The National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards (NCRDSCB) met on May 9-10, 2018 at the ADA Headquarters Building in Chicago. The following is a summary of matters considered by the National Commission and actions taken:

1. Approved the NCRDSCB Rules in accordance with the revised Bylaws and Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association.

2. Approved the policy statements recognizing each of the dental specialties and sponsoring organizations. Approved the policy statements recognizing each dental specialty certifying board. Approved the policy statements defining each of the dental specialties.

3. Approved the policies and procedure manual for the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards. Directed staff to contact the dental specialty sponsoring organizations related to the periodic review of dental specialty education and practice, to confirm that the review will occur in 2021.

4. Conducted a lottery to establish the staggered terms of the inaugural commissioners.

5. Approved the preliminary 2019 NCRDSCB budget for submission to the Budget & Finance Committee of the ADA Board of Trustees for consideration in the ADA 2019 budget process. Directed the NCRDSCB Finance Committee to develop a best practice fee sharing arrangement of the annual contribution for the sponsoring organizations.

6. Acknowledged receipt of the application submitted by the American Society of Dentist Anesthesiologists (ASDA) for specialty recognition, but postponed action on the application until the Review Committee on Specialty Recognition reviews the procedures and processes for recognition.

7. Confirmed that the National Commission will manage the Annual Reports of the Dental Specialty Certifying Boards for 2018, with the final report considered at the Commission’s 2019 annual meeting.

8. Considered strategies on communication with state dental boards, currently recognized dental specialty associations, and other communities of interest in regards to the inaugural meeting of the National Commission, including its role and responsibilities.

9. Confirmed the next meeting dates of the National Commission will be March 11-12, 2019.

10. Elected Dr. Charles Norman chair, and Dr. James Boyle vice-chair, for 2018.

NCRDSCB Members: Dr. Charles Norman (chair); Dr. Wayne Aldredge, Dr. Don Altman, Dr. Joseph Battaglia, Dr. James Benz, Dr. James Boyle (vice-chair), Dr. Ralph Cooley, Dr. Robert Delarosa, Dr. Alan Friedel, Dr. Anita Gohel, Dr. Kevin Henner, Dr. Denise Hering, Dr. William Johnson, Dr. Roger Kiesling, Dr. Andrew Kwasny, Dr. Frank Tuminelli, Dr. John Wright, Dr. Mark Zust

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