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# CHARTER

The Ninety-First Session of the Legislature

Chapter 152, Passed April 7, 1868

## PREAMBLE

AN ACT to incorporate Dental Societies for the purpose of improving and regulating the practice of dentistry in this State.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. It shall be lawful for the dentists in the several judicial districts of the Supreme Court of this State, to meet together at the various designated places, on the first Tuesday of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, at two o'clock in the afternoon of that day, and such dentists so convened shall proceed to the choice of a staff of officers; whenever said societies shall be organized as aforesaid, they are hereby constituted bodies corporated, in fact and under the name of "The District Dental Society" of the respective judicial district where they shall be located.

Section 2. Each of the said districts when organized as aforesaid, shall elect eight delegates, who shall meet at the Capitol, in the City of Albany, on the last Tuesday of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight and proceed to organize a State Dental Society, which shall be named.

"The Dental Society of the State of New York"

Reuben E. Fenton, Governor

Stewart L. Woodward, Lieutenant Governor

Homer A. Nelson, Secretary of State

## GOVERNING STATUTE

(L. 1980, c. 138; L. 1997, c. 683; L.2002, c. 18 EDUCATION LAW, s6603, n.; L. 2007, c.498)

1 s5. The Dental Society of the State of New York is continued and shall be renamed the  
2 New York State Dental Association and shall be composed of the members of the  
3 district and county societies. The State Dental Association shall annually meet on the  
4 second Wednesday of May, or at such other time and at such place as may be  
5 determined in the Bylaws of the Association or by resolution, at the preceding Annual  
6 Meeting. Twenty members shall be a quorum. A president, president elect, vice  
7 president, and secretary-treasurer shall be elected annually, and shall hold their  
8 office for one year, and until others shall be chosen in their places. The officers shall  
9 be elected by the directors of the association. The Association may elect honorary  
10 members from any state or country not eligible to regular membership, who shall not  
11 be entitled to vote or hold any office in the Association. Such Association may  
12 purchase and hold real estate and personal estate for the purpose of its  
13 incorporation. The Association shall have the power to make all needful bylaws not  
14 inconsistent with the laws of the State, for the management of its affairs and  
15 property and the admission and expulsion of members, including the authority to  
16 adopt any bylaws admitting or amending any membership status of any persons,  
17 including licensed dentists and persons with dental degrees that qualify them for  
18 licensure, and allocating such members among district and county societies pursuant  
19 to such bylaws as determined by the Association. Notwithstanding any provision of  
20 this section, determination regarding whether an individual who applies for licensure  
21 as a dentist in New York State meets the educational requirements for such licensure  
22 shall be at the sole discretion of the education department of the State of New York.  
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the directors of the Association may, by a  
24 three-fourths vote, suspend or remove any director of the Association, or by a two-  
25 thirds vote remove a district or county society as a component member.  
26 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the time period for voting by members of  
27 the association on any amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association  
28 shall run from the date of giving written notice in any mailing or other publication by  
29 the association of any such amendment to the date of the commencement of the next  
30 regular meeting of the directors of the association.

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33 s6.1. The existing district dental societies are continued. In any judicial district in  
34 which a district dental society is not incorporated, fifteen or more dentists of such  
35 district authorized to practice dentistry in this State may become a district dental  
36 society of such district, by publishing a call for a meeting of the dentists of the  
37 district to be held at a time and place mentioned therein within the district, in at  
38 least one newspaper in each county of the district, at least once a week for at least  
39 four weeks immediately preceding the time when such meeting is to be held, and by  
40 meeting at the time and place specified in such notice with such dentists authorized  
41 to practice dentistry in the district as may respond to such call, and by making and

42 filing with the secretary of the State Dental Association a certificate, to be executed  
43 and acknowledged by the dentists so meeting, or by at least fifteen of them, which  
44 shall set forth that such meeting has been held pursuant to such notice, the corporate  
45 name of the society, which shall be the district dental society of the judicial district  
46 where located, the names and places of residence of the officers of the society for  
47 the first year, or until the first annual meeting, which officers shall be a president,  
48 vice president, secretary and treasurer, the time and place of the annual meeting of  
49 the society and the general objects and purposes of the Association. Thereupon the  
50 persons executing such certificate and all other dentists in good standing and  
51 authorized to practice dentistry in such district, and persons with dental degrees that  
52 qualify them for licensure, who shall subscribe to its bylaws, shall be a corporation by  
53 the name expressed in such certificate. Every licensed and registered dentist, and  
54 persons with dental degrees that qualify them for licensure, in the judicial district in  
55 which such a society is formed, shall be eligible for membership in the district society  
56 of the district in which he/she resides or practices dentistry, except if such dentist  
57 resides or practices dentistry in a county in which a county dental society is formed in  
58 the manner hereinafter provided, he/she shall be eligible for membership in such  
59 county society; provided, however, that after September 1, 1990, any licensed and  
60 registered dentist who is not a member of the State Dental Association shall be  
61 eligible for membership only in the district or county society in which he or she  
62 maintains his or her or her primary practice. Any member of a district or county  
63 dental society who has been a member of such district or county dental society  
64 continuously since January first, nineteen hundred seventy-seven, may maintain his or  
65 her membership in that district or county dental society notwithstanding where such  
66 member resides or practices dentistry. The dental societies of the respective districts  
67 of the State shall have power to make all necessary bylaws not inconsistent with the  
68 laws of this State for the management of their affairs and property and the admission  
69 and expulsion of members; providing that no bylaw of any district society shall be  
70 repugnant to or inconsistent with the bylaws of the State Association. Twenty  
71 members or ten percent of the total membership entitled to vote, whichever is less,  
72 shall be a quorum. Such societies may purchase and hold real and personal property  
73 for the purposes of their incorporation.

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75 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other law or rule to the  
76 contrary, a county dental society may be formed if application by fifteen or more  
77 dentists of a county or fifteen or more dentists from each of contiguous counties, or  
78 fifty percent or more of the dentists in a county or from each contiguous county with  
79 fewer than thirty dentists is approved by the governing body of the New York State  
80 Dental Association. Every licensed and registered dentist, and persons with dental  
81 degrees that qualify them for licensure, who resides or practices dentistry within the  
82 geographic area in which such a county society is formed shall be eligible to  
83 membership in such society; provided, however, that after September 1, 1990, any  
84 licensed and registered dentist who is not a member of the State Dental Association  
85 shall be eligible for membership only in the county society in which he or she  
86 maintains his or her primary practice. Any member of a district or county dental  
87 society who has been a member of such district or county dental society continuously

88 since January first, Nineteen hundred seventy-seven, may maintain his or her  
89 membership in that district or county dental society notwithstanding where such  
90 member resides or practices dentistry. Such county dental societies shall have the  
91 same powers, duties and quorum requirements as district dental societies.



