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Resolution No. 101-102 New

Report: Board Report 1 Date Submitted: August 2025

Submitted By: Board of Trustees

Reference Committee: N/A

Total Net Financial Implication: None Net Dues Impact: _____

Amount One-time: _____ Amount On-going: _____

ADA Strategic Forecast Outcome: None

1 **REPORT 1 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES: ASSOCIATION**
2 **AFFAIRS AND RESOLUTIONS**

3 **Background:** This is the first in a series of reports to be presented by the Board of Trustees to the House
4 of Delegates at the 166th Annual Meeting of the American Dental Association.

5 **Appreciation to the Committee on Local Arrangements:** The American Dental Association is pleased
6 to host SmileCon® in Washington, D.C., October 23-25, 2025.

7 The Board of Trustees wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Committee, and the exceptional
8 leadership of Dr. Aliya Kassam, committee chair.

9 **Remembrance of Former Leaders:** Since the last meeting of the House of Delegates, the following
10 ADA Officers and Trustees have passed away: **Dr. Myron L. Pudwill, former trustee, 1996-2000**; Dr. Brian
11 E. Scott, former vice president, 2012-2014; Dr. Vincent U. Rapini, Jr., former vice president, 2019-2021;
12 and Dr. Murray D. Sykes, former trustee, 2005-2009.

13 **Election of Honorary Membership:** In accordance with the *Bylaws* which empowers the Board of
14 Trustees to elect members of the Association, the following individuals have been elected to Honorary
15 Membership:

- 16 Mr. Bernard Hackett
- 17 Mr. Mark S. Paget
- 18 Mr. Gilberto Rios
- 19 Ms. Sharon K. Stanford
- 20 Mr. Billy Tarpley

21 These individuals in various ways have made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the art and
22 science of dentistry or contributions above and beyond expectation to the profession. The Board offers its
23 sincerest congratulations to these newest honorary members.

24 **Distinguished Service Award:** Established in 1970, the Distinguished Service Award is the highest
25 honor conferred by the Association’s Board of Trustees. Each year the Board may select one recipient for
26 the Award. The Board is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2025 Distinguished Service Award
27 is Dr. Bill Claytor, Jr.

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29 **J. William “Bill” Claytor, Jr., D.D.S., M.A.G.D.** Dr. Bill Claytor began his clinical career as an
30 associate dentist at a private practice in Lumberton, North Carolina. However, wanting to get back
31 home, he left that position and returned to Shelby, North Carolina, opening his own general practice.
32 Dr. Claytor was a well-regarded solo practitioner after establishing his own practice in Shelby.
33 Meeting the challenges of managing a solo practice as well as balancing family life, Dr. Claytor

1 experienced burnout. His personal experience with burn-out led him to learn more about it as well as
 2 channel this into helping others. Dr. Claytor attended Union Commonwealth University where he
 3 received a Graduate Certificate in Chemical Dependency. Combining his personal experience with
 4 burnout with other mental and substance use illnesses that providers may experience; he has
 5 championed his personal experiences to change the lives of others facing similar situations.
 6 Dr. Claytor has worked with the North Carolina Caring Dental Professionals (NCCDP) as an
 7 advocate for licensed professionals. His passion for this subject has landed him speaking
 8 engagements at numerous events across the United States.

9 In 2022, Dr. Claytor was appointed as Executive Director of the NCCDP. It is through his personal
 10 mission and involvement with the Well-Being Advisory Committee that he met Dr. Brett Kessler and
 11 together, they are striving to bring more awareness to dental well-being in an effort to get help for
 12 those in need and remove the stigmas associated with asking for help.

13 Dr. Claytor has served in various capacities across several organizations and associations, including
 14 serving on the Dental Well-Being Advisory Committee of the American Dental Association. In
 15 addition to serving on many committees for dental well-being, he is also a key opinion leader
 16 speaking on many restorative subjects, dental well-being, dental and dental hygiene burnout,
 17 substance use disorders, mental health, opioids, and marijuana. As a highly regarded speaker in this
 18 area, Dr. Claytor teaches various courses through Athena Dental Solutions.

19 Dr. Claytor's future plans include continuing his work bringing awareness to burnout, substance use,
 20 and other mental illnesses which can impact the dental professional. As a representative on the
 21 Federation of State Physician Health Programs and as a Committee member of the Public Policy
 22 Committee and Program Planning Committee, he strives to help state physician programs develop
 23 programs specific to the dental professional keeping the needs of dental professionals in the
 24 forefront.

25 **Retiring Officers, Trustees and New Dentist Chair Members of the Board of Trustees:** The Board of
 26 Trustees wishes to express its gratitude to the following officers and trustees for services rendered to the
 27 Association during their tenure on the Board: Dr. Brett Kessler, president; Dr. Edwin del Valle Sepúlveda,
 28 first vice president; Dr. W. Mark Donald, speaker of the House of Delegates; Dr. James M. Boyle, III,
 29 trustee, Third District; Dr. Frank J. Graham, trustee, Fourth District; Dr. Marshall H. Mann, trustee, Fifth
 30 District; Dr. Michele M. Tulak-Gorecki, trustee, Ninth District; and Dr. James A. Wanamaker, New Dentist
 31 Committee Chair.

32 **Appreciation of Employees:** The Board of Trustees is pleased to bring to the attention of the House of
 33 Delegates 48 members of the Association staff for their years of service.

34 *Forty-Five Years of Service*

35 Sharon Stanford, Professional Affairs

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37 *Thirty Years of Service*

38 Lisa Schnick, Enterprise

Debra Willis, Professional Affairs

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40 *Twenty-Five Years*

41 Leslee Williams, Customer Engagement

42 Sean Hatchett, Enterprise

43 Darshna Patel, Enterprise

44 Kathy Medic, Professional Affairs

45 Bradley Munson, Professional Affairs

46 Paul O'Connor, Professional Affairs

47 *Twenty Years*

- 1 Katherine Melcher, Business Products
- 2 Michelle Kruse, Enterprise
- 3 Genevieve Koester, Professional Affairs

4 *Fifteen Years*

- 5 Nicole Cramlett, Customer Engagement
- 6 Amy Chase, Enterprise
- 7 Alyna Johnson, Enterprise
- 8 Jennifer Patino, Enterprise
- 9 Paula Tironi, Enterprise
- 10 Erica Colangelo, Professional Affairs
- 11 Rachel Morrissey, Professional Affairs

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13 *Ten Years*

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- 15 Amanda Wilander, ADABEI
- 16 Tracey Schilligo, ADAF
- 17 Valarie Eyssen, Affiliate Services
- 18 Lee Hing McKinney, Business Products
- 19 Shameka Walls, Business Products
- 20 Jessica Hernandez, Customer Engagement
- 21 Joan Podrazik, Customer Engagement
- 22 Jodi Baldwin, Enterprise
- 23 Yanfen Chen, Enterprise
- 24 Roslyn Knipp, Enterprise
- 25 Michael Maddaloni, Enterprise
- 26 Muhammad Mohsin, Enterprise
- 27 Peter Aiello, Professional Affairs
- 28 Payal Dhingra, Professional Affairs
- 29 Brittany Flynn, Professional Affairs
- 30 Natalie Hales, Professional Affairs
- 31 Lori Kaplan, Professional Affairs
- 32 Matthew Powers, Professional Affairs
- 33 Jolene Riordan, Professional Affairs
- 34 Aaron Schippa, Professional Affairs
- 35 Kathleen Ziegler, Professional Affairs

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37 *Five Years*

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- 39 Brittney Lane, Customer Engagement
- 40 Jennifer Hall, Enterprise
- 41 Rebecca Janvrin, Enterprise
- 42 Trina Roberts Langtiw, Enterprise
- 43 Samara Schwartz, Enterprise
- 44 Wendy Shaw, Enterprise
- 45 David Linn, Professional Affairs
- 46 Nicholas Velazquez, Professional Affairs

47 **Nominations to Councils:** The Board of Trustees annually submits to the House of Delegates
 48 nominations for membership to ADA councils. Based on the *ADA Governance Manual*, the nominees for
 49 ADA open positions on the Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs and Council on
 50 Scientific Affairs were selected by the Board from nominations open to all trustee districts. In addition,
 51 with the adoption of Resolution 47H-2017, the composition of each council includes one New Dentist
 52 Member recommended by the New Dentist Committee and nominated by the Board of Trustees.

53 In accordance with a long-standing House directive, the Board is providing a brief narrative on each
 54 nominee's qualifications. The *Governance Manual*, Chapter XVII., Conflict of Interest, requires nominees
 55 for Councils to complete a conflict of interest statement and file such statement with the Secretary of the

1 House of Delegates to be made available to the delegates prior to election. Copies are available upon
2 request through the Office of the Executive Director.

3 **Nomination to Fill a Commission Vacancy:** In accordance with the *ADA Governance and*
4 *Organizational Manual*, in the event of a vacancy in the office of a member of a commission who was
5 appointed by the ADA, the president shall appoint an ADA member to fill the vacancy until a successor is
6 elected by the next ADA House of Delegates for the remainder of the unexpired term. In August 2025,
7 Dr. Harold Mark Livingston was appointed by the president to fill a vacancy on the National Commission
8 on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards. Dr. Livingston is nominated to serve the
9 remainder of the unexpired term, which expires at the close of the 2027 House of Delegates (Resolution
10 102).

11 **Council Nominees**

ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS AND PREVENTION

James H. Bekker, Utah
Deborah E. Brown, Michigan
*Sara Ehsani, Texas
Megha Sata, California
Michelle R. Scholtz, South Dakota

COMMUNICATIONS

*Tanya Sue Maestas, Texas
Brianna Muñoz, Connecticut
Selena Nguyen, Pennsylvania
Julie A. Spaniel, Oregon, *ad interim*, 2026
Kirthi V. Tata, Missouri
Daniel J. Wilguess, Oklahoma

DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Xochitl Anderton, Texas
Michael W. King, Tennessee
Alice Tai, California
*Dylan J. Weber, Massachusetts
Lawrence A. White, Illinois

DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

Eva F. Ackley, Florida
*Lauren E. Belous, Pennsylvania
Alexandra N. Nash, Illinois

DENTAL PRACTICE

*Camryn R. Bryant, Arkansas
Edwin A. del Valle Sepúlveda, Puerto Rico
Frederick A. Hartman, Rhode Island
Theodore J. Rockwell, Pennsylvania
Katie E. Stuchlik, Texas

ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Roderick H. Adams, Jr., Ohio
Michael D. Law, New Mexico
*Alayna L. Schoblaske, Oregon
Melanie A. Steckelberg, Nebraska, *ad interim*, 2028
Paul W. Teplitsky, New York
Edward M. Tirpack II, New Jersey

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

*Giancarlo Ghisalberti, New Jersey
Harold Jeter, Ohio
David J. Manzanares, New Mexico
James D. Nickman, Minnesota
Seth A. Walbridge, Pennsylvania

MEMBERS INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

Robert E. Butler, Missouri
John H. Kiessling, Pennsylvania
Robert G. McNeill, Texas
*Adrien L. Theriot, Texas

MEMBERSHIP

Claudia A Mahon-Vazquez, New York
Edmund C. March, Illinois
Georganne McCandless, Texas
*Mary Jocelyn E. "Joy" Nisnisan, Texas
Jillian Stacey, Colorado

SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

Mari C. Fukami, Arizona
Asma A. Khan, Texas
*Roopali Kulkarni, Pennsylvania
Ariadne M. Letra, Pennsylvania
Craig S. Miller, Kentucky

*New Dentist Member

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Resolution

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101. Resolved, that the nominees put forward for membership on ADA councils be elected.

