Committee: On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Ted Sherwin, chair, presented the report of the Committee’s August 23, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and actions taken.

Financial Goal

Report on Finance Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress report on the financial goal of Common Ground: The ADA will be financially sustainable (consent calendar item).

Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: 2024 Annual Meeting Chair Nomination: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

B-86-2021. Resolved, that Dr. Peter C. Shatz, Georgia, is appointed as the 2024 SmileCon Chair to serve immediately upon his appointment.

Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: Timeframe for CAM Nomination of Meeting Chair: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).
**B-87-2021. Resolved**, that the ADA Board of Trustees approves the following changes to the current CAM Charter *( Adopted by the ADA Board of Trustees June 2019)*:

Selection of Meeting Chairs of the Meetings: The Committee shall elect the Meeting Chair of the [year] Meeting three two years prior to the year meeting for which the or she they will serve as Meeting Chair. Members of the Committee interested in that position will submit their curriculum vitae and statements of interest two months prior to the nominee selection process.

Each nominee will be given equal time to present a nominating speech to the Committee. The Committee shall select the nominee by majority vote.

**Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: Annual Meeting and House of Delegates Scheduling Recommendation**: Ms. Catherine Mills reported on the timing for the House of Delegates in future years and the recommendation for holding the House of Delegates after SmileCon. Following the report, Resolutions B-88 and B-89 were presented for the Board’s consideration. On vote, B-88 and B-89 were adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-88-2021. Resolved**, that the 2022 House of Delegates schedule be changed from October 14-17 to October 15-18, and be it further

Resolved, that the previous ADA 2022 meeting dates approved at the Board of Trustees September 2017 meeting via Resolution B-94-2017 be rescinded

**B-89-2021. Resolved**, that the 2023 House of Delegates schedule be changed from October 6-9 to October 7-10, and be it further

Resolved, that any prior dates for the 2023 House of Delegates approved by the Board of Trustees be rescinded.

**Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: SmileCon 2021 Status Update Report**: Ms. Catherine Mills and Ms. Kelly Wang gave a comprehensive overview of SmileCon, addressing attendance, health and safety measures and the expectations of the Board members with regard to their participation.

**Report of the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs: Protective Life Recommendations on ADA Members Insurance Plans 2022 Premium Credits & Royalties**: This report was considered during a closed session of the Board of Trustees. In open session, the following resolutions were considered and adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-103-2021. Embargoed**

**B-104-2021. Embargoed**

**Membership Goal**

**Report on Membership Goal of Common Ground 2025**: This report summarized the progress report on the membership goal of Common Ground: The ADA will have sufficient members to be the premier voice for oral health.

**Report of the Vice President, Member and Client Services: New Auto-Renew Strategy to Impact Early Career and New Dentist Member Growth**: This informational report summarized findings, related recommendations and any required actions relating to the auto-renewal option (consent calendar item).
Report of the New Dentist Committee: Dr. Daniel Hall, chair, New Dentist Committee, provided updates on New Dentist related matters. Resolution B-92 was presented for the Board’s consideration. On vote B-92 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-92-2021. Resolved**, that Dr. Seth Walbridge, Pennsylvania, be appointed to serve as Chair of the New Dentist Committee for 2021-22 term.

Report of the Institute for Diversity and Leadership: This informational report summarized activities of the ADA Institute for Diversity and Leadership and noted the 2021-22 class (consent calendar item).

Report of the Vice President, Member and Client Services: Strategic Promotional Incentive for Membership Acquisition: This report summarized the recommendation for a one-time 50% dues reduction for key opportunity segments. Resolution B-93 was moved for the Board’s consideration.

**B-93. Resolved**, that the following opportunity segments be approved to receive a one-time Active Member Promotion incentive of 50% dues reduction in 2022.

- Racially/Ethnically diverse dentists
- Women dentists
- New Dentists 3 to 5 years out of dental school
- Lapsed members 1-3 years
- Key states with member impact opportunities based on fourth quarter membership outcomes

Dr. Kessler moved to amend B-93 by adding a second resolved clause:

and be it further

**Resolved**, that a personalized and focused plan of action be targeted to those acquired through the special incentive to promote the value of ADA membership and engage them at the grassroots level.

On vote the motion to amend was adopted. Dr. Doroshow made a subsequent motion to amend by replacing “ADA” with “Tripartite” in the second resolving clause. On vote, the motion to amend was adopted. On vote, B-93, as amended, was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-93-2021. Resolved**, that the following opportunity segments be approved to receive a one-time Active Member Promotion incentive of 50% dues reduction in 2022.

- Racially/Ethnically diverse dentists
- Women dentists
- New Dentists 3 to 5 years out of dental school
- Lapsed members 1-3 years
- Key states with member impact opportunities based on fourth quarter membership outcomes

and be it further

**Resolved**, that a personalized and focused plan of action be targeted to those acquired through the special incentive to promote the value of Tripartite membership and engage them at the grassroots level.

Report of the office of Student Affairs: Approval on ASDA Consultants: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).
B-94-2021. Resolved, that the following nominees for the 2021-2022 ASDA Consultant Program be approved:

- New Dentist Committee, Mary Jocelyn Nisnisan, University of Texas Houston, 2022
- Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings, Maya Giannetti, USC Los Angeles, 2022
- Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention, Onalee Sortino, New York Buffalo, 2022
- Council on Communications – Justina Anigbo, Indiana School of Dentistry, 2023
- Council on Dental Benefit Programs, Sammy Huynh, Med Univ. South Carolina, 2023
- Council on Dental Education and Licensure, Colton Cannon, Univ. of Minnesota, 2023
- Council on Dental Practice, Aaron Buban Univ. of Colorado, 2022
- Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs, Heather Moore, Univ. MO-Kansas City, 2023
- Council on Government Affairs, Jakob Holtzmann, Univ. of Colorado, 2022
- Council on Members Insurance/Retirement Programs, Jonathan Wong, Roseman Univ., 2022
- Council on Membership, Michelle Skelton, Columbia Univ., 2022
- Council on Scientific Affairs, Ryan Kaminsky, Univ of Pennsylvania, 2023
- American Dental Political Action Committee, Mark Pugliese, Boston Univ., 2022
- Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations, Alia Osseiran, Tufts Univ. 2022 and Tommy Lau, Univ. of Michigan 2024
- Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Sebastian Celis Cifuentes, Columbia Univ. 2022
- National Fluoridation Advisory Committee, Ariana Motavalli, USC Los Angeles, 2023

Organizational Goal

Report on Organizational Capacity Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress made on the organizational goal of Common Ground: All levels of the ADA will have sufficient organizational capacity necessary to achieve the goals of the strategic plan (consent calendar item).

Public Goal

Report on Public Goal of Common Ground 2025: This report summarized the progress made on the public goal of Common Ground: The ADA will support the advancement of the health of the public and the success of the profession. (consent calendar item).

Report of the Practice Institute: Update on Dentist Health and Wellness: This informational report summarized dentist health and wellness activities (consent calendar item).

Report of the Department of Corporate Social Responsibility and Philanthropy: Give Veterans A Smile Summit: This informational report updated the Board on plans for the GVAS Summit progress. Dr. Stephens reported there may be a change to the Summit date.

Report of Senior Vice President, Government and Public Affairs: Federal and State Legislative, Regulatory, and Public Affairs: Mr. Graham reported the ADA Washington team is aggressively meeting with Medicare key players on both the House and Senate sides of the Hill. The current plan is to ramp up messaging on serving low income seniors which has been picked up in a favorable way by media. Medicare “Part T” has been incorporated because inclusion in Part B would not be an effective way to approach as written. Part T benefit would resemble a Medicare Advantage plan, as a private entity administered plan.

Report of the Vice President, Member and Client Services: Identifying the Intersection Between Dentists’ Values and the Value of ADA Membership – Research Findings Part 1: This report was presented in concert with the C Space Presentation. The report summarized the qualitative and quantitative research findings about how generation, gender, values, race and ethnicity impact member decisions to join or not join the ADA.
Report of the Practice Institute: Update on the Clinical Data Warehouse/Registry: This informational report provided updates to the comprehensive clinical data warehouse/registry (consent calendar item).

Legal Affairs

Report of the Division of Legal Affairs: Summary of Litigation and Other Matters: This confidential report was presented in an attorney-client session with the Board.

Subsidiaries and Affiliate Entities

Report of ADA Business Innovation Group (ADABIG): ADA Practice Transitions™ Update: This informational report provided a summary of ADAPT activities (consent calendar item).

ADABEI: Meeting of the Member: The Board of Trustees recessed its regular session to convene the Shareholder Meeting of ADABEI. Following the adjournment of the Shareholder Meeting of ADABEI, the regular session of the Board of Trustees was reconvened.

ADASRI: Meeting of the Member: The regular session of the Board of Trustees was recessed for the purpose of convening the Shareholder Meeting of ADASRI. Following the adjournment of the Shareholder Meeting of ADASRI, the regular session of the Board of Trustees reconvened.

ADAF Presentation: Dr. Craig Armstrong, chair of the Board, ADAF and Dr. Elizabeth Roberts, interim executive director, ADAF, presented the Board with a draft vision and mission statements of the Foundation, both of which came about after previous discussions with the Board.

Organizational/Other

Commission on Dental Accreditation Oral Report: This report was considered during a closed session of the Board of Trustees.

Report of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs, Selection of Council Chair and Election of Vice Chair for 2021-2022: This informational report notified the Board of the new chair for the 2021-2022 term. (consent calendar item).

Minamata Convention and Conference of Parties Update and Discussion: This update and discussion took place during a closed session of the Board of Trustees. In regular session, the Board of Trustees considered and adopted Resolution B-106.

B-106-2021. Resolved, that the Board supports the American Dental Association strategy to advocate for the current phase down plan on amalgam as put forward by the Minamata convention, and be it further

Resolved, that the Board urges the Council on Scientific Affairs to update the policy on amalgam.

Report of the Senior Vice President, Education and Professional Affairs: Reauthorization of the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene Steering Committee: This report was prepared to seek reauthorization of the Admission Test for Dental Hygiene Steering Committee, so that the Committee may fulfill its task of launching and validating an admission test for use by dental hygiene programs. Following discussion, Resolution B-91 was moved for the Board’s consideration. On vote, B-91 was adopted by the Board of Trustees.
B-91-2021. Resolved, that a steering committee be reauthorized for the 2022 term to oversee the launch and validation of the ADA Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH), and be it further

Resolved, that the following individuals be reappointed to the Steering Committee for the 2022 term to oversee the launch and validation of the ADA Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH):

- Dr. Paul Leary, Trustee, Steering Committee Chair
- Dr. Stephen M. Lepowsky (CDEL Member)
- Dr. Uri Hangorsky (CDEL Member)
- Donna Warren Morris, RDH, MEd (Dental Hygiene Program Director)
- Wanda Cloet, RDH, DHS (Dental Hygiene Program Director)
- Joyce C. Hudson, RDH, MS (Dental Hygiene Program Director)
- Michelle R. Roman, EdD, MSM, MPH (Dental Hygiene Program Director)
- Ebony M. Thomas-Butler, MS, BS (Admissions officer)

Approval of Proposed 2024 and 2025 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolutions (consent calendar action).

B-95-2021. Resolved, that the following 2024 Board of Trustees meeting dates be adopted.

- February 9-11 (Friday – Sunday)
- April 12-14 (Friday – Sunday)
- June 21-23 (Friday – Sunday)
- August 23-25 (Friday – Sunday)
- October (New Board of Trustees Meeting) (Date TBD)
- December 7-9 (Saturday – Monday) (Retreat and Board Meeting-Location TBD)

B-96-2021. Resolved, that the following 2025 Board of Trustees meeting dates be adopted.

- February 7-9 (Friday – Sunday)
- April 4-6 (Friday – Sunday)
- June 20-22 (Friday – Sunday)
- August 22-24 (Friday – Sunday)
- October 29 (New Board of Trustees Meeting)
- December 6-8 (Saturday – Monday) (Retreat and Board Meeting-Location TBD)

Report of the President: Dr. Daniel Klemmedson presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the July Board meeting.

Report of the President-elect: Dr. Cesar Sabates presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the July Board meeting.

Report of the Executive Director: Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin reported on the state of the Association, including reviewing the Quarterly Management Report.

Liaison Reports

Report of Dr. Gary Oyster, Liaison to the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs: This informational report summarized the July 30-31, 2021 CEBJA meeting (consent calendar item).
Report of Dr. George Shepley, Liaison to the American Dental Political Action Committee: Dr. Shepley reported on the July 13, and July 24-25, 2021, ADPAC meetings and updates since the ADPAC discussion following the July Board meeting.

Special Orders of Business/Special Appearances

Identifying the Intersection Between Dentists’ Values and the Value of ADA Membership, Research Findings Part 1 Presentation: Mr. Andrew Johnston, senior consultant, Insights, C Space, and Ms. Kisha Payton, director, DEI Think Tank, C Space, presented the Board with a session on how generational differences, political stances and exchanges about expectations can impact what members get from their association experiences.

Medicare Forum and Discussion: Mr. Michael Graham, Dr. Dave Preble, Dr. Krishna Aravamudhan, senior director, Council on Dental Benefit Programs, and Ms. Karin Wittich, executive director, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, gave a panel presentation explaining the current status of Medicare legislation in Washington. They outlined the proposal at hand, the ADA’s position and addressed concerns and questions.

Reports and Resolutions to the House of Delegates

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee A (Budget, Business, Membership and Administrative Matters)

Council on Membership Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 40-2020: Request that ADA Explore New Dues Structure Reflecting Evolving Dental Practice Models (Worksheet:2086) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Council on Membership Report 1 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Membership Report 2 to the House of Delegates: Report on Pilot for Enhancing Retention Impact of the Quarter Year Dues Campaign (Worksheet:2091) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Council on Membership Report 2 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Report 6 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Compensation and Contract Relating to the Executive Director (Worksheet:2094) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 6 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Report 7 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: ADA Pension Plans (Worksheet:2096) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 7 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Report 9 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Technology Initiatives, Expenditures and Estimated Future Projects (Worksheet:2105) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 9 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Report 10 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Board Authorized Pilot Program—Large Group Practice Membership Dues Strategy (Worksheet:2109) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 10 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Membership Resolution 78: Amendment of the Policy, Four-Year Recent Graduate Reduced Dues Program (Worksheet:2114) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 78 to the House of Delegates with the recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Council on Membership Resolution 84: Rescission of the Policy, Qualifications for Membership
(Worksheet:2115) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 84 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Eleventh Trustee District Resolution 90: Eliminating Barriers for Underrepresented Minorities into the Dental Profession (Worksheet:2117) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 90 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee B
(Dental Benefits, Practice and Related Matters)

Council of Dental Benefit Programs Resolution 74: Proposed Policy, Dental Benefits within Affordable Care Act Marketplace and a Public Option (Worksheet:3016) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 74 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

New York State Dental Association Resolution 79: National Dental Endosseous Implant Registry (Worksheet:3018) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 79 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote no and the following comment. (Vote: 9 Yes—Drs. Armstrong, Fiddler, Kessler, Leary, Leighty, Maranga, Medovic, Rosato, Shepley; 11 No—Drs. Doroshow, Edgar, Harrington, Himmelberger, Liddell, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Rodriguez, Sabates, Stephens)

The Board appreciates the intent of Resolution 79 submitted by New York State Dental Association. However, the Board believes that establishing a new endosseous implant registry at this time is duplicative, costly and poses significant cybersecurity risks for the Association to manage.

Per House Resolution 25H-2018, the ADA is in the process of developing a comprehensive oral health clinical data warehouse through the newly launched (July 2021) ADA Dental Experience and Research Exchange (DERE) program. This is a multi-year, multi-million dollar effort. DERE aims to connect with practice management software systems to automatically extract clinical data from participating dental practices into a centralized data warehouse.

Part of the clinical data that could potentially be extracted is information regarding implants available within the patient record. However, most practice management software systems do not capture the Unique Device Identifiers (UDI) on implant product labels as structured data within the patient chart. Feasibility of acquiring UDI information in common formats under these circumstances needs to be explored. The ADA Technical Report No. 1081 on UDI’s developed through the Standards Committee on Dental Informatics provides more information on technological challenges associated with UDI implementation at the point of care. Without a means of acquiring this data automatically from patient management software or the FDA, dentists would need to voluntarily enter data into a registry with each surgical placement, separately from all other data entry into their own system. Indications to date are that dentists resist separate data entry in addition to their current workflow.

In establishing DERE, the ADA has already gained much of the experiential knowledge this investigation would produce. Significant challenges include cybersecurity risks associated with extracting and storing identifiable patient data and the need for every participating dental office to seek consent from each patient before the data could be transmitted to the ADA. Note that the DERE program is specifically designed around a limited data set (as defined by HIPAA), meaning the data is de-identified. Housing identifiable patient data is a risk the ADA determined it did not want to take when establishing DERE.
While the resolution only seeks an investigation into the establishment of an endosseous registry, we believe that the knowledge gained through the establishment of DERE already exposes known concerns. Therefore, we cannot support additional time and financial resources to assess feasibility of the proposed project.

Indiana Dental Association Resolution 85: Addressing the Dental Team Workforce Shortage
(Worksheet:3020) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 85 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote no and the following comment. (Vote: 10 Yes—Drs. Armstrong, Edgar, Fiddler, Himmelberger, Kessler, Leighty, Maranga, Medovic, Rodriguez, Rosato; 10 No—Drs. Doroshow, Harrington, Leary, Liddell, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Sabates, Shepley, Stephens)

The Board completely understands the workforce concerns that are shared across our Association. This issue would appear to be in the purview of ADEA and their constituents in education. Additionally, the lack of impact measures influenced the Board’s decision.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 88: Reinstatement of ADA Third Party Payer Concierge Service
(Worksheet:3022) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 88 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Indiana Dental Association Resolution 89: Addressing Third Party Dental Reimbursement Rates
(Worksheet:3023) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 89 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 93: Developing Safeguards to Protect Employee Dentists
(Worksheet:3024) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 93 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 96: The Practice of Dentistry and Cannabis
(Worksheet:3025) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 96 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee C
(Dental Education, Science and Related Matters)

Report 5 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: ADA Library and Archives Advisory Board Annual Report
(Worksheet:4090) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 5 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Ninth District, Co-Sponsored by Districts Two and Thirteen, Resolution 80: Electronic Archiving of State and Component Dental Publications
(Worksheet:4099) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 90 with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)
Report 8 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates: Resolution 74-2020—Eldercare Work Group—Elder Care Strategies for Continuing Education (Worksheet:4101) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Board Report 8 to the House of Delegates. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion) The Board of Trustees transmitted the following resolution to the House of Delegates.

Resolution 81—Elder Care Strategies for Continuing Education (Worksheet:4102) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 81 to the House of Delegates with recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 92: Study Dental School Demographics: All Dental Schools Are Not Created Equal (Worksheet:4104) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 92 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 97: Development of Best Practices for the Inclusion of Research with Negative Findings and Failed Replications Studies (Worksheet:4106) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 97 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Reports and Resolutions Relating to Reference Committee D (Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters)

Council on Government Affairs Resolution 29: Rescission of the Policy, Adding the ADA Definition of Dentistry to Existing Dental Regulatory Provisions (Worksheet:5169) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 29 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Eighth Trustee District Resolution 77: Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry (Worksheet:5173) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 77 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote no and the following comment. (Vote: Unanimous)

The Board of Trustees appreciates the consideration and effort of the Eighth Trustee District in its proposed amendments to the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry, especially in light of the amendments’ intent to enhance patient safety. However, the Board of Trustees believes that the amendments may result in unintended negative consequences on existing programs to expand access to care of the underserved. For that reason, the Board does not support the resolution as presented by the Eighth District.

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Resolution 82: A Culture of Safety in Dentistry – Voluntary Reporting (Worksheet:5177) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit Resolution 82 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes. (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion)

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Resolution 86: Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry (Worksheet: 5185) The Board of Trustees transmitted Resolution 86 to the House of Delegates with the following comment and recommendation to vote yes on the substitute. (Vote: 19 Yes—Drs. Armstrong, Doroshow, Edgar, Fiddler, Harrington, Himmelberger, Kessler, Leary, Leighty, Liddell, Maranga, Medovic, Morrison, Oyster, Rapini, Rodriguez, Rosato, Shepley, Stephens; 1 No—Dr. Sabates,)

The Board was concerned that the statement “As the care provided is equivalent to in-person (face to face) care” implies that there is a single consistent agreed upon standard for the provision and outcome of care provided in person. Additionally, substitution of the word “When”, was concerning because it leads to the question of who determines the equivalency of care; a regulator, 3rd party payer or the dentist? For these reasons the Board recommendation is to strike the words “As the care provided is equivalent to in-person (face to face) care,” so the sentence now reads: “Insurer reimbursement of services provided must be made at the same rate that would be made for the services when provided in-person, including reimbursement for the teledentistry codes as appropriate.”

Accordingly, the Board urges adoption of the following substitute resolution:

86BS-1. Resolved, that the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry (Trans. 2015:244; 2020:107) be amended as follows (additions double underscored, deletions double struck through):

Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry

Teledentistry refers to the use of telehealth systems and methodologies in dentistry. Telehealth refers to a broad variety of technologies and tactics to deliver virtual medical, health, and education services. Telehealth is not a specific service, but a collection of means to enhance care and education delivery.

Teledentistry can include patient care and education delivery using, but not limited to, the following modalities:

Synchronous (live video): Live, two-way interaction between a person (patient, caregiver, or provider) and a provider using audiovisual telecommunications technology.

Asynchronous (store and forward): Transmission of recorded health information (for example, radiographs, photographs, video, digital impressions and photomicrographs of patients) through a secure electronic communications system to a practitioner, who uses the information to evaluate a patient’s condition or render a service outside of a real-time or live interaction.

Remote patient monitoring (RPM): Personal health and medical data collection from an individual in one location via electronic communication technologies, which is transmitted to a provider (sometimes via a data processing service) in a different location for use in care and related support of care.

Mobile health (mHealth): Health care and public health practice and education supported by mobile communication devices such as cell phones, tablet computers, and personal digital assistants (PDA).

General Considerations: While in-person (face to face) direct examination has been historically the most direct way to provide care, advances in technology have expanded the options for dentists to communicate with patients and with remotely located licensed dental team members. The ADA believes that examinations performed using
Teledentistry can be an effective way to extend the reach of dental professionals, increasing access to care by reducing the effect of distance barriers to care.

Teledentistry has the capability to expand the reach of a dental home to provide needed dental care to a population within reasonable geographic distances and varied locations where the services are rendered.

In order to achieve this goal, services delivered via teledentistry must be consistent with how they would be delivered in person. Examinations and subsequent interventions performed using teledentistry must be based on the same level of information that would be available in an in-person (face to face) environment, and it is the legal responsibility of the dentist to ensure that all records collected are sufficient for the dentist to make a diagnosis and treatment plan. The treatment of patients who receive services via teledentistry must be properly documented and should include providing the patient with a summary of services. A dentist who uses teledentistry shall have adequate knowledge of the nature and availability of local dental resources to provide appropriate follow-up care to a patient following a teledentistry encounter. A dentist shall refer a patient to an acute care facility or an emergency department when referral is necessary for the safety of the patient or in case of emergency.

As when the care provided is equivalent to in-person (face to face) care, Insurer reimbursement of services provided must be made at the same rate that it would be made for the services when provided in-person, including reimbursement for the teledentistry codes as appropriate.

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Patients’ Rights: Dental patients whose care is rendered or coordinated using teledentistry modalities have the right to expect:

1. That any dentist delivering, directing or supervising services to a patient of record using teledentistry technologies will be licensed in the state or other territory or jurisdiction of the United States, where the patient receives services, or be providing these services as otherwise authorized by the state’s dental board of that state, territory or jurisdiction.

2. That any dentist delivering, directing or supervising services to a new patient using teledentistry technologies will be licensed in the state or other territory or jurisdiction of the United States where the patient receives the services.

3. Access to the name, practice address, telephone number, email address, licensure and board certification qualifications and emergency contact information of all oral health care practitioners who is providing the care via teledentistry techniques in advance of the visit will be made available to the patient prior to such encounter.

4. That the delivery of services through teledentistry technologies will follow evidence-based practice guidelines, to the degree they are available, as a means of ensuring patient safety, quality of care and positive health outcomes.

5. That patients will be informed about the identity of the providers collecting or evaluating their information or providing treatment, and of any costs they will be responsible for in advance of the delivery of services.
56. That relevant patient information will be collected prior to performing services using teledentistry technologies and methods including medical, dental, and social history, and other relevant demographic and personal information.

67. That the provision of services using teledentistry technologies will be properly documented, that the records and documentation collected will be provided to the patient upon request and that the limitations (if any) of teledentistry encounters should be disclosed to a patient prior to the initiation of any teledentistry encounter.

8. That any patient has the right to discuss their treatment with any third party. A patient should not be required to agree to any provision that restricts the patient’s freedom to bring any concerns about their dental treatment to the attention of an entity of the patient’s choosing.

79. That services provided using teledentistry technologies and methods include care coordination as a part of a dental home and that the patient’s records be made available to any entity that is serving as the patient’s dental home.

810. That the patient will be actively involved in treatment decisions, will be able to choose how they receive a covered service, including considerations for urgency, convenience and satisfaction and without such penalties as higher deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance relative to that of in-person (face to face) services.

911. That the dentist shall determine the delivery of services using teledentistry technologies and all services are performed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations addressing the privacy and security of patients’ private health information.

Quality of Care: The dentist is responsible for, and retains the authority for ensuring, the safety and quality of services provided to patients using teledentistry technologies and methods. Services delivered via teledentistry should be consistent with in-person (face to face) services, and the delivery of services utilizing these modalities must abide by laws addressing privacy and security of a patient’s dental/medical information.

Supervision of Allied Dental Personnel: The extent of the supervision of allied dental personnel should conform to the applicable dental practice act in the state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States where the patient receives services and where the dentist is licensed. The dentist should be knowledgeable regarding the competence and qualifications of the allied personnel utilized, and should have the capability of immediately contacting both the allied dental personnel providing service and the patient receiving services. All services delivered by allied dental personnel should be consistent with the ADA Comprehensive Statement on Allied Dental Personnel.

Licensure: Dentists and allied dental personnel who deliver services through teledentistry modalities must be licensed or credentialed in accordance with the laws of the state, territory or jurisdiction in which the dentist practices. Allied dental personnel who deliver services through teledentistry modalities must be licensed or credentialed in accordance with the laws of the state, territory or other jurisdiction in which the patient receives service. The delivery of services via teledentistry must comply with the state’s scope of practice laws, regulations or rules applicable to the encounter. Teledentistry cannot be used to expand the scope of practice or change permissible duties of dental auxiliaries. The American Dental Association opposes a single national federalized system of dental licensure for the purposes of teledentistry.
Reimbursement: Dental benefit plans and all other third-party payers, in both public (e.g. Medicaid) and private programs, shall provide coverage for services using teledentistry technologies and methods (synchronous or asynchronous) delivered to a covered person to the same extent that the services would be covered if they were provided through in-person (face to face) encounters. Coverage for services delivered via teledentistry modalities will be at the same levels as those provided for services provided through in-person (face to face) encounters and not be limited or restricted based on the technology used or the location of either the patient or the provider as long as the health care provider is licensed in the state where the patient receives service as indicated above.

Technical Considerations: Dentists are encouraged to consider conformance with applicable data exchange standards to facilitate delivery of services via teledentistry modalities. These include, but are not limited to, Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) standards when selecting and using imaging systems, X12/HL7 for the exchange of information and ICD-9/10-CM/SNOMED/SNODENT for documentation consistency.

Eleventh Trustee District Resolution 87: Increasing Transparency into the Revenue and Expenses of Campaigns for Office with Elections Held During the House of Delegates (Worksheet:5194) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 87 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 91: Mid-Level Provider Impact Study (Worksheet:5195) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 91 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 94: State Representation and Alternate Delegates (Worksheet:5196) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees vote to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 94 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 95: Prioritizing the Mental Health of Dentists (Worksheet:5198) Per B-105-2021, the Board of Trustees voted to submit the following comment regarding Resolution 95 to the House of Delegates.

Delivered to the House of Delegates absent Board of Trustees evaluation, recommendation or comment due to inadequate process time of resolution.

Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Report 2 to the House of Delegates: Editorial and Conforming Amendments to the ADA Bylaws and the Governance Manual of the American Dental Association (Worksheet:5200) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit the Council’s Report to the House Delegates (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion).

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Resolution 78-2020—Elder Care Strategies on Intra-Professional Advocacy (Worksheet:5208) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit the Council’s Report to the House of Delegates (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion).

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Report 2 to the House of Delegates: Resolution 79-2020—Elder Care Strategies on Long Term Care Facilities (Worksheet:5211) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit the Council’s Report to the House of Delegates (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion).

Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention Report 3 to the House of Delegates: Resolution 104-2020 Formulating Innovations to Address Underserved Areas (Worksheet:5214) The Board of Trustees voted to transmit the Council’s Report to the House of Delegates (Board of Trustees consent calendar action—no Board discussion).


Annual Reports

The following annual reports were provided to the Board of Trustees for review.

ADA Business Innovation Group
ADA Business Enterprises, Inc.
ADA Foundation
ADA Science and Research Institute
Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition
Commission on Dental Accreditation
Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention
Council on Communications
Council on Dental Benefit Programs
Council on Dental Education and Licensure
Council on Dental Practice
Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs
Council on Government Affairs
Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs
Council on Membership
Council on Scientific Affairs
Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations
National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards

New Business

Transmission of House Resolutions without a Board Vote: It was reported that the Board was not given adequate time to review House resolutions. Following a discussion, Resolution B-105 was presented for the Board’s consideration.

B-105. Resolved, that the Board transmit the following House resolutions to the House of Delegates without a Board vote:
• Eleventh Trustee District Resolution 87, Increasing Transparency Into the Revenue and Expenses of Campaigns for office With Elections Held During the House of Delegates
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 88, Reinstatement of ADA Third Party Payer Concierge Service
• Seventh Trustee District Resolution 89, Addressing Third Party Dental Reimbursement Rates
• Eleventh Trustee District Resolution 90, A Resolution for the American Dental Association to Take a Leadership Role in Eliminating Barriers for Underrepresented Minorities into the Dental Profession
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 91, Mid-Level Provider Impact Study
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 92, Study Dental School Demographics: All Dental Schools Are Not Created Equal
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 93, Developing Safeguards to Protect Employee Dentists
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 94, State Representation and Alternate Delegates
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 95, Prioritizing the Mental Health of Dentists
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 96, Practice of Dentistry and Cannabis
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 97, Development of Best Practices for Inclusion of Research with Negative Findings and Failed Replication Studies

A motion was made to postpone consideration of the resolution until later in the meeting. On vote, the motion to postpone was not adopted. A subsequent motion was made to postpone definitely consideration of the discussion for a special meeting of the Board of Trustees. On vote, the motion to postpone consideration for a special meeting was not adopted. On vote, Resolution B-105 was adopted by the Board.