# CONSTITUTION

## 1 ARTICLE I. NAME

2  
3 The name of this organization shall be The New York State Dental Association,  
4 hereinafter referred to as "the Association" or "this Association."  
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## 6 7 ARTICLE II. OBJECT

8  
9 The object of this Association shall be to encourage the improvement of the health of  
10 the public, to promote the art and science of dentistry, and to represent the interests  
11 of the members of the profession and the public which it serves.  
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## 13 14 ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

15  
16 *Section 10.* Incorporation: The Association is a non-profit organization, incorporated  
17 on June 30, 1868, pursuant to Chapter 152 of the Laws of the State of New York, as  
18 adopted on April 7, 1868, and continued by Chapter 987, Section 5, of the Laws of  
19 1971 as amended by Chapter 138, Section 5 of the Laws of 1980 (Education Law,  
20 s6603 note). If this corporation shall be dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or  
21 property shall be distributed to, or among, its members but, after payment of all  
22 indebtedness of the corporation, its surplus funds and properties shall be used for  
23 dental education and dental research in such manner as the then governing body of  
24 the Association may determine.  
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26 *Section 20.* Headquarters Office: The registered office of this Association shall be  
27 known as the Headquarters Office and shall be located in the City of Albany, County  
28 of Albany, or in such other location as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees,  
29 within the State of New York.  
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31 *Section 30.* Branch Offices: Branch offices of this Association may be established in  
32 any jurisdiction within the State of New York, subject to the approval of the Board of  
33 Trustees.  
34

35 *Section 40.* Membership: The membership of this Association shall consist of dentists  
36 and other persons whose qualifications and classifications shall be as established in  
37 Chapter I of the *Bylaws*.  
38

39 *Section 50.* Component Societies: Component societies of this Association shall be  
40 those dental societies or dental associations organized as such in conformity with  
41 Chapter II of the *Bylaws*.  
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44 **ARTICLE IV. GOVERNMENT**

45  
46 *Section 10.* Legislative Body: The legislative and governing body of this Association  
47 shall be a House of Delegates, which may be referred to as “the House” or “this  
48 House,” as provided in Chapter III of the *Bylaws*, and whose members may also be  
49 referred to as “directors” as provided in the **Governing Statute**.

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51 *Section 20.* Administrative Body: The administrative body of this Association shall be a  
52 Board of Trustees, which may be referred to as “the Board” or “this Board,” as  
53 provided in Chapters V of the *Bylaws*.

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56 **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS**

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58 *Section 10.* Elective Officers: The elective officers of this Association shall be a  
59 President, a President-elect, a Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer, and a Speaker  
60 of the House of Delegates, each of whom shall be elected by the House of Delegates  
61 as provided in Chapter VI of the *Bylaws*.

62  
63 *Section 20.* Appointive Officer: The appointive officer of this Association shall be an  
64 Executive Director who shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees, as provided in  
65 Chapters VII of the *Bylaws*.

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68 **ARTICLE VI. ANNUAL SESSION**

69  
70 The annual session of this Association shall be conducted in accordance with Chapter  
71 III of the *Bylaws*.

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74 **ARTICLE VII. CODE OF ETHICS**

75  
76 The *Code of Ethics* of this Association and the *Principles of Ethics and Code of*  
77 *Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association with which it shall not  
78 conflict, shall govern the professional conduct of all members.

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81 **ARTICLE VIII. AMENDMENTS**

82  
83 This *Constitution* may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the  
84 members of the House of Delegates, provided that the proposed amendments have  
85 been presented in writing at any previous session of the House of Delegates.

86  
87 This *Constitution* may also be amended at any session of the House of Delegates by a  
88 unanimous vote, provided the proposed amendments have been presented in writing  
89 at a previous meeting of such session.

# BYLAWS

## 1 CHAPTER I. MEMBERSHIP

2  
3 *Section 10.* Classification: The members of this Association shall be classified as  
4 follows:

- 5  
6 Active Members  
7 Life Members  
8 Retired Members  
9 Student Members  
10 Honorary Members  
11 Associate Members  
12 Affiliate Members

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14 *Section 20.* Qualifications, Privileges, Dues and Special Assessments:

15  
16 A. Active Member.

17 a. Qualifications. An active member shall be a dentist who is licensed or  
18 authorized to practice dentistry in the State of New York, and any other persons  
19 who have a DDS or DMD or equivalent dental degree, and shall be a member in  
20 good standing of this Association and a component society as is defined in these  
21 *Bylaws*. Life members of the American Dental Association and component  
22 societies, otherwise ineligible for life membership in the New York State Dental  
23 Association, may also be eligible for active membership in this Association. In  
24 addition, a dentist performing services as a member of the faculty of a dental  
25 school, postdoctoral training program or dental auxiliary school, a dental  
26 administrator, a consultant, or as a practitioner of any activity for which a license  
27 to practice dentistry is required, is eligible for active membership in this  
28 Association.

29  
30 *Explanatory Note:* The term “federal dental services” as used in this *Constitution*  
31 *and Bylaws* shall mean the dental departments of the Air Force, the Army, the  
32 Navy, the Public Health Service, the department of Veterans Affairs and other  
33 federal agencies.

34  
35 b. Privileges.

36 (1) An active member in good standing shall receive annually a certificate of  
37 membership and the *New York State Dental Journal*, the subscription price of  
38 which shall be included in the annual dues. An active member shall be entitled to  
39 attend any scientific session of this Association and receive such other services as  
40 are provided by the Association.

41 (2) An active member in good standing shall be eligible for election as a delegate  
42 or alternate delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Dental  
43 Association, as a delegate or alternate delegate to the House of Delegates of this

44 Association, and for election or appointment to any office or agency of this  
45 Association, except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*.

46 (3) An active member under a disciplinary sentence of suspension shall not be  
47 privileged to hold office, either elective or appointive, including delegate and  
48 alternate delegate of the American Dental Association, in such member's  
49 component society and this Association, or to vote or otherwise participate in the  
50 selection of officials of such member's component society and this Association.

51  
52 c. Dues and Special Assessments. The dues of active members shall be the amount  
53 established annually by the House of Delegates in accordance with the procedure  
54 set forth in Chapter III, Section 130Ad of these *Bylaws*, due January 1 each year,  
55 eighty-four dollars (\$84.00) of which, rounded to the nearest whole dollar, shall be  
56 contributed to the Association's endorsed political action committee unless the  
57 member elects to reassign such amount to another approved Association fund as  
58 designated on the dues statement. Notwithstanding any other provision of these  
59 *Bylaws*, the Board of Trustees may at its discretion, approve dues and/or special  
60 assessment adjustments to lower or waive dues and/or special assessment  
61 amounts for any members as part of special, promotional, limited duration dues  
62 and/or special assessment adjustment or waiver programs proposed by the  
63 American Dental Association or a component dental society in conjunction with  
64 the Association. In addition to the annual dues, active members shall pay any  
65 special assessments levied in accordance with Chapter XII, Section 50 of the  
66 *Bylaws*, due January 1 of each year. However, any dentist, who satisfies the  
67 eligibility requirements for active membership and any of the following conditions  
68 shall be entitled to pay the reduced active member dues and any special  
69 assessment stated under such satisfied condition so long as that dentist maintains  
70 continuous membership, subject to the further reductions permitted under the  
71 provisions of Chapter I, Section 20Ad of these *Bylaws*:

72 (1) Dentists who have been awarded a DDS or DMD degree, and who have  
73 completed an advanced training course of not less than one academic year's  
74 duration in a school or residency program accredited by the Commission on Dental  
75 Accreditation of the American Dental Association, shall be exempt from the  
76 payment of active member dues and any special assessment for the remaining  
77 period of that year. Thereafter dentists shall pay twenty five (25%) of the dues of  
78 active members for the first full calendar year, fifty percent (50%) of the dues of  
79 active members for the second and third full calendar years, seventy five percent  
80 (75%) of the dues of active members for the fourth and fifth full calendar years  
81 following graduation or completion of training, and one hundred percent (100%)  
82 thereafter due January 1, a proportionate amount of which shall be contributed to  
83 the Association's endorsed political action committee unless the member elects to  
84 reassign such amount to another Association fund as designated on the dues  
85 statement. In addition to the annual dues, such active members shall pay a  
86 proportionate amount of any special assessments levied in accordance with  
87 Chapter XII, Section 50 of the *Bylaws*, due January 1 of each year. Persons who  
88 have been awarded a DDS or DMD or equivalent dental degree, and who are  
89 enrolled in but have not yet completed an advanced training course of not less

90 than one academic year's duration in a school or residency program accredited by  
91 the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association, shall  
92 pay dues in accordance with Section 20(D)(c)(2) of this Chapter.