1 **Retiring Council, Commission and Committee Members:** The Board wishes to acknowledge with
2 appreciation the service of the following council, commission and committee members.

ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS AND PREVENTION

Molly E. Conlon, Wisconsin
Huong N. Le, California
Jackie Nord, North Dakota
Jessica L. Robertson, Arizona
*Alayna L. Schoblaske, Oregon

AMERICAN DENTAL POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Steven Brown, Rhode Island
Jeffrey Cole, Delaware
*Giancarlo Ghisalberti, New Jersey
Judee Tippett-Whyte, California
Mark Zust, Missouri

COMMUNICATIONS

T. Stotts Isbell, Arkansas
Lindsey D. Jackson, New Hampshire
Rachel L. Lewin, Pennsylvania
*Mary Jocelyn Elyse Nisnisan, Texas
Rhett Raum, Tennessee

CONTINUING EDUCATION PROVIDER RECOGNITION

Marc G. Nuger, Maryland
Susan Zelazo-Smith, Illinois

DENTAL ACCREDITATION

Nancy R. Rosenthal, Pennsylvania

DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Adrian J. Carrington, California
*Sara Ehsani, Texas
Susan D. Jolliff, Texas
Mark A. Moats, Kentucky
Vishruti Patel, Illinois

DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

Donald P. Bennett, Louisiana (AADB)
Shandra L. Keith-Coble, Alabama (ADEA)
*Roopali Kulkarni, Pennsylvania
Jason A. Tanguay, Montana (ADA)
Najia Usman, Ohio (ADA)

DENTAL PRACTICE

David L. Fried, Connecticut
Michael J. Korch, Pennsylvania
Shane A. Ricci, Texas
Michael A. Saba, New Jersey

ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Karen D. Foster, Colorado
Leslie E. Grant, Maryland
*Bryce A. Larson, Illinois
Kelly A. Roth, Ohio
Richard Serchuk, New York

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Darren D. Chamberlain, Utah
Douglas M. Erickson, Minnesota
John R. Roberts, Indiana
James A.H. Tauberg, Pennsylvania
*Jonathan C. Vogel, Texas

MEMBERS INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

*Stephanie R. Ganter, Texas
Richard R. Grossman, Pennsylvania
David S. Williams, Delaware

MEMBERSHIP

Ensy A. Atarod, Texas
Renuka R. Bijoor, New York
Nathaniel W. Kunzman, Colorado
*Adam E. Saltz, Maine

NATIONAL DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

Frank Schiano, Massachusetts

NEW DENTIST

Bryce A. Larson, Illinois
Kellie McGinley, Nevada
James T. Purvis, North Carolina
James A. Wanamaker, New York

RECOGNITION OF DENTAL SPECIALTIES AND CERTIFYING BOARDS

Len Aste, Utah
Michele Beeler, Kentucky
Ned Murphy, Wisconsin

SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

Ashraf F. Fouad, Alabama
*Brittaney J. Hill, Illinois
William A. MacDonnell, Connecticut
Alessandro Villa, Florida

*New Dentist Member

1 **Responses to House of Delegates Resolutions**

2 In accordance with the policy, Regular Comprehensive Policy Review (*Trans.*2012:370), the Board of
3 Trustees reviewed the following Association policies and determined they should be maintained as
4 written.

- 5 Conflict of Interest Policy (Disclosure Policy) (*Trans.*2010:624; 2011:537; 2013:341; 2019:296)
- 6 Definition of ADA Diversity (*Trans.*2019:245)
- 7 Recognition of the Alliance of the American Dental Association (*Trans.*2015:270)
- 8 Recognition of Diversity (*Trans.*1995:607; 2019:247)
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Resolutions

(Resolution 101: Worksheet 1017)

(Resolution 102: Worksheet 1018)

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes to Transmit.

BOARD VOTE: UNANIMOUS. (BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM)

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS OF NOMINEES TO COUNCILS**1 ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS AND PREVENTION**

2 *Bekker, James H., Utah, 2029.* Dr. James H. Bekker brings decades of experience and leadership in
3 both clinical practice and academic dentistry, making him a strong nominee for the ADA Council on
4 Access, Advocacy and Prevention. A pediatric dentist with a deep commitment to improving oral health
5 access, Dr. Bekker has held numerous leadership positions, including president of the Utah Dental
6 Association and chair of the Utah Oral Health Coalition. He currently serves as Associate Dean for
7 Professional and Community Partnerships at the University of Utah School of Dentistry and is a delegate
8 to the ADA House of Delegates. His focus on expanding community-based care and forging clinical
9 partnerships highlights his passion for prevention and public health outreach.

10 *Brown, Deborah E., Michigan, 2029.* Dr. Deborah Brown is the CEO of My Community Dental Health
11 Centers; a 501(c)3 which serves predominantly Medicaid patients in over 40 locations. She has extensive
12 knowledge in the dental public health sector. Her dedication to the underserved community is exemplary.
13 One of her strongest attributes is in maximizing team and external partner capacity and efficiency. Dr.
14 Brown will make a great addition to the Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention (CAAP).

15 *Ehsani, Sara, Texas, 2026.* Dr. Sara Ehsani is a board-certified pediatric dentist with a strong
16 background in advocacy, clinical care, and leadership within organized dentistry. A 2016 cum laude
17 graduate of the UCLA School of Dentistry, she completed her pediatric dentistry residency at the
18 University of Connecticut in 2018. She currently practices in Dallas, Texas, and serves as a board
19 member and Continuing Education Committee Chair for the Texas Academy of Pediatric Dentistry
20 (TAPD).

21 Dr. Ehsani previously served as the New Dentist Representative on the ADA Council on Dental Benefit
22 Programs (CDBP) and now serves as a consultant to the Texas Dental Association (TDA) Council on
23 Public Health Advisory Committee (CPHAC). She is applying to the Council on Advocacy for Access and
24 Prevention to continue her service in organized dentistry through a new lens, one that focuses more
25 directly on public health initiatives and increasing access to preventive care. A passionate advocate for
26 oral health equity, Dr. Ehsani has participated in multiple ADA Lobby Days as well as TDA and TAPD
27 Legislative Days. She has also served as a delegate to the TDA, where she helped support the
28 successful passage of the Local Hygiene Anesthetic Update, first in the nation insurance reform
29 legislation, and contributed to coordinated efforts responding to the Smile Direct Club closure. These
30 experiences reflect her strong understanding of the policy landscape and a deep commitment to
31 protecting both patients and providers. Dr. Ehsani is a current member of the 2026 class of the ADA
32 Institute for Diversity in Leadership (IDL). In 2025, she represented the IDL program and the ADA at the
33 CDA Presents conference in Anaheim, participating in discussions centered on access to care, workforce
34 sustainability, and inclusive community models. Her background in research, including 15 published
35 articles, further highlights her dedication to evidence-based care and prevention. Dr. Ehsani is eager to
36 bring this experience to the Council on Advocacy for Access and Prevention to support its mission of
37 improving oral health outcomes and advancing care for underserved communities.

38 *Sata, Megha, California, 2029.* Dr. Megha Sata, is the current co-chair of the Give Kids A Smile National
39 Advisory Committee. She has experience with school-based programs, Medicaid population, WIC, Head
40 Start and working with the county dental director of Los Angeles while serving as dental director of a non-
41 profit community clinic and as director of Care Harbor, a 60 chair mega-clinic. Dr. Sata has in-depth
42 knowledge of public health issues and building partnerships to achieve measurable outcomes.

43 *Scholtz, Michelle, South Dakota, 2029.* Dr. Michelle Scholtz is the chief dental officer for Horizon Health,
44 a Federally Qualified Health Center with clinics located throughout South Dakota. During her time at
45 Horizon Health, she has overseen the expansion of access to care for underserved communities by
46 expanding the dental program from four sites to nine. In her role, she also serves as adjunct faculty for
47 four dental schools by providing instruction and oversight for 4th year dental students on their externships
48 in the clinics she oversees. Within the tripartite, Dr. Scholtz is the secretary-treasurer for the South
49 Dakota Dental Association and is president of her local component. She also serves on the steering
50 committee for the South Dakota Oral Health Coalition and is a member of the Dental Workforce Solutions
51 Taskforce Dr. Scholtz will make an outstanding member of the Council on Advocacy for Access and
52 Prevention.

1 COMMUNICATIONS

2 *Maestas, Tanya Sue, Texas, 2026.* Dr. Tanya Sue Maestas is an active ADA member in good standing,
3 currently serving on the ADA New Dentist Committee and previously on the Council on Communications
4 as the new dentist member from 2021 to 2022 and 2022 to 2023. She currently collaborates with the ADA
5 social media team to help expand the ADA's digital presence and connect more meaningfully with
6 members and the public. While continuing to build the ADA's presence on social media, she feels it is
7 important that we find ways to build a bridge between avenues of communication. Informing the member
8 of how the ADA is best serving them and the milestones the Association is achieving is an important part
9 of this strategy. With experience in tripartite leadership, social media and as a new dentist, Dr. Maestas
10 brings a strong understanding of effective communication in organized dentistry. She is active across
11 multiple social media platforms and has a passion for storytelling that highlights the value of the dental
12 profession. Dr. Maestas is eager to support the Council on Communications once again and to help
13 strengthen the ADA's communication presence—amplifying its message, engaging members and
14 promoting oral health to broader audiences.

15 *Muñoz, Brianna, Connecticut, 2029.* Dr. Brianna Muñoz, a board-certified pediatric dentist with master of
16 public health degree and certificate of interdisciplinary disability studies, views oral health within a broad
17 community context, a perspective gained through her University of Connecticut-Health Resources and
18 Services Administration (HRSA) Dual Degree Training. Her commitment to oral health advocacy is
19 evident in her roles, including American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) Public Policy Advocate
20 and Board President of the Connecticut Oral Health Initiative, where she has been active in legislative
21 advocacy and training. Dr. Muñoz's skills in public affairs and strategic thinking were further honed as a
22 Samuel D. Harris Research and Policy Fellow and through the AAPD Media Spokesperson Program. As
23 an ADA delegate and member of the Connecticut State Dental Association Finance Committee, she has
24 successfully applied these communication skills at all levels of the tripartite.

25 Beyond dentistry, Dr. Muñoz has excelled in public-facing roles, including as an NFL cheerleader and
26 MGM spokesperson, demonstrating her ability to connect with diverse audiences through various media.
27 As the founder and owner of Twinkle Tooth Pediatric Dentistry, she also has direct experience creating
28 media content and managing all branding and marketing strategies, including social media engagement.
29 Dr. Muñoz's diverse background in clinical practice, public health advocacy, and media, coupled with her
30 creative vision and communication skills, will make her an exceptional member of the ADA Council on
31 Communications.

