

**Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs
Unofficial Report of Major Actions
July 7-8, 2023 Meeting**

The Council met in person on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8, 2023, during which it considered and discussed the following matters and took the following major actions:

1. To move forward with the potential ethical issues incidental to using AI to augment clinical dental treatment that were identified by the Council at the April 2023 meeting, the Council broke into working groups for detailed discussion of assigned issues and working toward completing drafts of Ethical Moment articles on those issues.
2. The Council was pleased and honored to be presented with remarks from the ADA president, Dr. George R. Shepley, and the Council's Board of Trustees liaison and former Council chair, Dr. Richard J. Rosato.
3. Dr. Bruce A. Burton, Council chair, presented an educational seminar to the Council on dealing with and embracing change.
4. Members reported to the Council on their efforts as CEBJA ambassadors to the component and constituent dental societies in their respective trustee districts.
5. The Council received a report from the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee regarding the advisability of adopting a schedule for periodic reviews of statements authored by the Council to ensure that statements continue to be relevant and viable. The Council adopted a five-year cycle for reviewing Council statements, and accepted the subcommittee's recommendation that one of the Council's statements (Statement Regarding the Employment of a Dentist) continue to be maintained as written.
6. The Council received a report from the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee concerning the subcommittee's reconsideration of its proposal for the Council's core values and approved the subcommittee's recommendation that Integrity, Dedicated, Inclusive, Purposeful, Mutual Respect and Engaged Communication be adopted as the core values of the Council.
7. The Council considered three alternative for a CEBJA logo, offered revisions to one of the logos and then selected the revised logo, shown in **Appendix 1**, as the logo for the Council.
8. At the recommendation of the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee, the Council agreed that data for the Council's periodic self-assessment, next due in 2024, be collected

from members of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs who are in their second, third and fourth years of service on the Council and from the class of immediate past Council members.

9. The Council received a presentation on the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association in Dentistry from SPEA co-director Dr. Erik Klintmalm and discussed with Dr. Klintmalm possibilities for collaboration between SPEA and CEBJA and avenues for fostering increased communications between those two organizations.
10. The Bylaws subcommittee reported on its consideration of suggested revisions to Chapter VIII., Section B. and Chapter IX., Section G. of the *Governance and Organizational Manual of the American Dental Association* (“*Governance Manual*”) received from the Division of Education/Professional Affairs and its recommendations regarding those suggested amendments. The Council concurred with the subcommittee’s recommended actions and directed CEBJA staff to so advise the Division of Education/Professional Affairs.
11. The Bylaws subcommittee presented a report of its examination of the procedures by which complaints alleging violations of the *ADA Member Conduct Policy* are handled and its recommendations for revising those procedures. The Council agreed with the recommendations for restructuring but voted to postpone formal approval of the restructuring until the 2023-2024 term, and directed the Bylaws subcommittee to present proposed amendments to Chapter XI. of the *Governance Manual* to the Council implementing the revised procedures.
12. The Council discussed the concept of developing a template Board Code of Conduct for use by the boards of the ADA, constituent and component dental societies and subsidiaries and affiliates of the ADA, and directed the Bylaws subcommittee to:
 - undertake a study of codes of conduct used by boards of directors and boards of trustees of non-profit organizations to determine the value and benefits that the adoption of such codes may provide and the provisions that such codes contain,
 - undertake the development of a template code of conduct useable by the boards of component and constituent dental societies and the Board of Trustees of the American Dental Association if the subcommittee believes that a board code of conduct would provide value and benefit to the Association, and
 - report to the Council at its next meeting on the status of this project.
13. A status report was presented by the Ethics and Continuing Education subcommittee

concerning the two continuing education presentations that have been approved for SmileCon® 2023 in Orlando. The two courses will relate to the ethical issues that arise during the treatment of geriatric and pediatric patients.

14. The Ethics and Continuing Education subcommittee reported to the Council on the development of toolkits envisioned as being used by constituent and component dental societies to develop ethics continuing education presentations. It was reported that the ADA continuing education section is interested in reviewing samples of the toolkits for inclusion into its CE offerings.
15. The Ethical Moment and Podcast subcommittee reported the status of Ethical Moment submissions to *The Journal of the American Dental Association* (JADA) and development of episodes for the second season of the Dental Dilemmas™ podcast.
16. Dr. Deb West, CEBJA liaison to the CE committee of Council on Dental Education and Licensure, reported on the activities of the committee since the Council's April meeting.
17. A status report on the 2023 Student Ethics Video Contest was given and members were reminded to promote the contest (which is open until September 6, 2023) to students and dental schools within their trustee districts.
18. The Council received a presentation from the Executive Director, Dr. Raymond A. Cohlmiya, concerning the structural changes being made at the ADA pursuant to implement the strategic forecasting decisions made by the 2020 House of Delegates.
19. On behalf of the Council, Dr. Rosato and Dr. Burton presented plaques to outgoing Council members Dr. Gary S. Davis, Dr. Ansley H. Depp, Dr. Renee P. Pappas, Dr. Nicholas Koutrakis and Dr. Allen B. Reavis commemorating their service to the profession, the ADA and the Council. Dr. Rosato and Dr. Peters presented a commemorative plaque to Dr. Bruce A. Burton.
20. Dr. Debra A. Peters (9th District, Michigan) was unanimously selected to be the chair of the Council for the 2023-2024 term.
21. Dr. Kelly A. Roth (7th District, Ohio) was elected as vice chair of the Council for the 2023-2024 term.



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