93 (2) New members who have not previously been members of the American Dental  
94 Association, this Association, and a component society, and who do not qualify for  
95 a dues reduction as recent graduate members, shall pay only one half (1/2) of the  
96 dues of active members for their first year of membership.

97 (3) An active member in good standing upon beginning active duty in one of the  
98 federal dental services, but who during such duty, interrupted his active  
99 membership because of failure to pay dues and who, within one (1) year after  
100 separation from such duty, resumed his active membership, may pay back dues for  
101 any missing period of active membership at the appropriate rate of dues for the  
102 missing years of membership except as provided in Section 50C of this Chapter of  
103 the *Bylaws*.

104  
105 d. Active Members Selected after July 1 And October 1. Those members selected  
106 to active membership in this Association after July 1, except for those whose  
107 membership has lapsed for failure to pay the current year's dues and/or special  
108 assessments, shall pay one half (1/2) of the current year's dues and one half (1/2)  
109 of any active member special assessment then in effect, and those selected after  
110 October 1, shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the current year's dues and one quarter  
111 (1/4) of any active member special assessment then in effect.

112  
113 B. Life Member.

114 a. Qualifications. A life member shall be a member in good standing of this  
115 Association who (1) has been an active and/or retired member in good standing of  
116 this Association for thirty (30) consecutive years, or a total of forty (40) years of  
117 active and/or retired membership or who has been an active member of the  
118 American Dental Association for thirty (30) years inclusive of the last ten (10)  
119 consecutive years of active membership in the New York State Dental Association;  
120 and (2) has attained the age of sixty-five (65) years in the previous calendar year.

121  
122 The Association will give notification to members who are eligible for life  
123 membership. Life membership shall be effective the calendar year following the  
124 year in which the requirements are fulfilled. Such applicant must be a member in  
125 good standing at the time of his classification as a life member. Maintenance of  
126 membership in good standing in the member's component society shall be a  
127 requisite for continuance of life membership in this Association.

128  
129 b. Privileges.

130 (1) A life member in good standing of this Association shall receive a certificate of  
131 life membership. A life member shall be entitled to all of the privileges of active  
132 membership.

133 (2) A life member under a disciplinary sentence of suspension shall not be  
134 privileged to hold office, either elective or appointive, including delegate and  
135 alternate delegate of the American Dental Association, in such member's

136 component society and this Association, or to vote or otherwise participate in the  
137 selection of officials of such member's component society and this Association.  
138

139 c. Dues and Special Assessments.

140 (1) Active Life Members. Regardless of a member's previous classification of  
141 membership, the dues of life members who have not fulfilled the qualifications of  
142 retired membership pursuant to Section 20C of this Chapter of the *Bylaws* with  
143 regard to income related to dentistry shall be seventy five percent (75%) of the  
144 dues of active members due January 1 each year, a proportionate amount of which  
145 shall be contributed to the Association's endorsed political action committee  
146 unless the member elects to reassign such amount to another Association fund as  
147 designated on the dues statement. In addition to the annual dues, active life  
148 members shall pay any special assessments levied in accordance with Chapter XII,  
149 Section 50 of the *Bylaws*, due January 1 of each year.

150 (2) Retired Life Members. Life members who have fulfilled the qualifications of  
151 Section 20C of this Chapter of the *Bylaws* with regard to income related to  
152 dentistry shall be exempt from payment of dues and special assessments.

153 (3) Acceptance of Back Dues and Special Assessments. For the purpose of  
154 establishing continuity of active membership to qualify for life membership, back  
155 dues and special assessments, except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, shall  
156 be accepted for not more than the three (3) years of delinquency prior to the date  
157 of application for such payment. The rate of such dues and/or special  
158 assessments, except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, shall be in accordance  
159 with Chapter I, Section 40 of these *Bylaws*.  
160

161 For the purpose of establishing continuity of active membership in order to qualify  
162 for life membership, an active member, who had been such when entering upon  
163 active duty in one of the federal dental services but who, during such federal  
164 dental service, interrupted the continuity of active membership because of failure  
165 to pay dues and/or special assessments and who, within one year after separation  
166 from such military or equivalent duty, resumed active membership, may pay back  
167 dues and special assessments for any missing period of active membership at the  
168 rate of dues and/or special assessments current during the missing years of  
169 membership except as provided in Section 50C of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.  
170

171 C. Retired Member.

172 a. Qualifications. A retired member shall be an active member in good standing of  
173 this Association who is now an active or retired member of a component society,  
174 and is no longer earning income from the performance of services as a member of  
175 the faculty of a dental school, postdoctoral training program or dental auxiliary  
176 school, a dental administrator, a consultant, or as a practitioner of any activity for  
177 which a license to practice dentistry is required, and has submitted an affidavit on  
178 or before April 1, attesting to qualifications for this category through the  
179 component society. Maintenance of active or retired membership in good standing  
180 in the member's component society entitling such member to all of the privileges

181 of an active member shall be requisite for entitlement to and continuance of  
182 retired membership in this Association.

183  
184 b. Privileges.

185 (1) A retired member in good standing of this Association shall receive a certificate  
186 of membership. A retired member in good standing shall be entitled to all of the  
187 privileges of active membership.

188 (2) A retired member under a disciplinary sentence of suspension shall not be  
189 privileged to hold office, either elective or appointive, including delegate and  
190 alternate delegate of the American Dental Association, in such member's  
191 component society and this Association, or to vote or otherwise participate in the  
192 selection of officials of such member's component society and this Association.

193  
194 c. Dues and Special Assessments. The dues of retired members shall be twenty  
195 five percent (25%) of the dues of active members due January 1 each year, a  
196 proportionate amount of which shall be contributed to the Association's endorsed  
197 political action committee unless the member elects to reassign such amount to  
198 another Association fund as designated on the dues statement. In addition to the  
199 annual dues, retired members shall pay any special assessments levied in  
200 accordance with Chapter XII, Section 50 of the *Bylaws*, due January 1 of each  
201 year.

202  
203 D. Student Member.

204 a. Qualifications. A student member shall be either a predoctoral student of a  
205 dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the  
206 American Dental Association who is an active member of the American Student  
207 Dental Association and a student member of the American Dental Association, or a  
208 postdoctoral student who is a dentist eligible for membership in the American  
209 Dental Association and who is both engaged full time in an advanced training  
210 course of not less than one academic year's duration in a school or residency  
211 program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American  
212 Dental Association and a student member of the American Dental Association. In  
213 addition,

214 (1) a predoctoral student member shall also be a member of this Association's  
215 component society where the student attends dental school, unless the component  
216 society charges dues and assessments to predoctoral dental students, in which  
217 case the student may seek membership in that component society.