32 *Nguyen, Selena, Pennsylvania, 2029.* Dr. Selena Nguyen completed the Pennsylvania Dental
33 Association (PDA) leadership Academy (2022) and was a 10 Under 10 Award Recipient. During
34 SmileCon '22, '23 and '24 she served as the PDA Instagram and Facebook stories input. She also
35 produced a PDA Membership Benefits Video for New Graduates/New Dentists.

36 *Spaniel, Julie A., Oregon, 2026.* In December 2024, Dr. Julie Spaniel was appointed ad interim to
37 replace Dr. Jill Shelton Wagers on the Council on Communications. Dr. Spaniel is nominated to complete
38 the remainder of Dr. Wagers' unexpired term, which ends at the close of the 2026 House of Delegates.
39 Dr. Spaniel is a very experienced and involved ADA member. She has owned three businesses in which
40 she was responsible for public affairs, brand management and marketing. Dr. Spaniel is well versed in
41 social media platforms such as Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Snapchat. Dr. Spaniel has served on the
42 Oregon Dental Association Board of Trustees and the Oregon Academy of General Dentistry Foundation.
43 She also serves as an associate clinical professor at the Oregon Health Sciences School of Dentistry and
44 is an ADA wellness ambassador. Dr. Spaniel is a capable leader who is ready and willing to serve on the
45 Council on Communications.

46 *Tata, Kirthi V., Missouri, 2029.* Dr. Kirthi Tata is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas City
47 School of Dentistry who practices in St. Louis, Missouri. She has served in many capacities on the local
48 and state levels, including chair of the New Dentist Committee of the Greater Saint Louis Dental Society
49 and New Dentist Action Team Leader for the Missouri Dental Association. At the American Dental
50 Association (ADA), Dr. Tata serves as the Tripartite Action Group New Dentist Representative on the
51 ADA Strategic Forecasting Committee. She served on the ADA New Dentist Co-creation Committee to
52 create the ADA Member App and Dental Sound Bites Podcast. She has also been a guest on Dental
53 Sound Bites Podcast. Dr. Tata's vast experience with social media and her New Dentist perspective will
54 serve our association well as a member of the Council on Communications.

1 *Wilguess, Daniel J., Oklahoma, 2029.* Dr. Dan Wilguess is a strong supporter of the ADA and its mission.
2 He has been an active leader in both the Oklahoma Dental Association and the ADA since becoming a
3 dentist. His communication skills and strategic thinking will be an asset to the Council on
4 Communications. He continues to teach part time at the University of Oklahoma Dental School. This
5 blend of private practice, academia and student engagement will be beneficial. Dr. Wilguess has a good
6 understanding of social media platforms, effective messaging and the value of clear communications. In
7 particular, he realizes the importance of an accurate and timely response to members. He is excited to
8 get started and will make a positive impact.

9 **DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS**

10 *Anderton, Xochitl D., Texas, 2029.* Dr. Xochitl Anderton, as a practice owner and with her experience in
11 public health, will make an excellent addition to the Council. Through her private practices and practicing
12 for over 15 years she manages the ramifications of dental benefits daily and will bring her experience and
13 expertise to the Council. She is committed to the process of council work and has a devotion for
14 organized dentistry. Dr Xochitl Anderton is wholeheartedly nominated for a position on Council on Dental
15 Benefits and Programs.

16 *King, Michael W., Tennessee, 2029.* Dr. Michael W. King is a graduate of the University of Tennessee
17 College of Dentistry and practices in Jackson, Tennessee. He has served in many leadership roles on the
18 local, state, and national levels, including delegate to the ADA. He has served as chair of the Council on
19 Dental Benefits for the Tennessee Dental Association.

20 Dr. King is active in continuing his education and has attained Mastership in the Academy of General
21 Dentistry. He is active in philanthropic endeavors, including Donated Dental Services and Remote Area
22 Medical. He brings a wealth of knowledge to the Council on Dental Benefit Programs as a dental
23 practitioner who works with dental benefit programs daily.

24 *Tai, Alice, California, 2029.* Dr. Alice Tai is a member in good standing with the ADA, California Dental
25 Association, American Academy of Periodontology, American Board of Periodontology, American College
26 of Dentists, International College of Dentists and Contra Costa Dental Society. Dr. Tai is not currently
27 serving on any ADA councils and has not served on the ADA Council on Dental Benefits. Dr. Tai has no
28 conflict of interest with third party payor or dental/medical service corporations. Dr. Tai is an experienced
29 periodontist with 33 years in private practice ownership. She has seen the changes in dental benefits and
30 dental practice models over the years. These changes will continue, and our association needs to be the
31 ones to shape the changes and not the third-party payors. Dr. Tai has served on the 13th district
32 delegation dental benefits/practice workgroup for several years. She has dealt with insurance companies
33 and running an office for 33 years and she has held faculty positions at University of California San
34 Francisco, University of Pacific, and Union City Advanced Education in General Dentistry (AEGD). Dr. Tai
35 is prepared and qualified to serve on the ADA Council on Dental Benefits.

36 *Weber, Dylan J., Massachusetts, 2026.* Dr. Dylan Weber has developed significant knowledge related to
37 dental benefits and third-party payers through his tenure as a trustee for the Massachusetts Dental
38 Society (MDS) Board of Trustees. During his four years on the Board, MDS has tackled DLR and
39 Medicaid concerns related to MassHealth. He serves as the trustee liaison to the MDS Dental Practice
40 and Benefits Committee, further increasing his exposure to the criteria mentioned.

41 *White, Lawrence A., Illinois, 2029.* Dr. Lawrence White is a proven leader within the Illinois State Dental
42 Society (ISDS). He has served as a trustee to the ISDS board, and currently serves as the Vice Speaker
43 for the House of Delegates for the ISDS. Dr. White has strong involvement in advocacy both at the state
44 and federal level having participated in Lobby Days at both levels. Dr. White has a strong interest in
45 dental benefits and has been an advocate for reform of the benefit industry. Dr. Lawrence White is
46 enthusiastically nominated to the Council on Dental Benefit Programs.

47 **DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE**

48 *Ackley, Eva F., Florida, 2029.* Dr. Eva Ackley has been involved with the ADA her whole career. As a
49 student, she helped form the American Student Dental Association at the University of Florida and knew
50 from the beginning the importance of organized dentistry towards her profession. Her involvement has
51 been continuous both locally and nationally and has driven her to serve on numerous councils and
52 committees, always with the intent to sustain a high-quality profession with a strong supportive ADA. Dr.
53 Ackley has served on the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations and the Commission for

1 Continuing Education Provider Recognition, serving as vice chair for both. She also served for many
2 years on the Florida Dental Association Council on Dental Education and Licensure, for most of that term
3 as chair. Politically she has worked both locally and nationally to help preserve a strong association and
4 will serve as needed for the ADA Council on Education and Dental Licensure. Dr. Ackley's goals include
5 keeping the ADA relevant and involved for both now and the future of our dental profession.

6 *Belous, Lauren E., Pennsylvania, 2026.* Dr. Lauren Belous is faculty at two different programs—UPenn
7 Department of Endodontics and Thomas Jefferson Abington GPR, and feels that she has intimate
8 knowledge of the needs, wants and concerns of students, residents, faculty, and staff in the academic
9 setting. Additionally, she can advocate well for patients who are seeking care in an academic facility
10 especially for more medically complex patients. As a younger dentist, she finds that it is rare to find
11 someone who is dedicating their time to both organized dentistry and volunteering time teaching, thus her
12 clinical and academic experience will bring a unique perspective to the Council on Dental Education and
13 Licensure.

14 *Nash, Alexandra N., Illinois, 2029.* Dr. Alexandra Nash is a pediatric dentist and a recent graduate. Dr.
15 Nash is serving on the Illinois State Dental Society's New Dentist Committee and has been very active in
16 organized dentistry since she was a dental student. She was involved with ADA Lobby Days while she
17 was a student. She has impressive knowledge and enthusiasm for dentistry and improving the profession.
18 Now more than ever, it is important to get the new dentist perspective on education and licensure issues.
19 It is with enthusiasm that Dr. Alexandra Nash is nominated to be a member of the Council on Dental
20 Education and Licensure.

21 **DENTAL PRACTICE**

22 *Bryant, Camryn R., Arkansas, 2026.* Dr. Camryn Bryant, a 2022 graduate from the University of
23 Tennessee Health Science Center and the current District 12 representative to the ADA's New Dentist
24 Committee, is highly motivated to increase the success of the dental profession. During dental school, Dr.
25 Bryant was an active member in the American Student Dental Association, the American Association of
26 Women Dentists, and was the president of the Business Management group at the University of
27 Tennessee Health and Science Center. Currently, Dr. Bryant practices general dentistry at Plaza
28 Carmona Dental Associates, where she provides comprehensive care to patients and is the president of
29 the Garland Country Dental Society. This appointment marks Dr. Bryant's third term as the new dentist
30 member to the Council on Dental Practice.

31 *del Valle Sepúlveda, Edwin A., Puerto Rico, 2029.* Dr. del Valle Sepúlveda has been in practice of the
32 dental profession for more than 30 years, having experience in the Federal Government Service and in
33 private practice. He has served the organized profession at all three levels of the tripartite and has been
34 constituent state/territory dental association president, specialty group president, National Hispanic
35 Dental Association president and vice-president of the American Dental Association. Dr. del Valle
36 Sepúlveda is well acquainted with the day-to-day challenges of a dentist practicing in all settings.

37 *Hartman, Frederick A., Rhode Island, 2029.* Dr. Frederick Hartman is an exceptionally qualified
38 candidate and will make a great addition to the Council on Dental Practice. He has demonstrated a
39 profound commitment to advancing dentistry through extensive leadership and active engagement within
40 organized dentistry. His 20 years of practice experience in both private and academic settings provide
41 him with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing the profession. Dr.
42 Hartman's recent service as president of the Rhode Island Dental Association, where he successfully
43 navigated complex organizational and legislative challenges, underscores his ability to effectively lead
44 and advocate for dentists and patients.

45 Dr. Hartman's dedication to organized dentistry extends beyond his state-level leadership. He has a
46 firsthand insight into the crucial role of the ADA and its councils in supporting members and improving
47 patient outcomes. His experience, coupled with his passion for the future of dentistry, positions him as a
48 valuable asset. His involvement in various dental organizations, including his current role as a delegate to
49 the ADA House, reflects his strong desire to contribute at the national level and collaborate on key issues.

50 Dr. Hartman's proven leadership, extensive practice experience, and commitment to addressing the
51 needs of practicing dentists make him an ideal candidate. His enthusiasm for contributing his expertise to
52 the Council on Dental Practice and working collaboratively to shape the future of the profession is
53 evident. His qualifications and dedication strongly align with the goals of the Council.

1 *Rockwell, Theodore J., Pennsylvania, 2029.* Dr. Theodore Rockwell has been experienced with rural
2 dental practice and Federally Qualified Healthcare Centers (FQHC). He is the current president of the
3 Pennsylvania Dental Association. Dr. Rockwell also served as a dental officer in the Army Reserves.