**B-105-2021. Resolved,** that the Board transmit the following House resolutions to the House of Delegates without a Board vote:

• Eleventh Trustee District Resolution 87, Increasing Transparency Into the Revenue and Expenses of Campaigns for office With Elections Held During the House of Delegates
• Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 88, Reinstatement of ADA Third Party Payer Concierge Service
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*Standing Committee Meeting Schedules:* The Board discussed the options and logistics of in-person vs. virtual meetings for committees.
Closed Session

Closed sessions were held at various times during the September 12–14, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees. The detailed minutes of the closed session are separately recorded; however, any non-confidential actions taken by the Board are reflected in the minutes of the regular sessions of the meeting.

- Report of the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs: Protective Life
- Recommendations on ADA Members Insurance Plans 2022 Premium Credits & Royalties
- Commission on Dental Accreditation Oral Report
- Minamata Convention and Conference of Parties Update and Discussion

Attorney-Client Session

An attorney-client session of the Board of Trustees was held on Sunday, September 12, 2021

Adjournment

Without objection, the fifth regular meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned sine die on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. (CDST).
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
October 17, 2021
Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: The first session of the new Board of Trustees was called to order by President Cesar R. Sabates on Sunday, October 17, at 7:57 a.m. (Pacific Time) at Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino, Mariners A, in Las Vegas.


Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki was not in attendance.

Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

The following ADA staff were in attendance for all or portions of the meeting at the invitation of the president: Marcelo Araujo, vice president, Science Institute; Jordan Baugh, chief technology officer; Scott Fowkes, general counsel; Tony Frankos, vice president, Sales Strategy and Product Development; Michelle Hoffman, vice president, Publishing; April Kates-Ellison, vice president, Member and Client Services; Catherine H. Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Stephanie Moritz, chief marketing and communications officer; David Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operation; Elizabeth A. Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management; Paul Sholly, chief financial officer; Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president, Health Policy Institute; and Anthony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education/Professional Affairs.

Others in attendance for all or portions of the meeting were: Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Genevieve Koester, manager, International Relations; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Trina Langtiw, coordinator, Board and House Matters; Sharon Myaard, senior manager, Office of the Executive Director/Officer Services; Wendy Wills, deputy general counsel; and Tom Elliott, deputy general counsel.

Before consideration of business, Dr. Sabates called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy statement included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclose any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed at this time.

Approval of Agenda: The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution.

B-107-2021. Resolved, that the agenda on page 1 of the Board Agenda Book be approved as the official order of business for the current meeting.

Structure and Operation of the 2021-22 Board of Trustees

Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees: The Board was provided a copy of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees that reflected amendments made through September 2021.

Council/Commission Liaison Assignments: In accordance with a long standing provision of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees, the President assigns members of the Board to serve as council liaisons, with the responsibility of reviewing the programs and activities of a specified
Association council/commission. Accordingly, President Sabates reported the following liaison assignments to ADA councils and commissions:

- Advocacy for Access and Prevention: Dr. Jim Stephens
- Communications: Dr. Brett Kessler
- Continuing Education Provider Recognition: Dr. Gary Oyster
- Dental Accreditation: Dr. Jim Stephens
- Dental Benefit Programs: Dr. Paul Leary
- Dental Education and Licensure: Dr. Chad Leighty
- Dental Practice: Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow
- Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs: Dr. Scott Morrison
- Government Affairs: Dr. Linda Edgar
- Membership: Dr. Richard Rosato
- Members Insurance and Retirement Programs: Dr. Rudy Liddell
- National Dental Examinations: Dr. Gary Oyster
- New Dentist Committee: Dr. Craig Armstrong
- Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards: Dr. Frank Graham
- Scientific Affairs: Dr. James Boyle

**Report on Appointment of ADA Council Chairs, 2021-22** The Board received an informational report identifying council, commission and committee chairs for the 2021-22 term.

**Appointment of Delegation to the FDI World Dental Federation Delegation:** Dr. Sabates reported that the following individuals were appointed to serve as the delegation to the 2021 World Dental Congress to be held in Mumbai, India.

**Delegates**
- Dr. Daniel Klemmedson, *NLO and chair*
- Dr. Cesar Sabates, president
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect
- Dr. Maxine Feinberg, presidential appointment
- Dr. Linda Edgar, fourth-year trustee
- Dr. Craig Armstrong, third-year trustee
- Dr. Scott Morrison, second-year trustee
- Dr. James Boyle, first-year trustee
- TBD, at-large delegate
- TBD, at-large delegate

**Alternate Delegates**
- TBD, at-large alternate delegate
- TBD, at-large alternate delegate

**Appointment of Standing Committees:** The Board of Trustees has the following standing committees: Audit, Budget and Finance, Business Innovation, Compensation, Diversity and Inclusion, Governance, and Pension. Selection of members for the Committee on Annual Meetings and the New Dentist Committee are made in accordance with the selection criteria and process set forth in the charters of these Committees.
Accordingly, President Sabates reported that he made the following appointments to the standing committees of the Board of Trustees for 2021-22.

**Audit Committee**
- Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow, fourth-year trustee, chair
- Dr. Cesar Sabates, president, non-voting member
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect, non-voting member
- Dr. Brett Kessler, third-year trustee
- Dr. Michael Medovic, second-year trustee
- Dr. Frank Graham, first-year trustee
- Dr. Rachel Hymes, Tennessee, member, House of Delegates
- Dr. Paul Miller, Florida, member, House of Delegates
- Independent Financial Consultant, non-voting member

**Business Innovation**
- Dr. Linda Edgar, fourth-year trustee, chair
- Dr. Craig Armstrong, third-year trustee
- Dr. Rudy Liddell, second-year trustee
- Dr. James Boyle, first-year trustee
- Dr. Seth A. Walbridge, New Dentist Committee
- Dr. Cesar Sabates, president, non-voting member
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect, non-voting member
- Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, executive director, non-voting member
- Dr. Ted Sherwin, treasurer, consultant

**Budget and Finance**
- Dr. Linda Edgar, fourth-year trustee
- Dr. Ted Sherwin, treasurer
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect
- Dr. Maria Maranga, first vice president
- Dr. Craig Armstrong, third-year trustee
- Dr. Chad Leighty, second-year trustee
- Dr. James Boyle, first-year trustee
- Dr. Gail Duffala, California, member, House of Delegates
- Dr. Howard Zolot, Massachusetts, member, House of Delegates

**Compensation**
- Dr. Paul Leary, fourth-year trustee, chair
- Dr. Cesar Sabates, president
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect, non-voting member
- Dr. Richard Rosato, third-year trustee
- Dr. Gary Oyster, second-year trustee
- Dr. Marshall Mann, first-year trustee
- Dr. Ted Sherwin, treasurer, non-voting member
Appointment of Standing Committees (continued):

**Diversity and Inclusion**
- Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow, fourth-year trustee, chair
- Dr. Brett Kessler, third-year trustee
- Dr. Scott Morrison, second-year trustee
- Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki, first-year trustee
- Dr. Maria Maranga, first vice president
- Dr. Tawana Ware, alumni member
- Dr. Herminio Perez, alumni member
- Dr. Michelle Aquilos Thompson, alumni member
- Dr. Mina Kim, at-large member

**Pension**
- Dr. Ted Sherwin, treasurer, chair
- Dr. Cesar Sabates, president
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect
- Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, executive director
- Mr. Paul Sholty, chief financial officer
- Ms. Judi Fleeks, chief human resources officer
- Mr. Scott Fowkes, general counsel
- Dr. Chad Leighty, member, Budget and Finance Committee
- Dr. Paul Leary, member, Compensation Committee
- Dr. Rita Cammarata, Texas, member, House of Delegates
- Dr. Sanjay Patel, California, member, House of Delegates

**Governance**
- Dr. James Stephens, fourth-year trustee, chair
- Dr. Terry Fiddler, third-year trustee
- Dr. Rudy Liddell, second-year trustee
- Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki, first-year trustee
- Dr. Maria Maranga, first vice president
- Dr. Cesar Sabates, president, non-voting member
- Dr. George Shepley, president-elect, non-voting member
- Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, executive director, non-voting member
- Dr. W. Mark Donald, speaker, consultant

Without objection, the following resolution was adopted.

**B-108-2021. Resolved**, that the appointments to the standing committees of the Board of Trustees as made by the President be approved.

Appointment of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: The Committee on Annual Meetings (CAM) consists of 14 members: nine general members, two Local Arrangements members, two trustees or vice presidents, without the power to vote, appointed by the President, and one New Dentist Member. Resolution 109 was presented to approve the appointment of Dr. Michael Medovic as vice chair. Without objection, Resolution 109 was adopted.

**B-109-2021. Resolved**, that the appointment of vice chair to the Committee on Annual Meetings as made by the President be approved.

Dr. Michael Medovic, vice chair, non-voting member

New Dentist Committee: The Board received an informational report identifying New Dentist Committee members for the 2021-22 term.

All members of the Committee listed below were appointed through previous actions of the Board.

- Dr. Seth A. Walbridge, chair, non-voting member
- Dr. James E. Lee, Massachusetts, 2023, vice chair
- Dr. Sean Aiken, Kentucky, 2024
- Dr. Steven G. Feldman, Washington, DC, 2022
- Dr. Brooke M. Fukuoka, Idaho, 2022
Dr. Gabriel B. Holdwick, Michigan, 2024
Dr. Jarod W. Johnson, Iowa, 2024
Dr. Kevin Y. Kai, California, 2022
Dr. Bryce A. Larson, Illinois, 2025
Dr. Alena R. Lotz, Georgia, 2024
Dr. Daryn Lu, Oklahoma, 2023
Dr. Kellie J. McGinley, Nevada, 2025
Dr. Alex T. Mellon, Ohio, 2023
Dr. James T. Purvis, North Carolina, 2025
Dr. Jonathan C. Vogel, Texas, 2024
Dr. ArNelle R. Wright, Florida, 2023
Dr. James A. Wanamaker, New York, 2025

Appointment of Representatives to Other Organizations and Activities: The following appointments of representatives and members of other committees were also made by President Sabates.

Liaison to the American Student Dental Association Dr. Chad Leighty

Liaison to the Alliance of the American Dental Association Dr. Mark Bronson, second vice president

Dental Lifeline Network Board of Directors Dr. Brett Kessler (continuing member)
Dr. Gary Oyster (continuing member)

Other Committees, Task Forces, and Activities:

American Dental Political Action Committee Board of Directors Dr. Terry Fiddler

Presenter of Board Reports to the House of Delegates Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow

Publishing Liaison Dr. Terry Fiddler

Norton Ross Selection Committee Dr. James Boyle

ADA Humanitarian Award Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, chair
Dr. George Shepley, president-elect
Dr. Alan Moore, Texas
Dr. David Miller, New York
Dr. Michael Richardson, West Virginia, CAAP Representative
Dr. Jane Grover, director, CAAP
Ms. Briana Rowland, manager,
International Outreach Programs

Give Kids A Smile Advisory Committee Dr. James Stephens
Dr. Michael Medovic
Dr. David Krol (Interprofessional)
Dr. Megha Sata (Ambassador)
Dr. Jeffrey B. Dalin (Ambassador)
Ms. Ann Bruck (Industry)
Ms. Amy Moorman (Industry)
Dr. Jennifer Kim Field (Industry)
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Dr. Rudy Liddell, vice chair  
Dr. Hope Watson, CDBP  
Dr. Randall Markarian, CDBP  
Dr. L. King Scott, CDBP  
Dr. Jeffrey Ottley, CDP  
Dr. Cary Limberakis, CDP

Alternates  
Dr. Christopher Bulnes, CDBP  
Dr. David Fried, CDP

Liaison to Standards Committee on Dental Products
Dr. James Boyle

Liaison to Standards Committee on Dental Informatics
Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow

ADA Library and Archives Advisory Board

Dr. Frank Graham, chair  
Dr. Rudy Liddell  
Dr. Shandra Keith Coble, CDEL  
Representative  
Dr. Barbara L. Mousel, CDEL  
Representative  
Dr. Carliza A Marcos, California, at-large member  
Dr. Stuart Segelnick, New York, at-large member  
*Dr. Deepack Kademani, CSA  
Representative  
*Dr. Carol Lefebvre, CSA  
Representative  
TBD, public member, special librarian

*Subsequent to the October Board meeting, Dr. Deepak Kademani and Dr. Carol Lefebvre were selected to serve as CSA representatives on the ADA Library and Archives Advisory Board.

Admission Test for Dental Hygiene (ATDH) Steering Committee

Dr. Paul Leary, chair  
Dr. Stephen M. Lepowsky, CDEL  
Member  
Dr. Uri Hangorsky, CDEL Member  
Donna Warren Morris, RDH, MEd, Dental Hygiene Program Director  
Wanda Cloet, RDH, DHS, Dental Hygiene Program Director  
Joyce C. Hudson, RDH, MS, Dental Hygiene Program Director  
Michelle R. Roman, EdD, MSM, MPH, Dental Hygiene Program Director  
Ebony M. Thomas-Butler, MS, BS, Admissions Officer

(Note: steering committee reauthorized for the 2022 term and individuals reappointed by the September 2021 Board via B-91-2021)
Nominee for ADA Foundation Board

ADA Foundation

Dr. Michele Tulak-Gorecki (appointment through 2025)
Dr. Craig Armstrong (continuing member)
Dr. Dana Graves (continuing member)

Meetings of the Board of Trustees, 2021-22: The Bylaws (Chapter V, Section 90.A.) requires that the Board of Trustees shall hold a minimum of three regular meetings each year. The number and dates of regular meetings to be held for the ensuing year shall be determined in advance by the Board of Trustees.

Proposed Resolution

B-110-2021. Resolved, that the meetings of the 2021-22 Board of Trustees be as follows:

December 10-13, 2021 (Retreat and Board Meeting)
February 6-8, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
April 10-12, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
June 12-14, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
August 14-16, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
*October 18, 2022 (New Board of Trustees Meeting, Houston)
December 10-12, 2022 (Saturday – Monday) (Retreat and Board meeting, if needed)

*Subsequent to the October Board meeting, it was noted that the October 18, 2022 New Board Meeting date was presented in error; it should be October 19. The date will be corrected and presented for Board approval at its next meeting.

Contracts with the President and President-elect: The ADA’s Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees require that the President and President-elect execute agreements as officers of the ADA, and that these agreements be approved by the Board of Trustees at its first meeting following the annual session.

Proposed Resolutions

B-111-2021. Resolved, that the 2021-22 President Corporate Officer Agreement be approved and adopted.

B-112-2021. Resolved, that the 2021-22 President-elect Corporate Officer Agreement be approved and adopted.

Confidential Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: SmileCon Revenue Profit Share Policy: This confidential report was presented by Dr. Chad Leighty and Ms. Catherine Mills. The Board of Trustees discussed at length the report, which proposed a revenue profit share policy. It was requested that members of the Board bellow allowed sufficient time to allow for appropriate review of information provided in this report. Ms. Mills informed the Board that the report and its accompanying Resolution, B-113, should be taken up within the next two weeks. A motion was made to postpone further discussion of the report and its accompanying Resolution, B-113, definitely to a virtual Meeting within the next two weeks to allow ample time to review the material. Hearing no objection, the motion to postpone definitely to a future date within two weeks was adopted.
Adjournment: Without objection, the meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned *sine die* at 9:20 a.m. on Sunday, October 17, 2021.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
November 5, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Cesar R. Sabates, president, on Friday, November 5, 2021, at 3:01 p.m., Central Standard Time. The videoconference meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

ADA Staff in Attendance: Judi Fleeks, chief human resources officer; Scott Fowkes, general counsel; Cathryn Albrecht, deputy general counsel; Wendy J. Wils, deputy general counsel; Jim Goodman, senior vice president, Business Group; Catherine Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Robert Quashie, senior vice president, Operations; Betsy Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Molly Potnick, coordinator, Publications and Projects; and Kyle Smith, manager, House of Delegates.

Before consideration of business Dr. Sabates called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy included on the meeting agenda and the requirement to disclosure any conflicts of interest. No disclosures were made.

Confidential Report of the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings: SmileCon Revenue Profit Share: This report was postponed definitely from the October 2021 Board meeting to allow sufficient time for review of information. Ms. Catherine Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education, presented this updated SmileCon report. Dr. Chad Leighty moved Resolution B-113 for the Board’s consideration.

B-113. Resolved, that the ADA Board of Trustees approves the following SmileCon Revenue Profit Share Policy to begin in 2023:

AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

SMILECON REGISTRATION REVENUE SHARE POLICY

I. A share of the state dental professional registration revenue of the in person ADA annual meeting (SmileCon) to Constituent / State Members of the ADA Tripartite, will be considered by the Board of Trustees on an individual basis. The calculation will be based on registration revenues of all dentists and dental team attendees from that state. A request to participate from any constituent state society in which the ADA annual meeting is being held, should be received by the ADA at least 24 months prior to the subject ADA meeting.

A Registration Revenue Share is appropriate in those instances when:
1. the ADA makes its budgeted net income on the meeting; and

2. the state nominates a chair to the Committee on Local Arrangements (CLA) through the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings (CAM) to serve for two years on CAM; and

3. the state assists in marketing SmileCon to their state members; and

4. the ADA is able and succeeds in holding an in person meeting; and

5. the payment to the state does not result in a net income loss to the ADA – i.e. the ADA must at the very least break even after meeting expenses are paid, including the payment to the state.

II. The registration revenue share will be based on the registration fees from the dental professionals that attend in person from that state only. The formula is to be calculated on the number of dentists and dental team members that register and attend SmileCon in person multiplied by the average* spend per package purchased (Dental Central, Smile Pass or Platinum Package). Ten percent of the total state’s in person attendee registration fees will be shared with the state when all conditions are met.

Example of Registration Revenue Share Calculation:

Total # of Dentists from State x Average Registration Package Spend + Total # of Dental Team from State x Average Registration Package Spend x 10% = Total $ Registration Revenue Share

*Average = spend per package of early, advance and onsite registration rates.

III. Any such request must be received by the ADA at least 24 months prior to the subject ADA meeting. Registration Revenue Share for the state organization shall be shared revenue after ADA makes its budgeted net income plus ten percent.

The ADA reserves the right to review and change this policy on an annual basis.

The Board discussed at length Resolution B-113. After discussion, a motion was made to postpone definitely Resolution B-113 to the December 2021 Board meeting. On vote, the motion to postpone definitely Resolution B-113 to the December 2021 Board meeting was adopted.

Executive Director’s 2021 Performance Evaluation: This report was presented and considered during a closed session of the Board of Trustees. In attendance were the members of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Stewart Gill, (Title?) Ms. Fleeks, Mr. Fowkes, Ms. Wils, Ms. Albrecht, Ms. Baldwin, Mr. Smith and Ms. Potnick.

In open session, Resolution B-114 was considered and adopted by the Board.

B-114-2021. (Embargoed Action)

Adjournment: The special session of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 4:39 p.m.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees
November 30, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Cesar R. Sabates, president, on Tuesday, November 30, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., Central Standard Time. The videoconference meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees.


Dr. Ted Sherwin was not in attendance.

Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

ADA Staff in Attendance: Scott Fowkes, general counsel; Nancy Livingston, senior associate general counsel; Wendy Wils, deputy general counsel; Betsy Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management; Paul Sholtz, chief financial officer; Rita Tiernan, senior manager, Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services; Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters; Molly Potnick, coordinator, Publications and Projects; and Kyle Smith, manager, House of Delegates

Guests: Josephine Cicchetti, senior counsel, Faegre Drinker and Dr. Kathleen T. O'Loughlin.

Before consideration of business Dr. Sabates called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy included on the meeting agenda. Dr. Tulak-Gorecki disclosed that she is serving as a trustee on the Michigan Dental Association Board on Insurance and Financial Group. The Board had no objection to Dr. Tulak-Gorecki's participation in the meeting in light of her disclosure. No other disclosures were made.

Confidential Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs ADA Members Insurance Plans, Protective Life State Regulatory Filings: Ms. Josephine Cicchetti, senior partner, Faegre Drinker, presented this confidential report during a closed session. Minutes of the closed session are separately recorded. In open session, Resolution B-119 was considered and adopted by the Board.

B-119-2021. (Embargoed Action)

Adjournment: The special session of the Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:22 p.m.
Minutes of the Board of Trustees

December 13, 2021
Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Call to Order: The second meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association was called to order by Dr. Cesar R. Sabates, president, on Monday, December 13, 2021, at 7:34 a.m., Eastern Standard Time, in the Mockingbird Room of the Walt Disney World Swan Hotel, Orlando, Florida. The meeting was called in accordance with the provisions of the Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees.


Following the roll call, Dr. Donald announced that a quorum was present.

ADA Staff in Attendance: Scott Fowkes, general counsel; Betsy Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management; Michelle Kruse, director, Administrative Services and Jodi Baldwin, manager, Board and House Matters. Mike Graham, senior vice president, Government and Public Affairs; Catherine Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education; Paul Sholty, chief financial officer; Roxanne Yaghoubi, director, Legislative and Regulatory Policy; and Tony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education and Professional Affairs, joined telephonically.

Before consideration of business Dr. Sabates called attention to the ADA Disclosure Policy included on the meeting agenda. No disclosures were made.

Preliminary

Approval of Consent Calendar and Agenda

Approval of Consent Calendar. Dr. Sabates reviewed the list of proposed consent items. Without objection, the following resolution was adopted.

B-116-2021. Resolved, that the resolutions contained on the Consent Calendar for Board of Trustees consideration be approved and reports be filed.

Approval of Agenda. Without objection, the following resolution was adopted.

B-117-2021. Resolved, that the agenda be approved as the official order of business for the current meeting of the Board of Trustees except that the President may alter the order of the agenda when necessary to expedite business.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Sessions. The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolutions (Consent Calendar Items).

B-120-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the July 16-18, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.
**B-121-2021. Resolved**, that the minutes of the August 28, 2021, special one-day meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

**B-122-2021. Resolved**, that the minutes of the September 12-14, 2021, meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

**B-123-2021. Resolved**, that the minutes of the October 17, 2021, New Board of Trustees meeting be approved.

**B-124-2021. Resolved**, that the minutes of the November 5, 2021, Special Confidential Telephonic meeting of the Board of Trustees be approved.

**Report on Mail Ballot Actions.** In accordance with the *Organization and Rules of the Board of Trustees*, the following mail ballot actions are reported in the minutes of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees. Both mail ballots were unanimously adopted (consent calendar item).

**Mail Ballot No. 1—Confidential Report, Nomination for ADA Distinguished Service Award**

**B-34-2021. Resolved**, that the following *Board Rules* be suspended:

- Board Rule relating to the number of Distinguished Service Award recipients
- Board Rule relating to the recording of mail ballot actions

and be it further

**Resolved**, that the 2021 Distinguished Service Award be presented to Kathleen T. O'Loughlin, D.M.D., M.P.H.

**Mail Ballot No. 3—Confidential Report, 2022 Humanitarian Award Nominating Committee**

**B-115-2021. Resolved**, that Dr. Jeffrey Dalin, Missouri, receive the 2022 Humanitarian Award.

**Financial Goal**

**Report of the Budget and Finance Committee.** On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Linda J. Edgar, chair, presented the report of the Budget and Finance Committee’s December 8, 2021, meeting. The report identified major topics discussed and recommendations or actions taken. Dr. Edgar moved Resolutions B-127 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-127 was adopted.

**B-127-2021. (Confidential)**

Dr. Edgar moved Resolution B-128 with the Committee’s recommendation to adopt; on vote, Resolution B-128 was adopted by the Board of Trustees

**B-128-2021. Resolved**, that the ADA quarterly financial statements as of September 30, 2021 be filed and posted in the appropriate delegates section.

**Confidential Report: SmileCon Registration Revenue Share Policy.** This Report was postponed definitely from the November 5 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees to allow time for CAM to provide additional information. Ms. Catherine Mills, vice president, Conferences and Continuing Education, joined the meeting telephonically to present this updated SmileCon report. Without objection, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-113-2021. (Confidential and Embargoed)**
Report of the Senior Vice President, Education and Professional Affairs: University of Illinois Chicago – American Dental Association: Dental Public Health Residency Program. Dr. Tony Ziebert, senior vice president, Education and Professional Affairs, joined the meeting telephonically to present this report to the Board of Trustees. On vote, the following resolution was adopted by the Board of Trustees.

**B-118-2021. Resolved**, that the ADA sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Illinois-Chicago, College of Dentistry related to the proposed CODA-accredited Advanced Education Program in Dental Public Health, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the ADA allocate $100,000 from the reserve fund to support the establishment of the Advanced Education Program in Dental Public Health in 2022.

Organizational/Other

Approval of Amended 2021-2022 Board of Trustees Meeting Dates. The Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution (consent calendar action).

**B-126-2021. Resolved**, that the following 2021-22 Board of Trustees meeting dates, as amended, be approved:

- December 10-13, 2021 (Retreat and Board Meeting)
- February 6-8, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- April 10-12, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- June 12-14, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- August 14-16, 2022 (Sunday – Tuesday)
- October 19, 2022 (New Board of Trustees Meeting, Houston)
- October 18, 2022 (New Board of Trustees Meeting, Houston)
- December 10-12, 2022 (Saturday – Monday) (Retreat and Board meeting, if needed)

and be it further

**Resolved**, that Resolutions B-82-2019 and B-110-2021, approving the previous 2022 meeting dates, be rescinded.

American Institute of Dental Public Health and Carequest White Paper, “Veteran Oral Health: Expanding Access and Equity”. Mr. Mike Graham and Ms. Roxanne Yaghoubi joined the meeting virtually to brief the Board on this report. The Board expressed its strong support for providing care to this group, but further noted the challenges of seemingly not having sufficient data and information supporting this paper. No formal action followed, but the Government Affairs team was a part of the conversation electronically and understands the general tone of the Board sentiment with regard to this topic.

Report of the President. Dr. Cesar R. Sabates presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the October House of Delegates meeting.

Report of the President-elect. Dr. George R. Shepley presented an oral report that summarized his activities since the October House of Delegates meeting.

Report of the Executive Director. Dr. Ray Cohlmia shared an overview of his vision and action plan for the future of the ADA from the perspective of his new role. This was a confidential presentation and discussion.
Attorney-Client Session

At attorney-client session of the Board of Trustees was held on Monday, December 13, 2021, in the Mockingbird Room of the Walt Disney World Swan Hotel, Orlando, Florida.

Adjournment

Without objection, the second regular meeting of the Board of Trustees adjourned *sine die* on Monday, December 13, 2021 at 11:07 a.m., Eastern Standard Time.
Minutes of the
House of Delegates

October 13-16
First Meeting of the House of Delegates

Call to Order: The First Meeting of the 162nd Annual Session of the American Dental Association House of Delegates was called to order by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Dr. W. Mark Donald, Mississippi, at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2021, in the Mandalay Bay North Convention Center.

Special Presentation: Dr. Manuel A. Cordero, General Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Hispanic Dental Association, presented Dr. Kathleen T. O’Loughlin, ADA Executive Director, with a Certificate of Honorary Membership in the Hispanic Dental Association.

Moment of Reflection: The House observed a moment of silence for attendees to reflect in a manner of each individual's choosing.

Pledge of Allegiance: Dr. Christopher R. Jordan, delegate, U.S. Air Force, led the members of the House in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements: For the benefit of the delegates and alternate delegates, the Speaker reviewed announcements regarding delegate and alternate delegate seating in the House of Delegates, live stream broadcasting of the meetings of the House, technology support, microphones, availability of district representatives, and a planned update from the general counsel at the conclusion of the first meeting of the House.

Introductions: The Speaker introduced the officers of the Association who were seated on the dais, and the former ADA presidents who were seated in the House.

Ethics Statement: The Speaker called attention to the Ethics Statement which appears in the Manual of the House of Delegates and Supplemental Information and asked that members read the Statement prior to the start of deliberations of the House of Delegates.

Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order: Dr. David L. Fried, Connecticut, Committee chair, presented the Committee’s report. The other members of the Committee were: Dr. Shafa Amirsoltani, Illinois; Dr. Natalie Carr-Bustillo, Florida; Dr. Ann E. Christopher, Maryland; Dr. Matthew S. Kolkman, Indiana; Dr. Robert A. Neal, Texas; Dr. Susan M. Orwick-Barnes, Tennessee; Dr. Werner W. Schneider, Arkansas; and Dr. Debra S. West, Nebraska.

Approval of Certified Delegates. Dr. Fried reported that a list of certified delegates and alternate delegates as of October 6, 2021, was posted on ADA Connect. Subsequent to the October 6 posting, the following requests relating to the credentialing of a new delegate and new alternate delegate were presented:

Delegates
Dr. Kelly A. Roth, Ohio
Dr. Jessica A. Meeske, Nebraska
Dr. Gigi E. Meinecke, Maryland
Alternate Delegates
Dr. Mary T. Wallace, Alabama
Dr. Seth A. Walbridge, Pennsylvania

Dr. Fried reported that the Committee considered the requests to be the result of extenuating circumstances and recommended that the individuals be credentialed. On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Fried moved Resolution 98 (Supplement:1030) as amended. Hearing no objection, the Speaker declared Resolution 98, as amended, adopted.

98H-2021. Resolved, that the list of certified delegates and alternate delegates posted in the HOD Supplemental Information library on the House of Delegates community of ADA Connect be approved as the official roster of voting delegates and alternate delegates that constitute the 2021 House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.

Dr. Fried reported the presence of a quorum.

Dr. Fried reminded everyone of the provisions of the ADA Disclosure Policy in effect during the meetings of the House and during the reference committee hearings. The Speaker asked that such disclosures be made prior to speaking to any resolution where such relationship would be applicable.

Minutes of the 2020 Session of the House of Delegates. On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Fried moved Resolution 99 (Supplement:1031). The Speaker asked if there were any corrections to the minutes; hearing none, the Speaker declared the minutes adopted.

99H-2021. Resolved, that the minutes of the 2020 session of the House of Delegates be approved.

Adoption of Agenda and Order of Agenda Items. On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Fried moved Resolution 100 (Supplement:1032).

Hearing no objection, Resolution 100 was adopted.

100H-2021. Resolved, that the agenda as presented in the 2021 Manual of the House of Delegates and Supplemental Information be adopted as the official order of business for this session, and be it further Resolved, the Speaker is authorized to alter the order of the agenda as deemed necessary in order to expedite the business of the House.

Referrals of Reports and Resolutions. On behalf of the Committee, Dr. Fried moved Resolution 101 (Supplement:1033).