218 (2) a postdoctoral student member shall also be a member of this Association's  
219 component society where the advanced training course is situated, unless the  
220 component society charges dues and assessments to postdoctoral dental students,  
221 in which case the student may seek membership in that component society.

222  
223 b. Privileges.

224 (1) A student member in good standing of this Association shall receive annually a  
225 certificate of membership and the *New York State Dental Journal*, the subscription  
226 price of which shall be included in the annual dues. A student member shall be

227 entitled to attend any scientific session of this Association and receive such other  
228 services as are authorized by the Board of Trustees.

229 (2) A student member under a disciplinary sentence of suspension shall not be  
230 privileged to serve as the American Student Dental Association's representative to  
231 this Association's Board of Trustees.

232  
233 c. Dues and Special Assessments.

234 (1) Predoctoral Student Members. The dues of predoctoral student members shall  
235 be ten dollars (\$10.00) due January 1 of each year, except that a predoctoral  
236 student member who is an active member of the American Student Dental  
237 Association and a student member of the American Dental Association shall be  
238 exempt from the payment of dues. Predoctoral students shall be exempt from the  
239 payment of assessments.

240 (2) Postdoctoral Student Members. Dentists who are student members pursuant to  
241 Section 20D of this Chapter of the *Bylaws* shall be exempt from the payment of  
242 dues and assessments.

243 (3) Student membership terminates on December 31 following graduation or after  
244 completion of advanced training as provided in Section 20Ac of this Chapter of the  
245 *Bylaws*.

246  
247 E. Honorary Member.

248 a. Qualifications. An individual who has contributed materially to the  
249 advancement of the art and science of dentistry, upon election by the Board of  
250 Trustees shall be classified as an honorary member of this Association. A recipient  
251 of the New York State Dental Association Award in memory of William Jarvie and  
252 Harvey J. Burkhart, shall be classified as an honorary member of this Association  
253 provided they are not eligible to be otherwise classified as an active, life or  
254 retired member of the Association. The names and qualifications of candidates  
255 nominated for honorary membership shall be submitted in writing to the Board of  
256 Trustees at a meeting prior to the one at which action shall be taken.

257  
258 b. Privileges. An honorary member shall receive a certificate of honorary  
259 membership, and the *New York State Dental Journal*. An honorary member shall  
260 be entitled to attend any scientific session of this Association and receive such  
261 other services as are authorized by the Board of Trustees.

262  
263 c. Dues and Special Assessments. Honorary members shall be exempt from the  
264 payment of dues and special assessments.

265  
266 F. Associate Member.

267 a. Qualifications. An associate member shall be a dentist who is licensed or  
268 authorized to practice dentistry (and/or medicine provided the physician has a  
269 DDS or DMD or equivalent dental degree) in the State of New York, is an active,  
270 life or retired member in good standing of another constituent association of the  
271 American Dental Association, is ineligible for any other type of membership in this



272 Association, has applied to and been approved by the Board of Trustees, and is a  
273 member in good standing of this Association.

274  
275 b. Privileges. An associate member shall receive a certificate of membership and  
276 the *New York State Dental Journal*. An associate member shall be entitled to  
277 attend any scientific session of this Association and receive such other services as  
278 are authorized by the Board of Trustees.

279  
280 c. Dues and Special Assessments. The dues of associate members shall be one  
281 hundred percent (100%) of the dues of active members, due January 1 of each  
282 year. In addition to their annual dues, associate members shall pay one hundred  
283 percent (100%) of any active member special assessment levied by the House of  
284 Delegates, due January 1 of each year.

285  
286 G. Affiliate Member.

287 a. Qualifications. An affiliate member shall be a person ineligible for any other  
288 classification of membership in this Association and:  
289 (1) is practicing in a country other than the United States;  
290 (2) has been classified as an affiliate member upon application to and approval by  
291 the Board of Trustees; and  
292 (3) is a member in good standing of this Association.

293  
294 b. Privileges. An affiliate member in good standing shall receive annually a  
295 certificate of membership and the *New York State Dental Journal*. An affiliate  
296 member shall be entitled to attend any scientific session of this Association and  
297 receive such other services as are authorized by the Board of Trustees.

298  
299 c. Dues and Special Assessments. The dues of affiliate members shall be fifty  
300 percent (50%) of the dues of active members, due January 1 of each year. In  
301 addition to their annual dues, affiliate members shall pay fifty percent (50%) of  
302 any active member special assessment levied by the House of Delegates, due  
303 January 1 of each year.

304  
305 *Section 30. Definition of "In Good Standing":* A member of this Association whose  
306 dues and special assessments for the current year have been paid shall be in good  
307 standing. If under a final disciplinary sentence of suspension, such member shall be  
308 designated as a "member in good standing temporarily under suspension" until the  
309 member's disciplinary sentence has been terminated.

310  
311 A member of this Association who is disabled for a period of one year, is no longer  
312 earning income from the performance of dentally-related activity because of the  
313 disability, and who was a member in good standing at the time such disability was  
314 incurred, shall be exempt from the payment of dues and special assessments and shall  
315 be in good standing during the period of disability. A disabled member, in order to  
316 receive entitlement to dues and special assessments exemption, shall submit to this  
317 Association a medical certificate attesting to disability. During the period of

318 exemption from dues and special assessments, further such certificates shall be  
319 presented on request to this Association.

320  
321 Members of the Association shall be bound by the rules and procedures delineated in  
322 the *Peer Review Manual* of this Association as described in Chapter VIII, Section 120C  
323 of the *Bylaws*. Failure to do so shall constitute grounds for suspension and/or  
324 revocation of membership in this Association.

325  
326 A member of this Association receiving assistance from the Relief Fund of this  
327 Association or who has claimed hardship, based on a written explanation acceptable  
328 to the Association describing the nature of the hardship, shall be exempt from the  
329 payment of dues and shall be considered in good standing.

330  
331 The requirement of paying current dues does not apply to retired life, honorary and  
332 predoctoral student members of this Association for the purpose of determining their  
333 good standing.

334  
335 *Section 40. Lapse of Membership, Reinstatement and Acceptance of Back Dues:*

336  
337 A. Lapse of Membership. Any member whose dues and special assessments have not  
338 been paid by March 31 of the current year shall cease to be a member of this  
339 Association.

340  
341 B. Reinstatement. Reinstatement of active, life, retired, student, associate or  
342 affiliate membership may be secured upon payment of appropriate dues of this  
343 Association before December 31 of the current year, by any former member and on  
344 compliance by the former member with the pertinent bylaws and regulations of the  
345 component society involved and this Association.

346  
347 C. Acceptance of Back Dues. For the purposes of establishing continuity of active  
348 membership to qualify for life membership, back dues shall be accepted for not more  
349 than three (3) years of delinquency prior to the date of application for such payment.  
350 The rate of such dues shall be in accordance with this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.

351  
352 For the purpose of establishing continuity of active membership in order to qualify for  
353 life membership, an active member, who had been such when entering upon active  
354 duty in one of the federal dental services but who, during such federal dental service,  
355 interrupted the continuity of active membership because of failure to pay dues and  
356 who, within one year after separation from such military or equivalent duty, resumed  
357 active membership, may pay back dues for any missing period of active membership  
358 at the rate of dues current during the missing years of membership except as provided  
359 in Section 50C of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.