4 *Stuchlik, Katie E., Texas, 2029.* Dr. Katie Stuchlik is an excellent candidate for the Council on Dental
5 Practice (CDP), knowing the needs of a clinical dentist as she owns her own practice, but came to this
6 point after being an associate dentist as she started her career. Having observed the styles and
7 personalities dental practices can take on to achieve the same goal will benefit her as she brings this
8 expertise to CDP. She has obtained her Mastership at Academy of General Dentistry once again showing
9 her commitment to being the best in her practice of dentistry. Dr. Stuchlik has committed herself to
10 organized dentistry and serving the profession and her colleagues as demonstrated through her CV and
11 her position as chair of the 2025 Texas Dental Association Meeting and her soon to be executive board
12 appointment to serve the local society of the Greater Houston Dental Society. Dr. Katie Stuchlik is
13 wholeheartedly nominated for the Council on Dental Practice.

14 **ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

15 *Adams, Roderick H., Jr., Ohio, 2029.* Dr. Roderick Adams is a general dentist in Cleveland, Ohio. He is
16 the secretary of the Ohio Dental Association (ODA) and a member of the ODA Finance Committee. He is
17 a past member of the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs, past chair of the ODA Council on Access
18 to Care and Public Service, past chair of the ODA Credentials, Rules and Order Committee, past chair of
19 the ODA Judicial Affairs Subcommittee, and past president of the Greater Cleveland Dental Society and
20 Forest City Dental Society. Dr. Adams has served in the ADA and ODA House of Delegates for many
21 years. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists. He is the
22 Vice Speaker of the House of the National Dental Association and is a member of the National
23 Association of Parliamentarians. Dr. Adams earned his bachelor's degree from Fisk University and his
24 doctor of dental surgery degree from Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry.

25 *Law, Michael, New Mexico, 2029.* Dr. Michael Law brings a strong ethical foundation and extensive
26 leadership experience to his nomination for the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs
27 (CEBJA). A general dentist in Las Cruces, New Mexico, Dr. Law currently serves as chair of the New
28 Mexico Dental Association (NMDA) Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial Affairs and has held
29 numerous leadership positions, including NMDA President and Speaker of the House of Delegates. With
30 a longstanding commitment to professionalism and governance, Dr. Law is also an active Fellow of the
31 International College of Dentists and Chair of the New Mexico Dental PAC. His thoughtful leadership and
32 parliamentary expertise make him well-suited for service on CEBJA.

33 *Schoblaske, Alayna L., Oregon, 2026.* In dental school, Dr. Alayna Schoblaske helped start a Student
34 Professionalism & Ethics Association (SPEA) chapter at her dental school and subsequently served as
35 the president for one year. During that time, she learned the importance and complexity of discussing
36 ethics as it relates to the dental profession. She believes ethics is not just something we read out – it's
37 something that we do every day. One of her mentors is Dr. Phyllis Beemsterboer, who worked at the
38 OHSU School of Dentistry and served as the Associate Director for the OHSU Center for Ethics in Health
39 Care. Dr. Schoblaske would feel honored to take what she has learned from Dr. Beemsterboer and
40 collaborate with other dentists who are passionate about ethics in our practice. Dr. Schoblaske has
41 served as an ADA alternate delegate for six years and a delegate as one, and has a deep understanding
42 of the House of Delegates. She would be grateful to serve on the Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and Judicial
43 Affairs, and appreciates the consideration of her application. Dr. Schoblaske currently serves as the
44 District 11 representative to the ADA New Dentist Committee.

45 *Steckelberg, Melanie A., Nebraska, 2028.* In February 2025, Dr. Melanie Steckelberg was appointed *ad*
46 *interim* to replace Dr. Kelli Jobman on the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs. Dr. Steckelberg
47 is nominated to complete the remainder of Dr. Jobman's unexpired term, which ends at the close of the
48 2028 House of Delegates. Dr. Steckelberg practices general dentistry in Lincoln, Nebraska in her private
49 practice and has also worked for over seventeen years at the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health
50 Department. She has significant exposure to governance and ethical conduct work including serving for
51 over five years on the State of Nebraska Board of Dentistry. For three of those years she was elected to
52 serve as vice chair. Dr. Steckelberg is detail-oriented, thorough and is always well-prepared. Dr.
53 Steckelberg currently serves as treasurer for the Nebraska Dental Association (NDA) and is a past NDA
54 Trustee and New Dentist Committee Chair.

1 *Teplitsky, Paul W., New York, 2029.* Dr. Paul Teplitsky graduated from the University of Pennsylvania
2 School of Dental Medicine in 1980. He completed a general practice residency at Long Island College
3 Hospital in 1981 and his fellowship in maxillofacial prosthetics at Memorial Sloan Kettering in New York
4 City in 1984. He has been in private practice in prosthodontics in Brooklyn, New York since 1984 and has
5 taught at several institutions over the years, including as a clinical assistant professor at State University
6 of New York Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn.

7 Dr. Teplitsky is a long-time member of the American Dental Association. He is currently the president of
8 the Second District Dental Society of the New York State Dental Association. He is also the current chair
9 of the Council on Ethics at the New York State Dental Association and has been a member of the Council
10 since 2018. Dr. Teplitsky has been a member of the Second District Dental Society's Claims Committee
11 for eleven years. He was co-chair of the New York State Task Force on Special Dentistry from October
12 2009 through September 2010.

13 Dr. Teplitsky has been an ADA delegate or alternate delegate since 2019. He has also been a delegate
14 at the New York State Dental Association annual meeting beginning in 2018. Dr. Teplitsky brings a
15 unique set of skills and knowledge to the ADA Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs (CEBJA)
16 and will add to the important information and contributions CEBJA has given to the American Dental
17 Association.

18 *Tirpack, Edward M.II, New Jersey, 2029.* Dr. Edward Tirpack has served as the Speaker of the New
19 Jersey Dental Association House of Delegates since 2018 and has also served on the 2024 ADA House
20 of Delegates Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order. He will be a great addition to the Council on
21 Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs.

22 **GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

23 *Ghisalberti, Giancarlo, New Jersey, 2026.* Having served on ADPAC for two years and working on the
24 fundraising side of advocacy, Dr. Giancarlo Ghisalberti has an interest in understanding the governmental
25 affairs side. Over the past few years, he has served on NJDA's CGA and worked closely with their
26 director of government affairs in New Jersey to learn the ropes. Dr. Ghisalberti would appreciate the
27 opportunity to serve as the new dentist representative to the Council on Government Affairs.
28 Dr. Ghisalberti currently serves as the District 4 representative to the ADA New Dentist Committee and is
29 a 2018 graduate of Rutgers School of Dental Medicine.

30 *Jeter, Harold, Ohio, 2029.* Dr. Harold "Hal" Jeter is a general dentist in private practice in South Point,
31 Ohio. He is the president of the Ohio Dental Association (ODA) and a trustee on the ODA Foundation
32 Board of Trustees. He is a past president of the Southern Ohio Dental Society, past chair of the ODA
33 Council on Access to Care and Public Service, past member of the ODA Council on Membership
34 Services, and past member of the ODA Council on Dental Care Programs and Dental Practice. Dr. Jeter
35 has been a member of the ADA and ODA House of Delegates for many years. He is the past president of
36 the Ohio Academy of General Dentistry and is a fellow of the International College of Dentists, American
37 College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Academy of General Dentistry, and American Association
38 of Hospital Dentists. Dr. Jeter earned his bachelor's degree from Marshall University and his doctor of
39 dental surgery degree from The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

40 *Manzanares, David J., New Mexico, 2029.* Dr. David Manzanares brings a wealth of experience in
41 advocacy and organized dentistry, making him a standout nominee for the ADA Council on Government
42 Affairs. A long-serving member of the New Mexico Dental Association Council on Government Affairs, Dr.
43 Manzanares has also held leadership roles within the ADA, including first and second vice president, and
44 has served on the ADA Board of Trustees Finance Committee and Campaign Rules Task Force. His
45 deep understanding of legislative issues and policy, combined with his years of service at both the state
46 and national levels, reflect his ongoing commitment to advancing dentistry through effective advocacy.

47 *Nickman, James D., Minnesota, 2029.* Dr. James Nickman is a pediatric dentist in St. Paul, Minnesota.
48 Dr. Nickman has extensive legislative experience in the dental profession and is the past president of the
49 Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) and current chair of the MDA Legislative Committee. During his
50 leadership, Dr. Nickman has led legislative efforts that have resulted in the passage of legislation that:
51 restores a comprehensive adult Medicaid dental benefit, restricts virtual credit card payments, restricts
52 network leasing, requires third party payors to disclose fee schedules before contract signing and
53 increases Medicaid dental rates up to 98%. Dr. Nickman also previously chaired the MDA Workforce

1 Taskforce which led to the adoption of expanded duties for unlicensed dental assistants. He also is a past
2 chair of the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure.

3 Within his specialty, Dr. Nickman was the 2017-2018 President of the American Academy of Pediatric
4 Dentistry (AAPD). He is also past chair of the AAPD Council on Dental Benefit Programs and current
5 consultant for the Council (since 2008), as well as consultant to the AAPD Council on Government Affairs
6 since 2008. Dr. Nickman will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the Council on Government
7 Affairs.

8 *Walbridge, Seth A., Pennsylvania, 2029.* Dr. Seth Walbridge is a past New Dentist Committee Chair and
9 member of the ADA Board or Trustees. He is currently a member of the Pennsylvania Dental Association
10 (PDA) Board of Trustees and past president of PDA's largest component.

11 MEMBERS INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

12 *Butler, Robert E., Missouri, 2028.* Dr. Robert Butler is a graduate of the University of Missouri, Kansas
13 City School of Dentistry who is in the private practice of dentistry in Webster Groves, Missouri. He has a
14 wealth of knowledge and experience in dental organizations on the local, state, and national levels. Dr.
15 Butler has served on the ADA House of Delegates Reference Committee on Budget, Business,
16 Membership and Administrative Matters. He has served on the ADPAC Board of Directors and as a
17 delegate to the ADA House of Delegates.

18 Most noteworthy, Dr. Butler served on the Board of Directors of the Missouri Dental Insurance Services,
19 Inc., where he reviewed and assessed the financial performance of the association owned insurance
20 agency. He also served on the Board of Directors of Delta Dental of Missouri and served as chairman.
21 With this background and experience, Dr. Robert Butler will serve our association well as a member of the
22 Council on Members Insurance and Retirement Programs.

23 *Kiessling, John H., Pennsylvania, 2028.* As a Pennsylvania Dental Association (PDA) Trustee, Dr.
24 Kiessling was involved with the management of the PDA Insurance Company (PDAIS) and the ultimate
25 sale for a significant financial windfall for PDA.