Hearing no objection, Resolution 101 was adopted.

101H-2021. Resolved, that the list of referrals recommended by the Speaker of the House of Delegates be approved.

The Speaker announced that Resolution 7S-1 was revised; editorial changes were made to Resolution 40 and Resolution 67; and the financial implication was corrected for Resolution 85S-1 and Resolution 104.

The Speaker announced the following withdrawn resolutions.

Resolution 72—Generating More Inclusive Feedback on Matters Before the House of Delegates—withdrawn by the Eleventh Trustee District

Resolution 77—Proposed Amendment to the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry—withdrawn by the Eighth Trustee District
Resolution 87—Increasing Transparency into the Revenue and Expenses of Campaigns for Office with Elections Held During the House of Delegates—withdrawn by the Eleventh Trustee District

Consideration of New Business. The Speaker announced that three items of New Business were submitted:

Fourth Trustee District Resolution 106—Fair Delegate Allocation for Federal Dental Services (Supplement:5229)

Sixteenth Trustee District Resolution 107—Standard Form for Consolidating Dental Implant and Implant Restoration Data (Supplement:3025)

Fifth and Sixteenth Trustee Districts Resolution 108—National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Requirements for Recognition Review (Supplement:4111)

Items of New Business submitted less than 15 days prior to the opening of the annual session require a majority vote of the delegates present and voting in order to be considered.

Hearing no objection, the Speaker declared that Resolution 106, Resolution 107 and Resolution 108 would be considered as new business. The Speaker announced that Resolution 106 would be referred to Reference Committee D, Resolution 107 would be referred to Reference Committee B and Resolution 108 would be referred to Reference Committee C.

Dr. Fried noted that the balance of the Committee’s report was informational, but highlighted information regarding the process of substituting delegates and alternates during meetings of the House; the schedule of reference committee hearings and the posting and paper distribution of reference committee reports; the prohibition against proxy voting in the House of Delegates; and the time for voting for elective offices on the House floor.

Prior to the Report of the President, Dr. Chad P. Gehani, immediate past president, at the invitation of the Speaker, addressed the House of Delegates.

Report of the President: Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson addressed the House of Delegates. He commented on the new areas of focus that came about since he was elected president-elect, most notably COVID-19, ADA’s involvement in the political process, health equity, and increased potential for a dental benefit in Medicare. He stated, “If we apply the same sharp focus, clear intention and group action that propelled us through COVID-19, then, yes, we can solve many more of our most pressing problems. Every step forward contributes to our progress.” He also commented on the importance of the House passing a resolution on the culture of safety in dentistry and a resolution proclaiming that dentistry is essential health care; saying, “We proclaimed it. Now we must own it. … Our place in health care is solidified. We have an obligation to address the health care needs of all patients, those who have, and those who have not. … Ultimately, as essential health care professionals, dentists must assume and honor this real and implicit social contract to care for the oral health care needs of all people.” Dr. Klemmedson closed by expressing his gratitude for those who showed him the value of organized dentistry. He thanked his district and the House of Delegates, and his wife for her encouragement. The Report of the President (Supplement:2124) was referred to Reference Committee A (Budget, Business, Membership and Administrative Matters) and was posted on ADA Connect.


Report of the Executive Director: Dr. Kathleen T. O’Loughlin presented her annual report to the House of Delegates.

Presentation of Reports of the Board of Trustees: On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger, Third District Trustee, presented the reports of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates.
Nominations to Councils. Dr. Himmelberger moved Resolution 56 (Supplement:1020) on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Hearing no objection, Resolution 56 was adopted by general consent.

56H-2021. Resolved, that the nominees put forward for membership on ADA councils be elected.

The Speaker noted that it is the custom that the newly elected members of councils assume office after the close of the last meeting of the House of Delegates.

Dr. Himmelberger reported that the names of members retiring from ADA councils and commissions are identified in Board Report 1 and thanked these members of behalf of the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Himmelberger noted that Reports 1 through 10 of the Board of Trustees to the House of Delegates were referred to the appropriate reference committees.

Dr. Himmelberger asked the House to observe a moment of silence in memory of the former leaders who passed away since the last session of the House of Delegates.

Nominations of Officers

President-elect: The Speaker called for nominations for the office of president-elect. Dr. Paula S. Crum, Wisconsin, nominated Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez, Wisconsin, for the office of president-elect; and Dr. Christopher G. Liang, Maryland, nominated Dr. George R. Shepley, Maryland, for the office of president-elect. The Speaker asked if there were any additional nominations; there were none. Acceptance speeches were given by each president-elect candidate. The Speaker announced that the names of the candidates would be placed on the ballot for election on Saturday, October 16.

Second Vice President: The Speaker called for nominations for the office of second vice president. Dr. Tamara S. Berg, Oklahoma, nominated Dr. Douglas Auld, Oklahoma, for the office of second vice president; Dr. Najia Usman, Ohio, nominated Dr. Mark E. Bronson, Ohio, for the office of second vice president; Dr. Darlene A. Oleski, Pennsylvania, nominated Dr. I. Jay Freedman, Pennsylvania, for the office of second vice president; and Dr. Jeena E. Devasia, Virginia, nominated Dr. Elizabeth C. Reynolds, Virginia, for the office of second vice president. The Speaker asked if there were any additional nominations; there were none. Acceptance speeches were given by the second vice president candidates. The Speaker announced that the names of the candidates would be placed on the ballot for election on Saturday, October 16.

Treasurer: The Speaker called for nominations for the office of treasurer. Dr. Cynthia Southern, Virginia, nominated Dr. Ted Sherwin, Virginia, for the office of treasurer. The Speaker noted that the ADA Governance Manual requires candidates for Treasurer to submit a standardized curriculum vitae to the Executive Director at least 120 days prior to the convening of the House of Delegates in order to be nominated. No additional curriculum vitae were submitted. Therefore, in accordance with the ADA Governance Manual, the Speaker declared Dr. Ted Sherwin duly elected. Dr. Sherwin briefly addressed the House.

Presentation of Incoming Trustees: The Speaker presented the following incoming trustees, elected by their respective Trustee Districts:

Dr. James M. Boyle, III, Pennsylvania, Third District Trustee
Dr. Frank J. Graham, New Jersey, Fourth District Trustee
Dr. Marshall H. Mann, Georgia, Fifth District Trustee
Dr. Michele M. Tulak-Gorecki, Michigan, Ninth District Trustee

Remarks by the Chair of the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC): Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, ADPAC chair, addressed the House of Delegates thanking members for their continued support of ADPAC.
Report of the General Counsel: Mr. Scott W. Fowkes, general counsel, addressed the House of Delegates providing an overview of legal issues relating to the dental profession.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the First Meeting of the ADA House of Delegates by Mr. Marco A. Gargano, American Student Dental Association. Hearing no objection, the Speaker declared the First Meeting of the ADA House of Delegates adjourned at 3:41 p.m., Wednesday, October 13, 2021.
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Second Meeting of the ADA House of Delegates

Call to Order: The Second Meeting of the 162nd Annual Session of the ADA House of Delegates was called to order at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, October 16, 2021, by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Dr. W. Mark Donald.

Recognition of New Delegates and Alternate Delegates: The Speaker asked first time delegates and alternates to stand and be recognized.

Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order: Dr. David L. Fried, Committee chair, announced that the Committee had received requests relating to the credentialing of a new alternate delegate and acting secretaries. The Committee considered these requests to be the result of extenuating circumstances and recommended that the following individuals be credentialled:

Alternate Delegate
Dr. Steven G. Feldman, Maryland

Secretaries
Ms. Michelle M. Nichols-Cruz, Michigan
Ms. Jeannie Watson, Georgia

Hearing no objection, the Speaker announced that the credentials were granted.

Dr. Fried announced the presence of a quorum and read the ADA Disclosure Policy.


The Speaker opened the vote for the office of president-elect. The candidates on the ballot, listed in alphabetical order, were as follows: Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez, Wisconsin; and Dr. George R. Shepley, Maryland. Hearing no objection, the Speaker closed the vote. The Speaker called for the House to stand at ease while the voting results were tallied.

The Speaker announced that Dr. George R. Shepley, Maryland, had been elected to the office of president-elect.

The Speaker opened the vote for the office of second vice president. The candidates on the ballot, listed in alphabetical order, were as follows: Dr. Douglas Auld, Oklahoma; Dr. Mark E. Bronson, Ohio; Dr. I. Jay Freedman, Pennsylvania; and Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds, Virginia. Hearing no objection, the Speaker closed the vote. The Speaker called for the House to stand at ease while the voting results were tallied.

The Speaker announced that there would be a run-off election for the office of second vice president between Dr. Mark E. Bronson, Dr. I. Jay Freedman and Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds. The Speaker opened the vote for the run-off election for second vice president. Hearing no objection, the Speaker closed the vote and the House stood at ease while voting results were tallied.

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The Speaker announced that Dr. Mark E. Bronson, Ohio, had been elected to the office of second vice president. Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez, Dr. George R. Shepley, Dr. Douglas Auld, Dr. Elizabeth Reynolds, Dr. I. Jay Freedman and Dr. Mark E. Bronson briefly addressed the House.

Announcements: The Speaker announced that no additional New Business resolutions had been submitted.

Dr. Eva F. Ackley, Florida, requested that Resolution 31—Amendment of Chapter IX, Section A of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association be withdrawn.

On vote, Resolution 31 was withdrawn.

As a point of information, Dr. Alan L. Felsenfeld asked whether Dr. Ackley had requested that Resolution 31 be withdrawn, or removed from the consent calendar.

Dr. Ackley clarified that her intent was to remove Resolution 31 from the Reference Committee C Consent Calendar.

Dr. Daniel J. Gesek, Florida, moved to reconsider the motion to withdraw Resolution 31.

On vote, the motion to reconsider the motion to withdraw Resolution 31 was adopted.

The Speaker announced that Resolution 31 would be placed back on the Reference Committee C Consent Calendar.

Priority Agenda Items: Two priority agenda items were identified by the Reference Committees; the resolutions were considered in the following order:

- Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry—Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Resolution 86, Board of Trustees Substitute Resolution 86BS-1, Thirteenth Trustee District Resolution 86BS-2 and Reference Committee D Substitute Resolution 86RC (Reference Committee D)
- Approval of 2022 Budget—Board of Trustee Resolution 75 (Reference Committee A)

The first priority agenda item was presented by Dr. Frank P. Iuorno, Jr., Virginia, chair, Reference Committee D.

Proposed Amendments to the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry (Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Resolution 86, Board of Trustees Substitute Resolution 86BS-1, Thirteenth Trustee District Resolution 86BS-2 and Reference Committee D Substitute Resolution 86RC): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

With respect to Resolutions 86, 86BS-1 and 86BS-2, the Reference Committee received testimony voicing concern that the proposed policy equates treatment performed via teledentistry techniques with treatment provided during in-person or face-to-face encounters. Specifically, there was testimony that lines 13-15 of Worksheet Page 5191 and language beginning at the end of line 42 of Page 5192 through line 2 of Worksheet Page 5193 should be deleted because it indicates that care provided through teledentistry and in-person care are equivalent.

The Reference Committee spent substantial time reviewing and discussing the passages that were requested to be deleted. Ultimately, the Committee believed that the deletion of the first portion of line 13 on Worksheet Page 5191 removed the question of equivalency of care from the paragraph in lines 13-15 of Page 5191. As amended by 86BS-1, the Committee believes that passage only specifies that insurer reimbursement for services provided by teledentistry and in-person care be made at the same rate. Similarly, after review and discussion of the Reimbursement section of the policy (page 5192, line 40 through page 5193, line 2) the Committee felt that the section focuses on the issue of reimbursement,
and not on the issue of whether the care provided by teledentistry techniques and in-person or face-to-face care is equivalent.

The Reference Committee also received testimony on and thoroughly reviewed and discussed the amendments proposed by Resolution 86BS-2. All of the testimony received concerning the proposed narrowing of the information to be provided to teledentistry patients recited in Paragraph 3 of the Patients’ Rights section of the policy (5193a (3 of 4), lines 3-9) of Resolution 86BS-2 was positive, and the Committee found itself in agreement with those revisions. Very limited testimony was received concerning the proposed revision to Paragraph 4 of the Patients’ Rights section of the policy (5193a (3 of 4) lines 10-12). Following the Committee’s review and discussion, the Committee was in agreement that a further amendment to Paragraph 4 is in order, and therefore proposes the following resolution, Resolution 86RC in lieu of Resolution 86, Resolution 86BS-1 and Resolution 86BS-2:

86RC. Resolved, that the Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry (Trans.2015:244; 2020:107) be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions struck):

Comprehensive ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry

Teledentistry refers to the use of telehealth systems and methodologies in dentistry. Telehealth refers to a broad variety of technologies and tactics to deliver virtual medical, health, and education services. Telehealth is not a specific service, but a collection of means to enhance care and education delivery.

Teledentistry can include patient care and education delivery using, but not limited to, the following modalities:

Synchronous (live video): Live, two-way interaction between a person (patient, caregiver, or provider) and an oral health care practitioner using audiovisual telecommunications technology.

Asynchronous (store and forward): Transmission of recorded health information (for example, radiographs, photographs, video, digital impressions and photomicrographs of patients) through a secure electronic communications system to a practitioner, who uses the information to evaluate a patient’s condition or render a service outside of a real-time or live interaction.

Remote patient monitoring (RPM): Personal health and medical data collection from an individual in one location via electronic communication technologies, which is transmitted to a provider (sometimes via a data processing service) in a different location for use in care and related support of care.

Mobile health (mHealth): Health care and public health practice and education supported by mobile communication devices such as cell phones, tablet computers, and personal digital assistants (PDA).

General Considerations: While in-person (face to face) direct examination has been historically the most direct way to provide care, advances in technology have expanded the options for dentists to communicate with patients and with remotely located licensed dental team members. The ADA believes that examinations performed using teledentistry can be an effective way to extend the reach of dental professionals, increasing access to care by reducing the effect of distance barriers to care.

Teledentistry has the capability to expand the reach of a dental home to provide needed dental care to a population within reasonable geographic distances and varied locations where the services are rendered.

In order to achieve this goal, services delivered via teledentistry must be consistent with how they would be delivered in person. Examinations and subsequent interventions performed using teledentistry must be based on the same level of information that would be available in an in person (face to face) environment, and it is the legal responsibility of the dentist to ensure that all records collected are sufficient for the dentist to make a diagnosis and treatment plan. The treatment of patients who receive services via teledentistry must be properly documented and should include providing the patient with a summary of
services. A dentist who uses teledentistry shall have adequate knowledge of the nature and availability of local dental resources to provide appropriate follow-up care to a patient following a teledentistry encounter. A dentist shall refer a patient to an acute care facility or an emergency department when referral is necessary for the safety of the patient or in case of emergency.

As the care provided is equivalent to in-person care, insurer reimbursement of services provided must be made at the same rate that it would be made for the services when provided in-person, including reimbursement for the teledentistry codes as appropriate.

**Patients’ Rights:** Dental patients whose care is rendered or coordinated using teledentistry modalities have the right to expect:

1. That any dentist delivering, directing or supervising services to a patient of record using teledentistry technologies will be licensed in the state or other territory or jurisdiction of the United States where the patient receives services, or be providing these services as otherwise authorized by the state's dental board of that state, territory or jurisdiction.

2. That any dentist delivering, directing or supervising services to a new patient using teledentistry technologies will be licensed in the state or other territory or jurisdiction of the United States where the patient receives the services.

23. Access to the name, practice address, telephone number, emergency contact information, and email address of the virtual practice. Access to the names, licensure information, and board certification qualifications of the all oral health care practitioners who is providing the care via teledentistry in the practice. Prior to the virtual visit, the patient should be informed of the name, licensure information, and qualification of the oral healthcare practitioners conducting the visit and virtual care.

34. That the delivery of services through teledentistry technologies will follow evidence-based practice guidelines, to the degree they are available, consistent with accepted standards of care as a means of ensuring patient safety, quality of care and positive health outcomes.

45. That patients will be informed about the identity of the providers collecting or evaluating their information or providing treatment, and of any costs they will be responsible for in advance of the delivery of services.

56. That relevant patient information will be collected prior to performing services using teledentistry technologies and methods including medical, dental, and social history, and other relevant demographic and personal information.

67. That the provision of services using teledentistry technologies will be properly documented, that and the records and documentation collected will be provided to the patient upon request and that the limitations (if any) of teledentistry encounters should be disclosed to a patient prior to the initiation of any teledentistry encounter.

8. That any patient has the right to discuss their treatment with any third party. A patient should not be required to agree to any provision that restricts the patient’s freedom to bring any concerns about their dental treatment to the attention of an entity of the patient’s choosing.

79. That services provided using teledentistry technologies and methods include care coordination as a part of a dental home and that the patient’s records be made available to any entity that is serving as the patient’s dental home.

810. That the patient will be actively involved in treatment decisions, will be able to choose how they receive a covered service, including considerations for urgency, convenience and satisfaction and without such penalties as higher deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance relative to that of in-person (face to face) services.
That the dentist shall determine the delivery of services using teledentistry technologies and all services are performed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations addressing the privacy and security of patients’ private health information.

**Quality of Care:** The dentist is responsible for, and retains the authority for ensuring, the safety and quality of services provided to patients using teledentistry technologies and methods. Services delivered via teledentistry should be consistent with in-person (face to face) services, and the delivery of services utilizing these modalities must abide by laws addressing privacy and security of a patient's dental/medical information.

**Supervision of Allied Dental Personnel:** The extent of the supervision of allied dental personnel should conform to the applicable dental practice act in the state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States where the patient receives services and where the dentist is licensed. The dentist should be knowledgeable regarding the competence and qualifications of the allied personnel utilized, and should have the capability of immediately contacting both the allied dental personnel providing service and the patient receiving services. All services delivered by allied dental personnel should be consistent with the ADA Comprehensive Statement on Allied Dental Personnel.

**Licensure:** Dentists and allied dental personnel who deliver services through teledentistry modalities must be licensed or credentialed in accordance with the laws of the state, territory or jurisdiction in which the dentist practices. Allied dental personnel who deliver services through teledentistry modalities must be licensed or credentialed in accordance with the laws of the state, territory or other jurisdiction in which the patient receives service. The delivery of services via teledentistry must comply with the state's scope of practice laws, regulations or rules applicable to the encounter. Teledentistry cannot be used to expand the scope of practice or change permissible duties of dental auxiliaries allied dental personnel. The American Dental Association opposes a single national federalized system of dental licensure for the purposes of teledentistry.

**Reimbursement:** Dental benefit plans and all other third-party payers, in both public (e.g. Medicaid) and private programs, shall provide coverage for services using teledentistry technologies and methods (synchronous or asynchronous) delivered to a covered person to the same extent that the services would be covered if they were provided through in-person (face to face) encounters. Coverage for services delivered via teledentistry modalities will be at the same levels as those provided for services provided through in-person (face to face) encounters and not be limited or restricted based on the technology used or the location of either the patient or the provider as long as the health care provider is licensed in the state where the patient receives service as indicated above.

**Technical Considerations:** Dentists are encouraged to consider conformance with applicable data exchange standards to facilitate delivery of services via teledentistry modalities. These include, but are not limited to, Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) standards when selecting and using imaging systems, X12/HL7 for the exchange of information and ICD-9/10-CM/SNOMED/SNODENT for documentation consistency.

Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 86RC in lieu of Resolution 86 (Supplement:5187), Resolution 86BS-1 (Supplement:5190) and Resolution 86BS-2 (Supplement:5193a) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Robert J. Wilson, Jr., Maryland, chair of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs spoke in support of Resolution 86RC, stating, “On behalf of the entire Council, I wish to thank the Reference Committee for their thoughtful work on this resolution, and I wish the House to know that the entire Council supports [Resolution] 86RC and the recommendations to adopt in lieu of.”

Dr. Julius N. Manz, New Mexico, moved to amend Resolution 86RC in the first sentence of the policy statement by adding the words “when a patient is at an originating site and the dentist is located at a distant site” after the word “dentistry” so that the first paragraph of the policy statement would read as follows:
Teledentistry refers to the use of telehealth systems and methodologies in dentistry when a patient is at an originating site and the dentist is located at a distant site. Telehealth refers to a broad variety of technologies and tactics to deliver virtual medical, health, and education services. Telehealth is not a specific service, but a collection of means to enhance care and education delivery.

and item 2. under the “Patients’ Rights” section of the policy statement, by adding the words “of the originating site” after the words “United States,” so that item 2. would read as follows:

2. That any dentist delivering, directing or supervising services to a new patient using teledentistry technologies will be licensed in the state or other territory or jurisdiction of the United States of the originating site where the patient receives the services.

In speaking to the amendment, Dr. Manz stated, “The terms we use to describe diagnosis and treatment at a distant site are critical for defining the use or the abuse of teledentistry. Two terms that are common to telehealth are ‘originating site,’ which is the location of the patient, and the ‘distant site,’ which is the location of the practitioner providing the care. Cynical attempts to change the meanings of these terms confuse the jurisdictional boundaries and nullify patient safeguards. This amendment would clarify the use of these terms in ADA’s teledentistry policy and standardize their use in discussions about regulation, liability and patient’s rights.”

Dr. Gary S. Davis, Pennsylvania, spoke against the proposed amendment stating, “I believe it’s best for the ADA policy to be written broadly enough to be applied to all states and territories. I just looked at the New Mexico Telehealth Act…and I do see the definition for ‘originating site’ as a place where a patient may receive health care and they list 14 sites. But I do not see ‘distant site.’ I see ‘health care providers.’ And CMS defines ‘originating site’ as the location where Medicare patients get physician or provider medical service, but instead of distant site, it lists distant site providers. In [Pennsylvania], our Department of Health uses CMS guidance, but uses both the terms ‘distant site provider’ and ‘distant site.’ So what’s my point? ADA policy should be broad, and individual states can apply their own nuances. I’m just concerned language in the [amendment] may not align with all other states. …”

As a point of information, Dr. Davis asked whether “distant site” and “originating site” apply to all states or does it align with all the states’ telehealth acts.

The Speaker responded, “…The response is, with 50 states, at this point in time we cannot answer that question. That would take some time to do some research.”

Dr. Jill M. Burns, Indiana, and member of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs, spoke against the proposed amendment. She said, “…we wrote this language to cover all 50 states. I don’t think we need the specific language included for one specific situation. I believe that any state can use this policy in their legal search for teledentistry, and I don’t believe that we need this amendment.”

Dr. Steven A. Saxe, Nevada, spoke in support of the proposed amendment. He said, “I speak in favor of this amendment to the resolution, as all 50 states currently do not possess teledentistry statute and regulations. And many states look to the American Dental Association for guidance of this particular verbiage.”

Dr. Robert J. Wilson, Jr., Maryland, spoke against the amendment, stating, “It is critical to this resolution that the items 1. and 2. under ‘Patients’ Rights’ are clear and concise. Although I’m sympathetic to the issues New Mexico is having in their state legislature, these amendments are not well thought out and they’re not well researched. We don’t have adequate background. We should not be making a decision like this on the fly in this House of Delegates. It may have merit, but it needs further study. Perhaps next year.”

Dr. Matthew J. Messina, Ohio, spoke against the amendment, stating, “…The policy statement really is best said if it’s broad and doesn’t attempt to chase individual state legislation. One of the things we do learn with this is that, yes, the legislation in teledentistry across the states is varied and states are adding things. The ADA, through state government affairs, supports states that are looking to pass legislation, and our policy is guidance, and we learn things. But the other part about it is, as we know, legislation on a state-by-state
basis is constantly changing. Even if something has been passed, we end up kind of coming back playing legislative whack-a-mole sometimes trying to keep things under control. The ADA policy is best if it’s simple, clear and stable.”

A motion was made to vote immediately on the proposed amendment. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, the proposed amendment was not adopted.

On vote, Resolution 86RC was adopted in lieu of Resolution 86, Resolution 86BS-1 and Resolution 86BS-2.

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4. That the delivery of services through teledentistry technologies will follow evidence-based practice guidelines, to the degree they are available, consistent with accepted standards of care as a means of ensuring patient safety, quality of care and positive health outcomes.

5. That patients will be informed about the identity of the providers collecting or evaluating their information or providing treatment, and of any costs they will be responsible for in advance of the delivery of services.

6. That relevant patient information will be collected prior to performing services using teledentistry technologies and methods including medical, dental, and social history, and other relevant demographic and personal information.

7. That the provision of services using teledentistry technologies will be properly documented, and the records and documentation collected will be provided to the patient upon request and that the limitations (if any) of teledentistry encounters should be disclosed to a patient prior to the initiation of any teledentistry encounter.

8. That any patient has the right to discuss their treatment with any third party. A patient should not be required to agree to any provision that restricts the patient’s freedom to bring any concerns about their dental treatment to the attention of an entity of the patient’s choosing.

9. That services provided using teledentistry technologies and methods include care coordination as a part of a dental home and that the patient’s records be made available to any entity that is serving as the patient’s dental home.

10. That the patient will be actively involved in treatment decisions, will be able to choose how they receive a covered service, including considerations for urgency, convenience and satisfaction and without such penalties as higher deductibles, co-payments or coinsurance relative to that of in-person (face to face) services.
911. That the dentist shall determine the delivery of services using teledentistry technologies and all services are performed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations addressing the privacy and security of patients’ private health information.

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Supervision of Allied Dental Personnel: The extent of the supervision of allied dental personnel should conform to the applicable dental practice act in the state, territory or jurisdiction of the United States where the patient receives services and where the dentist is licensed. The dentist should be knowledgeable regarding the competence and qualifications of the allied personnel utilized, and should have the capability of immediately contacting both the allied dental personnel providing service and the patient receiving services. All services delivered by allied dental personnel should be consistent with the ADA Comprehensive Statement on Allied Dental Personnel.

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Technical Considerations: Dentists are encouraged to consider conformance with applicable data exchange standards to facilitate delivery of services via teledentistry modalities. These include, but are not limited to, Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) standards when selecting and using imaging systems, X12/HL7 for the exchange of information and ICD-9/10-CM/SNOMED/SNODENT for documentation consistency.

The second priority agenda item was presented by Dr. Mary Krempasky Smith, Washington, chair, Reference Committee A.

Approval of 2022 Budget (Board of Trustees Resolution 75): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee concurs with the Board of Trustees and supports adoption of Resolution 75.

75. Resolved, that the 2022 Annual Budget of revenues and expenses, including net capital requirements, be approved.

Dr. Krempasky Smith moved Resolution 75 (Supplement:2084) with the Committee recommendation to Vote Yes.
Dr. Marshall H. Mann, Georgia, stated, “First of all, I’d like to commend the Board of Trustees on presenting a balanced budget to the House of Delegates. I do however want to remind the House that there are many, many resolutions that have financial implications, and I hope that the House will be considering those recommendations very carefully.”

The Speaker informed the House that it will be approving the preliminary budget at this time.

On vote, the preliminary budget was adopted. See page XXX for the adoption of the final budget (Resolution 75).

Report of Reference Committee A (Budget, Business, Membership and Administrative Matters)

The Report of Reference Committee A was presented by Dr. Mary Krempasky Smith, Washington, chair. The other members of the Committee were: Dr. Frank C. Barnashuk, New York; Dr. Mark S. Chaney, Louisiana; Dr. Michael J. Frankman, South Dakota; Dr. William L. Ingram, V, Alabama; Dr. Eric W. Knudsen, Michigan; Dr. James Mancini, Pennsylvania; Dr. Jonathan W. Rich, Kentucky; and Dr. Katie E. Stuchlik, Texas.

Consent Calendar (Reference Committee A Resolution 109): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The appended Resolution 109 lists resolutions referred and considered by this Reference Committee that received no or limited testimony, all positive testimony, all negative testimony, or the Reference Committee feels these resolutions were fully debated, with all issues considered. The Reference Committee’s recommended action (adopt, adopt in lieu of, not adopt or refer) is identified on each resolution presented on the consent calendar. By adopting Resolution 109, the recommendations of the Reference Committee on the consent calendar resolutions will become the actions of the House of Delegates. It should be noted that if a resolution on the consent calendar is to “adopt in lieu of” with a Committee Recommendation to Vote No and the resolution remains on the approved consent calendar, the resolution is defeated and the underlying resolutions are automatically moot.

As customary, before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate wishing to discuss an item on the consent calendar has the right to request that resolution be extracted and considered separately.

109. Resolved, that the recommendations of Reference Committee A on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

Resolution 44—(Adopt)—Sustaining the Pipeline of Volunteer Leadership (Supplement:2002)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 69—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy on ADA Diversity and Inclusion (Supplement:2008)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 78—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Four-Year Recent Graduate Reduced Dues Program (Supplement:2114) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 84—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Qualifications for Membership (Supplement:2115)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 90RC—(Adopt Resolution 90RC in lieu of Resolutions 90 and 90S-1)—Eliminating Barriers for Underrepresented Minorities into the Dental Profession (Supplement:2118) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.
Resolution 102RC—(Adopt Resolution 102RC in lieu of Resolution 102)—Strategy for Engaging Dental Residents (Supplement:2119) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 103—(Not Adopt)—Resources for ADA Dentist Members Transitioning into Retirement (Supplement:2120) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No.

Resolution 105—(Not Adopt)—Increasing Transparency and Improving Member Engagement Through Virtual Testimony at the House of Delegates Reference Committees (Supplement:2123) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No.

Dr. Krempasky Smith moved Resolution 109 with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

A request was made to remove the following resolution from the Consent Calendar:

Resolution 103 removed by Dr. Cary J. Limberakis, Pennsylvania

Hearing no objection, the amended Resolution 109 was adopted by general consent.

109H-2021. Resolved, that the recommendations of Reference Committee A on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

Resolution 44—(Adopt)—Sustaining the Pipeline of Volunteer Leadership (Supplement:2002) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 69—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy on ADA Diversity and Inclusion (Supplement:2008) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.

Resolution 103—(Not Adopt)—Resources for ADA Dentist Members Transitioning into Retirement (Supplement:2120) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No.

Resolution 105—(Not Adopt)—Increasing Transparency and Improving Member Engagement Through Virtual Testimony at the House of Delegates Reference Committees (Supplement:2123) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No.
Note: For the purpose of a fully documented record, the text of the resolutions presented in Resolution 109H follows.

Consent Calendar Resolutions—Adopted/Adopted in Lieu of

Sustaining the Pipeline of Volunteer Leadership

44H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy titled “Sustaining the Pipeline of Volunteer Leadership” be adopted:

Sustaining the Pipeline of Volunteer Leadership

Resolved, that new dentists be considered as essential leaders in the tripartite, and be it further
Resolved, that constituent dental societies be urged to develop and implement strategies to grow and
maintain new dentist participation in leadership, which may include:

- Leadership development
- Dedicated leadership positions for new dentists
- Programs that support the pathway to leadership for new graduates
- Other opportunities to foster leadership growth,

and be it further
Resolved, that the policy titled “New Dentist Involvement in Volunteer Leadership” (Trans.2009:487) be rescinded.