360  
361 *Section 50. Dues or Special Assessment Related Issues:*

362

363 A. Payment Date and Installment Payments. Dues of all members are payable January  
364 1 of each year, except for active and active life members who may participate in an  
365 installment payment plan sponsored by this Association, or if the active or active life  
366 members are in the exclusive employ of, or are serving on active duty in, one of the  
367 federal dental services. The plan shall require monthly installment payments that  
368 conclude with the current dues and special assessment amount fully paid by June 30.  
369 Transactional costs may be imposed, prorated to this Association and the component  
370 dental society. The installment plan shall provide for the expeditious transfer of  
371 member dues to this Association and the component dental society as soon as  
372 commercially feasible.

373  
374 B. Financial Hardship Waivers. Those members who have suffered a significant  
375 financial hardship that prohibits them from payment of their full dues may be excused  
376 from the payment of twenty-five percent (25%), fifty percent (50%), seventy-five  
377 percent (75%) or all of the current year's dues, based on a written explanation  
378 acceptable to this Association describing the nature of the hardship. The component  
379 society shall provide the same proportionate waiver of their dues as that provided by  
380 this Association.

381  
382 C. Waivers for Active Members Temporarily Activated to Federal Service. An active  
383 member in good standing who is temporarily called to active duty with a federal  
384 dental service on a non-career basis shall be exempt from the payment of dues to this  
385 Association during such military duty, but not to exceed a period of three years.

386  
387 D. Calculating Percentage Dues or Special Assessments. In establishing the dollar rate  
388 of dues in this chapter expressed as a percentage of active member dues,  
389 computations resulting in fractions of a dollar shall be rounded up to the next whole  
390 dollar.

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392

## 393 CHAPTER II. COMPONENT SOCIETIES

394

395 *Section 10. Organization:* Pursuant to the laws of the State of New York, there may  
396 be at least one component society in each of the judicial districts of the State of New  
397 York provided that no such society shall be incorporated in any county in which a  
398 component society has already been incorporated. Active, life or retired members of  
399 each component society shall consist of dentists who are members in good standing of  
400 this Association. Each component society shall adopt and maintain a constitution and  
401 bylaws, which shall not be in conflict with, or limit, the *Constitution and Bylaws* of  
402 this Association or that of the American Dental Association, and shall file a copy  
403 thereof and any changes which may be made thereafter with the Executive Director  
404 of this Association.

405

406 *Section 20. Name:* Each component society shall take its name from the judicial  
407 district or county in which it is located and chartered.

408

409 Section 30. Power and Duties:

410

411 A. A component society shall have the power to select its active, life, and retired  
412 members as active members of this Association in accordance with Section 40 of this  
413 Chapter of these *Bylaws*.

414

415 B. It shall have the power to provide for its financial support, to establish bylaws,  
416 rules and regulations, not in conflict with, or limiting, the *Constitution and Bylaws* of  
417 this Association or that of the American Dental Association.

418

419 C. It shall have the power to discipline any of its members subject to the provisions in  
420 Chapter X, Section 20 of these *Bylaws*.

421

422 D. It shall have the power to establish committees, councils and commissions of the  
423 component society; to designate their powers and duties; and to adopt reasonable  
424 eligibility requirements for service thereon.

425

426 E. It shall have the power to recommend from among its active, life or retired  
427 members in good standing, representatives to serve on the councils of this Association  
428 in accordance with Chapter III, Section 50D, Chapter V, Section 110H, and Chapter  
429 VIII, Section 20B of these *Bylaws*.

430

431 F. It shall have the power to nominate from among its active, life or retired members,  
432 delegate-nominees and alternate delegate-nominees to the House of Delegates of the  
433 American Dental Association to be elected by the House of Delegates of this  
434 Association in accordance with Chapter III, Section 50E of these *Bylaws*.

435

436 Section 40. Membership:

437

438 A. The active, life, and retired membership of each component society, except as  
439 otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, shall consist solely of dentists practicing within  
440 the territorial jurisdiction of the component society; dentists retired from active  
441 practice; dentists engaged in activities furthering the object of this Association;  
442 dentists serving as a member of the faculty of a dental school, postdoctoral training  
443 program or dental auxiliary school; dentists serving as a dental administrator, a  
444 consultant, or as a practitioner of any activity for which a license to practice  
445 dentistry is required; and dentists in a federal dental service (provided that the  
446 federal dentist is either licensed in or serving within the State of New York), provided  
447 that such dentists are active, life or retired members in good standing of the  
448 component society and this Association.

449

450 Any dentist who actively practices within the territorial jurisdiction of more than one  
451 component society must designate one such component as the location of his/her  
452 primary practice as a condition of applying for and/or maintaining membership in the  
453 component society in accordance with the laws of the State of New York State.

454

455 A dental school graduate shall have five years from the date of graduation or five  
456 years from the date of completion of postdoctoral training in a school or residency  
457 program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American  
458 Dental Association in which to designate the location of his or her primary practice,  
459 during which time he or she shall be eligible for membership in any component  
460 society in which he or she practices.

461  
462 B. Transfer from One Component Society to Another. A member in good standing of  
463 one component society who is eligible for transfer to another component society may  
464 apply for such transfer provided there are no formal charges pending against the  
465 member. If the transfer of membership becomes effective on or before March 31 of  
466 the year of application, component dues shall be paid to the component society to  
467 which the member is transferring. If the transfer becomes effective after March 31,  
468 the component society from which transfer is sought shall retain the dues for the  
469 remainder of the current year.

470  
471 Application for transfer of membership from one component society to another shall  
472 be made to the component society in which the applicant maintains his or her primary  
473 practice and to which transfer is sought. The component society receiving such  
474 application shall obtain from the component society of which the applicant is  
475 currently a member, certification that the applicant is in good standing and that  
476 there are no formal charges pending against him or her.

477  
478 A member who is required to transfer membership from one component society to  
479 another and whose application for transfer of membership is denied shall be entitled  
480 to a hearing (by either the component society or this Association), on the decision  
481 denying the member's application for transfer of membership and to appeal to this  
482 Association and the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs of the American  
483 Dental Association in accordance with its procedures even though a disciplinary  
484 penalty is not involved.

485  
486 C. Privileges of Membership. An active, life, or retired member in good standing shall  
487 have the opportunity of enjoying all privileges of component society membership  
488 except as otherwise provided by the *Constitution and Bylaws* of this Association or  
489 that of the American Dental Association.

490  
491 *Section 50. Officers:* The officers of a component society shall be president,  
492 secretary, treasurer and such others as may be prescribed in its bylaws.

493  
494 *Section 60. Sessions:* A component society shall hold a business meeting at least once  
495 each calendar year.

496  
497 *Section 70. Constitution and Bylaws:* Each component society shall adopt and maintain  
498 a constitution and bylaws which shall not be in conflict with, or limit, the  
499 *Constitution and Bylaws* of this Association or that of the American Dental Association  
500 and shall file a copy thereof and any changes which may be made thereafter, with the

501 Executive Director of this Association.

502

503 *Section 80. Code of Ethics: The Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*  
504 of the American Dental Association and the *Code of Ethics* of this Association shall  
505 constitute the code of ethics of the component society for governing the professional  
506 conduct of its members.