26 *McNeill, Robert G., Texas, 2028* Dr. Robert "Bob" McNeill has been serving on the Council on Members
27 Insurance and Retirement Programs since being appointed *ad interim* to the Council in October 2023. He
28 was elected by the 2024 House of Delegates to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Richard Huot, which
29 expires at the close of the 2025 House of Delegates, and he is eligible for nomination to serve a three-
30 year term (2025-2028) on CMIRP. Dr McNeill is wholeheartedly recommended to continue into a new
31 term on CMIRP. He has been actively engaged while serving on this Council and has a great desire to
32 continue his service. His background includes his completion of an M.B.A. program at the University of
33 Texas-Dallas where he graduated as a Scholar with High Distinction (GPA 3.9-4.0), a Senior Executive
34 Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University and currently serves as Board Secretary for
35 the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners. Dr McNeill has a passion for serving the dental profession
36 and his colleagues and will continue to be a valuable asset to CMIRP.

37 *Theriot, Adrien L., Texas, 2026.* As a new dentist actively engaged in organized dentistry, Dr. Adrien
38 Theriot brings a unique and important perspective to the conversation surrounding insurance and
39 financial planning for dentists. Her leadership experience spans multiple levels of organized dentistry
40 including the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), Greater Houston Dental Society, Texas
41 Dental Association, Houston Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, and Texas Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.
42 As a previous associate of seven years and now owner of a practice, she can bring valuable insight into
43 the needs and concerns of early-career dentists. In 2016, she served as the ASDA Liaison to an ADA
44 council, which gave her firsthand experience in the importance of national-level collaboration, decision-
45 making and shaping policies that directly affect our profession. While she does not yet have extensive
46 experience with association group insurance or retirement savings plan products, she recognizes a
47 critical need for increased education and clarity for young dentists in these areas. Understanding and
48 navigating options such as malpractice, disability, office overhead, health, and life insurance,
49 understanding policy "riders" and line items, and comparing the various providers can be overwhelming
50 for new dentists. She is eager to help bridge that gap by advocating for accessible resources,
51 transparency, and guidance. She also believes it is essential that new dentists have a voice in shaping
52 the insurance and financial products offered to members. The ADA needs to ensure that educational
53 content clearly explains why these products are necessary and how they fit into a new dentist's financial
54 planning journey.

1 MEMBERSHIP

2 *Mahon-Vazquez, Claudia A., New York, 2029.* Dr. Claudia Mahon-Vasquez graduated from New York
3 University College of Dentistry in 1989. She has been in private practice as an associate dentist or as an
4 owner since she graduated. She owned Children's Dentistry of Hauppauge, LLP from 1995to 2021.
5 Dr. Mahon-Vasquez has been an alternate delegate for the New York State Dental Association at the
6 ADA Annual Meeting on four different occasions. She also attended the Membership Recruitment and
7 Retention Conference five times.

8 Dr. Mahon-Vasquez was on the New York State Dental Association (NYSDA) Council on Membership
9 and Communications for ten years from 2014 to 2023, serving the last three years as chair. She has also
10 served as an alternate delegate for four years and a delegate for three years at the NYSDA Annual
11 Meeting. She served as chair for the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order at the meeting in 2022.
12 Dr. Mahon-Vasquez was president of the Suffolk County Dental Society in 2020 and served as secretary
13 of the Puerto Rico Dental Association, USA for nine years.

14 At the Greater New York Dental Meeting, Dr. Mahon-Vasquez has been a presenter (2019) and a
15 presiding Officer (2012 to present). She has also been a presiding officer at the Greater Long Island
16 Dental Meeting since 2014. Dr. Mahon-Vasquez is a fellow at the American College of Dentists and the
17 International College of Dentists. She has been in the Top 50 Women in Business (2019) in the Long
18 Island Business News. She will bring talent, expertise and hard work to the ADA Council on Membership..

19 *March, Edmund C., Illinois, 2029.* Dr. Edmund March has served on the Council on Membership since
20 being elected by the 2024 House to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Terri Tiersky, which expires at the
21 close of the 2025 House of Delegates. He is eligible for appointment to serve a full four-year term on the
22 Council. Dr. March has shown his interest and dedication to the Council over the last year and should be
23 there for a complete four-year term. Dr. March was previously the chair of the New Dentist Committee for
24 the Illinois State Dental Society and held other positions of leadership at the state and component level.

25 *McCandless, Georganne, Texas, 2029.* Dr. Georganne McCandless has been an integral part of
26 membership recruitment and retention at the local level at the Greater Houston Dental Society. In her
27 positions as Texas Dental Association President and President-Elect, she traveled to all 23 districts in
28 Texas listening and learning what our members desire from their association on both the state and
29 national levels. She is a critical thinker who will easily fit into a council and give her opinions on the best
30 course of action. Dr. Georganne McCandless is wholeheartedly nominated to the Council on
31 Membership.

32 *Nisnisan, Mary Jocelyn Elyse (Joy), Texas, 2026.* Dr. Joy Nisnisan's passion for ADA membership began
33 as a pre-dental student, when the Greater Houston Dental Society (GHDS) welcomed her as a volunteer
34 and allowed her to sit-in society meetings. Falling in love with organized dentistry, she remained involved
35 as a dental student as president of her chapter, trustee then elected as National ASDA Vice President
36 from 2020 to 2021. The heart of any association will always be its members and she believes she can
37 provide a unique, recent graduate perspective, to the Council on Membership. Dr. Nisnisan believes the
38 ADA provides many resources for new dentists who are interested in owning a practice and steps to get
39 there, but she thinks the association has opportunities to expand upon resources for graduates between
40 1-5 years post-grad. These resources would include financial management, CE's, understanding various
41 practice models, and resources for those who do not aspire to own. She'd love to be part of these
42 discussions or contribute to current initiatives being made to attract and help this group of dentists.

43 Dr. Nisnisan aspires to see more dentists in her cohort excited about the ADA. She keeps in contact
44 with her classmates and recent graduates who provide her with perspective on what their current
45 struggles are or where they'd feel more supported. With her vast experience in organized dentistry as a
46 pre-dental, dental student, and understanding of concerns with new dentists, she believes she can
47 contribute helpful ideas or initiatives to the council. She's had the wonderful opportunity to serve on
48 CDBP as a dental student, and most recently on the Council on Communications as an NDC Liaison.
49 She'd love to expand upon and share her knowledge from these councils as it applies to the Council on
50 Membership. Currently, she serves on a planning committee with the GHDS for a membership
51 event/symposium and has served as an ASDA Student ADA delegate in the past, with hopes to serve as
52 an ADA delegate in the future.

53 *Stacey, Jillian R., Colorado, 2029.* Dr. Jillian Stacey is a passionate advocate for organized dentistry
54 with a strong record of leadership in membership engagement. She currently serves as president-elect of

1 the Colorado Dental Association (CDA) and chair of the CDA Membership Council, where she has led
2 initiatives to strengthen connection and value for members. A current ADA delegate and past reference
3 committee member, Dr. Stacey also brings national experience from her tenure as chair of the American
4 Student Dental Association National Council on Membership and as an ADA Council on Membership
5 consultant. Her dynamic involvement across local, state, and national levels reflects her dedication to
6 supporting members at every stage of their dental journey.

7 **SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS**

8 *Fukami, Mari C., Arizona, 2029.* Dr. Mari Fukami has been an active member of the ADA and the Arizona
9 Dental Association since she completed her post graduate training in dental anesthesiology. She
10 demonstrates a strong commitment to advancing education, research and safety in dental
11 anesthesiology. Dr. Fukami is highly recommended to serve on the Council on Scientific Affairs.

12 *Khan, Asma A., Texas, 2029.* Dr. Asma Khan has served on the Council on Scientific Affairs (CSA) since
13 being appointed *ad interim* to the Council in March 2024. She was elected by the 2024 House of
14 Delegates to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Juliana da Costa, which expires at the close of the 2025
15 House of Delegates, and she is eligible for nomination to serve a full four-year term (2025-29) on CSA.
16 Dr. Khan is a tenured Professor at University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio. She received
17 her dental degree from India, her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from University of Maryland, and her certificate in
18 endodontics from UT Health San Antonio. Dr. Khan completed a Fellowship in Clinical Research at the
19 National Institutes of Health (NIH), Bethesda and a Post-Doctoral Fellowship on Neuro-Immune
20 Interactions. She has served as chair of the Research and Scientific Affairs Committee of the American
21 Association of Endodontics for two terms and is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board for the *Journal*
22 *of Endodontics*. Her research interests include the use of artificial intelligence (AI) to improve clinical
23 practice and the development of new diagnostics and analgesics. Her research has included funding from
24 NIH and the American Association of Endodontics.

25 Having already spent time on CSA as an expert in AI, allowing Dr. Khan to continue into a new term
26 would be beneficial to CSA. She had served as President of the International Association for Dental
27 Research (IADR) Pharmacology/Toxicology/Therapeutics Group in 2021. She has received several
28 awards including the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award, International Association for Dental Research,
29 Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics group. The award is for outstanding and sustained peer-
30 reviewed research that has contributed to dentists' knowledge of the mechanisms, efficacy, or safety of
31 drugs used in dentistry. It is among the highest awards given by the IADR.

32 Dr. Khan believes CSA to be a good fit for her as she can use her talents in research and academia to
33 serve the profession and dental patients and she has been thrilled and honored to serve now and in the
34 future.

35 *Kulkarni, Roopali, Pennsylvania, 2026.* Dr. Roopali Kulkarni is currently an Assistant Professor of Oral
36 Medicine at Penn Dental Medicine. She obtained both her D.M.D. and M.P.H. degrees from the University
37 of Pennsylvania. She has experience in scientific methods, experimental design, epidemiology, and
38 biostatistics. She has been a full-time faculty member for more than three years with experience in
39 research spanning both oral medicine and public health. She conducts research through Penn Dental
40 Medicine's Center for Integrative Global Oral Health and clinical research across multiple disciplines at
41 Penn Medicine.

42 Dr. Kulkarni is currently working on both NIH and HRSA grants and was a 2024 recipient of the Colgate
43 Palmolive Company's CARE (Colgate Award for Research Excellence) grant. She also serves as an
44 active researcher in the globally recognized World Workshop on Oral Medicine and as a Senior Fellow in
45 the Penn Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics. She has numerous publications in peer-reviewed
46 journals. In addition to her faculty responsibilities, she practices oral medicine within the University of
47 Pennsylvania Health System. She has served as a review editor for *Frontiers in Oral Health*, has
48 completed peer reviewing for *JADA*, and travels across the country providing continuing education
49 lectures in oral medicine and public health. As a new dentist, Dr. Kulkarni brings a depth of both clinical
50 and research knowledge.

51 *Letra, Ariadne M., Pennsylvania, 2029.* Dr. Ariadne Letra has been an active, tenured faculty member of
52 the University of Pittsburgh Dental School. She also is a graduate of the American Dental Education
53 Association (ADEA) Leadership program. Dr. Letra will be an asset to the Council of Scientific Affairs as
54 she has earned a Ph.D. and has lectured extensively.

1 *Miller, Craig S., Kentucky, 2029.* Dr. Craig Miller is a distinguished expert in Oral Medicine with an
2 impressive career spanning various significant contributions to both research and education. He is a
3 recipient of prestigious awards such as the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Organization of
4 Teachers of Oral Diagnosis and the Abraham B. Reiner Diamond Pin Award from the Academy of Oral
5 Medicine. He has also served as a U.S. Fulbright Specialist, further underscoring his global influence.