Proposed Policy on ADA Diversity

69H-2021. Resolved, that the following Policy on Diversity and Inclusion be adopted:

The ADA is committed to a culture of diversity and inclusion to foster a safe and equitable
environment for its membership. In this environment, representation matters and every member is
provided intentional opportunities to make meaningful contributions. Diverse viewpoints and needs
are heard, valued and respected.

The ADA embraces diversity and inclusion to drive innovation and growth, ensure a relevant and
sustainable organization and deliver purposeful value to members, prospective members, and
stakeholders. The ADA’s commitment to diversity and inclusion will further advance the dental
profession, improve the oral health of the public, and achieve optimal health for all.

Amendment of the Policy, Four-Year Recent Graduate Reduced Dues Program

78H-2021. Resolved, that the ADA policy, Four-Year Recent Graduate Reduced Dues Program
(Trans.2008:482), be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

Two Four-Year Recent Graduate Reduced Dues Program

Resolved, that the ADA urges constituent and component societies to adopt the ADA two four-year
reduced dues structure for recent dental school graduates.

Rescission of the Policy, Qualifications for Membership

84H-2021. Resolved, that the ADA policy, Qualifications for Membership (Trans.1959:219; 1996:672;
2013:365), be rescinded.

Eliminating Barriers for Underrepresented Minorities into the Dental Profession

90H-2021. Resolved, that an ADA Task Force be convened by the ADA President that will to explore the
current barriers for entry into the dental profession by underrepresented minorities populations, and be it
further Resolved, that invitations be extended to at least, but not limited to, the American Dental Education Association, American Student Dental Association, National Dental Association, Hispanic Dental Association and Society of American Indian Dentists to nominate members of their respective organizations to participate in the Task Force, and be it further Resolved, the ADA Task Force will develop policies and a broad-reaching strategy, strategies and action plans that will strengthen and support a workforce that is more representative of the population, and be it further Resolved, that the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the 2022 ADA House of Delegates.

Strategy for Engaging Dental Residents

102H-2021. Resolved, that starting with the 2022 House of Delegates, the appropriate ADA agencies provide regular status reports on the efforts to engage, connect, recruit and develop long-term relationships with dentists in post-graduate programs.

Consent Calendar Resolution—Not Adopted

Increasing Transparency and Improving Member Engagement Through Virtual Testimony at the House of Delegates Reference Committees

105. Resolved, that the House of Delegates form an ADA task force to present a two-year pilot proposal to the 2022 House of Delegates for expanding reference committee testimony to members in a virtual format and making House of Delegates resolutions, reports, and other, non-privileged information accessible to all members virtually.

Non-Consent Resolution

Resources for ADA Dentist Members Transitioning Into Retirement (Third Trustee District Resolution 103): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee heard considerable testimony on Resolution 103. Testimony in favor of Resolution 103 included recommendations that the resources need to focus on more than financial topics and be directed to all members, not just for those with immediate plans to retire. Con testimony referenced many resources that already exist, including those provided by the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs, and ADABIG’s support for members transitioning out of practice. The Reference Committee also noted that ADABEI and the Council on Dental Practice provide resources to support various aspects of transition.

The consensus of the Reference Committee was that the ADA is already addressing the proposed resolution, and that it would be difficult to formulate an action plan given the comprehensive nature of the resources requested.

103. Resolved, that the appropriate agencies evaluate and develop a program that could possibly include a full-time counselor/advisor, and continuing education, both live face-to-face and virtual, to guide its members who are or will be transitioning into retirement, with resources to include, but not be limited to:

- basics of retirement living
- mental and emotional needs
- social needs
- current health needs
- long-term healthcare needs
- retirement budget
- personal or spiritual growth, and of course
fun

and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate agencies report back to the 2022 House of Delegates regarding said program and the financial implication of implementing it.

Dr. Krempasky Smith moved Resolution 103 (Supplement:2120) with the Committee recommendation to Vote No.

Dr. Cary J. Limberakis, Pennsylvania, moved to amend Resolution 103 in each of the resolving clauses and adding a third resolve clause so that Resolution 103 would read as follows:

Resolved, that the appropriate agencies inventory all ADA course and program offerings related to ADA dentist members transitioning into retirement evaluate and develop a program that could possibly include a full-time counselor/advisor, and continuing education, both live face-to-face and virtual, to guide its members who are or will be transitioning into retirement, with resources to include, but not necessarily be limited to:

• basics of retirement living
• wellness (e.g. mental and emotional needs, social needs
• current health needs, long-term healthcare needs)
• work-life balance (e.g. social needs, retirement budget
• personal or spiritual growth), and of course
• fun

and be it further

Resolved, that a determination be made as to whether there are any unmet needs in the current offerings, along with estimated costs to meet those needs, that the appropriate agencies report back to the 2022 House of Delegates regarding said program and the financial implication of implementing it, and be it further.

Resolved, that a determination be made on the feasibility and costs of developing an easily accessible electronic catalog, with a report on the findings to the 2022 House of Delegates.

In speaking to the proposed amendment, Dr. Limberakis stated, “In the discussions initiated by Resolution 103, we’ve heard about the resources ADA already makes available to members to assist with retirement planning. Those existing resources do constitute a nice member benefit. That said, the discussions over the past few days leave the impression that even fairly well informed members know little about how to access specific components of these resources and that their exists at least a possibility those resources aren’t as comprehensive as perhaps they should be. This is a critical issue that will affect the well-being of all our members eventually, not just those currently transitioning into retirement. So we feel it is important to be sure we’re fully addressing all the critical retirement-related needs of our members. The amended resolution will help to do that by focusing attention specifically on issues like wellness and work-life balance that, though vital, are too often neglected; assessing current retirement-related programs to determine conclusively if there are significant unmet needs in this area; determining how best to facilitate that easy button.”

Dr. I. Jay Freedman, Pennsylvania, spoke in support of the proposed amendment. He said, “… this is a member benefit that, while it may not be in the headlights of our youngest cohort, they will be there eventually, and if we have the ability to evaluate what we currently have, we can fill the gaps so that we have a comprehensive program moving forward.”

Dr. D. Douglas Cassat, California, spoke against the proposed amendment, stating, “These services are available. You know, all you got to do is subscribe to the AARP magazine, and you’re getting this every single week, almost. … we spend 40 years in practice preparing for retirement, and I don’t believe that it’s the ADA’s responsibility to offer these services to our members.”
Dr. Geralyn M. Menold, California, spoke in support of the proposed amendment, stating, “… having retired a year ago, and I know that it was a pandemic and circumstances were different, but I think until a dentist retires they don’t realize the emotional and social changes that they go through. And, you know, you just feel like you’ve lost your whole worth in the community, and you have to find other resources. So I think an audit of what is available would be in order.”

Dr. Steven A. Saxe, Nevada, spoke in support of the proposed amendment, stating, "We’re the American Dental Association, and over the years we’ve spent resources on these topics. Considering our current website and the lack of easy navigation of it, I think it’s important that we do adopt this, because of the resources already expended by this group. We should not rely on AARP for anything that we’ve already spent our money on. And I appreciate the maker’s concern on this, because when you go to our website, it is literally impossible to find all this material compiled”

A motion was made to vote immediately on the proposed amendment. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, the proposed amendment was not adopted.

On vote, Resolution 103 was not adopted.

Report of Reference Committee B (Dental Benefits, Practice and Related Matters)

The Report of Reference Committee B was presented by Dr. Shakalpi R. Pendurkar, California, chair. The other members of the Committee were: Dr. Ravichandra Juluri, Illinois; Dr. Rebekah N. Lucier-Pryles, Vermont; Dr. Margaret Madonian, New York; Dr. Angela P. Noguera, District of Columbia; Dr. Timothy W. Penberthy, Idaho; Dr. Sara E. Stuefen, Iowa; Dr. Rodney J. Thornell, Utah; and Dr. David L. Vorherr, Ohio.

Consent Calendar (Reference Committee B Resolution 110) The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The appended Resolution 110 lists resolutions referred and considered by this Reference Committee that received no or limited testimony, all positive testimony, all negative testimony, or the Reference Committee feels these resolutions were fully debated, with all issues considered. The Reference Committee’s recommended action (adopt, adopt in lieu of, not adopt or refer) is identified on each resolution presented on the consent calendar. By adopting Resolution 110, the recommendations of the Reference Committee on the consent calendar resolutions will become the action of the House of Delegates. It should be noted that if a resolution on the consent calendar is to “adopt in lieu of” with a Committee Recommendation to Vote No and the resolution remains on the approved consent calendar, the resolution is defeated and the underlying resolutions are automatically moot.

As customary, before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate wishing to discuss an item on the consent calendar has the right to request that resolution be extracted and considered separately.

110. Resolved, that the recommendations of Reference Committee B on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

Resolution 42RC—(Adopt Resolution 42RC in lieu of Resolution 42)—Amendment to the Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (Supplement:3000) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 43—(Adopt)—Proposed ADA Policy Statement on the Use of Augmented Intelligence in Dentistry (Supplement:3003) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 54—(Adopt)—Rescission of Policy, Individual Practice Association (Supplement:3006) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 55—(Adopt)—Rescission of Policy, Support for Individual Practice Associations
(Supplement:3008) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 63—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy for the Elimination of Wait Periods for Children in Dental Benefit Plans (Supplement:3010) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 71—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Third-Party Payers Overpayment Recovery Practices (Supplement:3012) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 74—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Dental Benefits Within Affordable Care Act Marketplace and a Public Option (Supplement:3017) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 79—(Not Adopt)—National Dental Endosseous Implant Registry (Supplement:3018) $: 40,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No

Resolution 85RC—(Adopt Resolution 85RC in lieu of Resolutions 85, 85S-1 and 85S-2)—Addressing the Dental Team Workforce Shortage (Supplement:3021) $: 125,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 88RC—(Adopt Resolution 88RC in lieu of Resolution 88)—Reinstatement of ADA Third Party Payer Concierge Service (Supplement:3022) $: 200,000 per year for five years
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 89—(Not Adopt)—Addressing Third Party Dental Reimbursement Rates (Supplement:3023) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No

Resolution 93RC—(Adopt Resolution 93RC in lieu of Resolution 93)—Developing Safeguards to Protect Employee Dentists (Supplement:3024) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 107—(Adopt)—Standard Form for Consolidating Dental Implant and Implant Restoration Data (Supplement:3025) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Dr. Pendurkar moved Resolution 110 with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Requests were made to remove the following resolutions from the Consent Calendar:

Resolution 42RC was removed by Dr. John C. Comisi, South Carolina
Resolution 85RC was removed by Dr. Michael T. Flynn, Minnesota
Resolution 86RC was removed by Dr. D. Douglas Cassat, California

On vote, the amended Resolution 110 was adopted.

110H-2021. Resolved, that the recommendations of Reference Committee B on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

Resolution 42RC—(Adopt Resolution 42RC in lieu of Resolution 42)—Amendment to the Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (Supplement:3000) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote
Resolution 43—(Adopt)—Proposed ADA Policy Statement on the Use of Augmented Intelligence in Dentistry (Supplement:3003) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Note: For the purpose of a fully documented record, the text of the resolutions presented in Resolution 110H follows.

Consent Calendar Resolutions—Adopted/Adopted in Lieu of

Proposed ADA Policy Statement on the Use of Augmented Intelligence in Dentistry

43H-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Policy Statement on the Use of Augmented Intelligence in Dentistry be adopted.
ADA Policy Statement on the Use of Augmented Intelligence in Dentistry

Augmented intelligence (AI) is the theory and development of computer systems that can perform tasks that would otherwise require human intelligence, such as visual perception, speech recognition, decision-making and translation between languages. The term may also be applied to any software that performs intelligent behavior and acts intelligently.

The ADA supports using AI as a tool to supplement the dentist’s clinical judgment rather than a technology to replace or override it, while taking into account a patient’s clinical presentation, including history, examination, and relevant tests.

- The ADA encourages the development of thoughtfully designed, high-quality, clinically validated dental AI.
- The ADA urges dental professionals to become fully informed about AI technology and how it might support the delivery of patient care.
- The ADA encourages training and education for dental students to ensure that all clinicians in the United States can incorporate AI into clinical practice.

Dental AI Developers: The ADA urges entities to incorporate the following principles when developing AI systems for dental care applications:

- Integrate, when possible, the perspective of practicing dentists in the development, design, validation, and implementation of dental care AI;
- Design and evaluate AI systems following the best practices in dentistry;
- Ensure that the development process of such systems is transparent and conforms to leading standards for reproducibility;
- Address bias and avoid introducing or exacerbating health care disparities when testing on vulnerable populations or deploying new AI tools;
- Demonstrate the efficacy and accuracy of AI systems with reliable data obtained from the relevant clinical domains;
- Safeguard the privacy of patients and other individuals and securing their personal and medical information.

Clinical Practitioners: The ADA supports the following principles for the introduction of AI systems into clinical dental practice:

- Produce outcomes that match or exceed the currently accepted standard of care;
- Prioritize patient safety when using an AI system;
- Encourage dental educators to introduce clinical AI systems in practice and to foster digital literacy in the current and future dental workforce;
- An AI system in clinical dental practice should be supervised by a dentist;
- Identify and acknowledge the limitations of an AI system in clinical decision-making, and continue to collaborate or consult with clinical colleagues as appropriate;
- Demonstrate the efficacy of AI systems with reliable data obtained from the relevant clinical domains;
- Interpret data from dental AI to allow for clinical observation and judgment input from dentists, with an ongoing emphasis on risk management, accountability, and bias;
- Obtain the appropriate informed consent, permission, privacy controls, checks for accuracy and relevance of any patient data used in original development or ongoing refinement of AI algorithms;
Use patient data only for the stated purpose and storing such data securely.

**Third-Party Payers:** The ADA supports the following principles for the introduction of AI systems into the claims adjudication processes by third-party payers:

- All decisions on treatment are appropriately the result of a joint discussion between the patient and the dentist;
- If AI is used by dental benefit plans as a tool to assist with claims processing or adjudication, that tool should not be used to diagnose or dictate a treatment plan that interferes with the doctor-patient decision process or deny any benefits that the patient is entitled to under their plan;
- Any AI tool used by third party payers should not be used to direct patients to specified preferred providers;
- AI systems should not allow for denial of claims without consultant review.

**Rescission of Policy, Individual Practice Association**


**Rescission of Policy, Support for Individual Practice Associations**


**Proposed Policy for the Elimination of Wait Periods for Children in Dental Benefit Plans**

*63H-2021. Resolved,* that the American Dental Association supports the elimination of wait periods for treatment, including orthodontic treatment, for children from dental benefit plans.

**Amendment of Policy, Third-Party Payers Overpayment Recovery Practices**

*71H-2021. Resolved,* that the policy titled Third-Party Payers Overpayment Recovery Practices (*Trans.*1999:930; 2013:312) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the American Dental Association shall and its constituent societies are urged to seek or support legislation to prevent third-party payers from withholding assigned benefits or recouping payment when a payment made in error has been made on behalf of a different patient covered by the same third-party payer or because of an alleged overpayment to a different dentist, and be it further

Resolved, that dental plans should not retroactively deny, adjust, or seek recoupment or refund of a paid claim for dental care expenses submitted by a provider for any reason, other than fraud or for duplicate payments on claims received from the same plan for the same service from a provider, after the expiration of six months from the date that the initial claim was paid. The plan must provide information about why a refund is due, including the name of the patient, date of service and service provided along with the reason for the overpayment and allow the provider six months before the refund must be paid. The provider should be allowed 30 days to contest the refund request, and be it further

Resolved, that dental plans, representing self-funded and fully-insured plans, be urged to adopt these guidelines as an industry-wide standard for alleged overpayment of benefits to dentists.

**Proposed Policy, Dental Benefits within Affordable Care Act Marketplace and a Public Option**

*74H-2021. Resolved,* that within the Marketplaces established by the Affordable Care Act:

- Dental coverage should be available to consumers through Stand Alone Dental Plans.
- Diagnostic and preventive dental services embedded within Qualified Health Plans should be covered without any additional co-payment, co-insurance or deductibles.
- Dental care is essential across the individual’s life span. Individuals seeking to purchase benefits in the Marketplaces must be able to purchase dental benefits without having to first purchase a medical plan.
- Plan designs should remain flexible and offer consumers adequate choices balancing cost and benefit value.
- Dental Plans offered in the Marketplaces must be required to transparently report Dental Loss Ratios (DLR).
- Cost sharing assistance or premium tax credits should be available to consumers purchasing dental plans.

and be it further
Resolved, that if a public option plan that includes pediatric or adult dental benefit plans were introduced within the Marketplaces established by the Affordable Care Act, then such plans should:

- Allow freedom of choice for patients to seek care from any dentist while continuing to receive the full program benefit.
- Not force any providers, including those already participating in existing public programs, to join a Marketplace plan network and instead should support fair market competition, including meaningful negotiation of contracts and annual adjustment of fee schedules.
- Only include minimal and reasonable administrative requirements to promote participation and provide meaningful access.

Developing Safeguards to Protect Employee Dentists

93H-2021. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency assess the feasibility of creating guidelines, best practices or educate members on mechanisms to assure accuracy of claims submitted by the office or a third party on behalf of the treating dentist, and be it further
Resolved, that a report be submitted to the 2022 House of Delegates.

Standard Form for Consolidating Dental Implant and Implant Restoration Data

107H-2021. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency create a form for patients and dental records that consolidates the data on placed implants and implant restorations to include the date of placement, implant manufacturer, type, size and intraoral location as well as abutment manufacturer, type, size and dental laboratory, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA urge dentists to use the form for patient records and provide a copy to the patient.

Consent Calendar Resolutions—Not Adopted

National Dental Endosseous Implant Registry

79. Resolved, that the American Dental Association investigate the establishment of a dental endosseous implant registry, and be it further
Resolved, that the registry maintain data on placed implants by patient, date of placement, implant manufacturer, type, size and intraoral location, and be it further
Resolved, that the database be accessible by dentists only and for the express purpose of providing information that can be of assistance in improving patient care, and be it further
Resolved, that a report with any recommendations be presented to the 2022 American Dental Association House of Delegates meeting.

Addressing Third Party Dental Reimbursement Rates
89. **Resolved**, that the ADA communicate to dental insurance industry leaders that COVID-related increases in dental staffing costs and enhanced infection control expenses have increased the cost of dental care and third party payer reimbursement rates should be adjusted accordingly.

**Non-Consent Resolutions**

**Amendment to the Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders** (Council on Dental Practice Resolution 42 and Reference Committee B Resolution 42RC): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee received testimony in support of Resolution 42. Several commenters requested specific amendments to the policy proposed by the Council on Dental Practice (CDP). One commenter requested removal of the word “surgical” to include other available modalities of sleep apnea care. The Reference Committee agreed with this comment.

A second commenter requested removal of “home” in the context of tests that may be ordered or administered by dentists. The Reference Committee acknowledged that the ability to order or administer tests is subject to applicable laws and currently varies by jurisdiction. However, the Committee was in favor of a broader ADA policy that would remain appropriate as scope of practice issues evolve.

Therefore, the Reference Committee recommends adoption of the following resolution (additions are double underscored, deletions are double stricken to reflect additional changes from the Reference Committee to the policy proposal submitted by the Council on Dental Practice).

42RC. **Resolved**, that the Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (*Trans.* 2017:269; 2019:270) be amended as follows (further additions are double underscored, and deletions are double stricken.)

**Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders**

Sleep related breathing disorders (SRBD) are disorders characterized by disruptions in normal breathing patterns. SRBD are potentially serious medical conditions caused by anatomical airway collapse and altered respiratory control mechanisms. Common SRBD include snoring, upper airway resistance syndrome (UARS) and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). OSA has been associated with metabolic, cardiovascular, respiratory, dental and other diseases. In children, undiagnosed and/or untreated OSA can be associated with cardiovascular problems, impaired growth as well as learning and behavioral problems.

Dentists can and do play an essential role in the multidisciplinary care of patients with certain sleep related breathing disorders and are well positioned to identify patients at greater risk of SRBD. SRBD can be caused by a number of multifactorial medical issues and are therefore best treated through a collaborative model. Working in conjunction with our colleagues in medicine, dentists have various methods of mitigating these disorders. In children, the dentist’s recognition of suboptimal early craniofacial growth and development or other risk factors may lead to medical referral or orthodontic/orthopedic intervention to treat and/or prevent SRBD. Various surgical modalities exist to treat SRBD. Oral appliances, specifically custom-made, titratable devices can improve SRBD in adult patients, compared to no therapy or placebo devices. Oral appliance therapy (OAT) can improve or effectively treat OSA in adult patients, especially those who are intolerant of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP). Dentists are the only health care provider with the knowledge and expertise to provide OAT.

The dentist’s role in the treatment of SRBD includes the following:

- Dentists are encouraged to screen patients for SRBD as part of a comprehensive medical and dental history to recognize symptoms such as daytime sleepiness, choking, snoring or witnessed apneas and an evaluation for risk factors such as obesity, retrognathia, or
hypertension. If patients are at risk and appropriate candidates for home sleep apnea tests (HSAT) the dentist may order or administer the appropriate HSAT directly in accordance with applicable laws. If risk for SRBD is determined, these patients and pertinent patient information and HSAT data should be referred, as needed, to the appropriate physicians for proper diagnosis.

- In children, screening through history and clinical examination may identify signs and symptoms of deficient growth and development, or other risk factors that may lead to airway issues. If risk for SRBD is determined, intervention through medical/dental referral or evidenced based treatment may be appropriate to help treat the SRBD and/or develop an optimal physiologic airway and breathing pattern.

- Oral appliance therapy is an appropriate treatment for mild and moderate obstructive sleep apnea, and for severe obstructive sleep apnea when a CPAP cannot or will not be is not tolerated by the patient.

- When a physician diagnoses obstructive sleep apnea in a patient and the treatment with oral appliance therapy is recommended through written or electronic referral, a dentist should evaluate the patient for the appropriateness of fabricating a suitable oral appliance. If deemed appropriate, a dentist should fabricate an oral appliance, monitor its effectiveness and titrate the appliance as necessary.

- Dentists should obtain appropriate patient consent for treatment that reviews the proposed treatment plan, all available options and any potential side effects of using OAT and expected appliance longevity.

- Dentists treating SRBD with OAT should be capable of recognizing and managing the potential side effects through treatment or proper referral.

- Dentists who provide OAT to patients should monitor and adjust the Oral Appliance (OA) for treatment efficacy as needed, or at least annually. As titration of OAs has been shown to affect the final treatment outcome and overall OA success, the use of unattended cardiorespiratory (Type 3) or (Type 4) portable monitors home sleep apnea tests (HSAT) may be used by the dentist to help define the optimal target position of the mandible. A dentist trained in the use of these portable monitoring devices HSAT’S may assess the objective interim results for the purposes of OA titration.

- Surgical procedures may be considered as a secondary treatment for OSA when CPAP or OAT is inadequate or not tolerated. In selected cases, such as patients with concomitant dentofacial deformities, surgical intervention may be considered as a primary treatment.

- Dentists treating SRBD should continually update their knowledge and training of dental sleep medicine with related continuing education.

- Dentists should maintain regular communications with the patient’s referring physician and other healthcare providers regarding the patient’s treatment progress and any recommended follow-up treatment.

- Follow-up sleep testing by a physician should be conducted so the physician is able to evaluate the improvement or confirm treatment efficacy for the OSA, especially if the patient develops recurring OSA relevant symptoms or comorbidities.

Dr. Pendurkar moved Resolution 42RC in lieu of Resolution 42 (Supplement:3000) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. John C. Comisi, South Carolina, moved to substitute Resolution 42S-1 for Resolution 42RC.

42S-1. Resolved, that the Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (Trans.2017:269; 2019:270) be amended as follows (additions are double underscored, and deletions are double stricken.)
Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders

Sleep related breathing disorders (SRBD) are disorders characterized by disruptions in normal breathing patterns. SRBD are potentially serious medical conditions caused by anatomical airway collapse and altered respiratory control mechanisms. Common SRBD include snoring, upper airway resistance syndrome (UARS) and obstructive sleep apnea (OSA). OSA has been associated with metabolic, cardiovascular, respiratory, dental and other diseases. In children, undiagnosed and/or untreated OSA can be associated with cardiovascular problems, impaired growth as well as learning and behavioral problems.

Dentists can and do play an essential role in the multidisciplinary care of patients with certain sleep related breathing disorders and are well positioned to identify patients at greater risk of SRBD. SRBD can be caused by a number of multifactorial medical issues and are therefore best treated through a collaborative model. Working in conjunction with our colleagues in medicine, dentists have various methods of mitigating these disorders. In children, the dentist’s recognition of suboptimal early craniofacial growth and development or other risk factors may lead to medical referral or orthodontic/orthopedic intervention to treat and/or prevent SRBD. Various surgical modalities exist to treat SRBD. Oral appliances, specifically custom-made, titratable devices can improve SRBD in adult patients, compared to no therapy or placebo devices. Oral appliance therapy (OAT) can improve or effectively treat OSA in adult patients, especially those who are intolerant of continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP). Dentists are the only health care provider with the knowledge and expertise to provide OAT.

The dentist’s role in the treatment of SRBD includes the following:

- Dentists are encouraged to screen patients for SRBD as part of a comprehensive medical and dental history to recognize symptoms such as daytime sleepiness, choking, snoring or witnessed apneas and an evaluation for risk factors such as obesity, retrognathia, or hypertension. If patients are at risk and appropriate candidates for home sleep apnea tests (HSAT) the dentist may order or administer the HSAT directly. If risk for SRBD is determined, these patients and pertinent patient information and HSAT data should be referred, as needed, to the appropriate sleep physicians for proper diagnosis.

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- When a sleep physician diagnoses obstructive sleep apnea in a patient and the treatment with oral appliance therapy is recommended through written or electronic referral, a dentist should evaluate the patient for the appropriateness of fabricating a suitable oral appliance. If deemed appropriate, a dentist should fabricate an oral appliance, monitor its effectiveness and titrate the appliance as necessary.

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- Follow-up sleep testing by a physician should be conducted so a sleep physician to is able to evaluate the improvement or confirm treatment efficacy for the OSA, especially if the patient develops recurring OSA relevant symptoms or comorbidities.

In speaking to the substitute, Dr. Comisi stated, “Upon review of 42RC, it was determined that there was a need to enable a more broadly applicable policy that can be effectively used by state societies to help influence and effect change in dental practice acts, as we have accomplished in South Carolina. We urge the House to support the substitute, which will provide a clearer pathway from medicine and our state boards to recognize the importance of dentistry in therapeutic care of our mutual patients.”

Dr. Mahfouz M. Gereis, California, spoke against the substitute resolution, stating, “…the resolution as written is very restrictive, and, in reality, in my opinion, it’s a step backwards. First of all, it limits the dentist’s ability in two areas very clearly. Number one, it limits the ability of the dentist to only be able to…prescribe a home study;…it talks about the oral appliance specifically custom made. Titratable devices can improve sleep breathing disorders. So it talks about being able to titrate these appliances. … it talks about the dental appliance can improve or effectively treat obstructive sleep apnea in adult patients, especially those who are intolerable of a CPAP machine. To be able to titrate a dental appliance with a CPAP machine to reduce pressure cannot be achieved by a home study. It has to be done in a laboratory setting where the patient sleeps fitted with the appliance and the CPAP machine and a technician during the sleep period would adjust the pressure to come up with the ultimate pressure. This is very restrictive to us. The other area where I felt that it is not appropriate,…it talks about the data should be referred to appropriate sleep physician for diagnosis. Now, sleep physicians is a specialty that’s not having a lot of members. In the area where I practice, and I have been practicing treating sleep patients for over 20 years, I have four sleep laboratories in this area. Three of them are run by psychiatrists and “palmorists” and they are not sleep specialists. Again, we should be able to refer this to the appropriate physicians that treats those patients, not restrict us to try to find a sleep specialist that might not be available in the area. … [The substitute resolution] would make us look, in the eyes of our patients and colleagues, as technicians that fabricate appliances… We are physicians, not technicians.”

Dr. Prabu Raman, Missouri, spoke against the substitute resolution, stating, “…I object to this, including the word ‘sleep.’ I know it is probably well intentioned. It limits the physicians who could diagnose and verify treatment efficacy only to sleep physicians. … Limiting physicians who can diagnose and verify treatment efficacy to only sleep physicians would severely impact access to care for many of my patients, especially those rural Americans. Additionally, I do not think it is the role of the ADA to determine the qualification of a physician to be able to diagnose or verify treatment efficacy. Clearly, any physician can do anything that their practice act allows. Respectfully, I think that as a physician, that should be left to our medical colleagues at the AMA and the state medical boards.”

Dr. Thomas S. Kelly, Ohio, spoke against the substitute resolution, stating, “Speaking against the resolution specifically related to the word ‘sleep physician.’ American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine does not designate the specific sleep physician. It just says that we should refer to a physician and then allow the physician to decide…if they’re qualified or where the patient should be going.”
Dr. Comisi stated, “... there seems to be some consternation regarding the phraseology ‘sleep physician’ and if it’s appropriate, I would remove the word ‘sleep physician’ in those areas where they are if that would help to make this resolution more acceptable to the House. ... Just to edit, editorially remove the terminology ‘sleep physician’ and leave it as ‘physician.’”

The Speaker responded, “It put me a little behind on that one, because we’ve already debated the ‘sleep.’ So I am going to not allow that. And we’ll just continue to debate this resolution and vote it up or down. It’s only two items in that area, and the ‘surgical’ is already removed. That’s really the crux of your motion, if I understand it.”

A motion was made to vote immediately on substituting Resolution 42S-1 for Resolution 42RC. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, the motion to substitute Resolution 42S-1 for Resolution 42RC was not adopted.

The Speaker stated that Resolution 42RC was now before the House.

Dr. Dipika T. Shah, New Jersey, moved to amend Resolution 42RC in the second paragraph of the proposed Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders by replacing the words “continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP)” with the words “positive airway pressure therapy (PAP therapy)” so that the second paragraph would read as follows:

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and amend the final paragraph by deleting the words “especially if the patient develops recurring OSA relevant symptoms or comorbidities,” so that the last paragraph would read as follows:

Follow-up sleep testing by a physician should be conducted so the physician to is able to evaluate the improvement or confirm treatment efficacy for the OSA, especially if the patient develops recurring OSA relevant symptoms or comorbidities.

In speaking to the proposed amendment, Dr. Shah stated, “The word “CPAP” should be changed to “PAP” as the “PAP” is the more generic term inconclusive of many kinds of PAPS; examples, CPAP, APAP, BiPAP, et cetera.”