507

508 *Section 90. Right of Hearing and Appeal: Disputes arising between component*  
509 *societies may be referred to the Board of Trustees of this Association for hearing and*  
510 *decision.*

511

512 *Section 100. Privilege of Representation: Each component society shall be entitled to*  
513 *two (2) delegates in the House of Delegates. The remaining number of delegates shall*  
514 *be allocated as provided in Chapter III, Section 10C of these Bylaws.*

515

516 Each component society may select from among its active, life and retired members  
517 the same number of alternate delegates as delegates and shall designate the  
518 alternate delegate who shall replace an absent delegate.

519

520 *Section 110. Chartered Component Societies: The Executive Director of the*  
521 *Association is authorized to issue a charter to each component society denoting its*  
522 *name and territorial composition. In accordance with Sections 10 and 20 of this*  
523 *Chapter of the Bylaws, the component societies are named and composed as follows:*

524

525 ***New York County***

526 County of New York

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528 ***Second District***

529 County of Kings

530 County of Richmond

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532 ***Third District***

533 County of Albany

534 County of Columbia

535 County of Greene

536 County of Rensselaer

537 County of Sullivan

538 County of Ulster

539

540 ***Fourth District***

541 County of Clinton

542 County of Essex

543 County of Franklin

544 County of Fulton

545 County of Hamilton

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County of Montgomery

547 County of Saratoga  
548 County of Schenectady  
549 County of Schoharie  
550 County of Warren  
551 County of Washington  
552  
553 ***Fifth District***  
554 County of Herkimer  
555 County of Jefferson  
556 County of Lewis  
557 County of Madison  
558 County of Oneida  
559 County of Onondaga  
560 County of Oswego  
561 County of St. Lawrence  
562  
563 ***Sixth District***  
564 County of Broome  
565 County of Chemung  
566 County of Chenango  
567 County of Cortland  
568 County of Delaware  
569 County of Otsego  
570 County of Schuyler  
571 County of Tioga  
572 County of Tompkins  
573  
574 ***Seventh District***  
575 County of Cayuga  
576 County of Livingston  
577 County of Monroe  
578 County of Ontario  
579 County of Seneca  
580 County of Steuben  
581 County of Wayne  
582 County of Yates  
583  
584 ***Eighth District***  
585 County of Alleghany  
586 County of Cattaraugus  
587 County of Chautauqua  
588 County of Erie  
589 County of Genesee  
590 County of Niagara  
591 County of Orleans  
592 County of Wyoming

593  
594 ***Ninth District***  
595 County of Dutchess  
596 County of Orange  
597 County of Putnam  
598 County of Rockland  
599 County of Westchester

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601 ***Nassau County***  
602 County of Nassau

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604 ***Queens County***  
605 County of Queens

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607 ***Suffolk County***  
608 County of Suffolk

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610 ***Bronx County***  
611 County of Bronx

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### 614 CHAPTER III. HOUSE OF DELEGATES

615  
616 *Section 10.* Composition:

617  
618 A. Voting Members. The House of Delegates shall consist of one hundred two (102)  
619 voting members of the Association. It shall be composed of the officially certified  
620 delegates of the component societies in accordance with Chapter II, Section 100 of  
621 these *Bylaws*, and two (2) student members of the Association who are the officially  
622 certified delegates from District 2 of the American Student Dental Association.

623  
624 B. *Ex Officio* Members. The elective and appointive officers, the immediate Past  
625 President, the trustees of this Association and the Trustee representing the Second  
626 Trustee District of the American Dental Association shall be *ex officio* members of the  
627 House of Delegates without the power to vote. They shall not serve as delegates.  
628 Past presidents of this Association shall be *ex officio* members of the House of  
629 Delegates without the power to vote unless designated as delegates.

630  
631 C. Representational Requirements and Goals. Each component society shall be  
632 entitled to two (2) delegates without regard to the number of members. The  
633 remaining delegates shall be proportionately allocated to the component societies  
634 according to the number of active, life and retired members in each of the  
635 component societies in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

636  
637 For the purpose of this section, the number of members in good standing in any  
638 component society shall be determined as of the last day of the calendar year



639 preceding the annual session, and in accordance with the laws of the State of New  
640 York.

641  
642 D. Alternate Delegates. Each component society may select from among its active,  
643 life and retired members the same number of alternate delegates as delegates.  
644 District 2 of the American Student Dental Association may select from among its  
645 active members two (2) alternate delegates.

646  
647 *Section 20. Election of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:* The officially certified  
648 delegates and the alternate delegates of each component society shall be elected by  
649 the membership at large of the component society and/or the component society's  
650 governing legislative body on an annual basis. The tenure of a delegate or alternate  
651 delegate shall be unlimited except as may otherwise be determined by the  
652 component society in its bylaws.

653  
654 The officially certified delegates from the American Student Dental Association shall  
655 be student members of this Association in good standing who are predoctoral dental  
656 students attending New York State dental schools and are elected by the District 2  
657 caucus of the American Student Dental Association in accordance with its bylaws. For  
658 the purpose of this section, the delegates from the American Student Dental  
659 Association shall be from different New York State dental schools where practicable.

660  
661 *Section 30. Certification of Delegates and Alternate Delegates:* The trustee  
662 representing each component society or the trustee's designee, and the District 2  
663 caucus of the American Student Dental Association shall file with the Executive  
664 Director of this Association, at least sixty (60) days prior to the first day of the annual  
665 session of the House of Delegates, the names of the delegates and alternate delegates  
666 designated by the society or association. The Executive Director of this Association  
667 shall provide each delegate and alternate delegate with credentials which shall be  
668 presented to the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order of the House of  
669 Delegates. In the event of a contest over the credentials of any delegate or alternate  
670 delegate, the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order shall hold a hearing and  
671 report its findings and recommendations to the House of Delegates for final action.

672  
673 *Section 40. Powers:*

674  
675 A. The House of Delegates shall be the supreme authoritative body of this Association.

676  
677 B. It shall possess the legislative powers.

678  
679 C. It shall determine the policies which shall govern this Association in all of its  
680 activities.

681  
682 D. It shall have the power to enact, amend and repeal the *Constitution and Bylaws*.

683  
684 E. It shall have the power to adopt and amend the *Code of Ethics* for governing the

685 professional conduct of the members.

686

687 F. It shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) majority to grant or amend charters of  
688 component societies.

689

690 G. It shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) majority to suspend or revoke  
691 charters of component societies for cause. For the purpose of this paragraph, “for  
692 cause” shall mean any action or course of conduct that is materially and seriously  
693 detrimental to the functioning or interests of this Association and shall be a cause  
694 that would be recognized as a valid legal ground for such action by a court of the  
695 State of New York.

696

697 H. It shall have the power by a two-thirds (2/3) majority to suspend the  
698 representation of a component society in the House of Delegates upon a  
699 determination by the House that the bylaws of the component society violate the  
700 *Constitution* or *Bylaws* of this Association providing, however, such suspension shall  
701 not be in effect until the House of Delegates has voted that the component society is  
702 in violation and has one year after notification of the specific violation in which to  
703 correct its constitution or bylaws.

704

705 I. It shall have the power to create special committees of the Association.

706

707 J. It shall have the power to establish branch offices of the Association.

708

709 K. It shall have the power to approve all memorials, resolutions or opinions issued in  
710 the name of the American Dental Association.

711

712 L. It shall have the power to establish rules and procedures to govern the election of  
713 officers and the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American  
714 Dental Association, when such elections are contested.