6 With a dental degree from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry (UKCD) and a Master of
7 Science in Dental Diagnostic Science from the University of Texas Health Science Center, Dr. Miller is
8 well-equipped with both academic and practical expertise. He has held key leadership positions, including
9 president of the American Academy of Oral Medicine and president of the American Board of Oral
10 Medicine. Currently, he is the Alvin L. Morris Professor of Oral Health Research and Associate Dean for
11 Faculty Affairs and Development at UKCD.

12 Dr. Miller's research career is especially noteworthy, having secured NIH grants for 34 consecutive
13 years. His work has resulted in over 200 peer-reviewed publications and more than 200 scientific
14 presentations. He has co-authored influential texts like *The Medically Compromised Patient, 10th Edition*
15 and *Color Atlas of Common Oral Diseases, 5th Edition*. Beyond his research accomplishments, Dr. Miller
16 remains dedicated to teaching, providing ongoing education to dental students and the broader dental
17 community.

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ADA Strategic Forecast Outcome: None

1 **NOMINATIONS TO COUNCILS**

2 **Background:** (See page 1006 for qualifications of nominees)

ADVOCACY FOR ACCESS AND PREVENTION

James H. Bekker, Utah
 Deborah E. Brown, Michigan
 *Sara Ehsani, Texas
 Megha Sata, California
 Michelle R. Scholtz, South Dakota

COMMUNICATIONS

*Tanya Sue Maestas, Texas
 Brianna Muñoz, Connecticut
 Selena Nguyen, Pennsylvania
 Julie A. Spaniel, Oregon *ad interim*, 2026
 Kirthi V. Tata, Missouri
 Daniel J. Wilguess, Oklahoma

DENTAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Xochitl Anderton, Texas
 Michael W. King, Tennessee
 Alice Tai, California
 *Dylan J. Weber, Massachusetts
 Lawrence A. White, Illinois

DENTAL EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

Eva F. Ackley, Florida
 *Lauren E. Belous, Pennsylvania
 Alexandra N. Nash, Illinois

DENTAL PRACTICE

*Camryn R. Bryant, Arkansas
 Edwin A. del Valle Sepúlveda, Puerto Rico
 Frederick A. Hartman, Rhode Island
 Theodore J. Rockwell, Pennsylvania
 Katie E. Stuchlik, Texas

ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

Roderick H. Adams, Jr., Ohio
 Michael D. Law, New Mexico
 *Alayna L. Schoblaske, Oregon
 Melanie A. Steckelberg, Nebraska *ad interim*, 2028
 Paul W. Teplitsky, New York
 Edward M. Tirpack II, New Jersey

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

*Giancarlo Ghisalberti, New Jersey
 Harold Jeter, Ohio
 David J. Manzanares, New Mexico
 James D. Nickman, Minnesota
 Seth A. Walbridge, Pennsylvania

MEMBERS INSURANCE AND RETIREMENT PROGRAMS

Robert E. Butler, Missouri
 John H. Kiessling, Pennsylvania
 Robert G. McNeill, Texas
 *Adrien L. Theriot, Texas

MEMBERSHIP

Claudia A Mahon-Vazquez, New York
 Edmund C. March, Illinois
 Georganne McCandless, Texas
 *Mary Jocelyn E. "Joy" Nisnisan, Texas
 Jillian Stacey, Colorado

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Resolution

1 **101. Resolved**, that the nominees put forward for membership on ADA councils be elected.

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3 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.**

4 **BOARD VOTE: UNANIMOUS.**

Resolution No. 102 New

Report: Board Report 1 Date Submitted: August 2025

Submitted By: Board of Trustees

Reference Committee: Board Report 1/Credentials, Rules and Order

Total Net Financial Implication: None Net Dues Impact: _____

Amount One-time: _____ Amount On-going: _____

ADA Strategic Forecast Outcome: None

1 **NOMINATION TO FILL A COMMISSION VACANCY**

2 **Background:** In April 2025, Dr. Julius Manz resigned his position as an ADA appointed commissioner on the
 3 National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (NCRDSCB). In accordance
 4 with the *ADA Governance and Organizational Manual*, in the event of a vacancy in the office of a member of a
 5 commission who was appointed by the ADA, the president shall appoint an ADA member to fill the vacancy
 6 until a successor is elected by the next ADA House of Delegates for the remainder of the unexpired term. In
 7 August 2025, Dr. Harold Mark Livingston of Mississippi was appointed by the president, *ad interim*, to replace
 8 Dr. Julius Manz on the Commission. Dr. Livingston is nominated by the Board of Trustees to complete the
 9 remainder of Dr. Manz’s unexpired term, which ends at the close of the 2027 House of Delegates. A
 10 statement of qualifications for Dr. Livingston is appended below.

11 *Livingston, Harold Mark, 2027.* Dr. Harold Mark Livingston graduated from the University of Tennessee
 12 College of Dentistry in May of 1991 followed by completion of a general practice residency at the University of
 13 Mississippi Medical Center (UMMC) in June of 1992. He joined the faculty of the School of Dentistry at UMMC
 14 in August of 1997. During his tenure there, he was program director of the general practice residency and
 15 advanced education in general dentistry programs and is currently chair of the Department of Advanced
 16 General Dentistry. During this time, he also obtained a masters in clinical science and a masters in business
 17 administration. Dr. Livingston was vice chair and chair of the Commission on Dental Accreditation in 2016 and
 18 2017 respectively. Other accolades include obtaining Diplomate status with the American Board of Special
 19 Care Dentistry in 2004, Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry in 2007, induction into the American
 20 College of Dentists in 2014, Fellowship in Special Care Dentistry in the Royal College of Surgeons of
 21 Edinburg in 2014 and membership in the Faculty of Dental Trainers in the Royal College of Surgeons of
 22 Edinburg in 2020. In addition, his granting activities exceeded 2.6 million dollars.

23 **Resolution**

24 **102. Resolved,** that Dr. Harold Mark Livingston of Mississippi be elected to fill a vacancy on the
 25 National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards for a term that
 26 ends at the close of the 2027 House of Delegates.
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28 **BOARD RECOMMENDATION: Vote Yes.**

30 **BOARD VOTE: UNANIMOUS. (BOARD OF TRUSTEES CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM)**

Resolution No. 103-105 New

Report: Credentials, Rules and Order Date Submitted: September 2025

Submitted By: Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order

Reference Committee: N/A

Total Net Financial Implication: None Net Dues Impact: _____

Amount One-time: _____ Amount On-going: _____

ADA Strategic Forecast Outcome: None

1 **REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS, RULES AND ORDER**

2 **Background:** In accordance with the *Manual of the House of Delegates and Supplemental Information*,
3 section "Standing Committees of the House of Delegates," the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules
4 and Order (CRO) of the House of Delegates is charged with the following duties:

5 It is the duty of the Committee to present the agenda and recommend for approval such rules as are
6 necessary for the conduct of the business of the House of Delegates. The report of this committee is
7 prepared in collaboration with the officers of the House of Delegates and is presented at the opening
8 of the first meeting of the House. In addition, this Committee has the duty to conduct hearings and to
9 make recommendations on the eligibility of delegates and alternate delegates to a seat in the House
10 of Delegates when a seat is contested, maintains a continuous roll call and periodically reports on the
11 roll call to the House of Delegates, determines the presence of a quorum and supervises voting and
12 election procedures. The Committee also has the responsibility to consult with the Speaker and
13 Secretary of the House of Delegates, on matters relating to the order of business and special rules of
14 order as required. The Committee is tasked with reviewing and approving the minutes of the House
15 of Delegates, which are drafted by the Secretary of the House of Delegates. The Committee will meet
16 in a timely manner in order to complete its deliberations and submit the approved minutes to the
17 Secretary of the House of Delegates within 150 days following the adjournment *sine die* of the House
18 of Delegates. The Committee is on duty throughout the annual session and until it has submitted the
19 approved minutes of the House of Delegates to the Secretary of the House of Delegates.

20 In accordance with its duties, the Committee submits the following report.

21 **Approval of Certified Delegates:** A list of certified Delegates and Alternate Delegates as of Friday,
22 October 17 will be posted on the HOD Supplemental Information library on the House of Delegates
23 community of ADA Connect. Any subsequent changes will be reported out at the beginning of each
24 meeting of the House of Delegates by the CRO chair.

25 **103. Resolved,** that the list of certified delegates and alternate delegates posted in the HOD
26 Supplemental Information library on the House of Delegates community of ADA Connect be approved
27 as the official roster of voting delegates and alternate delegates that constitute the 2025 House of
28 Delegates of the American Dental Association.

29 **Minutes of the 2024 Session of the House of Delegates:** In accordance with its duties, the 2024
30 Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order approved the Minutes of the 2024 House of
31 Delegates during its meeting on March 11, 2025. The Minutes of the 2024 House of Delegates were
32 posted on March 14, 2025, in the [HOD Supplemental Information](#) library on the House of Delegates
33 community of ADA Connect and on ADA.org.

1 Questions or corrections regarding the minutes may be forwarded to Kyle Smith, manager, House of
2 Delegates at smithk@ada.org.

3 **Adoption of Agenda and Order of Agenda Items:** The Committee has examined the agenda for the
4 meeting of the House of Delegates prepared by the Speaker and Secretary of the House. Accordingly,
5 the Committee recommends adopting the agenda as the official order of business for this session. The
6 Committee also recommends that the Speaker of the House be allowed to rearrange the order of the
7 agenda as deemed necessary to expedite the business of the House.

8 **104. Resolved**, that the agenda as presented in the *2025 Manual of the House of Delegates and*
9 *Supplemental Information* be adopted as the official order of business for this session, and be it
10 further

11 **Resolved**, the Speaker is authorized to alter the order of the agenda as deemed necessary in order
12 to expedite the business of the House.

13 To maintain a quorum, members of the House of Delegates should plan to stay in Washington, D.C. until
14 close of business Tuesday, October 28, which could be later than 5:00 p.m.

15 **Referrals of Reports and Resolutions:** A standing rule of the House of Delegates directs that prior to
16 each session of the House, the Speaker shall prepare a list of recommended referrals to reference
17 committees with the list to be available at the opening meeting of the House and be subject to
18 amendment or approval on vote of the House of Delegates.

19 This preliminary list of referrals (circulated in the form of an All Inclusive General Index to resolution
20 worksheets) will be provided with the second posting of resolution worksheets in August and updated and
21 posted again on Friday, October 24. The Speaker will announce additional referrals during the first
22 meeting of the House of Delegates. A complete list of referrals by reference committee, in the form of an
23 agenda, will be available in the reference committee hearing rooms on Sunday morning, October 26.

24 **105. Resolved**, that the list of referrals recommended by the Speaker of the House of Delegates be
25 approved.

26 **Rules of Order:** The business of the House of Delegates will be conducted formally in accordance with
27 accepted rules of parliamentary procedure. Adopted as the parliamentary authority for the Association,
28 the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure, 2nd Edition* is the
29 document that governs all deliberations of the House of Delegates in which it is applicable and not in
30 conflict with the *Manual of the House of Delegates, Governance Manual* or the *Bylaws* of the Association.