On vote, the proposed amendment was adopted.

On vote, Resolution 42RC, as amended, was adopted in lieu of Resolution 42.

42H-2021. Resolved, that the Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of Sleep Related Breathing Disorders (Trans.2017:269; 2019:270) be amended as follows (further additions are double underscored, and deletions are double stricken.)

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Addressing the Dental Team Workforce Shortage (Indiana Dental Association Resolution 85, Third Trustee District Resolution 85S-1, Indiana Dental Association Resolution 85S-2 and Reference Committee B Resolution 85RC): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee received testimony in support of and against Resolutions 85, 85S-1 and 85S-2. Specifically, the majority of commenters supported combining the intent expressed in Resolutions 85S-1 and 85S-2 by using 85S-2 as the basis and including the fourth resolving clause from 85S-1. Therefore, the Reference Committee recommends adoption of the following Resolution:

85RC. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency distribute existing print and social media communications materials to state and local dental societies to use to promote and encourage middle and high school students to consider careers in dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting, and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency study the issue of dental hygienist and dental assistant employment tenure to determine variables that lead to attrition and high employee turnover, as well as variables that encourage long term employees. The research will be used to develop a toolkit that dentists can use to help increase the tenure of dental team members, and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency request ADEA to collaborate in conducting a study of accredited dental hygiene and assisting programs and formulate ideal enrollment recommendations by state and or region and make this information available to state and local dental societies, as well as dentistry, hygiene and assisting education administrators, and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency investigate financial incentives, such as possible tax abatements and grants, to motivate educational institutions to create, or expand existing, dental hygiene and dental assisting programs in order to expedite the resolution of the workforce issue.

Dr. Pendurkar moved Resolution 85RC in lieu of Resolution 85 (Supplement:3021), Resolution 85S-1 (Supplement:3020a) and Resolution 85S-2 (Supplement:3021b) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Michael T. Flynn, Minnesota, spoke against Resolution 85RC. He said, "I know workforce shortages are dire, and we’re all familiar with that, and we’re frustrated. I think Resolution 85RC is a frustration resolution. The resolves involved with it are going to be hard to get to in a timely fashion, and I think getting expected results to move the needle will not happen. I think the ADA has resources to help the workforce shortages and will help the states, because I believe the states are very individually involved in this."

Dr. Duc M. Ho, Texas, chair of the Council on Dental Practice, spoke in support of Resolution 85RC, stating, "On behalf of the Council on Dental Practice, I’d like to speak in favor of Resolution 85RC. Although our Council genuinely understands and appreciates the concern of the Tenth District. We share, along with many other members of this very Association, as well as our own executive director, that genuine unease of a scarce and depleted workforce. Some may argue that the ADA does a lot of this already, or that this is a
waste of money. Some would say we hear you, this will be our top priority and this is a communication issue. Perhaps. However, as a Council who has primary oversight of workforce issues, we would contend this resolution, which addresses the real issues of workforce for the average, every day, dues paying, practicing member, is an opportunity to demonstrate that the first priority are not words but a call to action, an opportunity to further direct our Council, our Association to do more and do better through distribution, education and advocacy. Yes, this costs money. $1.25 in your dues, to be specific. But this is also an important issue for our members. This resolution is our opportunity to not only say but to show our members and non-members, we hear you, and we will act as instructed.”

Dr. Kevin W. Dens, Minnesota, spoke against Resolution 85RC, stating, “There’s no doubt that there’s overwhelming support for this. The problem in the Tenth District sees that the amount of money spent, this should already be being done in the Council on Dental Practice. ADA News…came out with two new flyers in response to this. They are available. Much of the work should be done. Is it necessary to give them an extra $125,000 to do the work that they’re already doing and they should be doing? …

Dr. Samuel E. Selcher, Pennsylvania spoke in support of Resolution 85RC. He said, "...Back in the ‘80s, we had a similar problem. I was involved with our local area. We set up a hygiene school. We have been turning out 24 hygienists coming into the program every year. I started advertising for a hygienist last December, either part-time or full time. Have had no response. This is a problem that’s been a long time in the making, exacerbated by COVID. We need to do everything we can, and it is going to be a process to get programs started, to get more auxiliary personnel. This will affect literally the production of dentistry through the whole United States as our offices decrease our productivity. If we do anything here, it is to help our members to be able to make a living and to serve the population we serve.”

Further pro and con discussion ensued. Individuals speaking in support of Resolution 85RC commented that the dental team workforce shortage is a crisis and one of the most important issues for the ADA to address, and that the financial implication of the Resolution is worth the cost. Individuals speaking against Resolution 85RC commented that the workforce shortage would be best handled at the state level and in local communities and that work to address the shortage is already being done by the ADA and the Council on Dental Practice.

A motion was made to vote immediately on Resolution 85RC. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, Resolution 85RC was adopted in lieu of Resolution 85, Resolution 85S-1 and Resolution 85S-2.

85H-2021. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency distribute existing print and social media communications materials to state and local dental societies to use to promote and encourage middle and high school students to consider careers in dentistry, dental hygiene and dental assisting, and be it further
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Reinstatement of ADA Third-Party Payer Concierge Service (Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 88 and Reference Committee B Resolution 88RC): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee received testimony only in support of Resolution 88. The Council on Dental Benefit Programs (CDBP) supported the intent of Resolution 88 but noted that the purpose of the Concierge Service, if re-instated, should be to provide value to the state dental associations. Testimony
noted that several state associations have insufficient staff to be able to support members with dental benefit issues. The Reference Committee agreed with the testimony and supports adoption of the following Resolution (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken).

88RC. Resolved, that the ADA restart and significantly promote its third-party dental insurance concierge service for a five-year period, at which time this service can be re-evaluated as an ADA member a state dental association benefit.

Dr. Pendurkar moved Resolution 88RC in lieu of Resolution 88 (Supplement:3022) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

As a point of information, Dr. William A. Simon, Illinois, asked what the numbers were in 2019 for the distribution of calls to the concierge service as they related to coding issues versus third-party payer issues.

At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Dave Preble, senior vice president, Practice Institute, responded that 8,500 calls came in on the issue of CDT and third-party payer concierge. Of the 8,500 calls, 6,000 were CDT calls and 2,500 were third-party concierge.

Dr. D. Douglas Cassat, California, spoke against Resolution 88RC stating, “In the background material, and obviously just with the discussion that was presented, this is a service that does not have very much utilization. We’re asking here to spend a million dollars, $200,000 a year for five years and for the approximate cost of $2 per member per year. I’m very sensitive to the Finance and Budget Committee in their challenge to control expenses for the American Dental Association, and as such, we always need to be diligent at looking at programs that are not utilized and are not effective for our membership.”

Dr. Randall C. Markarian, Illinois, chair of the Council on Dental Benefit Programs, stated, “Initially we were not in total favor of the original resolution, which is why we suggested an amendment during the reference committee. The third-party concierge has never been as an effective member benefit, and that is why it was discontinued. While we have continued to answer calls related to the CDT, the calls about payer-related issues were referred to the states. Some states do not have the resources to handle these calls, and that is why we consider this resolution as it stands as a state benefit. The ADA handles the centralized calls so the states don’t have to devote resources that they don’t have towards it.”

Further discussion in support of Resolution 88RC ensued. Individuals speaking in support of the Resolution commented that the concierge service was especially important for smaller states that don’t have the staff to answer the volume of calls generated on CDT and third-party payers and that the service is a critical member and state association benefit. Individuals also commented that promoting the concierge service will help make more members aware that the service is available so that it will be utilized more.

Dr. Spencer R. Bloom, Illinois, asked for clarification on the reason for the $200,000 financial implication for Resolution 88RC.

Dr. Preble responded that the $200,000 assumes $160,000 per year would be for compensation for staff who would be needed to answer CDT and third-party payer questions. The other $40,000 is for promotion of the concierge service since many members aren’t aware of the service.

Dr. Bloom responded, “…I understand that the coding calls will still be received. The staff for that exists and you’re suggesting that there’s an additional 160,000; that I question.

Dr. Preble responded stating, “Yes. The coding calls are still being answered and the staff that do that are fully occupied with that. When the concierge service was discontinued, we let staff go. We would have to rehire that staff in order to do this.”

As a point of information, Dr. Jonathan B. Knapp, Connecticut, asked “The way this program has historically been set up, since we’re promoting this as a state benefit, have there been requirements for reporting back to the states in terms of what the ADA is seeing from each state?”
The Speaker responded, “It is tracked, but we don’t have that information with us, but it is tracked so that the states can get the information that they need.”

A motion was made to vote immediately on Resolution 88RC. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, Resolution 88RC was adopted in lieu of Resolution 88.

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**Report of Reference Committee C (Dental Education, Science and Related Matters)**

The Report of Reference Committee C was presented by Dr. Christopher J. Smiley, Michigan, chair. The other members of the Committee were: Dr. Theodore M. Baer, Washington; Dr. Jeff O. Capes, Georgia; Dr. Anthony C. Caputo, Arizona; Dr. Martin G. Dominger, New York; Dr. Rebecca S. King, North Carolina; Dr. Sarah Percy Tovar, Texas; Dr. Kristi M. Soileau, Louisiana; and Dr. James A.H. Tauberg, Pennsylvania.

**Consent Calendar** (Reference Committee C Resolution 111) The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The appended Resolution 111 lists resolutions referred and considered by this Reference Committee that received no or limited testimony, all positive testimony, all negative testimony, or the Reference Committee feels these resolutions were fully debated, with all issues considered. The Reference Committee’s recommended action (adopt, adopt in lieu of, not adopt or refer) is identified on each resolution presented on the consent calendar. By adopting Resolution 111, the recommendations of the Reference Committee on the consent calendar resolutions will become the actions of the House of Delegates. It should be noted that if a resolution on the consent calendar is to “adopt in lieu of” with a Committee Recommendation to Vote No and the resolution remains on the approved consent calendar, the resolution is extracted and the underlying resolutions are automatically moot.

As customary, before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate wishing to discuss an item on the consent calendar has the right to request that resolution be removed and considered separately.

111. **Resolved**, that the recommendations of Reference Committee C on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

- **Resolution 31**—(Adopt)—Amendment of Chapter IX, Section A of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association (*Supplement*:4001) $: None
  
  **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Vote Yes

- **Resolution 32RC**—(Adopt Resolution 32RC in lieu of Resolutions 32)—Amendment of the Policy: Review of ADA Definition: Continuing Competency (*Supplement*:4005) $: None
  
  **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Vote Yes

- **Resolution 46**—(Adopt)—Special Care Dentistry Association (*Supplement*:4057) $: None
  
  **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Vote Yes

- **Resolution 47**—(Adopt)—Continuing Education Market Research (*Supplement*:4058) $: 35,000
  
  **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Vote Yes

- **Resolution 48**—(Adopt)—Developing Continuing Education Activities (*Supplement*:4059) $: 7,500
  
  **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** Vote Yes
Resolution 49—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy: Patients With Special Needs (Supplement:4060) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 64—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy Statement on Intraoral/Perioral Piercing and Tongue Splitting (Supplement:4065) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 65RC—(Adopt Resolution 65RC in lieu of Resolution 65)—Amendment of the Policy, Research Funds (Supplement:4066) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 66—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Comparative Effectiveness Research and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (Supplement:4069) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 80—(Adopt)—Electronic Archiving of State and Component Dental Publications (Supplement:4099) $: 5,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 81RC—(Adopt Resolution 81RC in lieu of Resolution 81 and Resolution 81S-1)—Response to Resolution 74-2020—Elder Care Work Group—Elder Care Strategies for Continuing Education (Supplement:4101) $: 10,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 96RC—(Adopt Resolution 96RC in lieu of Resolution 96 and Resolution 96S-1)—The Practice of Dentistry and Cannabis (Supplement:4108) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 97—(Not Adopt)—Development of Best Practices for the Inclusion of Research with Negative Findings and Failed Replications Studies (Supplement:4107) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No

Resolution 104RC—(Adopt Resolution 104RC in lieu of Resolution 104)—Financial Literacy Among New Dentists and Dental Students (Supplement:4110) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 108—(Adopt)—National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Requirements for Recognition Review (Supplement:4111) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 113RC—(Adopt)—Report 1 of the Council on Scientific Affairs Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 21H-2020—Feasibility of Assessing the Role of Dental Health in the Management of Diseases and Medical Conditions $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Dr. Smiley moved Resolution 111 with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Marcelo Araujo, chief science officer, provided information related to Resolution 113RC: Report 1 of the Council on Scientific Affairs Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 21H-2020—Feasibility of Assessing the Role of Dental Health in the Management of Diseases and Medical Conditions. Dr. Araujo stated, “The intent of 113RC is to allow us to advocate for funding. When the original resolution came to CSA, we found that there’s not enough research in this area for us to compile enough data to create a guideline of systematic review. By advocating for funding, we allow Science and Governmental Affairs to go through the appropriation methods of Congress and ask for funding on this specific area.” Dr. Araujo further clarified that there is no financial implication for Resolution 113RC.

Requests were made to remove the following resolutions from the Consent Calendar:
Resolution 65RC removed by Dr. Prabu Raman, Missouri
Resolution 31 removed by Dr. Eva F. Ackley, Florida

Hearing no objection, the amended Resolution 111 was adopted by general consent.

111H-2021. Resolved, that the recommendations of Reference Committee C on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

Resolution 31—(Adopt)—Amendment of Chapter IX, Section A of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association (Supplement:4001) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 32RC—(Adopt Resolution 32RC in lieu of Resolutions 32)—Amendment of the Policy: Review of ADA Definition: Continuing Competency (Supplement:4005) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 46—(Adopt)—Special Care Dentistry Association (Supplement:4057)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 47—(Adopt)—Continuing Education Market Research (Supplement:4058)
$: 35,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 48—(Adopt)—Developing Continuing Education Activities (Supplement:4059)
$: 7,500
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 49—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy: Patients With Special Needs (Supplement:4060)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 64—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy Statement on Intraoral/Perioral Piercing and Tongue Splitting (Supplement:4065) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 65RC—(Adopt Resolution 65RC in lieu of Resolution 65)—Amendment of the Policy, Research Funds (Supplement:4066) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 66—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Comparative Effectiveness Research and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research (Supplement:4069) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 80—(Adopt)—Electronic Archiving of State and Component Dental Publications (Supplement:4099) $: 5,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 81RC—(Adopt Resolution 81RC in lieu of Resolution 81 and Resolution 81S-1)—Response to Resolution 74-2020 - Elder Care Work Group—Elder Care Strategies for Continuing Education (Supplement:4101) $: 10,000
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 96RC—(Adopt Resolution 96RC in lieu of Resolution 96 and Resolution 96S-1)—The Practice of Dentistry and Cannabis (Supplement:4108) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 97—(Not Adopt)—Development of Best Practices for the Inclusion of Research with Negative Findings and Failed Replications Studies (Supplement:4107) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No

Resolution 104RC—(Adopt Resolution 104RC in lieu of Resolution 104)—Financial Literacy Among New Dentists and Dental Students (Supplement:4110) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 108—(Adopt)—National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Requirements for Recognition Review (Supplement:4111) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 113RC—(Adopt)—Report 1 of the Council on Scientific Affairs Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 21H-2020—Feasibility of Assessing the Role of Dental Health in the Management of Diseases and Medical Conditions $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Note: For the purpose of a fully documented record, the text of the resolutions presented in Resolution 111H follows.

Consent Calendar Resolutions—Adopted/Adopted in Lieu of

Amendment of the Policy: Review of ADA Definition: Continuing Competency

32H-2021. Resolved, that the ADA definition of Continuing Competency (Trans.1999:939) be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

Continuing Competency: The continuance of the appropriate knowledge and skills, appropriateness, necessity and quality of the care provided by the dentists in order to maintain and improve the dental, oral, and craniofacial health care of his or her their patients in accordance with the ethical principles of dentistry.

Special Care Dentistry Association

46H-2021. Resolved, that the findings of the feasibility study conducted by the Council on Dental Education and Licensure be provided to the Special Care Dentistry Association for its consideration in pursuing an accreditation process and accreditation standards for advanced education programs in special needs dentistry by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and be if further Resolved, that the Special Care Dentistry Association be urged to collaborate with advanced dental education programs and their sponsoring institutions to enhance the current scope and depth of instruction related to special needs dentistry and to encourage the establishment of more training programs in special needs dentistry.

Continuing Education Market Research

47H-2021. Resolved, that market research be conducted to learn more about the continuing education interests of practicing dentists related to managing and treating patients with special needs, i.e., people with developmental disabilities, cognitive impairment, complex medical problems, significant physical limitations, and the vulnerable elderly.

Developing Continuing Education Activities

48H-2021. Resolved that a variety of continuing education activities related to special needs dentistry be developed by the appropriate ADA agency.

Proposed Policy: Patients with Special Needs

49H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy be adopted:
Patients with Special Needs

The dental profession’s continued ability to effectively provide dental care for America’s special needs population is dependent on sustaining a strong educational foundation in this area. The ADA encourages efforts to maintain and expand the availability of courses and programs at the predoctoral, advanced and continuing educational levels that support practitioners in providing dental treatment to patients whose medical, physical, psychological, cognitive or social situations make it necessary to consider a wide range of assessment and care options. These individuals include, but are not limited to, people with developmental disabilities, cognitive impairment, complex medical problems, significant physical limitations, and the vulnerable elderly. The ADA encourages dental practitioners to regularly participate in continuing education in this area.

Amendment of the Policy Statement on Intraoral/Perioral Piercing and Tongue Splitting


**ADA Policy Statement on Intraoral/Perioral Piercing, Tooth Gems/Jewelry and Tongue Splitting**

Resolved, that the American Dental Association advises against the practices of cosmetic intraoral/perioral piercing, tooth gems/jewelry, and tongue splitting, and views these as invasive procedures due to the increased risk of negative health outcomes, sequelae that outweigh any potential benefit.

Rescission of the Policy, Comparative Effectiveness Research and Patient-Centered Outcomes Research


Electronic Archiving of State and Component Dental Publications

80H-2021. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agencies explore creating or facilitating a searchable digital archive for tripartite publications and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates.

Response to Resolution 74-2020—Elder Care Work Group—Elder Care Strategies for Continuing Education

81H-2021. Resolved, that in order to prepare the profession for the increased demographic shift to an older population, the appropriate ADA agencies should consider integrating the following elder care strategies on both the oral-systemic connection and the dental management of the medically complex older adult as priority projects, and be it further Resolved, elevate the importance of both the oral-systemic connection and the dental management of the medically complex older adult, to both members and the public the dental community and medical communities, as appropriate, by:

1. providing educational opportunities for the profession on the oral-systemic connection.
2. promoting dental continuing education on treating the medically, functionally or cognitively complex patients through the Annual Meeting or other ADA meetings.
3. developing and maintaining a roster of qualified speakers both the oral-systemic connection and the dental management of the medically complex older adult.
4. developing and delivering dental continuing education on both the oral-systemic connection and the dental management of the medically complex older adult through ADA online CE, SmileCon programs, ADA conferences and other ADA meetings, publications and programming as appropriate.
5. developing presentations on both the oral-systemic connection and the dental management of the medically complex older adult for use by member state or local dental societies, and to be shared with other Associations and other Health Care Professionals with an increased emphasis.
on the need for a more active collaboration and consultation between dental and medical providers when managing medically complex older adults.

3. the development of continuing educational curricula for the delivery of preventive and quality of life dental care for institutional, long-term care and home-bound individuals to allow for greater access in their respective environments.

The Practice of Dentistry and Cannabis

96H-2021. Resolved, that the ADA encourage the development of best practices for the management of patients and their caregivers, dentists, and dental team members who are under the influence of cannabis.

Financial Literacy Among New Dentists and Dental Students

104H-2021. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agencies inventory all ADA course and program offerings related to debt management, practice management, financial advisor services, and financial literacy for new dentists and students and be it further,

Resolved, that a determination be made as to whether there are any gaps in the current offerings, along with estimated costs to close those gaps and be it further,

Resolved, that a determination be made on the feasibility and costs of developing an easily accessible electronic catalog, with a report on the findings to the 2022 House of Delegates.

National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards Requirements for Recognition Review

108H-2021. Resolved, that the Requirements for Recognition of Dental Specialties and National Certifying Boards for Dental Specialists, currently used by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards, be reviewed by the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure in 2022, rather than 2023, and be it further

Resolved, that CDEL report its findings and any proposed revisions to the Requirements for Recognition to the National Commission and to the 2022 ADA House of Delegates.

Report 1 of the Council on Scientific Affairs Report 1 to the House of Delegates: Response to Resolution 21H-2020—Feasibility of Assessing the Role of Dental Health in the Management of Diseases and Medical Conditions

113H-2021. Resolved, that the ADA advocate for external funding of research for the identification and treatment of pre-existing or underlying oral health conditions that may impact post-medical/surgical outcomes, particularly for patients who are at greater risk of adverse medical outcomes.

Consent Calendar Resolution—Not Adopted

Development of Best Practices for the Inclusion of Research with Negative Findings and Failed Replications Studies

97. Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency is urged to participate and work with the Editors of professional dental publications and the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalists (AADEJ) to develop best practices for the inclusion of, and publication of, dental research with negative findings as well as failed replication studies and report back to the 2022 ADA HOD.

Non-Consent Resolutions

Amendment of Chapter IX, Section A of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association (Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition Resolution 31): The Reference Committee reported as follows:
The Reference Committee heard limited testimony related to Resolution 31. The majority testified in support of the resolution noting that appointment of a member of the American Association of Dental Boards (AADB), which recently launched a new program for accrediting continuing dental education activities, i.e., the Accrediting Continuing Education (ACE), to the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition (CCEPR) creates a potential conflict of interest as the ACE program is a competing business interest. The testimony supported the intended amendment of CCEPR’s Rules and Policies and Procedures to ensure representation of the regulatory community by appointing a member of a state dental board or jurisdictional dental agency. Supporting testimony also noted that the Academy of General Dentistry which sponsors a national program recognizing continuing dental education, i.e., AGD Pace, does not appoint a representative to the Commission. The Committee agrees with the Board of Trustees and the Council on Dental Education and Licensure and recommends adoption of Resolution 31.

31. Resolved, that Chapter IX. Section A.3 of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association be amended as shown below (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition. The number of and the method of selection of members of the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition shall be governed by the Rules of the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition, except that six five (65) members shall be selected as follows:

a. Four (4) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees from the names of active, life or retired members of this Association. None of the appointees shall be a faculty member of any dental education program working more than one day per week or a member of a state board of dental examiners or jurisdictional dental licensing agency. At least two (2) of the members appointed shall be general dentists.

b. One (1) member who is an active member of the American Association of Dental Boards and also, if eligible, an active, life or retired member of this Association shall be selected by the American Association of Dental Boards.

c. One (1) member who is an active member of the American Dental Education Association and also, if eligible, an active, life or retired member of this Association shall be selected by the American Dental Education Association.

Dr. Smiley moved Resolution 31 (Supplement:4001) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Eva F. Ackley, Florida, moved to amend Resolution 31 by adding item c., which reads as follows:

c. One (1) member who is an active member of the American Association of Dental Boards and also, if eligible, an active, life or retired member of this Association shall be selected by the Commission, and who is not directly involved with ACE.

In speaking to the proposed amendment, Dr. Ackley stated, “As is stated in the background of this resolution, to help ensure that the Commission continues to receive input from individuals with insight and experience in the regulatory community, the Commission shall appoint a member who is a member of a state board or a dental jurisdiction. Now, that board member could be practicing in a state and be on a board and not know any information of any other state in the country, whereas a member of the American Association of Dental Boards is a current or past board member who takes the time, the interest to share information with other state board members. Do you want insight from one state or all states? When I inquired, it’s okay for an AADB member to apply for this position as long as the Commission is the entity that chooses that person. Are we an inclusive organization or are we trying to go it alone? Is there a reason to include an active member of the American Dental Education Association and exclude an active member of AADB? Are we choosing who we are going to collaborate with and who we aren’t? Communication between all dental organizations will make us a strong profession. Let’s not start to alienate certain groups from our discussions. Let’s be smart. Let’s be inclusive.”
At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, executive director, provided information regarding Resolution 31, stating, “Regarding the conflict of interest issue, governing bodies have within their governance rights the right to determine what is a conflict of interest in terms of their mission, their goals, their purpose. The Commission has had this discussion and put into writing their resolution and their wish. [They] determined that membership in AADB, regardless of whether you’re an officer or just a member, would be such a conflict of interest given their launching a competing product into the marketplace. So they were within their governing rights to make this determination. We can give you a legal opinion. Mr. Fowkes would be happy to weigh in here, but I think that is something the House should consider is the governing body itself makes the determination of what conflict of interest can be tolerated and at what level that conflict rises to an irreconcilable conflict. And the Commission, itself, already discussed that and made that determination.”

Discussion in opposition to the proposed amendment ensued. Individuals speaking against the proposed amendment commented that the amendment changes the purpose of Resolution 31, which is to eliminate the conflict of interest that arose from the launch of the new AADB Accrediting Continuing Education (ACE) program.

As a point of information, Dr. Daniel J. Gesek, Jr., Florida, asked, “Could we get an opinion on the difference of who is certifying exactly what? So what does CCERP certify versus what does this ACE program certify and compare them, please?”

At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Anthony J. Ziebert, senior vice president, Education and Profession Affairs, respond to Dr. Gesek’s question stating, “They are both certifying CE providers, recognizing CE providers.”

On vote, the proposed amendment was not adopted.

On vote, Resolution 31 was adopted.

31H-2021. Resolved, that Chapter IX. Section A.3 of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association be amended as shown below (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition. The number of and the method of selection of members of the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition shall be governed by the Rules of the Commission for Continuing Education Provider Recognition, except that six five members shall be selected as follows:

a. Four (4) members who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees from the names of active, life or retired members of this Association. None of the appointees shall be a faculty member of any dental education program working more than one day per week or a member of a state board of dental examiners or jurisdictional dental licensing agency. At least two (2) of the members appointed shall be general dentists.

b. One (1) member who is an active member of the American Association of Dental Boards and also, if eligible, an active, life or retired member of this Association shall be selected by the American Association of Dental Boards.

c. One (1) member who is an active member of the American Dental Education Association and also, if eligible, an active, life or retired member of this Association shall be selected by the American Dental Education Association.

Amendment of the Policy, Research Funds (Council on Scientific Affairs Resolution 65 and Reference Committee C Resolution 65RC): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee heard only positive testimony on Resolution 65. One speaker asked that the phrase research funding be changed to “training grants.” However, the Reference Committee felt this term was more restrictive and believes the proposed amendment best captures the intent of the resolution.
The Reference Committee agrees with CSA Resolution 65, that the current Policy on Research Funds be amended to focus more directly on research funding advocacy. This includes the second resolving clause, which was added to reflect the need for—and importance of—ADA advocacy to support the diversification of the research workforce in the oral health sciences. The Reference Committee appreciates the importance of the ADA’s and CSA’s long term relationships with oral health research organizations. Recent HOD and profession-wide interest in the treatment of diverse populations, including eldercare, special needs dentistry, and the oral-systemic connection suggest an urgent need for sustained, robust funding support from appropriate external agencies and organizations in oral health research across a patient’s lifespan.

The revised policy reflects the role of funding, as well as the experiences and perspectives of those being funded. The Reference Committee believes that the proposed revisions to this policy statement are timely, appropriate, and present a clear public stance for the ADA on diversity and equity in the research landscape and workforce (additions double underscored; deletions double stricken).

65RC. Resolved, that the ADA Policy Statement on Research Funds (Trans.1984:519; 1999:974; 2016:302) be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

**Policy Statement on Research Funds Fundings Advocacy**

Resolved, that the ADA urges appropriate external agencies and organizations to provide advocate for sustained, robust funding for in basic, translational, and clinical, dental, oral and craniofacial health research for the improvement of health outcomes in diverse populations across their lifespan advances the scientific basis of dentistry and the oral and craniofacial health sciences, and be it

Resolved, that the ADA advocate for external funding to enhance gender, racial and ethnic diversity and equity across the research workforce in the oral and craniofacial health sciences.

Dr. Smiley moved Resolution 65RC in lieu of Resolution 65 (Supplement:4066) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Prabu Raman, Missouri, moved to divide the question to vote separately on the first resolving clause of Resolution 65RC and the second resolving clause of Resolution 65RC, and requested that all votes regarding Resolution 65RC be done via the voting machines.

In speaking to the proposed motion, Dr. Raman stated, “A foundational principle of democracy is secret ballots. I want to be certain that no delegate feels pressure to do it one way or the other in the matter. If it’s the will of the House to support both resolves, then so be it. I speak in support of the first resolve and oppose the second resolve.”

To clarify the intention of the proposed motion, the Speaker stated, “Your request has been to divide the question and vote on the first resolved clause first and the second resolved clause next. I granted that request. The second request is for this to be placed on the machine. I also grant that request.” The Speaker asked if any delegate wished to appeal his decision; the decision of the Chair was not appealed.

The Speaker announced that the first resolving clause would be numbered Resolution 65RCa and the second resolving clause would be numbered Resolution 65RCb.

65RCa. Resolved, that the ADA Policy Statement on Research Funds (Trans.1984:519; 1999:974; 2016:302) be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

**Policy Statement on Research Funds Fundings Advocacy**

Resolved, that the ADA urges appropriate external agencies and organizations to provide advocate for sustained, robust funding for in basic, translational, and clinical, dental, oral and craniofacial health research for the improvement of health outcomes in diverse populations across their lifespan
advances the scientific basis of dentistry and the oral and craniofacial health sciences, and be it further.

Dr. Raman spoke in support of Resolution 65RCa. He said, "I enthusiastically support diversity and inclusion. ... I support that as ADA policy for leadership positions in the Association. I celebrated when Dr. Gehani was elected as president-elect and Dr. Sabates was elected as president-elect and then Dr. Cohlmia is selected to be the new executive director. In my own personal life, my wife is from Korea. We have three wonderful daughters. My first son-in-law was born in Iran. Second son-in-law’s parents came from Punjabi, from India. And my third daughter is engaged to marry a Caucasian with Louisiana roots. All we care was they are good men and good husbands to our daughters."

On Vote, Resolution 65RCa was adopted in lieu of Resolution 65.

65aH-2021. Resolved, that the ADA Policy Statement on Research Funds (Trans.1984:519; 1999:974; 2016:302) be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

Policy Statement on Research Funds Fundings Advocacy

Resolved, that the ADA urges appropriate external agencies and organizations to provide advocate for sustained, robust funding for in basic, translational, and clinical, dental, oral and craniofacial health research for the improvement of health outcomes in diverse populations across their lifespan advances the scientific basis of dentistry and the oral and craniofacial health sciences, and be it further.