715

716 *Section 50. Duties:* It shall be the duty of the House of Delegates:

717

718 A. To elect the elective officers.

719

720 B. To elect the members of the Board of Trustees.

721

722 C. To elect the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American  
723 Dental Association, subject to the approval of the House of Delegates of the American  
724 Dental Association in accordance with its *Bylaws*.

725

726 D. To elect the members of the councils and commissions except as otherwise  
727 provided by these *Bylaws*.

728

729 E. To elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association  
730 in accordance with Chapter XIII, Section 30 of these *Bylaws*.

731  
732 F. To receive and act upon reports of the councils and committees of the House of  
733 Delegates.

734  
735 G. To adopt an annual budget and establish the dues of active members for the  
736 following year.

737  
738 H. To serve as the court of appeal from decisions of the Council on Ethics except  
739 those decisions involving discipline of members.

740  
741 *Section 60. Transfer of Powers and Duties of the House of Delegates:* The powers and  
742 duties of the House of Delegates, except the power to amend, enact and repeal the  
743 *Constitution and Bylaws*, and the duty of electing the elective officers, the members  
744 of the Board of Trustees and the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of  
745 the American Dental Association, may be transferred to the Board of Trustees of this  
746 Association in time of extraordinary emergency. The existence of a time of  
747 extraordinary emergency may be determined by unanimous consent of the members  
748 of the Board of Trustees present and voting at a regular or special session. Such  
749 extraordinary emergency may also be determined by mail vote of the last House of  
750 Delegates on recommendation of at least four (4) of the elective officers. A mail vote  
751 to be valid shall consist of ballots received from not less than one-fourth (1/4) of the  
752 members of the last House of Delegates. A majority of the votes cast within thirty  
753 (30) days after the mailing of the ballot shall decide the vote.

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755 *Section 70. Annual Session:* The House of Delegates shall meet annually. The annual  
756 session of the Association shall be held annually at a time and place selected by the  
757 Board of Trustees in accordance with Chapter V, Section 110 of these *Bylaws*.

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759 *Section 80. Special Sessions:* A special session of the House of Delegates shall be  
760 called by the President on a three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the members of  
761 the Board of Trustees or on written request of delegates representing at least one-  
762 third (1/3) of the component societies and not less than one-fifth (1/5) of the  
763 officially certified delegates of the last House of Delegates. The time and place of a  
764 special session shall be determined by the President, provided the time selected shall  
765 be not less than fifteen (15) days and not more than thirty (30) days after the request  
766 was received. The business of a special session shall be limited to that stated in the  
767 official call except by unanimous consent.

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769 *Section 90. Official Call:*

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771 A. Annual Session. The Executive Director of the Association shall cause to be  
772 published in the *New York State Dental Journal* and/or on the Association's website,  
773 an official notice of the time and place of each annual session, and shall send to each  
774 member of the House of Delegates an official notice of the time and place of the  
775 annual session as soon as practicable, but not less than thirty (30) days before the  
776 opening of such session.

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B. Special Session. The Executive Director of the Association shall send an official notice of the time and place of each special session and a statement of the business to be considered to every officially certified delegate and alternate delegate of the last House, not less than fifteen (15) days before the opening of such session.

*Section 100.* Quorum: A majority of the voting members of the House of Delegates, representing at least a majority of the component societies shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting.

*Section 110.* Officers:

A. Speaker and Executive Director. The officers of the House shall be the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the Executive Director of the Association. In the absence of the Speaker, the office shall be filled by the President. In the absence of the Executive Director of the Association, the Speaker shall appoint a person *pro tem* to fulfill the duties set forth in this chapter.

B. Duties.

a. Speaker. The Speaker shall preside at all meetings of the House of Delegates and, in accordance with Section 140Bb of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*, determine the order of business for all meetings subject to the approval of the House of Delegates, appoint tellers to assist in determining the result of any action taken by vote and perform such other duties as custom and parliamentary procedure require. The decision of the Speaker shall be final unless an appeal from such decision shall be made by a member of the House, in which case final decision shall be by majority vote. In addition, following adjournment of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, the Speaker shall be responsible for reviewing and either approving or redrafting any new resolutions or changes to resolutions that propose amendments to the *Constitution and Bylaws*, in accordance with Section 140Ab of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.

b. Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the recording officer of the House and the custodian of its records, and shall cause a record of the proceedings of the House to be published as the official minutes of the House.

*Section 120.* Order Of Business: The order of business shall be that order of business adopted by the House of Delegates in conformity with Section 110Ba of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.

*Section 130.* Rules of Order:

A. Standing Rules and Reports.

a. Reports. All reports of elective officers, councils, the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association, the State Board for

823 Dentistry and special committees, except supplemental reports, shall be sent to  
824 each delegate and alternate delegate at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the  
825 opening of the annual session. All supplemental reports shall be distributed to  
826 each delegate before such report is considered by the House of Delegates.

827 b. Appropriation of Funds. Any resolution proposing an appropriation of funds,  
828 except those relating to the annual budget, shall be referred to the Board of  
829 Trustees for a report at the same session on the availability of funds for the  
830 purpose specified.

831 c. Approval of Annual Budget. The proposed annual budget shall be submitted by  
832 the Board of Trustees to the members of the House of Delegates at least fourteen  
833 (14) days prior to the opening meeting of the annual session, shall be referred to a  
834 special reference committee on budget for hearings at the annual session and then  
835 shall be considered for approval as a special order of business at the final meeting  
836 of the House of Delegates prior to adjournment *sine die*. In the event the budget  
837 as submitted is not approved, all recommendations for changes shall be referred  
838 to the Board of Trustees to prepare and present a revised budget. This procedure  
839 shall be repeated until a budget for the ensuing fiscal year shall be adopted.

840 d. Approval of the Dues of Active Members. The dues of active members of this  
841 Association shall be established by the House of Delegates as the last item of  
842 business at each annual session. The resolution to establish the dues of active  
843 members for the following year shall be proposed at each annual session by the  
844 Board of Trustees in conformity with Chapter V, Section 110G of these *Bylaws* and  
845 may be amended to any amount by the House of Delegates. The resolution shall  
846 be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and  
847 voting.

848 e. Introduction of New Business. No new business shall be introduced into the  
849 House of Delegates less than 15 days prior to the opening of the annual session,  
850 unless submitted by the Board of Trustees or a component society. No new  
851 business shall be introduced into the House of Delegates at the last meeting of a  
852 session except when such new business is submitted by a component society and is  
853 permitted to be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the House of  
854 Delegates. The motion introducing such new business shall not be debatable.  
855 Approval of such new business shall require a majority vote except new business  
856 introduced at the last meeting of a session that would require a bylaw amendment  
857 cannot be adopted at such last meeting. Reference committee recommendations  
858 shall not be deemed new business.

859 f. Resolutions. A resolution becomes the property of the New York State Dental  
860 Association when submitted to the House of Delegates of this Association for  
861 consideration. If adopted by the House of Delegates, this Association shall be the  
862 sole owner of the resolution which shall constitute “work made for hire” under  
863 copyright laws. This Association shall have the exclusive right to seek copyright  
864 registration for the resolution and to secure copyrights and retain ownership of  
865 such copyrights in its own name.

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867 B. Additional Rules. The rules contained in the most current edition of *the American*  
868 *Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* shall govern

869 the deliberations of the House of Delegates in all cases in which they are applicable  
870 and not in conflict with the standing rules or these *Bylaws*.