31 **Annual Reports, Manual of the House of Delegates and Resolution Worksheets:** The publication,
32 *Annual Reports, 2025* is posted on ADA Connect and ADA.org and can be accessed through the
33 following link: <https://www.ada.org/about/governance/historical-publications-policies>.

34 The first and second sets of resolution worksheets are posted on [ADA Connect](#) and [ADA.org](#). Per
35 Resolution 74H-2012, effective in 2013, all materials of the House of Delegates are provided in an
36 electronic format only, with the exception of reference committee reports and agendas; no paper copies
37 of worksheets will be distributed.

38 In advance of the 2025 session, members of the House of Delegates are advised to download to their
39 laptop or other electronic device copies of all pertinent meeting materials.

40 The *Manual of the House of Delegates and Supplemental Information* contains the “Rules of the House of
41 Delegates” and all pertinent meeting information (*i.e.*, House agendas, members of the Standing and
42 Reference Committees, reference committee hearing schedule, and schedule of the district caucuses).

43 *Supplement to Annual Reports and Resolutions* is prepared primarily for historical purposes only since it
44 is a compilation of all the reports and resolutions presented to the House of Delegates. This publication
45 will be available online in the first quarter of 2026.

1 **Reference Committees Hearings:** The reference committees of the House of Delegates will hold
2 hearings on Sunday, October 26, at the Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C., alternating between Marquis
3 Ballroom 5 and Marquis Ballroom 6, Level M2 (two levels below lobby). The order of the reference
4 committee hearings are as follows:

5 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Committee D (Legislative, Governance and Related Matters)
6 9:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Committee A (Business, Membership and Administrative Matters)
7 11:15 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Committee B (Dental Benefits, Practice, Science, Health and Related Matters)
8 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. Committee C (Dental Education and Related Matters)

9 The first reference committee hearing will begin at 7:30 a.m.

10 In accordance with the *Manual of the House of Delegates*, section “General Procedures for Reference
11 Committees,” any member of the Association, whether or not a member of the House of Delegates, is
12 privileged to attend and participate in the discussion during the reference committee hearings.
13 Nonmembers of the Association are also welcome to attend reference committee hearings provided they
14 identify themselves to the committee. Nonmembers of the Association may participate at hearings with
15 the consent of a majority of the reference committee. Members who are not members of the House of
16 Delegates, and nonmembers of the Association can submit written testimony in advance via Reference
17 Committee A, B, C, and D email addresses that will be published in ADA News and ADA.org in
18 September. At reference committee hearings, everyone (individuals/members) will be obligated to
19 disclose any personal or business relationship that they or their immediate family may have with a
20 company or individual doing business with the ADA, when such company is being discussed, prior to
21 speaking on an issue related to such a conflict of interest.

22 Association staff is available at hearings to provide information requested by members of reference
23 committees or through the Chair by those participating in the hearings.

24 **Reports of Reference Committees:** Printed copies of reference committee reports will be made
25 available to the chair of record of each delegation on Monday, October 27. A sufficient number of copies
26 of each report will be provided for each delegation’s delegates, alternate delegates, secretary, executive
27 director, trustee and editor. Reference committee reports will also be posted on ADA Connect and will be
28 available early morning on October 27.

29 Delegates must bring their copies of reference committee reports to the meetings of the House of
30 Delegates since additional printed copies will be limited. However, if using an electronic version of the
31 reference committee report during the meetings of the House, it is imperative that the documents be
32 downloaded prior to the Tuesday, October 28 meeting. The Speaker would like to remind everyone that
33 this is a paperless House of Delegates. Wi-Fi is available in the House of Delegates as a convenience,
34 but members do not need to be online to participate. Advance preparation is extremely important.

35 **Nominations of Officers:** The nominations of officers (president-elect, second vice president and
36 speaker of the House of Delegates) will take place at the first meeting of the House on Saturday
37 afternoon, October 25. Candidates for elective office will be nominated from the floor of the House by a
38 simple declaratory statement, which may be followed by an acceptance speech not to exceed four
39 minutes by the candidate. Seconding nominations is not permitted.

40 No additional nominations will be accepted after the Saturday afternoon meeting.

41 **Presentation of Incoming Trustees:** Election results for the incoming members of the Board of
42 Trustees as determined by Trustee Districts 3, 4, 5 and 9 shall be read by the Speaker of the House of
43 Delegates during the first meeting of the House. Because there is only a single nominee provided by each
44 trustee district, following the reading of the names, the Speaker shall declare the nominees elected. The
45 Speaker of the House of Delegates reads the name of each nominee, reported by the nominee’s trustee
46 district, during the first meeting of the House.

1 **Nominations to Councils:** The Board of Trustees presents the list of its nominations to councils in
2 Report 1, which appears on the appropriate resolution worksheet.

3 **Voting Procedures in the House:** The method of voting in the House of Delegates is usually
4 determined by the Speaker who may call for a voice vote, show of hands (voting cards), standing vote,
5 general consent, roll call of the delegations, electronic voting or such other means that the Speaker
6 deems appropriate. The House may also, by majority vote, determine for itself the method of voting that it
7 prefers.

8 Only votes cast by voting members of the House of Delegates either for or against a pending motion shall
9 be counted. Abstentions shall only be counted in determining if a quorum is present. If the result of a vote
10 is uncertain or if a division is called for, the Speaker may use the electronic voting method or may call for
11 a standing vote. If a standing vote is requested, non-voting members will be asked to leave the delegate
12 seating area. Once the area is clear of all non-voting members, the Speaker will request all delegates in
13 favor of the motion to stand. Beginning with the first row, each person counts off and sits down, with the
14 count running back and forth along the rows in a serpentine fashion. When all who voted in the affirmative
15 are seated, the same is done with the negative vote. The vote will be monitored by the Standing
16 Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order.

17 In accordance with the *ADA Bylaws* and the *House Manual* proxy voting is explicitly prohibited in the
18 House of Delegates. However, an alternate delegate may vote when substituted for a voting member in
19 accordance with procedures established by the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order.

20 **Election Procedures:** Voting for Officer Elections will take place in the House of Delegates through
21 electronic voting on the House floor and will be taken up as one of the first items of business on Monday
22 afternoon, October 27. Only properly certified delegates will be permitted to access the delegate section
23 of the House floor on Monday afternoon from the time the doors open at 3:45 p.m. until the final election
24 results have been announced. **Delegates must be in line by 4:30 p.m. in order to vote.** All entrances to
25 the delegate section of the House floor will be monitored by members of the Standing Committee on
26 Credentials, Rules and Order. During this time, non-voting members of the House will not be allowed in
27 the delegate section of the House floor, but are invited to sit in the alternate delegate or guest seating
28 sections until final election results have been announced by the Speaker.

29 To expedite the check-in and voting process, it is strongly recommended that any delegation changes be
30 made no later than Noon on Monday, October 27 at Delegate Registration. Delegate registration hours for
31 Monday, October 27, are from 8:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Walter E. Washington
32 Convention Center, Ballroom Foyer. Delegate changes made on Monday afternoon, prior to voting, may
33 be delayed until after all other delegates have checked-in. Therefore, to avoid long delays, please make
34 delegation changes before Noon on Monday.

35 To check-in, delegates must bring their officer election card to access the House floor and receive a
36 smart card for voting. Voting keypads will be on the delegate tables on the House floor. Upon entering the
37 House floor, delegates should insert their smart card into their voting keypad. It is recommended that
38 delegates do not leave the House floor until after the election results have been finalized. If a delegate
39 must leave the House floor before final election results have been announced, the delegate must
40 surrender both the smart card and officer election card to a CRO member upon exiting through the
41 designated exit door and then reclaim the cards for reentry by showing his or her badge to the CRO
42 member upon return to the designated exit door. Any delegate absent from the House floor during a vote
43 may lose their chance to vote. For the security of the election, it is essential that each delegate maintain
44 possession of his or her smart card, unless surrendered to a CRO member. **If a delegate loses their
45 smart card, they will not be able to vote.**

46 The second meeting of the House of Delegates will be called to order at 4:45 p.m. Voting will take place
47 as one of the first items of business. The Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order oversees
48 the confirmation and reporting of election results. The results will be placed in a sealed envelope and
49 transmitted to the Secretary of the House. The Secretary will review and forward the results to the
50 Speaker for announcement. In the event a second balloting is necessary, the vote will take place shortly
51 after the Speaker has announced a runoff.

1 **Standing Order of Business—Installation of New Officers and Trustees:** The installation ceremony
2 for new officers and trustees will take place immediately following officer elections on Monday,
3 October 27.

4 **Introduction of New Business:** The Committee calls attention to the *Manual of the House of Delegates*
5 *and Supplemental Information*, section “Rules of the House of Delegates” which states:

6 No new business shall be introduced into the House of Delegates less than 15 days prior to the
7 opening of the annual session, except when such new business is submitted by a Trustee District or
8 the American Student Dental Association Delegation and is permitted to be introduced by a majority
9 vote of the delegates present and voting. The motion introducing such new business shall not be
10 debatable. Approval of such new business shall require a majority vote except new business
11 introduced at the last meeting of a session that would require a bylaw amendment cannot be adopted
12 at such last meeting. Reference committee recommendations shall not be deemed new business.

13 Any resolution that the Speaker refers to a reference committee must be made available to all
14 members of the House before adjournment of the first meeting. For this reason, resolutions received
15 in the Headquarters Office before the House officially convenes its first meeting will be processed,
16 referred to a reference committee, and made available to all members of the House at that meeting.
17 Resolutions received after the first meeting has convened will not be referred to a reference
18 committee. They will be accepted as new business, posted on ADA Connect, and taken up when the
19 Speaker calls for new business.

20 New Business resolutions received prior to the first session of the House of Delegates on Saturday,
21 October 25, will be presented by the Speaker *en bloc*. If a member wants a separate vote on any of these
22 resolutions he or she will request it by resolution number and ask that it be voted on separately; the
23 remaining ones will be voted on *en bloc* with a majority vote allowing them to be considered. Those
24 approved will be referred to a reference committee.

25 Items that come as new business after the first meeting of the House of Delegates has convened will not
26 be assigned to a reference committee; the House will vote on them individually as to whether they will be
27 considered. A majority vote is required for the resolution to be considered. If it receives the majority vote,
28 the House will proceed to consider the resolution.

29 **Resolutions of Reaffirmation/Commendation:** The Committee calls attention to the House rule
30 governing resolutions of reaffirmation or commendation, which states that “Resolutions which (1) merely
31 reaffirm or restate existing Association policy, (2) commend or congratulate an individual or organization,
32 or (3) memorialize an individual shall not be introduced to the House of Delegates” (*Trans.1977:958*).

33 **Explanation of Resolution Number System:** Original resolutions are numbered consecutively,
34 according to the reference committee assigned the resolution, regardless of whether the source is a
35 council, other Association agency, constituent society, delegate, Board of Trustees or House reference
36 committee. Resolutions are numbered consecutively as follows according to their assigned reference
37 committee:

- 38 • Reference Committee A (Resolutions 201-299)
- 39 • Reference Committee B (Resolutions 301-399)
- 40 • Reference Committee C (Resolutions 401-499)
- 41 • Reference Committee D (Resolutions 501-599)

42 In addition, resolutions in Board Report 1/CRO Report will be numbered 101-199 and new business
43 resolutions that are not assigned to a reference committee will be numbered 601-699. Revisions made by
44 the Board, reference committee or House are considered “amendments” to the original resolution. If
45 amended by the Board, the suffix “B” follows the original resolution number (Res. 224B); if amended by a
46 reference committee, the suffix “RC” follows (Res. 224RC).