The Speaker announced that Resolution 65RCb would be discussed next.

65RCb. Resolved, that the ADA Policy Statement on Research Funds (Trans.1984:519; 1999:974; 2016:302) be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken):

Policy Statement on Research Funds Fundings Advocacy

Resolved, that the ADA advocate for sustained, robust funding in basic, translational, clinical, dental, oral and craniofacial health research for the improvement of health outcomes in diverse populations across their lifespan.

Resolved, that the ADA advocate for external funding to enhance gender, racial and ethnic diversity and equity across the research workforce in the oral and craniofacial health sciences.

Dr. Praba Raman, Missouri, spoke against Resolution 65RCb, stating, "...The second resolve requires the ADA to advocate for such funding to enhance gender, racial and ethnic diversity and equity across the research workforce. When it comes to scientists engaged in basic, translational, clinical, dental, oral and craniofacial health research, what is really important? The health outcomes in diverse populations, right? The first resolve already addresses that. Do we not fund the best scientists, the best researchers to be doing this work? Don’t we want those researchers that are selected to know that they were picked because they are the best at their work, not because of their melanin content? To paraphrase Dr. Martin Luther King, the scientists and researchers that are funded to be judged by content of their minds and their scientific work rather than the color of their skin. So the second resolved should not become ADA policy to advocate for scientist researchers to be fit based on external, immutable characteristics they did not choose."

Dr. Jessica A. Meeske, Nebraska, chair of the Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention, spoke in support of Resolution 65RCb, stating, "It is in line with what the CAAP is proposing in terms of oral health equity and is also in line with what we have been spending much of our time talking about with enhancing diversity and inclusion. I would also like to remind the House, it does not say in this resolving clause that we’re giving any priority to a person of diverse background. It says that we are advocating only for external funding."

Dr. Ana K. Bedran-Russo, chair of the Council on Scientific Affairs, spoke in support on Resolution 65RCb. She said, "...I’m a member of the AADR and I’m an NIH fund researcher for the past 17 years. I also
serve as a standing member of numerous NIH study sections that review scientific merit of grant applications. … Diversity is a core value of the ADA. ADA and CSA have long-term relationships with oral health research organizations. Funding for research of and training of the workforce remains inequitable. A significant portion of federal funding continues to be awarded to white male researchers over the age of 55, even though this sector is no longer the majority of full-time dental researchers in academia. The resolution also aligns with the NIH and NIDCR efforts to create opportunities for researchers of diverse background. The united initiative from NIH aims to identify and address the structural races within the NIH supported programs and the greater scientific community. The policy will reflect the role of both the level and nature of funding, as well as the experiences and perspectives of those being funded. The Council believes that the proposed revisions to this policy statement are timely, appropriate and presents a clear public position to the ADA diversity and equity in the research landscape and workforce. And, finally, as stated by Dr. Meeske, the resolution is aligned with the health equity resolution, Resolution 55, approved by this House.”

Dr. Stephen W. Robertson, Kentucky, spoke against Resolution 65RCb, stating, “We had an intense discussion about this in our district meeting, and there were several things and actually...the biggest debate was how do you even interpret the second resolve clause? And the fact that we couldn’t come to an agreed resolution in our room made us a little leery of this becoming printed ADA policy. Another thing about that is that we already have a policy that we promote and seek out diversity, so this is sort of a redundant statement. And we’re stepping a little out of our lane here adding this resolve clause, because this is not about diversity within the ADA. This is about us reaching out and telling people outside of the ADA how they need to do their business. And the word ‘advocate’ was something we talked about a lot, because that means that you’re actively going to go out and do this. Who from the ADA are we actively going to send out to advocate for this and outside research organizations? So there were a lot of things with this resolve clause that we had issues with, and we really felt all this is covered already in ADA policy, and that this did not support the first resolve clause, so we asked to split and defeat this.”

Dr. Steven G. Feldman, Maryland, spoke against Resolution 65RCb, stating, "I’m a member of the New Dentist Committee, but I speak as an individual. Reading this section of the resolution, it seems like it can be interpreted in many different ways. But the pro testimony that we’ve heard kind of makes it clear exactly what it’s getting at. I want to categorically state that treating anyone differently based on the color of their skin is the definition of racism. This is wrong, and I oppose it.”

Dr. Lawrence A. White, Illinois, commented on Resolution 65RCb, stating, “...I think that this resolution is well intentioned, but it’s incredibly vague, and I think that it should be pulled or tabled. I would hate to see this body vote against the spirit of what we’re trying to do. And I should say not me personally. I was not a part of this resolution. But I think it’s certainly the policy of the ADA to be very—to encourage diversity and inclusion, and I think this is an awkward stumble in that effort. I would hope that this could be resolved at a future House, but I don’t think that this is the best effort, the best presentation of this—of the thinking behind this policy.”

Dr. Fredrick P. Babinowich, New Jersey, spoke against Resolution 65RCb, stating, “In reading this, I have one problem, and that’s the word ‘equity.’ I think many in this room are confusing ‘equity’ with ‘equality.’ I would, therefore, like the word ‘equity’ to be stricken and instead ‘more equality,’ because that, I think, is what we’re trying to say here. ‘Equity’ is a term which has now become very popular, but it does not relate to this resolution. …

Dr. Robert J. Wilson, Jr., Maryland, chair of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs, moved to refer Resolution 65RCb to the appropriate agency for further consideration and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates.

Dr. Robert M. Peskin, New York, moved to suspend the Rules of the House of Delegates to allow for Resolution 65RCb to be tabled.

The Speaker announced that the motion to suspend the Rules requires a two-thirds affirmative vote and takes precedence over the motion to refer Resolution 65RCb. The Speaker clarified that if the House adopted the motion to suspend the Rules, a motion could then be made to table Resolution 65RCb. In response to a
question, the Speaker clarified that if a motion to table Resolution 65RCb were adopted, the Resolution would be removed entirely from consideration.

On Vote, the motion to suspend the Rules of the House of Delegates to allow for Resolution 65RCb to be tabled was not adopted.

A motion was made to vote immediately on the motion to refer; on vote, the motion to refer Resolution 65RCb to the appropriate agency for further consideration and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates was adopted.

**Study Dental School Demographics: All Dental Schools Are Not Created Equal (Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 92):** The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee heard considerable testimony on this resolution. Some believed that the Association has a responsibility to assist pre-dental students making an informed decision concerning their future dental education along with an understanding of the return on the investment of a dental education over their lifetime. However, the Reference Committee also heard that robust career guidance and financial and debt planning tools are available both on the ADA and ADEA websites. HPI publishes annually the Survey of Dental Education Series, reporting on general program information, tuition, admissions, attrition, student and graduate data, curriculum, and financial management of all accredited dental schools in the U.S., and posts dental statistics briefs.

Others testified in opposition, noting the ADA has spent more than $750,000 and a dozen resolutions addressing the topic, calling for actions, including the formation of several Task Forces which have resulted in new programs and ongoing initiatives such as: student loan consolidation at a lower interest rate via Laurel Road; successful advocacy efforts to reduce interest rates for federal student loans; continued efforts in advocating for federal and state student loan forgiveness programs; increased monitoring of student debt matters by HPI; adoption of strengthened CODA accreditation standards related to not only student loan financing of dental education, but also related to personal finances, career information and guidance as to practice, post-graduate and research opportunities.

The Reference Committee learned that there is potential conflict of interest associated with developing quality metrics/standards that may be in conflict with the accreditation standards and decisions promulgated by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the United States Department of Education (USDE) recognized and profession-wide accepted authority on the quality of dental education programs.

After careful consideration, the Reference Committee does not support Resolution 92. Any ranking has the potential to disenfranchise students who choose to attend a school that may be ranked lower than another. This presents a long-term reputational risk to the Association, as well as its current and future members.

For these reasons, the Reference Committee opposes adoption of Resolution 92.

**92. Resolved,** the ADA form a task force that establishes metrics to compare the dental school educational experience and financial implications across CODA accredited dental schools to assist prospective dental students in making choices to include but not limited to the following:

1. Evaluates the value of new dentists’ education experience 1, 5 and 10 years after graduation.
2. Evaluates Student: Teacher ratios at dental schools.
3. Evaluates the cost of education and breakdown of expenses.
4. Compiles a data bank of the number and type of procedures performed by each student prior to graduation.
5. Evaluates Student: Specialist-Teacher ratios at dental schools.
6. Evaluates the feasibility of using ADA resources to provide guidance for pre-dental students on selecting a dental school.
and be it further

Resolved, that this task force report back to the 2022 House of Delegates with their findings.

Dr. Smiley moved Resolution 92 (Supplement: 4105) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote No.

Dr. Bryan T. Marshall, Colorado, move to refer Resolution 92 to the appropriate agency

In speaking to the motion to refer, Dr. Marshall stated, “I think everyone knows here that there’s been several new dental schools that have come up around the country, and it really is important for our future colleagues to have some objective information on those schools, because it’s a big financial impact for them. In order to do that, we need to carefully structure the information to give to them. We also need to have accurate information on how much this is going to cost to do. And I think that in order to do this, one of the ADA agencies has to do it. And within a year, that should be good enough to give us the information so we can make a good decision. These are our future colleagues. It’s important that they know what they’re getting into.”

Pro and con discussion on the motion to refer ensued. Individuals speaking against the motion to refer commented that they did not support Resolution 92, or that they did support Resolution 92 and preferred that it be voted on by this House. Individuals speaking in support of the motion to refer commented that Resolution 92 could provide an important member benefit and the Resolution could be improved upon if referred to the appropriate agency.

A motion was made to vote immediately on the motion to refer. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, the motion to refer was not adopted.

Dr. Paul S. Albicocco, New York, spoke against Resolution 92, stating, “This has been debated in reference committee and on the House floor today with many concerning the idea of comparison, which is actually a ranking. Ranking of dental schools, as indicated in the background statement alone, optics involving ranking is a major concern due to dental schools process of CODA credentials already established and not being clear on the metrics of the process used in the ranking process. I am concerned also about the $190,000 impact and potential future costs and how they came to that amount. The monies would go towards task force and consultants, but the question that I have is how much goes to each. And it’s not clearly defined. We also feel that more information is needed to have discussion with regards to the ADA comparison of dental schools. … Rankings of dental schools similar to other professional schools was, I believe, the basis of this resolution’s origin, however, the feeling is that this resolution divides ADA accredited schools and puts our profession in poor light. The support of the background statement alone is enough towards failure of this resolution where it state, the hiring of graduates is based on the level of competency. Wow. When graduating and applying for position into the private dental practice, I thought we were graduating competent dentists into our community. … Measuring the top student at a school that is ranked number one at the bottom of their class versus a student attending a school ranked number 50 at the top of their class cannot be compared equally. Let’s face it. My patients never ask me what dental school I went to nor the rankings. All they care about is that I show compassion.”

Dr. Steven A. Saxe, Nevada, spoke in support of Resolution 92. He said, “Let’s talk about ranking. Right now currently a dental student cannot be ranked fairly. Currently the entire National Dental Board exam scores, part one and part two are pass/fail. There is no way to rank the quality of performance in specific areas of dentistry. And, secondly, of those dental students, they also can’t be ranked on their academic achievements at their particular schools because most of the dental schools have gone to pass/fail. So we can’t be ranked if we wish to go to postdoctoral education. So all those dental students need to go outside the system. They need to learn how to be a second year medical student, for example, to obtain consideration for oral and maxillofacial surgery programs, and several of the other postdoctoral educational models also require them to go outside of their curriculum that’s CODA approved in order to be ranked. So let’s talk ranking. We’ve dropped the ball on ranking. … all we have been talking about is the fact that we have to have a fifth year in our curriculums and potentially students who graduate as a doctor in some states now have to have an extra year of GPR just to apply for licensure because there might be some
problem. What’s the motivation behind dental schools opening in every community? The fact that we have a population that needs to be addressed and serviced, such as the economically underserved or the geographically restricted, that’s a good reason for us to have dental schools, and that’s a great reason for us to have dentists in those particular areas. It’s not for for-profit dental schools to be opening in our backyard turning out dentists in three years where we question whether or not, as this body, whether or not three years is even enough to be a qualified doctor. … So there’s a lot of question here about the quality of education. There’s a lot of question about the motivation of the educational system now being put before us… Where are we going with our education? What does it mean to be a doctor anymore? I stand in support of this resolution, because there’s a lot of unanswered questions. And CDEL...may not want to see this, but they need to respond. It is our—why do we have CDEL? What is the point? How do we communicate with CODA? Is it just off…limits to us? Please think about this closely. This is the future of our profession.”

Mr. Scott Fowkes, general counsel, stated, “I would just like to advise the participants in this debate to keep the discussion general, not with respect to particular schools or particular types of schools, because that borders on competition issues and antitrust concerns.”

Mr. Colton Cannon, president, American Student Dental Association, spoke against Resolution 92, stating, “The American Student Dental Association concurs with the Reference Committee that this resolution and any resultant ranking system may potentially disenfranchise students and damage the reputation of the ADA and ASDA. We stand in opposition to this resolution”

A motion was made to vote immediately on Resolution 92. On vote, the motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

As a point of inquiry, Dr. Stephen W. Robertson, Kentucky, asked, “Our general counsel just came and told us to watch the discussion because of competition issues with the FTC. If we can’t talk about it in the room, how can we do this? Can I have a clarification on that?”

The Speaker responded stating, “Our legal counsel advised if you want to have discussions on it, it could go into closed session, so somebody would have to make a motion to go in closed session. We would have to clear the House floor of only voting delegates at that time. But you voted to vote immediately. So, we’re voting immediately on Resolution 92.”

On vote, Resolution 92 was not adopted.

Report of Reference Committee D (Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters)

The Report of Reference Committee D was presented by Dr. Frank P. Iuorno, Jr., Virginia, chair. The other members of the Committee were: Dr. Robert J. Hanlon, Jr., California; Dr. Cyrus B. Javadi, Oregon; Dr. Michael W. Johnson, Public Health Service; Dr. Zacharias J. Kalarickal, Florida; Dr. Amber P. Lawson, Georgia; Dr. Sharon J. Perlman, Illinois; Dr. Michael C. Smuin, Utah; and Dr. Douglas A. Wyckoff, Missouri.

Consent Calendar (Reference Committee D Resolution 112) The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The appended Resolution 112 lists resolutions referred and considered by this Reference Committee that received no or limited testimony, all positive testimony, all negative testimony, or the Reference Committee feels these resolutions were fully debated, with all issues considered. The Reference Committee’s recommended action (adopt, adopt in lieu of, not adopt or refer) is identified on each resolution presented on the consent calendar. By adopting Resolution 112, the recommendations of the Reference Committee on the consent calendar resolutions will become the actions of the House of Delegates. It should be noted that if a resolution on the consent calendar is to “adopt in lieu of” with a Committee Recommendation to Vote No and the resolution remains on the approved consent calendar, the resolution is defeated and the underlying resolutions are automatically moot.

As customary, before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate wishing to discuss an item on the consent calendar has the right to request that resolution be extracted and considered separately.
Resolved, that the recommendations of Reference Committee D on the following resolutions be accepted by the House of Delegates.

**Resolution 1**—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Rank and Status of Dentists in the Uniformed Services (Supplement:5000) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 2**—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Dental Research by Military Departments (Supplement:5004) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 3**—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Anesthesia Coverage Under Health Plans (Supplement:5007) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 4**—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Provisions for ERISA Plans (Supplement:5011) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 5**—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Advocating for ERISA Reform (Supplement:5015) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 6**—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Use of Expert Witnesses in Liability Cases (Supplement:5018) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 7S-1**—(Adopt Resolution 7S-1 in lieu of Resolution 7)—Amendment to the Policy, Professional Liability Insurance Legislation (Supplement:5024a) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 8**—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Costs for the Submission of Electronic Dental Claims (Supplement:5025) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 9**—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Fee-For-Service Medicaid Programs (Supplement:5029) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 10**—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Medicaid and Indigent Care Funding (Supplement:5032) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 11**—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Use of Dentist-To-Population Ratios (Supplement:5035) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 12**—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Maldistribution of the Dental Workforce (Supplement:5039) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

**Resolution 13**—(Refer)—Rescission of the Policy, Availability of Dentists for Underserved Populations (Supplement:5042) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes on Referral

**Resolution 14S-1**—(Adopt Resolution 14S-1 in lieu of Resolution 14)—Amendment to Resolution 14: Proposed Policy, Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist (Supplement:5049a) $: None

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 15—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Discrimination of Benefit Payment Based on Professional Degree of Provider (Supplement:5051) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 16—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Freedom of Choice in Publicly Funded Aid Programs (Supplement:5054) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 17—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Limited English Proficiency (Supplement:5056) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 18—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Protection of Retirement Assets (Supplement:5059) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 19—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Suggested Dental Practice Acts (Supplement:5062) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 20—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, State Regulation of Advertising (Supplement:5065) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 21—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, ADA Assistance in Legislative Initiatives (Supplement:5070) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 22—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Dental Focus in Federal Health Agencies (Supplement:5073) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 23—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Confidentiality and Privacy Regarding Health Information (Supplement:5078) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 24—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Need for HIPAA Standards Reform (Supplement:5081) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 25—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Legislation Prohibiting Waiver of Patient Copayment/OverBilling (Supplement:5083) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 26—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Legislation Reflecting ADA Policy on Primary Dental Health Care Provider (Supplement:5085) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 27—(Adopt)—Amendment to the Policy, Support for Adult Medicaid Dental Services (Supplement:5087) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 28—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Legislative Separation of Medicine and Dentistry (Supplement:5090) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 29—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Adding the ADA Definition of Dentistry to Existing Dental Regulatory Provisions (Supplement:5170) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 30RC—(Adopt Resolution 30RC in lieu of Resolution 30)—Amendment of the Policy, Antitrust Reform (Supplement:5094) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 33—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Legislative Delegations (Supplement:5099) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 34—(Adopt)—Amendment and Simplification of Bylaws Chapter I., Section 20.B. (Supplement:5102) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 35—(Adopt)—Response to Referred Resolution 64-2020, Amendment of Chapter III., Section 120. of the ADA Bylaws (Supplement:5106) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 36—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policy on Early Childhood Caries (Supplement:5108) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 37—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, Preventive Dental Procedures (Supplement:5113) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 38—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Health Planning Guidelines (Supplement:5116) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 39—(Adopt)—Rescission of the Policy, High Blood Pressure Programs (Supplement:5119) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 40S-1—(Adopt Resolution 40S-1 in lieu of Resolution 40)—Amendment of the Policy, Communication and Dental Practice (Supplement:5123a) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 41—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Encouraging the Development of Oral Health Literacy Continuing Education Programs (Supplement:5124) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 45—(Adopt)—Amendment to Section 3.A. of the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct (Supplement:5127) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 50—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Use of Health Literacy Principles for All Patients (Supplement:5130) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 52—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Bottled Water, Home Water Treatment Systems and Fluoride Exposure (Supplement:5131) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 53—(Adopt)—The New Dentist Committee Chair Serving on the Board of Trustees
(Supplement:5134) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 58—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy, Oral Health Equity (Supplement:5145)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 59—(Adopt)—Amendment of the Policy, Women’s Oral Health: Patient Education (Supplement:5146) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 60S-1—(Adopt Resolution 60S-1 in lieu of Resolution 60)—Amendment of the Policy, Non-Dental Providers Completing Educational Program on Oral Health (Supplement:5150a) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 61S-1—(Adopt Resolution 61S-1 in lieu of Resolution 61)—Amendment of the Policy, Non Dental Providers Notification of Preventive Dental Treatment (Supplement:5153a) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 62RC—(Adopt Resolution 62RC in lieu of Resolution 62)—Amendment of the Policy, Limited Oral Health Literacy Skills and Understanding in Adults (Supplement:5154) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 67S-1—(Adopt Resolution 67S-1 in lieu of Resolution 67)—Amendment of the Policy, Comprehensive Statement on Allied Dental Personnel (Supplement:5158a) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 68—(Adopt)—Amendment to the Policy, Oral Health Education in Schools (Supplement:5159) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 73—(Adopt)—Clarifying Amendments to the Manual of the House of Delegates Relating to Delegate Allocation (Supplement:5165) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 82—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy: A Culture of Safety in Dentistry – Voluntary Reporting (Supplement:5178) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 83RC—(Adopt Resolution 83RC in lieu of Resolution 83)—Establishment of a Medicaid Task Force (Supplement:5183) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 91—(Not Adopt)—Mid-Level Provider Impact Study (Supplement:5195)
$: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No

Resolution 94—(Adopt)—State Representation and Alternate Delegates (Supplement:5197)
$23,000; Amount On-going; Net Dues Impact: $0.23
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 95RC—(Adopt Resolution 95RC in lieu of Resolution 95)—Prioritizing the Mental Health of Dentists (Supplement:5198) $50,000; Net Dues Impact: $0.50
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 106RC—(Adopt Resolution 106RC in lieu of Resolution 106)—Fair Delegate Allocation for Federal Dental Services (Supplement:5229) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 112 with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, executive director, provided clarification on Resolution 53 stating, “...What is being asked of the House is essentially to vote to approve that person’s right to vote on the Board of Trustees. Currently, the Chair of the New Dentist Committee has been participating fully in all of the Board meetings this year, and there has been no financial implication or impact. That is why there is no financial impact listed in the resolution material. The reason why it could have a potential future impact is that it would be up to the ADA Board of Trustees to assign this assessment of this position to the Compensation Committee, which has the responsibility of taking a look at stipends, remunerations and, you know, any kind of expense protocols afforded to the Board of Trustees. But because this is a position that was not historically funded, despite the fact that he was fully participating, it was not included in the resolution. ... But that is not to say in the future the Board of Trustees, within their rights, and within a charter of the Compensation Committee could consider some type of remuneration depending on the desires of the New Dentist Committee and the full Board of Trustees.”

Requests were made to remove the following resolutions from the Consent Calendar:

Resolution 94 removed by Dr. Lauryne M. Vanderhoof, Michigan
Resolution 14S-1 removed by Dr. Neil C. Nunokawa, Hawaii
Resolution 4 removed by Dr. David J. Hildebrandt, Louisiana
Resolution 3 removed by Dr. Zachary A. Kouri, Iowa
Resolution 28 removed by Dr. Amber P. Lawson, Georgia

Dr. Daniel J. Gesek, Jr., Florida, moved to withdraw Resolution 13: Rescission of the Policy, Availability of Dentists for Underserved Populations.

On vote, the motion to withdraw Resolution 13 was adopted.

As a point of order, Dr. Monica M. Hebl, Wisconsin, stated that she was at the microphone to speak against withdrawing Resolution 13 prior to the vote on withdrawal. Hearing no objection, the Speaker allowed the motion to withdraw Resolution 13 to be debated followed by a re-vote on the motion to withdraw Resolution 13.

Dr. Hebl spoke against the motion to withdraw Resolution 13, stating, “Again, I realize that vote was very lopsided, so I’m fighting an uphill battle, but I think that working on the supply side so that we can solve access to care issues is really important. It might not go back to CGA, but it could go to a different, appropriate council, and I think that should not be withdrawn, because it’s such an important thing, and it was not part of the…oral health equity resolution. And there is nowhere in the policy manuals that we are working on the supply side to make sure that our underserved patients are taken care of.”

On vote, the motion to withdraw Resolution 13 was adopted.

Hearing no objection, the amended Resolution 112 was adopted by general consent.

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Resolution 68—(Adopt)—Amendment to the Policy, Oral Health Education in Schools (Supplement:5159) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 73—(Adopt)—Clarifying Amendments to the Manual of the House of Delegates Relating to Delegate Allocation (Supplement:5165) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 82—(Adopt)—Proposed Policy: A Culture of Safety in Dentistry – Voluntary Reporting (Supplement:5178) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 83RC—(Adopt Resolution 83RC in lieu of Resolution 83)—Establishment of a Medicaid Task Force (Supplement:5183) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 91—(Not Adopt)—Mid-Level Provider Impact Study (Supplement:5195) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote No

Resolution 94—(Adopt)—State Representation and Alternate Delegates (Supplement:5197) $23,000; Amount On-going; Net Dues Impact: $0.23
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes
Resolution 95RC—(Adopt Resolution 95RC in lieu of Resolution 95)—Prioritizing the Mental Health of Dentists (Supplement:5198) $50,000; Net Dues Impact: $0.50
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Resolution 106RC—(Adopt Resolution 106RC in lieu of Resolution 106)—Fair Delegate Allocation for Federal Dental Services (Supplement:5229) $: None
COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes

Note: For the purpose of a fully documented record, the text of the resolutions presented in Resolution 112H follows.

Consent Calendar Resolutions—Adopted/Adopted in Lieu of

Proposed Policy, Rank and Status of Dentists in the Uniformed Services

1H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy titled Rank and Status of Dentists in the Uniformed Services be adopted:

Rank and Status of Dentists in the Uniformed Services

Resolved, that flag rank(s) of dental officers should be protected and enhanced in all branches of the uniformed services, and their offices should have the appropriate status and funding to carry out their missions effectively, and be it further
Resolved, that the American Dental Association supports a 2-star equivalent rank or higher for the chief dental officers for the uniformed services and the Veterans Administration, and be it further
Resolved, that graduates of a two year comprehensive dental residency or a dental specialty residency recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties should be awarded special pay while serving in the federal dental services, and be it further
Resolved, that the following policies be rescinded:

- Compensation of Dental Specialists in the Federal Dental Services (Trans.1990:557; 2012:496)
- Dentistry in the Armed Forces (Trans.1972:718; 2012:496)
- Rank Equivalency for Chief Dental Officers of the Federal Dental Services (Trans.2012:496)

Amendment of the Policy, Dental Research by Military Departments

2H-2021. Resolved, that policy titled Dental Research by Military Departments (Trans.1970:451; 2016:316) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA considers oral and craniofacial research to be an integral component of the military dental corps’ mission and believes that each military branch should continue to support such research at the basic and applied science levels. Military dental research is unique in that it focuses on the oral and craniofacial needs of active duty military personnel, such as:

- Improving dental readiness.
- Minimizing in-theater dental emergencies.
- Treating and ameliorating combat-related disfigurement and loss of facial function.

and be it further
Resolved, that each military branch should continue to support such research.

Rescission of the Policy, Advocating for ERISA Reform

Amendment of the Policy, Use of Expert Witnesses in Liability Cases

6H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Use of Expert Witnesses in Liability Cases (Trans.1986:531) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the American Dental Association urge constituent dental societies to actively support legislation and changes in court rules that would require plaintiffs and their attorneys in professional liability actions should be required to include with each complaint the affidavit of a health care professional, who practices in the same field or specialty as the defendant and who has reviewed the patient record and related materials, stating that there is reasonable and meritorious cause for filing the action, and be it further

Resolved, that constituent dental societies be urged to actively support legislation and changes in court rules requiring courts in appropriate cases to instruct should require that juries be instructed on the availability of alternative treatments and the role of patients in their own care, as appropriate.

Amendment to the Policy, Professional Liability Insurance Legislation

7H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Professional Liability Insurance Legislation (Trans.1984:548) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the American Dental Association monitor and constituent dental societies support be urged to monitor federal and state legislation for challenges to tort reform that would result in liability insurance premiums skyrocketing rising and leading to increased health care costs for patients, as appropriate, to deal fairly and equitably with the problems of rapidly increasing professional liability insurance costs which contribute significantly to higher costs of health care services for patients, and be it further

Resolved, that the ADA should stand ready to aid and assist constituent dental societies experiencing a crisis of rising malpractice insurance premiums due to tort reform challenges, legislative or other approaches to the professional liability problem be studied and developed in cooperation with other health organizations and interested parties.

Rescission of the Policy, Costs for the Submission of Electronic Dental Claims


Amendment of the Policy, Fee-For-Service Medicaid Programs

9H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Fee-For-Service Medicaid Programs (Trans.1999:957) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA support and encourage states to adopt adequately funded fee-for-service models for Medicaid programs to increase dentist participation and increase access to care for Medicaid participants.

Amendment of the Policy, Medicaid and Indigent Care Funding

10H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Medicaid and Indigent Care Funding (Trans.2006:338; 2014:499) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA make lobbying for adequate funds American Dental Association supports adequate funding to provide oral health care to Medicaid and other indigent care populations a high priority and that the constituent and component societies be urged to do the same, and be it further,
Resolved, that the ADA and its constituent and component societies carry out an intensive educational program, subject to current budgetary limits, to enlighten the public and government agencies of the value of oral health care and the consequences of untreated oral health disease to the overall health of our citizens and to health care payment systems, and be it further

Resolved, that the appropriate ADA agency study how to improve health outcomes through greater accountability and responsibility of dental patients to the care, educational and preventive opportunities provided to them.

Amendment of the Policy, Use of Dentist-To-Population Ratios

11H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Use of Dentist-to-Population Ratios (Trans.1984:538; 1996:681) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the American Dental Association urges all governmental, professional and public agencies, and schools of dentistry to refrain from using dentist-to-population ratios exclusively in should not be used as the exclusive measure for designating dental health professional shortage areas or for evaluating or recommending programs for dental education or dental care.

Rescission of the Policy, Maldistribution of the Dental Workforce


Proposed Policy, Discrimination of Benefit Payment Based on Professional Degree of Provider

15H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy titled Discrimination of Benefit Payment Based on Professional Degree of Provider be adopted:

Discrimination of Benefit Payment Based on Professional Degree of Provider

Resolved, that that the American Dental Association opposes discrimination of benefit payment based on the type of license and/or professional degree of the dentist and/or physician, and be it further

Resolved, that the policy titled Legislation Prohibiting Discrimination of Benefit Payment Based on Professional Degree of Provider (Trans.1989:562) be rescinded.

Amendment of the Policy, Freedom of Choice in Publicly Funded Aid Programs

16H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Freedom of Choice in Publicly Funded Aid Programs (Trans.2006:344) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA pursue regulatory or legislative action to mandate that any licensed dentist may should be able to participate in a publicly funded program without joining a third-party network that requires them to also see privately funded commercial patients under a managed care contract.

Amendment of the Policy, Limited English Proficiency

17H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Limited English Proficiency (Trans.2005:338) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the American Dental Association work with the appropriate federal agencies, advocacy groups, trade associations, and other stakeholders to ensure that considers accommodating the language needs of English-limited patients is recognized as to be a shared responsibility, which cannot be fairly visited upon any one segment of a community, and be it further

Resolved, that the Association support appropriate legislation and initiatives that would enhance the ability of individuals of limited English proficiency to effectively communicate in English with their dentist and the dental office staff, and be it further
Resolved, that the Association oppose federal legislative and regulatory efforts that would unreasonably add to the administrative, financial, or legal liability of providing dental services to limited English proficient patients, such as being required to provide interpreters on demand as a condition of treating patients receiving state and/or federal benefits, and be it further
Resolved, that constituent and component dental societies be encouraged to support state, local, and private sector efforts to address the language needs of English limited patients, and be it further
Resolved, that dental and allied dental programs be encouraged to educate students about the challenges associated with treating patients of limited English proficiency.

Amendment of the Policy, Protection of Retirement Assets

18H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Protection of Retirement Assets (Trans.1987:521) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA strongly support efforts by the constituent society at the state legislature level to enact laws which exempt IRS qualified Keogh, Corporate Pension or Profit Sharing Plans, and Individual Retirement Accounts from attachment to satisfy any nondomestic judgment retirement savings accounts should be exempt from nondomestic judgments.

Amendment of the Policy, Suggested Dental Practice Acts

19H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Suggested Dental Practice Acts (Trans.1978:529) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA supports only those suggested dental practice acts that are consistent with Association policies, and be it further
Resolved, that the appropriate agency of the Association provide a timely, ongoing analysis to constituent societies of any suggested state dental laws that are developed by any agency outside the Association, with particular references as to how such proposed dental practice acts may be in conflict with Association policies state dental practice acts should be consistent with American Dental Association policies, as appropriate and feasible.

Rescission of the Policy, State Regulation of Advertising

20H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled State Regulation of Advertising (Trans.1984:549) be rescinded.

Rescission of the Policy, ADA Assistance in Legislative Initiatives

21H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled ADA Assistance in Legislative Initiatives (Trans.1982:513) be rescinded.

Rescission of the Policy, Dental Focus in Federal Health Agencies

22H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Dental Focus in Federal Health Agencies (Trans.2012:497) be rescinded.

Amendment of the Policy, Confidentiality and Privacy Regarding Health Information

23H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Confidentiality and Privacy Regarding Health Information (Trans.1999:951; 2000:507) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the following be adopted as the American Dental Association’s policy on health information confidentiality and privacy.

Legislation
- The Association supports legislative and regulatory actions that protect the confidentiality and privacy of patient health information.
In particular, the Association believes minimum safeguards are needed to protect patients against wrongful disclosure and/or use of patient identifiable information, and to protect their providers as a result of wrongful disclosure or use by third parties who are properly given access to that information.

**Limits on disclosure and use of patient-identifiable information**

- Generally, the disclosure and/or use of patient-identifiable information by health care providers should be limited to that which is necessary for the proper care of the patient, or authorized by the patient and/or other applicable law.
- Use of patient-identifiable health information by an entity that receives that information from a patient’s health care provider should be limited to that necessary for the proper care of the patient, except for research purposes as identified herein.
- Subsequent holders of patient information should be prohibited from changing health information or conclusions submitted by the patient’s health care provider.

**Patients’ rights**

- Patients should have the right to know who has access to their personally identifiable health information and how that information has been used.
- A patient’s general consent to the release of confidential health information to a third party, such as a health plan, should not be legally sufficient to permit subsequent release by that third party of the information.
- With appropriate limitations designed to protect the integrity of the attending doctor’s records and to ensure against unauthorized disclosure or unduly burdensome requests, patients should be afforded the opportunity to see their treatment records and obtain copies.

**Unauthorized disclosure of patient-identifiable health information**

- Patients should have a fair opportunity to seek legal redress if their personally identifiable health information has been willfully and wrongly released.
- No liability should arise against a provider who, in good faith and for the purpose of providing appropriate health care, unintentionally releases confidential health information in a manner not permitted by law.
- A health care provider who has properly disclosed patient-identifiable health information to a third party should be immune from liability for subsequent disclosure or misuse of that information by that third party.

**Use of health information for research**

- Generally, all identifying information should be removed when health records are used for research purposes. Identifiable data should be released only after approval of an Institutional Review Board, pursuant to applicable review procedures and protocols.
- Legislative exemptions to patient consent requirements for research purposes should be narrowly drawn.

**Use of health information by law enforcement**

- Except as otherwise provided by applicable laws, law enforcement officials should be required to obtain a binding court order, warrant or subpoena before having access to patient records.

**Practice considerations**

- Dentists should know their ethical and legal obligations regarding patient confidentiality and privacy.
- Dentists should engage in sound risk management techniques to ensure compliance, including office protocols, record maintenance and training to protect such information.

and be it further

**Resolved, that the Association track and advocate privacy laws governing the Internet in their applicability to the privacy of patient records, and be it further**
Resolved, that the Association advocate in its legislative and regulatory efforts that all points of potential interception, sale or unauthorized electronic transmission from doctor to third party be included in consideration of electronic privacy laws.

Amendment of the Policy, Need for HIPAA Standards Reform

24H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Need for HIPAA Standards Reform (Trans.2003:384; 2016:317) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the appropriate agencies of the American Dental Association work with the dental specialty organizations and other health care associations to continue to make every effort to limit the adverse effects of the HIPAA regulations for dentists and their patients, and be it further
Resolved, that the appropriate Association agency seek the establishment of reasonable transition periods between proposed new versions of the electronic dental claim standard so as to reduce the substantial financial burden placed on small providers, such as dentists, to implement new electronic claims standards, and be it further
Resolved, that the appropriate Association agency encourage educational efforts by HHS to clarify the HIPAA regulations and counter the misrepresentations and misunderstandings that interfere with the doctor-patient relationship and are impeding the effective delivery of quality health care.

Rescission of the Policy, Legislation Prohibiting Waiver of Patient Copayment/OverBilling


Rescission of the Policy, Legislation Reflecting ADA Policy on Primary Dental Health Care Provider


Amendment to the Policy, Support for Adult Medicaid Dental Services

27H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Support for Adult Medicaid Dental Services (Trans.2004:327) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA adopt policy supporting the inclusion of comprehensive adult dental services should be included in the federal Medicaid program as an integral part of overall health, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA take every opportunity to educate policy makers that, consistent with ADA's position on health system reform (Trans.1993:664; Trans.1994:656) oral health is an integral part of overall health, and be it further
Resolved, that adult coverage under Medicaid should not be left to the discretion of individual states but rather, should be provided consistent with all other basic health care services.

Rescission of the Policy, Adding the ADA Definition of Dentistry to Existing Dental Regulatory Provisions

29H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Adding the ADA Definition of Dentistry to Existing Dental Regulatory Provisions (Trans.2001:440) be rescinded.

Amendment of the Policy, Antitrust Reform

30H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Antitrust Reform (Trans.2016:314) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA strongly supports eliminating the current insurance industry exemption from anti-trust laws including support for legislation to clarify, Amend or, if necessary, repeal the McCarran-Ferguson Act's antitrust immunity for the business of health insurance, and be it further
Resolved, that the American Dental Association strongly opposes any legislation that would extend an antitrust exemption to the insurance industry for information gathering endeavors such as collecting and distributing information on cost and utilization of health care services, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA supports changes in federal antitrust laws that will enable dentists to practice effectively within the health care system, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA supports legislative and regulatory activities to change the antitrust safe harbor guideline for dental networks based on percentage of provider participation in favor of a guideline relying on a health plan's market share, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA work closely with constituent and component societies to provide them the most current and comprehensive antitrust information and guidance available, on an as-needed basis, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA utilize appropriate resources to work with other provider groups to amend antitrust laws to allow dentists and other providers to negotiate collectively with health care purchasers, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA support effective regulation of insurance companies including: the establishment of requirements for disclosure to dentists prior to signing network participation contracts; and current and complete information relating to the establishment of payment reimbursement rates and claims experience, and be it further
Resolved, that the ADA supports changes in antitrust laws that would make professional societies and their members should be exempt from antitrust scrutiny for the narrow area of collective bargaining, so that dental societies can collectively negotiate on behalf of members, and be it further

Amendment of the Policy, Legislative Delegations

33H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Legislative Delegations (Trans.1982:550; 1995:648) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the Association continue to encourage individual ADA members to join the ADA Grassroots Program, and be it further
Resolved, that ADA members representing constituent and component societies who travel to Washington, D.C. be encouraged to visit with their senators and representatives to discuss legislative issues of importance to the profession and to coordinate this activity with the ADA Washington Office
American Dental Association encourages members to join and actively participate in the American Dental Political Action Committee's Grassroots Program.

Amendment and Simplification of Bylaws Chapter I., Section 20.B.

34H-2021. Resolved, that Chapter I, Section B. of the ADA Bylaws be amended as follows (additions underscored, deletions stricken through):

B. LIFE MEMBER. Any person holding a D.D.S., D.M.D. or equivalent degree shall be eligible to be a life member of this Association if he or she meets the following qualifications:

a. Association Membership. The member has been:

1. Has been an active and/or retired member in good standing of this Association for at least thirty (30) consecutive years or a total of at least forty (40) non-consecutive years; or
2. Was a member of the National Dental Association for twenty-five (25) years and has been an active and/or retired member in good standing of this Association for at least ten (10) years;
b. Reached the age of at least sixty-five (65) during the previous calendar year; and

c. Maintains membership in good standing in a constituent and component, if such exists, and in this Association.

d. A member may also qualify for life member status by having been a member of the National Dental Association for twenty-five (25) years and subsequently holding membership in this Association for at least ten (10) years and having reached the age of at least sixty-five (65) during the previous calendar year.

Response to Referred Resolution 64-2020, Amendment of Chapter III., Section 120. of the ADA Bylaws

35H-2021. Resolved, that Chapter III., Section 120. of the ADA Bylaws be amended as shown below (additions underscored, deletions stricken through):

Section 120. METHOD OF ELECTION: Elective officers and members of councils and committees shall be elected by ballot, except that when there is only one candidate, such candidate may be declared elected by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Secretary shall provide facilities for voting.

1. When one is to be elected, and more than one has been nominated, the majority of the ballots cast shall elect. In the event no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, the candidate with the fewest votes shall be removed from the ballot and the remaining candidates shall be balloted upon again. This process shall be repeated until one (1) candidate receives a majority of the votes cast.

2. When more than one is to be elected, and the nominees exceed the number to be elected, the votes cast shall be non-cumulative, and the following applies:

   a. Each voting member may vote for a number of nominees not to exceed the number to be elected; and

   b. For any single nominee, only one vote may be cast by each voting member;

   c. The candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected.

Proposed Policy, Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policy on Early Childhood Caries

36H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy titled Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policy on Early Childhood Caries be adopted:

Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Policy on Early Childhood Caries

Resolved, that the American Dental Association supports the Policy Statement of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) on Early Childhood Caries (2021):

The AAPD recognizes the unique and often virulent nature of ECC. Non-dental healthcare providers who identify ECC in a child should refer the patient to a dentist for treatment and establishment of a dental home (AAPD Dental home) immediate intervention is indicated, and non-surgical interventions should be implemented when possible to postpone or reduce the need for surgical treatment approaches. Because children who experience ECC are at greater risk for subsequent caries development, preventive measures (e.g., dietary counseling, reinforcement of toothbrushing with fluoridated toothpaste), more frequent professional visits with applications of topical fluoride, and restorative care are necessary.

Rescission of the Policy, Preventive Dental Procedures

**Amendment of the Policy, Health Planning Guidelines**

38H-2021. **Resolved**, that the policy titled Health Planning Guidelines (*Trans.*1983:545; 2014:503) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

**Resolved**, that the following health planning objectives be adopted:

1. The Association supports a voluntary system of cooperative health planning at the state and local level.
2. Health planning should be directed at locally determined efforts to improve access to health care and avoid duplication of effort to maximize limited resources.
3. Dentists should have equal input along with other health care providers.
4. Public and private sector financing for health planning should have adequate appropriations designated to accomplish the state objectives.
5. The Association supports collaboration with state and local oral health coalitions to complete the objectives of effective health planning in areas of common ground between the organizations.

**Rescission of the Policy, High Blood Pressure Programs**


**Amendment of the Policy, Communication and Dental Practice**

40H-2021. **Resolved**, that the policy titled Communication and Dental Practice (*Trans.*2008:454; 2013:342) be amended to read as follows (additions are double underscored; deletions are double stricken):

**Resolved**, that the ADA affirms that **culturally competent, plain language, accurate clear, accurate and effective** communication is an essential skill for patient-centered dental practice, and be it further

**Resolved**, that this communication be delivered in a culturally competent manner.

**Amendment of the Policy, Encouraging the Development of Oral Health Literacy Continuing Education Programs**

41H-2021. **Resolved**, that the policy titled Encouraging the Development of Oral Health Literacy Continuing Education Programs (*Trans.*2006:316) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

**Resolved**, that the Council on Dental Education and Licensure and other appropriate ADA agencies encourage the development of undergraduate, graduate and continuing education programs to train dentists and allied dental team members to effectively communicate in a culturally-competent, plain language, accurate manner with all patients with limited literacy skills.

**Amendment to Section 3.A. of the ADA Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct**

45H-2021. **Resolved**, that Section 3.A. of the ADA Principles of Ethics & Code of Professional Conduct be amended by deletion as follows (deletion stricken through):

**3.A. COMMUNITY SERVICE.**
Since dentists have an obligation to use their skills, knowledge and experience for the improvement of the dental health of the public and are encouraged to be leaders in their community, dentists in such service shall conduct themselves in such a manner as to maintain or elevate the esteem of the profession.

Amendment of the Policy, Use of Health Literacy Principles for All Patients

50H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Use of Health Literacy Principles for All Patients (Trans.2016:322) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the ADA supports the continuing education of oral health professionals regarding the use of health literacy principles and plain language for all patients and providers to make it easier for them to navigate, understand and use appropriate information and services to help patients be stewards of their oral health.

Amendment of the Policy, Bottled Water, Home Water Treatment Systems and Fluoride Exposure

52H-2021. Resolved, that policy titled Bottled Water, Home Water Treatment Systems and Fluoride Exposure (Trans.2002:390; 2013:342) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that in order to ensure optimal fluoride intake, the American Dental Association supports actions by its members to educate their patients and communities regarding the level of fluoride in bottled water and the possible removal of fluoride by some home water treatment systems, and be it further

Resolved, that the American Dental Association urges its members to inquire about their patients’ primary and secondary water source as part of the health history and be it further

Resolved, that the American Dental Association supports the labeling of bottled water with the fluoride concentration of the product and company contact information including address, and telephone and website, and be it further

Resolved, that the American Dental Association urges its members and the public to refer to the International Bottled Water Association’s “List of Brands Containing Fluoride”, and be it further

Resolved, that the American Dental Association supports the inclusion of information on the effect of various home water treatment system’s effect on water fluoride levels with each home water treatment system.

The New Dentist Committee Chair Serving on the Board of Trustees

53H-2021. Resolved, that Chapter V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Section 10. COMPOSITION and Section 40 INSTALLATION of the Bylaws be amended as follows (additions are underscored, deletions are stricken):

Section 10. COMPOSITION: The Board of Trustees shall consist of one (1) trustee from each trustee district. Such trustees, the President-elect, and the two Vice-Presidents and the chair of the New Dentist Committee shall constitute the voting members of the Board of Trustees. The President, the Treasurer and the Executive Director of the Association, except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws, shall be non-voting members of the Board of Trustees.

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Section 40. INSTALLATION: The installation of trustee nominees and the New Dentist Committee chair shall be as provided in the Governance Manual.

and be it further

Resolved, that Chapter V., Section B. Nomination, Declaration of Election and Installation Procedure of the Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association be amended as follows (additions are underscored, deletions are stricken).
B. **Nomination, Declaration of Election and Installation Procedure.** The name of each nominee for the office of trustee brought forward by the nominee’s trustee district shall be read to the House of Delegates by the Speaker of the House of Delegates. Because there is only a single nominee provided by each trustee district, following the reading of names, the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall declare the nominees elected. The newly elected trustees and the **New Dentist Committee chair** shall be installed by the President or the President’s designee.

**Proposed Policy, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Statement on Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care (2021)**

**57H-2021. Resolved,** that the following policy titled Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Guideline on Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care be adopted:

**Support for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Guideline on Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care**

**Resolved,** that the American Dental Association supports the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Anticipatory Guideline on Perinatal and Infant Oral Health Care (2021):

Anticipatory guidance in the perinatal and infant period includes assessment of any growth and development issues that the parents should be aware of or need referral to the child’s medical provider. AAPD BP Periodicity Schedule Assessment of caries risk that should be considered in counselling the parents regarding the child’s fluoride exposure, including consumption optimally fluoridated water, appropriate frequency and quantity of brushing with fluoridated toothpaste, and need for professional topical fluoride applications. (AAPD BP Fluoride) Anticipatory guidance during this infant period also entails oral hygiene instruction, dietary counselling regarding sugar consumption, frequency of periodic oral examinations (AAPD Periodicity Schedule), and information regarding non-nutritive habits that if prolonged may result in flaring of the maxillary incisor teeth, open bite, and a posterior cross bite. (Dogramaci and Rossi-Fedele, 2016). Counselling regarding safety and prevention of orofacial trauma would include discussions of play objects, pacifiers, car seats, electrical cords, and injuries due to falls when learning to walk.

**Recommendations**

1. Advise expecting and new parents regarding the importance of their own oral health and the possible transmission of cariogenic bacteria from parent/primary caregiver to the infant.

2. Encourage establishment of a dental home that includes medical history, dental examination, risk assessment, and anticipatory guidance for infants by 12 months of age.

3. Provide caries preventive information regarding: high frequency sugar consumption; brushing twice-daily with optimal amount fluoridated toothpaste; safety and efficacy of optimally-fluoridated community water; and for children at risk for dental caries, fluoride varnish and dietary fluoride supplements (if not consuming optimally-fluoridated water).

4. Assess caries risk to facilitate the appropriate preventive strategies as the primary dentition begins to erupt.

5. Provide information to parents regarding common oral conditions in newborns and infants, non-nutritive oral habits (e.g., digit sucking, use of a pacifier), teething (including use of analgesics and avoidance of topical anesthetics), growth and development, and orofacial trauma (including play objects, pacifiers, car seats, electric cords, and falls when learning to walk).

6. When ankyloglossia results in functional limitations or causes symptom, the need to surgical intervention should be assessed on an individual basis.
7. When a patient presents with a prematurely erupted primary tooth (i.e., natal or neonatal tooth), decisions regarding intervention should be individualized, based on the interference with feeding, the risk of detachment and aspiration, and any medical or contributing considerations.

**Proposed Policy, Oral Health Equity**

**58H-2021. Resolved,** that the American Dental Association (ADA) defines oral health equity as optimal oral health for all people. The ADA is committed to promoting equity in oral health care by continuing research and data collection, advocating to positively impact the social determinants of oral health, reinforcing the integral role of oral health in overall health, supporting cultural competency and diversity in dental treatment, disease prevention education, and supporting efforts to improve equitable access to oral health care.

**Amendment of the Policy, Women’s Oral Health: Patient Education**

**59H-2021. Resolved,** that the policy titled Women’s Oral Health: Patient Education (Trans.2001:428; 2014:504), be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Women’s Parent and Caregiver Oral Health: Patient Education

Resolved, that the ADA work with federal and state agencies, constituent and component societies and other appropriate organizations to incorporate oral health education information into health care educational outreach efforts directed at mothers, parents, caregivers and their children, and be it further

Resolved, that the ADA work with the obstetric prenatal and perinatal professional community to ensure that pregnant mothers, expectant parents and caregivers are provided relevant oral health care information during the perinatal period.

**Amendment of the Policy, Non-Dental Providers Completing Educational Program on Oral Health**

**60H-2021. Resolved,** that the policy titled Non-Dental Providers Completing Educational Program on Oral Health (Trans.2004:301; 2014:505) to be amended as follows (additions are double underscored; deletions are double stricken):

Resolved, that only dentists, physicians and their properly supervised and trained designees, be allowed to provide preventive dental services to patients of all ages, to infants and young children, and be it further

Resolved, that anyone that provides preventive dental services to infants and young children should have completed an appropriate educational program on oral health, common oral pathology, dental disease risk assessment, dental caries and dental preventive techniques appropriate for the age groups under their care, and be it further

Resolved, that the ADA urge constituent societies to support this policy.

**Amendment of the Policy, Non Dental Providers Notification of Preventive Dental Treatment**

**61H-2021. Resolved,** that the policy titled Non Dental Providers Notification of Preventive Dental Treatment (Trans.2004:303; 2014:505) be amended to read as follows (additions are double underscored):

Resolved, that prior to any preventive dental treatment, a dental disease risk assessment should be performed by a dentist or appropriately trained dental or medical provider, and be it further

Resolved, that risk assessments, screenings or oral evaluations of patients by non-dentists are not to be considered comprehensive dental exams, and be it further

Resolved, that it is essential that non-dentists who provide preventive dental services utilize care coordination to refer the patient to a dentist for a comprehensive examination and to establish a dental home with a report of the services rendered given to the custodial parent or legal guardian.
Amendment of the Policy, Limited Oral Health Literacy Skills and Understanding in Adults

62H-2021. Resolved, that the policy titled Limited Oral Health Literacy Skills and Understanding in Adults (Trans.2006:317; 2013:342) be amended to read as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that ADA recognizes a lack of health literacy as a significant that limited oral health literacy is a potential barrier to effective prevention, diagnosis and treatment of oral disease, and be it further Resolved, that dental offices encourage staff training in the principles of health literacy to improve patient health outcomes.

Amendment of the Policy, Comprehensive Statement on Allied Dental Personnel


**Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC):** An individual trained in an ADA pilot program as a community health worker with dental skills through the ADA licensed curriculum as a dental trained professional with community health worker skills. Their aim is to improve oral health education and to assist at-risk communities with disease prevention. Working under the supervision of a dentist, a CDHC helps at-risk patients improve their preventive oral health through education and awareness programs, navigate the health system and receive care from a dentist in an appropriate clinic licensed dentists.

CDHCs also perform limited clinical duties, such as screenings, fluoride treatments, placement of sealants and temporary restorations and simple teeth cleanings. CDHCs also perform limited clinical duties only as allowed by their State Practice Acts such as screenings, fluoride treatments, and sealant placement until the patient can receive comprehensive services from a dentist or dental hygienist. Upon graduation, they will work primarily in public health and community settings like clinics, schools, churches, faith based settings, senior citizen centers, and Head Start programs in coordination with a variety of dental providers, including clinics, community health centers, the Indian Health Service and private practice dentists dental offices.

Amendment to the Policy, Oral Health Education in Schools

68H-2021. Resolved, that policy titled Oral Health Education in Schools (Trans.2014:506; 2016:319) be amended as follows (additions are underscored; deletions are stricken):

Resolved, that the Council on Access, Prevention and Interprofessional Relations Advocacy for Access and Prevention work with the appropriate ADA agencies and national education organizations to increase the number of school districts requiring oral health education for K-12 students based on the 2012-2016 School Health Policies and Practices Study (SHPPS) data, and be it further Resolved, that, where applicable, the ADA supports the inclusion of the current National Health Education Standards in the accreditation requirements for all public, and private and charter elementary and secondary schools.

Clarifying Amendments to the Manual of the House of Delegates Relating to Delegate Allocation

73H-2021. Resolved, that the Manual of the House of Delegates, Representation of Constituents and Periodic Reapportionment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Section A., be amended as follows (additions underscored, deletions stricken through):

**Section A. Goal of Delegate Apportionment**

The allocation of the remaining delegates over the minimum number of delegates allocated to each constituent and the District of Columbia Dental Society shall be made pursuant to the delegate
allocation methodology set forth in this section of the *Manual of the House of Delegates*. The goals of the delegate apportionment scheme adopted by the ADA is to (i) achieve as close to proportional representation of active, life and retired members of the Association constituents and federal dental services as possible while providing for the minimum representational requirements set forth in the *Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association (Governance Manual)*; (ii) providing for representation of the American Student Dental Association; and (iii) maintaining the size of the House of Delegates as close to 473 delegates as possible while meeting the other goals recited in this herein.

and be it further

**Resolved, that the Manual of the House of Delegates, Representation of Constituents and Periodic Reapportionment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Subsection B.3., be amended as follows**

(additions underscored, deletions stricken through):

**Subsection B.3. Determination of the True Proportional Delegate Counts for each Constituent and each Federal Dental Service**

Divide each constituent’s and each federal dental service’s total membership by the total membership of the Association total constituent and federal dental service membership of the Association. Multiply the resulting percentage of membership for each constituent and federal dental service by the target number of delegates set forth in section B.1. of this methodology less the number of delegates allocated to the American Student Dental Association in section B.2. of this allocation methodology. The resulting true proportional delegate numbers will be used later in the delegate allocation methodology.

and be it further

**Resolved, that the Manual of the House of Delegates, Representation of Constituents and Periodic Reapportionment of Delegates and Alternate Delegates, Subsection B.5., be amended as follows**

(additions underscored, deletions stricken through):

**Subsection B.5. Calculation of Non-Minimum Membership Total**

Subtract the total membership numbers of each constituent and federal dental service identified as being excluded from the remaining steps of the delegate allocation methodology from the total membership of the Association total constituent and federal dental service membership of the Association. The resulting non-minimum membership total will be used in the remaining delegate allocation methodology steps.

**Proposed Policy: A Culture of Safety in Dentistry—Voluntary Reporting**

**82H-2021. Resolved, that the American Dental Association acknowledges the value of self-reporting dental patient safety issues to a certified Patient Safety Organization that complies with the Patient Safety Rule of the Department of Health and Human Services, as critical to our professional responsibility for education and self-regulation, and be it further**

**Resolved, the American Dental Association encourages the voluntary reporting of near misses and adverse incidents to the Dental Patient Safety Foundation in an anonymous and non-discoverable manner, and be it further**

**Resolved, that the American Dental Association utilizes submitted reports to develop and report on improved safety measures for the profession of dentistry.**

**Establishment of a Medicaid Task Force**

**83H-2021. Resolved, that a Task Force meet virtually and develop a cohesive and broad-reaching strategy for federal and state Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program advocacy to reduce administrative burdens and create sustainable reimbursement for participating dentists. Issues addressed should include, but not be limited to:**

- Credentialing
- Funding and reasonable reimbursement
• Benefit design and administration
• Appropriate auditing practices
• Coordination when multiple state program administrators exist
• Managed care design and implementation
• Requirements for stakeholder involvement
• Best practices and model programs to use as benefit and policy benchmarks

and be it further,
**Resolved**, that the Task Force be comprised of equal representation from the Board of Trustees, Council on Dental Benefit Programs, Council on Government Affairs, Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention, at-large Delegates or Alternate Delegates of the 2021 House of Delegates, with Medicaid provider experience when possible, and state dental association staff with public program advocacy experience, with such representatives and the task force chair appointed by the ADA President, and be it further

**Resolved**, the advocacy strategy should include policy actions that the ADA and state advocates can pursue at the federal and state level, including adequate ADA public affairs support to ensure successful outcomes, and be it further

**Resolved**, that the Task Force shall report its recommendations to the 2022 ADA House of Delegates.

**Prioritizing the Mental Health of Dentists**

95H-2021. **Resolved**, that the appropriate agency of the ADA analyze, in conjunction with mental health consultants, analyze the availability of resources to support the mental health of dentists, and collect information regarding existing health and wellness programs from across the tripartite and other professional organizations including, but not limited to the American Medical Association, the American Student Dental Association, and the New Dentist Committee, to include the collection of information from national, state and local entities about:

- activities available to support mental health
- efficacy of current activities
- prevailing mental health issues in their area

and be further

**Resolved**, that the ADA then use the collected information to partner with mental health experts to:

• Explore partnering with third-party mental health providers for our membership;
• Analyze the existing well-being conference for potential enhancement;
• Create a toolkit to help prevent dentist suicide, including a guide for responding to a suicide or unexpected death; and recommendations for practice coverage for short-term and long-term absences due to mental illness and permanent absence due to suicide or unexpected death;
• And identify best practices, then consider the creation of an effective mental health and wellness campaign for our members

• create an effective mental health wellness campaign for our members
• explore the possibility of partnering with a third-party therapy provider to provide access to mental health care for our membership
• analyze the existing well-being conference and consider how it could be expanded
• create a toolkit to assist members with regard to practice coverage for short-term, long-term and permanent absences
• study what other health-related professional organizations are doing for mental health including ASDA and NDC
• create guidance around the ethics of reporting mental health crisis and suicide

and be it further
Resolved, that ADA explore safeguarding dentists from punitive action by state dental boards as well as third party credentialing; with regard to mental health issues and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates with an actionable plan.

Resolved, that the ADA partner with mental health experts to create a legislative strategy regarding safeguarding dentists from punitive action from state boards as well as third party credentialing; with regard to mental health issues and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates with an actionable plan.

Fair Delegate Allocation for Federal Dental Services

106H-2021. Resolved, that the appropriate agency propose revisions to revise the delegate allocation methodology found in the Manual of the House of Delegates so that a minimum of two delegates is allocated to each of the Federal Dental Services, and be it further

Resolved, that a report on the requested revisions be provided to the 2022 House of Delegates.

Consent Calendar Resolutions—Not Adopted

Mid-Level Provider Impact Study

91. Resolved, that the ADA collect data on mid-level providers to evaluate the impact on access to care.

This would include but not be limited to:

- the number in each state
- practice settings
- populations served
- individual state mandates

and be it further

Resolved, that a report be made to the 2022 ADA House of Delegates.

Non-Consent Resolutions

Proposed Policy, Anesthesia Coverage Under Health Plans (Council on Government Affairs Resolution 3): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee concurs with the Board of Trustees and supports adoption of the following resolution.

3. Resolved, that the following policy titled Anesthesia Coverage Under Health Plans be adopted:

Anesthesia Coverage Under Health Plans

Resolved, the ADA supports the position that all health plans, including those governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, should be required to cover general anesthesia and/or hospital or outpatient surgical facility charges incurred by covered persons who receive dental treatment under anesthesia, due to a documented physical, mental or medical reason as determined by the treating dentist(s) and/or physician, and be it further

Resolved, that the policy titled ERISA Reform (Trans.1998:738) be rescinded.

Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 3 (Supplement:5007) with the Committee recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Zachary A. Kouri, Iowa, moved to amend Resolution 3 in the first resolving clause by adding the words “complexity, behavioral,” after the word “documented” so that the first resolving clause would read as follows:

Resolved, the ADA supports the position that all health plans, including those governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, should be required to cover general anesthesia and/or hospital or
outpatient surgical facility charges incurred by covered persons who receive dental treatment under anesthesia, due to a documented complexity, behavioral, physical, mental or medical reason as determined by the treating dentist(s) and/or physician, and be it further

In speaking to the amendment, Dr. Kouri stated, “Since January in Iowa there has been...an MCO that has been denying coverage for pediatric dental patients going to the OR. And the reason is because none of these kids have any physical, mental or medical reason to be taken to the OR. There are other reasons, however, that they need to be taken to the OR, is because they are two-and-a-half-year-old and their mouths are full of disease. So as we were speaking with the Tenth District, we were thinking about adding age to that. But that’s not exactly accurate either. You can have some young patients that are able to tolerate more treatment as other young patients, and some older patients that can’t tolerate treatment at all on the spectrum of pediatric dentistry. So the real issue comes with complexity or behavioral. We feel adding those two words will again make this Resolution 3 be even more powerful.”