47 If a resolution is adopted by the House, the suffix “H” follows the resolution number (Res.224H). The “H”
48 always indicates that the resolution was adopted.

1 If a resolution is not adopted or it is referred by the House of Delegates, the resolution number remains
2 the same. For example:

3 Res. 278B is considered by the House and not adopted, the number remains the same: Res. 278B.

4 Res. 207RC is considered by the House and referred for study, the number remains the same: Res.
5 207RC.

6 If a Board (B) or reference committee (RC) resolution is a substitute for several original resolutions, the
7 Board's recommended substitute or the reference committee's recommended substitute uses the number
8 of the first resolution submitted and adds the proper suffix (B or RC). The report will clearly state that the
9 other resolution or resolutions have been considered and are included in the "B" or "RC" resolution. A
10 resolution submitted by an agency other than the Board or a reference committee as a substitute or
11 amendment retains the original resolution number followed by the suffix "S-1" (Res. 224S-1). If two
12 substitute resolutions are submitted for the same original resolution, the suffixes are "S-1" and "S-2" (Res.
13 224S-1, Res. 224S-2).

14 *Note.* If a substitute resolution is received too late to be introduced to the House of Delegates through a
15 reference committee report, the originator of the substitute resolution is responsible for calling it to the
16 Speaker's attention when the original resolution is being discussed by the House of Delegates.

17 **Dedicated Pro and Con Microphones:** To help ensure a balanced opportunity for debate during all
18 House discussions, microphones 1, 3, and 5 will be identified for pro testimony and microphones 2, 4,
19 and 6 will be identified for con testimony throughout the session. To preserve the microphone queue for
20 debate on the main motions the Speaker has indicated that two microphones at the front of the room
21 labeled "A" and "B" will be used for debate on subsidiary motions. A third microphone will be placed front
22 and center, labeled "P", for parliamentary inquiries, points of order, points of information or to appeal a
23 ruling of the Chair. Microphone "P" may also be used for a question of privilege that has to do with the
24 convenience, comfort, rights, or privileges of a member or of the assembly that is urgent and must be
25 decided immediately. Offering to give information is *debate* and is not a point of information, and should
26 be given at one of the six microphones in the queue.

27 **Recognition of Those Waiting to Speak:** Microphones identified as pro/con will be used throughout the
28 session. When a member wishes to address the House, the individual should approach the appropriately
29 labeled microphone, secure the attention of the Speaker through the attendant at the microphone and
30 wait to speak until recognized by the Speaker. The member shall then state their name, district, and, for
31 the benefit of the official reporter, the purpose of his or her comments (e.g., speaking for or against a
32 motion, presenting a new motion, etc.). If all members of the House follow this procedure, work will be
33 expedited and all who wish to be heard will be given an opportunity.

34 When an electronic vote is taken, the Speaker will allow sufficient time for members at the microphone to
35 return to their places before taking the vote. In the event debate continues on the same issue, the
36 Speaker will honor the microphone sequence prior to taking the electronic vote. Therefore, a member
37 who was at the microphone and did not have an opportunity to speak before that vote was called and who
38 wishes to continue debate on the same issue should return to the microphone where they were prior to
39 the electronic vote.

40 **Access to Floor of House:** Access to the floor of the House of Delegates is limited to members of the
41 House of Delegates, the chairs of the councils and commissions, the secretaries and executive directors
42 of constituent societies, the executive director and president of the American Student Dental Association,
43 an officially designated representative from each of the American Hospital Association and American
44 Medical Association and members of the Headquarters Office staff. Council and commission chairs are
45 responsible for requesting floor access for any non-delegate council or commission member who desires
46 to speak during debate on the report of the council or commission consistent with the *Bylaws* and the
47 Rules of the House of Delegates. Alternate delegates, former officers (except for former presidents) and
48 former trustees do not have the privilege of access to the floor but will be seated in a special area
49 reserved for them.

1 Admission to the House will be granted to delegates with the appropriately numbered card, which must be
2 handed to the attendant at the door for each meeting so that the official attendance record may be
3 maintained. Former officers and former trustees will also be admitted to the section reserved for alternate
4 delegates and upon request will receive access to all reference committee reports available to delegates
5 and alternates.

6 **Secretaries and Executive Directors of Constituent Societies:** In accordance with the standing rule of
7 the House, "The secretary and executive director of a constituent society may be seated with the
8 constituent society delegates on the floor of the House of Delegates even though they are not official
9 delegates." Under the standing rules, it is not permissible to designate an "acting" secretary or executive
10 director of a constituent society so that he or she may be seated on the floor of the House, unless that
11 person is designated as "acting" secretary or executive director for the remaining portion of the annual
12 session.

13 **Seating of Component Executive Directors in the Alternate Section of the House of Delegates:** In
14 2015, the House of Delegates adopted Resolution 48H-2015 to provide component executive directors
15 and secretaries seating in the Alternate Delegate section. Based on seating capacity at the 2025 House
16 of Delegates, five passes have been allocated to each district caucus chair for distribution and use by
17 component executive directors. The passes will only be released to district caucus chairs and will be
18 available for pick-up at Delegate Registration beginning Friday, October 24. Additional passes may be
19 obtained subject to availability.

20 **Replacement of Alternate Delegates for Delegates:** Delegates wanting to replace themselves with an
21 alternate delegate from their delegation as the credentialed delegate during a meeting of the House of
22 Delegates must complete the appropriate delegate-alternate substitution form. The constituent's
23 executive director or secretary is required to sign the form and the delegate must surrender their
24 admission card for the meeting or meetings not attended before admission cards will be issued to the
25 alternate delegate by the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order. Substitution of alternate delegates
26 may be made during all three meetings of the House of Delegates. In order for a complete and accurate
27 attendance record for all meetings of the 2025 House of Delegates, submission of these completed
28 substitution forms is essential. Only credentialed delegates may vote for the Officers of the Association.

29 **Temporary substitutions:** For the purpose of allowing an alternate to replace a delegate for a specific
30 resolution or issue, the substitution forms do not have to be completed. For these temporary substitutions,
31 the switch can take place at the staffed openings between the delegate and alternate sections of the
32 House. This will be in effect for the Third and Fourth meetings of the House.

33 **Closed Session:** A closed session is any meeting or portion of a meeting of the House of Delegates with
34 limited attendance in order to consider a highly confidential matter. A closed session may be held if
35 agreed upon by general consent of the House or by a majority of the delegates present at the meeting in
36 which the closed session would take place. In a closed session, attendance is limited to officers of the
37 House, delegates and alternates, and the elective and appointive officers, trustees, past presidents and
38 general counsel of the Association. In consultation with the Secretary of the House, the Speaker may
39 invite other persons with an interest in the subject matter to remain during the closed session. In addition
40 to senior staff, this is likely to include members and staff of the council(s) or commission(s) involved with
41 the matter under discussion and executive directors of constituent societies and the American Student
42 Dental Association. No official action may be taken nor business conducted during a closed session.

43 Immediately after a closed session, the Speaker will inform delegates that they may present a motion to
44 request permission to review information which was discussed in the closed session, with the information
45 being discussed only with members present at the session. This provision is not applicable to an attorney-
46 client session.

47 **Attorney-Client Session:** An attorney-client session is a form of closed session during which an
48 attorney acting in a professional capacity provides legal advice, or a request is made of the attorney for
49 legal advice. During these sessions, the legal advice given by the attorney may be discussed at length,
50 and such discussion is "privileged." The requests, advice, and any discussion of them are protected,
51 which means that opponents in litigation, media representatives, or others cannot legally compel their
52 disclosure. The purpose of the privilege is to encourage free and frank discussions between an attorney

1 and those seeking or receiving legal advice. The privilege can be lost (waived) if details about the
2 attorney-client session are revealed to third parties. Once the privilege has been waived, there is a
3 danger that all privileged communications on the issues covered in the attorney-client session, regardless
4 of when or where they took place, may become subject to disclosure. For attorney-client sessions, the
5 Speaker and Secretary shall consult with the General Counsel regarding attendance during the session.
6 No official action may be taken nor business conducted during an attorney-client session.

7 In accordance with the above information, all those participating in an attorney-client session shall refrain
8 from disclosing information about the discussion held during the attorney-client session. In certain cases,
9 a decision may be made to come out of the attorney-client session for purposes of conducting a non-
10 privileged discussion of the same or related subject matter. The difference will be that during the non-
11 privileged session there will be no discussion of any legal advice requested by attendees during the
12 attorney-client session or about any of the legal advice given by the legal counsel. It is such requests for
13 legal advice, legal advice given, and discussion of the legal advice during the attorney-client session that
14 are protected by the privilege and that shall not be disclosed or discussed outside of the attorney-client
15 session.

16 **Manual of the House of Delegates:** Each member of the House of Delegates has access to the 2025
17 *Manual of the House of Delegates* through ADA Connect. The *Manual* contains the standing rules of the
18 House of Delegates and the pertinent provisions of the *Bylaws* and *Governance Manual*.

19 Members of the House should familiarize themselves with the rules and procedures set forth in the
20 *Manual* so that work may proceed as rapidly as possible.

21 **Distribution of Materials in the House of Delegates:** In 2016, the House adopted Resolution 6H-2016,
22 to prohibit the distribution of campaign literature in the House of Delegates. The Committee calls attention
23 to the procedures to be followed for distributing materials in the House of Delegates: (1) no material may
24 be distributed in the House without obtaining permission from the Secretary of the House; (2) material to
25 be distributed must relate to subjects and activities that are proposed for House action or information.

26 **Media Representatives at Meetings of the House of Delegates:** On occasion, representatives of the
27 press and other communications media may be in the visitors' section of the House and in reference
28 committee hearings.

29 **House of Delegates Information and Resource Office:** An Information and Resource Office will be
30 open Friday, October 24 through Monday, October 27 near Delegate Registration at both the Marriott
31 Marquis, Washington, D.C. and the Walter E. Washington Convention Center. The location for the
32 Information and Resources Office at the Marriott Marquis, Washington, D.C., is the Mezzanine Level (2nd
33 Floor), Rose Garden Boardroom and the location for the Convention Center is Room 301. The
34 Information and Resources office will be open to delegates, alternates, constituent society officers and
35 staff. The office will be equipped with computers with printing capability, a copy machine, and general
36 information about the meetings of the House of Delegates and related activities. Everyone is urged to use
37 the Information and Resources Office when drafting resolutions or testimony.

38 Individuals having resolutions for submission to the House of Delegates will be directed to the
39 Headquarters Office where final resolution processing will occur.

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Resolutions

(Resolution 103: Worksheet 1027)

(Resolution 104: Worksheet 1028)

(Resolution 105: Worksheet 1029)