On vote, the proposed amendment was adopted.

On vote, Resolution 3, as amended, was adopted.

3H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy titled Anesthesia Coverage Under Health Plans be adopted:

Anesthesia Coverage Under Health Plans

Resolved, the ADA supports the position that all health plans, including those governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, should be required to cover general anesthesia and/or hospital or outpatient surgical facility charges incurred by covered persons who receive dental treatment under anesthesia, due to a documented complexity, behavioral, physical, mental or medical reason as determined by the treating dentist(s) and/or physician, and be it further
Resolved, that the policy titled ERISA Reform (Trans.1998:738) be rescinded.

Adjournment

Dr. Mai Ly Duong, Arizona, moved to adjourn the Second Meeting of the House of Delegates. Without objection, the Speaker declared the Second Meeting of the ADA House of Delegates adjourned at 11:57 a.m., Saturday, October 16, 2021.
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Third Meeting of the ADA House of Delegates

Call to Order: The Third Meeting of the 162nd Annual Session of the ADA House of Delegates was called to order at 1:07 p.m., Saturday, October 16, 2022, by the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Dr. W. Mark Donald.

Special Order of Business—Installation Ceremony

Prior to the installation ceremony, the Speaker recognized the following retiring ADA officers and trustees and thanked them for their service and dedication.

- Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president
- Dr. Vincent U. Rapini, first vice president
- Dr. Linda K. Himmelberger, trustee, Third District
- Dr. Jay F. Harrington, Jr., trustee, Fifth District
- Dr. Julio H. Rodriguez, trustee, Ninth District

The Speaker also introduced the continuing members of the Board of Trustees and thanked them for their service on behalf of the profession.

- Dr. Richard J. Rosato, trustee, First District
- Dr. Paul R. Leary, trustee, Second District
- Dr. Michael D. Medovic, trustee, Sixth District
- Dr. Chad R. Leighty, trustee, Seventh District
- Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow, trustee, Eighth District
- Dr. Scott L. Morrison, trustee, Tenth District
- Dr. Linda J. Edgar, trustee, Eleventh District
- Dr. Terry Fiddler, trustee, Twelfth District
- Dr. James D. Stephens, trustee, Thirteenth District
- Dr. Brett Kessler, trustee, Fourteenth District
- Dr. Craig S. Armstrong, trustee, Fifteenth District
- Dr. Gary D. Oyster, trustee, Sixteenth District
- Dr. Rudolph T. Liddell, trustee, Seventeenth District
- Dr. Maria C. Maranga, first vice president
- Dr. Ted Sherwin, treasurer
- Dr. Kathleen T. O’Loughlin, executive director

The Speaker recognized Dr. Klemmedson for the purpose of installing the new officers and trustees. Prior to installing these individuals, Dr. Klemmedson recognized the Speaker for his service.

The following new officers and trustees were introduced:

- Dr. James M. Boyle, III, trustee, Third District
- Dr. Frank J. Graham, trustee, Fourth District
- Dr. Marshall H. Mann, trustee, Fifth District
- Dr. Michele M. Tulak-Gorecki, trustee, Ninth District (not in attendance)
- Dr. Mark E. Bronson, second vice president

Installation of Officers and Trustees. Dr. Klemmedson installed Dr. Cesar R. Sabates, Florida, as ADA President; Dr. George R. Shepley, as ADA President-elect; Dr. Mark E. Bronson, Ohio, as second vice president; Dr. Ted Sherwin, as treasurer; and the new trustees. Dr. Klemmedson extended congratulations to the new officers and trustees.
Additionally, Dr. Klemmedson asked the members of the House of Delegates, and they collectively agreed, to pledge their support by accepting assignments when called upon, by bringing forward the opinions and concerns of the members in their districts and by engaging in open and honest debate on issues.

Presentation to Dr. Klemmedson: Dr. Sabates, as the newly installed ADA President, presented Dr. Klemmedson with the insigne of past president and a certificate of appreciation recognizing his dedication to the Association and the dental profession.

Presentation of Dr. Cesar Sabates: Dr. Sabates addressed the members of the House of Delegates. He thanked his family, both "by relation and by profession", including his wife, Lydia, his children and grandson, his parents, brother and sisters. He thanked members and friends from his local and state associations and leaders of the ADA: Drs. Daniel Klemmedson and Chad Gehani; retiring executive director, Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin; and incoming executive director, Dr. Raymond Cohlmia; those in the U.S. armed services; delegates and ADA's professional team. He said, "I thank you for sharing your gifts with the ADA, for going the extra mile and for demonstrating the power of working together. I will need you so much more than ever in the year to come." He also commented on the time that had passed since ADA leaders had gathered in person and said, "We are here to shape the direction of our profession and our association, and although each of us has our own unique journey, I believe that we are brought together in a divine purpose to restore within our patients the fundamental dignity of health and well-being. … When our patients are able to live without pain, when they can smile with confidence, that's more than just a day's work. It's an improvement of a fellow human being's quality of life, and that's the true impact of a dentist."

Dr. Sabates commented on the generosity of dentists who volunteer to provide free care to those in need. He also commented on ADA's important focus on oral health equity and role in mental health for dentists. Dr. Sabates concluded by speaking to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic stating, "Life is precious. Our work is important. Despite the difficulties, we have seen what we are made of. We are mighty. We are kind. We are resilient."

The installation ceremony concluded following Dr. Sabates' remarks.

Address of the Incoming Executive Director: Dr. Raymond A. Cohlmia, incoming executive director, addressed the House of Delegates and highlighted his goals for advancing the ADA.

Remarks of the Chair of the American Dental Political Action Committee (ADPAC): Dr. L. Stephen Ortego expressed appreciation to members of the House of Delegates for their generous donations as well as the many others who donated to ADPAC during the annual meeting.

Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order: Dr. David L. Fried, Committee chair, announced that the Committee had received a request relating to the credentialing of a new alternate delegate. The Committee considered this request to be the result of extenuating circumstances and recommended that the following individual be credentialed:

**Alternate Delegate**

Dr. Jennifer L. Thompson, New Mexico

Hearing no objection, the Speaker declared the credentials granted.

Dr. Fried announced the presence of a quorum and read the ADA Disclosure Policy.

Unfinished Business

Report of Reference Committee D (Continued)

Dr. Frank P. Iuorno, Jr., chair, Reference Committee D, returned to the podium to present the Reference Committee’s remaining items of business.
**Proposed Policy, Provisions for ERISA Plans** (Council on Government Affairs Resolution 4): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee concurs with the Board of Trustees and supports adoption of the following resolution.

4. **Resolved**, that the following policy titled Provisions for ERISA Plans be adopted:

   **Provisions for ERISA Plans**

   **Resolved**, that the American Dental Association supports the following provisions for ERISA plans:

   1. Beneficiaries of employee health benefit plans should have the right to receive health care from the providers of their choice
   2. Employee health benefit plans should be prohibited from discriminating against legally qualified health care providers and to assure the solvency of such plans
   3. Plan subscribers in Employee Retirement Income Security Act-regulated dental benefit programs should have the same protections that are commonly enjoyed by subscribers of state-regulated programs
   4. Self-insured payers and/or utilization review organizations should be held liable for any negligent utilization review decision that overturns the health care provider’s clinical decision
   5. Patients who suffer as the result of negligent utilization review decisions should be entitled to meaningful remedies and fair compensation
   6. Patients who are denied benefits should have the right to an appropriate appeal mechanism under self-funded group health plans

   and be it further


Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 4 (Supplement:5011) with the with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. David J. Hildebrandt, Louisiana, moved to amend Resolution 4 in item 3. of the first resolving clause by adding the words “including the elimination of missing tooth clauses after one year of premium payments and the prohibition of down coding of fixed prosthesis to removable prosthesis” after the words “state-regulated programs” so that item 3. would read as follows:

3. Plan subscribers in Employee Retirement Income Security Act-regulated dental benefit programs should have the same protections that are commonly enjoyed by subscribers of state-regulated programs including the elimination of missing tooth clauses after one year of premium payments and the prohibition of down coding of fixed prosthesis to removable prosthesis

In speaking to the proposed amendment, Dr. Hildebrandt stated, “So our state has been very effective in creating legislation to protect our patients’ rights. Unfortunately, those legislations do not apply to ERISA insurance companies. Two of our big wins in Louisiana were to have the elimination of missing tooth clauses on all insurance premiums after a patient has paid one year of premiums. We’ve had many patients who paid premiums for many, many years, and the insurance company would never pay to replace a missing tooth. So that was one of our big wins. Another one is downcoding of ‘fixed prosthesis’ to ‘removable.’ Again, we feel that insurance companies have misrepresented their plans by offering to pay for fixed prostheses, but when
the patient goes to use their benefits, they downcode it to removable, so they’re essentially not paying for the benefit that the patient thinks that they are getting. So these are two biggies that we think would be important for our legislatures at the federal level to start working on ERISA plans to include some of these patient benefits, and that’s why we’d like to make this amendment.”

On vote, the proposed amendment was adopted.

On vote, Resolution 4, as amended, was adopted.

4H-2021. **Resolved**, that the following policy titled Provisions for ERISA Plans be adopted:

**Provisions for ERISA Plans**

Resolved, that the American Dental Association supports the following provisions for ERISA plans:

1. Beneficiaries of employee health benefit plans should have the right to receive health care from the providers of their choice

2. Employee health benefit plans should be prohibited from discriminating against legally qualified health care providers and to assure the solvency of such plans

3. Plan subscribers in Employee Retirement Income Security Act-regulated dental benefit programs should have the same protections that are commonly enjoyed by subscribers of state-regulated programs including the elimination of missing tooth clauses after one year of premium payments and the prohibition of down coding of fixed prosthesis to removable prosthesis

4. Self-insured payers and/or utilization review organizations should be held liable for any negligent utilization review decision that overturns the health care provider’s clinical decision

5. Patients who suffer as the result of negligent utilization review decisions should be entitled to meaningful remedies and fair compensation

6. Patients who are denied benefits should have the right to an appropriate appeal mechanism under self-funded group health plans

and be it further


**Proposed Policy, Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist** (Council on Government Affairs Resolution 14 and Third Trustee District Resolution 14S-1): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee concurs with the Third Trustee District and supports adoption of Resolution 14S-1 in lieu of Resolution 14 with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes on Resolution 14S-1.

14S-1. **Resolved**, that the following policy titled Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist be adopted:

**Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist**

Resolved, that the patient’s right to choose any licensed dentist to deliver his or her oral health care without any type of coercion must be preserved, and be it further

Resolved, that the American Dental Association opposes any arrangement that eliminates, interferes with, or otherwise limits the patient’s freedom of choice, and be it further

Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 14S-1 (Supplement:5049a) in lieu of Resolution 14 (Supplement:5046) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Michael R. Varley, Colorado, moved to amend Resolution 14S-1 by adding a new resolving clause between the second and last resolving clause. The new resolving clause would read as follows:

Resolved, that any plan with an arrangement that eliminates, interferes with, or otherwise limits the patient’s freedom of choice, should include notice to prospective plan purchasers and recipients that it may be necessary to change dentists to utilize coverage.

In speaking to the amendment, Dr. Varley stated, “I’m concerned certainly about patients who sign up for medical plans and find out that they have been placed on closed panel dental plans without their knowledge. So I added a little bit of teeth to this resolution by adding the above…”

Dr. Theodore J. Rockwell, Pennsylvania, spoke in support of the proposed amendment, stating, “Just wanted to say that the Third District supports this friendly amendment.”

On vote, the proposed amendment was adopted.

A delegate from the floor spoke in support of Resolution 14S-1, as amended, stating, “Member of the Council on Governmental Affairs. On behalf of the Council, we support this amended Resolution 14S-1.”

On vote, Resolution 14S-1, as amended, was adopted.

14H-2021. Resolved, that the following policy titled Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist be adopted:

Guaranteeing Patient’s Freedom of Choice of Dentist

Resolved, that the patient’s right to choose any licensed dentist to deliver his or her oral health care without any type of coercion must be preserved, and be it further
Resolved, that the American Dental Association opposes any arrangement that eliminates, interferes with, or otherwise limits the patient’s freedom of choice, and be it further
Resolved, that any plan with an arrangement that eliminates, interferes with, or otherwise limits the patient’s freedom of choice, should include notice to prospective plan purchasers and recipients that it may be necessary to change dentists to utilize coverage.

Rescission of the Policy, Legislative Separation of Medicine and Dentistry (Council on Government Affairs Resolution 28): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee concurs with the Council on Government Affairs and the Board of Trustees and supports adoption of the resolution to rescind this policy.

28. Resolved, that the policy titled Legislative Separation of Medicine and Dentistry (Trans.1996:715) be rescinded.

Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 28 (Supplement:5090) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Amber P. Lawson, Georgia, spoke against Resolution 28, stating, “The overall concept of a medical-dental integration is beneficial and something we should strive to integrate into our dental practices so that we can better serve our patients, because oral health is a distinct part of overall health. However, our profession should be concerned with the potential unintended consequences of this legislatively, especially considering how certain dental stakeholders appear to be aligning themselves in the Medicare conversation. My concern
is that we could be unintentionally reducing the role and importance of general dentists when it comes to providing preventative and restorative care for children in underserved populations. For these reasons I’m against rescinding our current policy on the legislation separation of medicine and dentistry."

Dr. Mark A. Vitale, New Jersey and vice chair of the Council on Government Affairs commented on Resolution 28, stating, "[The Council on Government Affairs] CGA would like to support the Fifth District’s desire to maintain this original policy on legislative separation of medicine and dentistry, and we look forward to discussing with them and revisiting the policy later."

On vote, Resolution 28 was not adopted.

**State Representation and Alternate Delegates (Fourteenth Trustee District Resolution 94):** The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee concurs with the Fourteenth Trustee District and supports the adoption of Resolution 94.

The Standing Committee on Constitution and Bylaws approves the wording of Resolution 94 as submitted.

**94. Resolved,** that the Chapter III., Section 10.B. of the ADA Bylaws be amended as follows (additions underscored; deletions stricken through):

B. ALTERNATE DELEGATES. Each constituent and each federal dental service may select from among its active, life and retired members up to the same number of two alternate delegates for each as delegates. The American Student Dental Association may select from among its active members up to the same number of alternate delegates as delegates.

Dr. Iuorno moved Resolution 94 (Supplement:5197) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Dr. Julius N. Manz, New Mexico, spoke in support of Resolution 94, stating, “I think this resolution is really about diversity, specifically about diversity of thought and expertise. Small states don’t have the same opportunity as large states do to bring sufficient numbers of individuals to represent a significant amount of diversity and thought to their caucus and the House of Delegates. To be clear, Resolution 94 does not require anybody to utilize the alternate delegate. It simply allows that opportunity. States would most likely and logically utilize this alternate delegate if it was in their advantage to do so. Large states would probably not then necessarily bring alternate delegates, and it is unlikely that this would make a significant amount of increase in the numbers that would come to the House or to the caucuses. …"

As a point of information, Dr. Todd R. Christy, Michigan, asked, "… is it true that the financial implications for Resolution 94 only included the funding for the beverages in the back of the House, and are there any other costs that should be considered as well?"

At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Elizabeth Shapiro, chief of governance and strategy management, stated that the added cost depends on the number of additional alternates that states would bring to the House if Resolution 94 were adopted. Expenses would depend on the type of additional space utilized whether that be two ballrooms, one large ballroom, or exhibit hall space. She noted that costs for a second ballroom at the current meeting site of Las Vegas is estimated at $58,000. A single room would require venues in larger cities, which are often more expensive. Holding the meeting using exhibit space would require additional costs such as $60,000 for carpeting to absorb sound and there would likely be additional IT costs. Other costs that would be increased include printing one-third more reference committee reports (approximately $10,000); and purchasing and maintaining extra tables with electrical outlets, which would be a one-time cost of approximately $200,000 followed by the ongoing cost of replacing damaged tables each year. Dr. Shapiro also noted that constituents would have added costs to fund the travel for more alternate delegates and that caucus meeting room sizes would need to increase, which could reduce the number of venues that could accommodate the size of the House. She also noted that it’s difficult to tell how many
additional alternates would attend the House since the number of states that would actually double their alternates is unknown.

Dr. Lauryne M. Vanderhoof, Michigan, spoke against Resolution 94, stating, “My concerns for this was the finance and the logistics, which we just heard all about from having our questions answered, so just to reiterate, you know, it’s going to be more than the $23,000 price implication that’s listed, and from a logistics standpoint, finding venues that are big enough that can accommodate our size, the ADA won’t know how many delegates we’re bringing, but they need to prepare for the full amount if we do increase the House by a third of the size. So, I’m not denying the concerns of this resolution. I think they’re valid, but if we expand the House potentially by a third of the size just for leadership development and to increase diversity in our voice, I don’t think this is the way to do it because of the financial and logistic complications.”

Dr. Jamie D. Goad, New Mexico, spoke in support of Resolution 94, stating, “It would allow smaller delegations the option, and only the option to have a variety of opinions and ideas from rural areas, young dentists, specialists, and it would also aid in leadership development.”

Dr. David Casteel, Wisconsin, spoke against Resolution 94. He said, “…For a size comparison, the U.S. House of Representatives has 435 voting members and six non-voting members representing 333 million U.S. citizens. The ADA House of Delegates in contrast in strikingly larger, at 483 delegates, and currently up to an equal amount of alternates representing 162,000 members. For simplicity, we already involve over double the U.S. House of Representatives in our processes representing far less than one one-thousandth of the population. I’m concerned by continued dilution, business will be more difficult to conduct, initiating a town hall rather than formal bodies for governance. As a new dentist, I firmly believe that leadership development is imperative to long-term success of our organization and our profession. Districts or states are already allowed to send as many people as they would like. They are also already able to participate in a majority of the events of the House of Delegates. The only difference is they won’t receive a formal title.”

Dr. David M. White, Nevada, chair of the Council on Government Affairs, spoke in support of Resolution 94, stating, “Currently, I am one of the youngest chairs to ever be on CGA. And coming from a state that’s very small, and we are standing to lose a current delegate with the reshuffling, this is going to be crippling for us. And we are facing two issues, a diversity issue and also a leadership development issue. And so for us this could provide the opportunity to do this. I know that…the big issues right now is cost, unknown costs. And so I would make a recommendation, I guess that we can make a friendly motion, but my intent is to put a cap on this. … But even just two alternates per state could make a significant difference in knowing the cost but also opening it up to all the different diverse modalities of practice, potential ethics or even new dentists as an opportunity to leadership development and also bring greater exposure to the process.”

Dr. James I. Lopez, Georgia, spoke against Resolution 94, stating, “… it is unnecessary and it would cost the association money. Only the designated delegate or the alternate who has rotated with the delegate can be on the floor of the House. We also fear some unintended consequences. Potentially, this could lead to delegates wanting to have two alternates for each delegate, because in our caucuses, all alternates have input and a vote on such things as district policies and for the ADA Trustee. The intended purpose of an alternate delegate is to replace a delegate if the delegate needs to leave the floor. States should be encouraged to bring members as guests to their caucuses for input as needed.”

As a point of information, Dr. Karen D. Foster, Colorado, asked, “We heard testimony that delegations can bring as many guests as they want, and I’m not disputing that. However, only credentialed delegates and alternate delegates have access to ADA Connect; is that not true, in order to get the resolutions?

In response, the Speaker stated, “… any member can get the resolutions, reports and non-privileged information. It’s on ADA.org…”

Dr. Robert M. Peskin, New York, moved to refer Resolution 94 to the appropriate agency for further study and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates. In speaking to the motion to refer, Dr. Peskin stated, “We’ve heard already this afternoon there’s a lot of variables that maybe didn’t meet the eye when we first read this resolution. It’s not that I’m opposed to the overall concept of it, but I just don’t think we know enough and including the timeframe in which something like this can be implemented.”
Discussion in support of the motion to refer ensued. Individuals speaking in support of the motion to refer commented that more information on how Resolution 94 could be implemented was needed and that an increase in alternate delegates should be limited to constituents that are currently allotted a small number of alternate delegates.

A motion was made to vote immediately on the motion to refer. The motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, the motion to refer Resolution 94 for further study and report back to the 2022 House of Delegates was adopted.

Report of Reference Committee A (Continued)

Dr. Mary Krempasky Smith, chair, Reference Committee A, returned to the podium to present the Reference Committee’s remaining items of business.

Approval of 2022 Budget (Board of Trustees Resolution 75)

The Treasurer, Dr. Ted Sherwin, reported updated budget projections. With the financial implications of the House adopted resolutions, the 2022 budget results in a deficit of $386,000, which could be covered by an additional dues increase of $4 dollars above the proposed $9 dollar dues increase.

As a point of information, Dr. Mark J. Weinberger, New York, asked if the $386,000 deficit could be brought down to $0 dollars with more efficiencies. In response, Dr. Sherwin said, “Yes, we can manage a 0.3 percent budget deficit.”

Dr. Gary K. Dubin, Connecticut, asked if the $386,000 deficit could be covered by reserves. In response, Dr. Sherwin said, “... this amount is small enough in the size of the budget if the House chooses to go on and run this small deficit budget, we can manage this. Will we have a deficit at the end of the year? Too many things will happen this year that we can’t even predict so I can’t tell you ‘yes’ or ‘no.”

Dr. David J. Dear, Missouri, asked, “... if we could make up this deficit easily, why don’t we do that anyway?” Dr. Sherwin responded, “So I didn’t say easily. I said manage. The House can make it up with a $4 dollar increase and then we go in with a zero or strictly balanced budget. So I’m just saying we can manage it. There’s a difference.”

A motion was made to vote immediately on Resolution 75. On vote, the motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, Resolution 75 was adopted.

75H-2021. Resolved, that the 2022 Annual Budget of revenues and expenses, including net capital requirements, be approved.

Establishment of Dues Effective January 1, 2022 (Board of Trustees Resolution 76): The Reference Committee reported as follows:

The Reference Committee heard very limited testimony regarding Resolution 76.

The Reference Committee agrees with the Board of Trustees and supports adoption of Resolution 76.

76. Resolved, that the dues of ADA active members shall be $582.00, effective January 1, 2022.

Dr. Krempasky Smith moved Resolution 76 (Supplement:2085) with the Committee Recommendation to Vote Yes.

Resolution 76 required a sixty percent affirmative vote.
Dr. Bruce D. Grbach, Ohio, moved to amend Resolution 76 by changing the proposed dues from $582 to $586.

In speaking to the amendment, Dr. Grbach stated, "I would like to amend this to increase to $586 so that we have a balanced budget."

Dr. Gary K. Dubin, Connecticut, spoke against the proposed amendment, stating, "Again, with my earlier comments about keeping in mind what the Treasurer intended to do in his original budget, it was to make up some of these things with surplus and maybe take less money from the insurance royalties and place that extra money into the dues and keep it at $9 to sell to our members that this is just an inflationary increase."

Dr. Grbach stated, "My point would be, why not start the year even instead of a deficit."

Dr. Nancy K. Treiber, Connecticut, spoke against the proposed amendment, stating, "I think the $9 dollar dues increase is adequate and it's something that people can accept. I think if we do need the money over the course of the year, then we should take it from reserves. It's not a large amount of money that we're talking about."

Dr. Edmund C. March, Illinois, spoke in support of the proposed amendment. He said, "I think that as a House of Delegates, if we're going to add costs to the budget, that we should also have the responsibility and the courage to, when it comes to the dues increase, to put our money where it's easy to spend money if we're not the ones that have to say you need to increase the dues."

On vote, the proposed amendment was not adopted.

Dr. Kerri T. Simpson, West Virginia, spoke against Resolution 76, stating, "I obviously am on an uphill battle here, because I'm pretty sure I'm the only one who may be opposing this, but to be a hundred percent honest, when I went into my district...I actually was all for this. Luckily, this is why we have what we do in the House of Delegates and have our caucus. Spoke with a lot of people and they actually changed my mind. I understand the $9 dollars doesn't seem like a lot. Just don't go to Starbucks one day or don't buy the $20 bottle of water in your room here. But I do have to say, we who are in here at the House of Delegates, we one hundred percent understand why we need to do this. We also are the ones to 110 percent get the value of our ADA membership. My concern is that we come out of this, to those who just came out of one of the largest...pandemic yet, and they see that, oh, House of Delegates just raised another $9 dollars on us. And, again, $9 dollars doesn't seem like a lot, but to those who maybe aren't understanding the whole value yet or they're struggling to still make payments on certain things, I just worry that this is going to come across as we don't have consideration for them."

As a point of information, Dr. Steven J. Kend, California, asked, "Question for the Treasurer. Could he tell us what the deficit would be if we do not have the $9 dollar increase in dues?"

In response, Dr. Sherwin said, "So the deficit is for $1.286 million. So what does that mean? It means that we start the year behind. It means that all year we're trying to figure out how we're going to handle that. We don't really want to spend more out of reserves for ongoing expenses. That's not what reserves are for. Plus our reserves, as those of you who were in the summit know, we're putting those to use already. So they—they're already being put to use every year. The quasi endowment is bringing us 40 dues dollars to help us keep the dues down. And then we're spending out of reserves to meet—to pay for those big opportunities that we aren't increasing dues higher. Those of you who have been around the House for a while, remember back in the early 2000s, we had a very, very large dues abatement special assessment, and then in the 2010 or '12 area, we had a large IT special assessment. What we're trying to do now is keep dues to just inflation. Why? Because what we see is, we affect membership more when we have large dues increases. Small dues increases, like what we have today very seldom affect our—the number of members. So, if we were to skip this year, run this deficit, then next year we're probably going to have to have a much larger dues increase to make up the deficit or we are going to have to cut much needed programs to members and states. So they're the ones who are going to feel the loss. So this is why the Board decided on the numbers that it wanted to, because the studies that we see are that we will least affect membership by small, regular inflationary dues increases."
As a point of information, Dr. Robert S. Roda, Arizona, asked, “... do we have any information historically on how many member we lose when we raise dues a dollar or two dollars? ...”

At the request of the Speaker, Dr. Kathleen O’Loughlin, executive director, responded, stating, “...Retention rate is between 93 and 94 percent very consistently. And in the past when dues have been increased, we have seen a little short-term attrition and then it comes right back to normal. A little short-term attrition, but then the numbers recover.”

Dr. Olin A. Elliott, II, Kentucky, spoke against Resolution 76, stating, “I would like to...point out a few things that I think the House needs to be aware of or you probably already know. Yeah, we’re talking about that we passed the incremental dues policy that we would try to follow the CPI. We also have a policy in place that says that we’d like to have our reserves at 50 percent. We worked hard to establish that policy for our reserves. Presently, if my numbers are correct, our reserves right now stand at 108 percent. That’s quite a bit above what we established as what we want to maintain our reserves at. I think the key here is what we talked about with perception. Our members have just gone through one of the most difficult years of their entire careers. And $9 dollars, although it’s not a lot, can be perceived as that we’re poking them again. Now, I also understand and feel like most of you that we have done a lot as our Association to help them through this, and as we’ve looked at some of the moneys that have been generated for them. But I still think it’s a matter of perception. I don’t think this is the time for us to do a dues increase with us having our reserves at over 58 percent above what we established that we want to maintain in that. I would ask you not to pass this dues increase and let's take this money out of our well-endowed reserves.”

Dr. Jeffrey A. Kahl, Colorado, chair of the Council on Membership, spoke in support of Resolution 76, stating, “As the Treasurer so eloquently pointed out, I want to remind you guys, that there was a lot of debate and a lot of thought that went into dues streamlining...particularly the CPI, you know, cost of an inflation increase. We’re going to have years like this where we’re running a deficit, but if the Council on Membership and the organization continue to do its job to grow membership, our membership revenue will get to the point someday where we may have a surplus. The idea is that we’re not having this conversation every year, though. You know, I encourage you guys to let that mechanism work the way it’s supposed to work, and you know, trust the organization and your Treasurer to balance things accordingly. So I would support the budget, which is what we’re really talking about right now. We already debated the dues. Support the budget.”

A motion was made to vote immediately. On vote, the motion to vote immediately was adopted by a two-thirds affirmative vote.

On vote, Resolution 76 was adopted.

76H-2021. Resolved, that the dues of ADA active members shall be $582.00, effective January 1, 2022.

Concluding Remarks of the Speaker: The Speaker made the following statement:

The actions of this House of Delegates are no longer the opinions, wishes or suggestions or recommendations of any individual, committee or officer but are now the actions of the entire House of Delegates. And as this House of Delegates is authorized under the Association’s Bylaws to act for the entire association, they are the actions of the entire Association. It is now incumbent upon every member of this Association to accept the actions of this House of Delegates as the actions of the American Dental Association.

Recognition of Retiring Delegates and Alternate Delegates: The Speaker requested that all retiring delegates and alternate delegates stand; the House applauded the individuals in recognition of their service.

Point of Personal Privilege

Dr. Cesar R. Sabates, incoming president, stated, “I would like to express my gratitude and this House’s gratitude for your service as Speaker of the House. So please accept our applause and gratitude for all you have done for us. Thank you.”
Adjournment

Dr. Amro Elkhatieb, California, moved to adjourn the 162nd Annual Session of the ADA House of Delegates. Without objection, the Speaker declared the 162nd Annual Session of the ADA House of Delegates adjourned sine die at 3:39 p.m., on Saturday, October 16, 2021.
Continuing Education Program
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Continuing Education Program

Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, Nevada
October 13-16, 2021

The 2021 Annual Meeting Continuing Education Program was held October 13-16, 2021 at the Mandalay Bay.

The continuing education program was under the direction of the Committee on Annual Meetings and composed of the following members:

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The following were presenters for the 2021 Continuing Education Program:

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Ng, Jonathan
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Patel, Seena, 2024, AAOM, Phoenix, Arizona
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Saraghi, Mana, 2023, American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists, Long Island City, New York
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Myers, Garry L., 2024, AAE, Richmond, Virginia
Nelson, William, 2021, AAOMS, Green Bay, Wisconsin
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Wilbur, Brad A., 2021 local arrangements member, Henderson, Nevada
McEvoy, Dawn, director, Chicago, Illinois
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Buckenheimer, Terry L., 2024, Tampa, Florida
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Wood, Susan, 2022, Paradise Valley, Arizona
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- Noguera, Angela, Washington, DC

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- Clark, Kathryn, Bethesda, MD

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- Gesek, Daniel, Jr., Jacksonville
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- Kalarickal, Zacharias, Wesley Chapel
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- Miller, Paul, New Port Richey
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### Georgia

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- Jagor, Thomas, Atlanta
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