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872 *Section 140. Committees: The committees of the House of Delegates shall be:*

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874 A. Committee on Constitution and Bylaws.

875 a. Composition. The Committee shall consist of five (5) delegates or alternate  
876 delegates appointed by the President at least thirty (30) days in advance of each  
877 annual session in consultation with the Speaker of the House of Delegates. The  
878 Speaker of the House shall serve as a consultant to the Committee. The chair of  
879 the Committee shall be a delegate.

880 b. Duties. Prior to the first meeting of each new session of the House of Delegates,  
881 the Committee shall review all resolutions proposing amendments to the  
882 *Constitution and Bylaws* and shall either approve the text of the amendment as  
883 written or shall redraft the resolution to accomplish the intent of the maker in the  
884 form currently used by the House of Delegates. The Committee shall file a report  
885 of its findings and actions at the first meeting of the House of Delegates and then  
886 shall adjourn. Thereafter until the House of Delegates adjourns *sine die*, the  
887 Speaker of the House shall be responsible for reviewing any new resolutions or  
888 changes to resolutions that propose amendments to the *Constitution and Bylaws*,  
889 and shall either approve the text of the amendment as written or shall redraft the  
890 resolution to accomplish the intent of the maker in the form currently used by the  
891 House of Delegates. In addition, it shall be the duty of the Committee to  
892 recommend editorial corrections in the *Bylaws* related to spelling, grammar,  
893 punctuation, renumbering or relettering, name changes, gender neutrality or any  
894 other related matters. All such corrections shall be reported to the House of  
895 Delegates. Nothing in this provision shall be construed as allowing the Committee  
896 to make any substantive changes, which may only be made in accordance with  
897 Article VIII of the *Constitution* and Chapter XV of the *Bylaws*.

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899 B. Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order.

900 a. Composition. The Committee, consisting of five (5) members from the officially  
901 certified delegates and alternate delegates, shall be appointed by the President at  
902 least thirty (30) days in advance of each annual session. The chair of the  
903 Committee shall be a delegate.

904 b. Duties. It shall be the duty of the Committee (1) to record and report the roll  
905 call of the House of Delegates at each meeting; (2) to conduct a hearing on any  
906 contest regarding the certification of a delegate or alternate delegate and to  
907 report its recommendations to the House of Delegates; (3) to prepare a report, in  
908 consultation with the Speaker and Executive Director of the Association, on  
909 matters relating to the order of business and special rules of order; (4) to consider  
910 all matters referred to it and report its recommendations to the House of  
911 Delegates.

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913 C. Resolutions Committee.

914 a. Composition. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of the Speaker and the

915 Secretary of the House of Delegates and the chairs of the reference committees  
916 authorized by Subsection D of this Section of the *Bylaws*.

917 b. Duties. The duties of the Resolutions Committee shall be to examine resolutions  
918 after action by the reference committees and arrange a sequence for House action  
919 based upon the importance of the resolutions' subject matter.

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921 D. Reference Committees.

922 a. Composition. Reference committees, consisting of five (5) members from the  
923 officially certified delegates and alternate delegates, shall be appointed by the  
924 President at his or her discretion, at least thirty (30) days in advance of each  
925 annual session.

926 b. Duties. It shall be the duty of a reference committee to consider reports  
927 referred to it, to conduct open hearings and to report its recommendations to the  
928 House of Delegates.

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930 E. Special Committees. The Speaker, with the consent of the House of Delegates,  
931 shall appoint special committees to perform duties not otherwise assigned by these  
932 *Bylaws*, to serve until adjournment *sine die* of the session at which they were  
933 appointed.

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935 *Section 150. Election Procedure:* Elective officers, members of the Board of Trustees,  
936 the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental  
937 Association, delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association and  
938 members of councils shall be elected by the House of Delegates except as otherwise  
939 provided in these *Bylaws*. Voting shall be by ballot, except that when there is only  
940 one candidate for an office or council, such candidate may be declared elected by the  
941 Speaker.

942 a. When one is to be elected, and more than one has been nominated, the majority of  
943 the ballots cast shall elect. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the  
944 votes cast on the first ballot, the candidate receiving the lowest vote total shall be  
945 dropped from the ballot and voting shall continue from among the remaining  
946 candidates until one receives a majority of the votes cast.

947 b. When more than one is to be elected, and the nominees exceed the number to be  
948 elected, the votes cast shall be non-cumulative, and the candidates receiving the  
949 greatest number of votes shall be elected.

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951 *Section 160. Privileges of Addressing the House of Delegates:*

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953 A. Council and Committee Members. All members of councils and committees of the  
954 Association shall have the privilege of the floor of the House of Delegates and of  
955 entering debate on their respective reports, but shall have no other privileges unless  
956 otherwise duly elected as Delegates.

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958 B. Others. Other individuals may be invited to address the House of Delegates with  
959 the consent of the Speaker of the House.

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962 **CHAPTER IV. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

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964 It is the policy of this Association that individuals who serve in elective, appointive or  
965 employed offices or positions do so in a representative or fiduciary capacity that  
966 requires loyalty to the Association. At all times while serving in such offices or  
967 positions, these individuals shall further the interests of the Association as a whole.  
968 In addition, they shall avoid:

- 969 a. placing themselves in a position where personal or professional interests may  
970 conflict with their duty to this Association.  
971 b. using information learned through such office or position for personal gain or  
972 advantage.  
973 c. obtaining by a third party an improper gain or advantage.

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975 As a condition for selection, each nominee, candidate and applicant shall disclose any  
976 situation which might be construed as placing the individual in a position of having an  
977 interest that may conflict with his or her duty to the Association. While serving, the  
978 individual shall comply with the conflict of interest policy applicable to his or her  
979 office or position, and shall report any situation in which a potential conflict of  
980 interest may arise. The Board of Trustees shall approve the compliance activities that  
981 will implement the requirements of this chapter. The Board of Trustees shall render  
982 a final judgment on what constitutes a conflict of interest.

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985 **CHAPTER V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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987 *Section 10. Composition:* The Board of Trustees shall consist of one (1) trustee from  
988 each of the thirteen (13) component societies as defined in Chapter II, Section 110.  
989 Such thirteen (13) trustees, the President, the President-elect, the Vice President,  
990 and the immediate Past President shall constitute the voting membership of the Board  
991 of Trustees. In addition, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Trustee representing the  
992 Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association and the Executive Director  
993 of the Association, except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, shall be *ex officio*  
994 members of the Board of Trustees without the right to vote. The President may only  
995 exercise the right to vote when the vote is by ballot or when one more vote could  
996 alter the outcome.

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998 *Section 20. Qualifications:* Only an active, life or retired member in good standing of  
999 this Association who has served at least three (3) years in total that are accumulated  
1000 from any combination of service in the following capacities: 1) as a delegate in the  
1001 NYSDA House of Delegates; 2) as an alternate delegate in the NYSDA House of  
1002 Delegates; or 3) as a chair of a council of the Association shall be eligible to serve as a  
1003 trustee.

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1005 *Section 30. Term of Office:* The term of office of a trustee shall be four (4) years.\*  
1006 The tenure of a trustee shall be limited to one (1) term of four (4) years.†

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1008 *Section 40. Nomination:* The trustee nomination process shall be determined by an  
1009 elective process established by the component society which shall produce a single  
1010 nominee for trustee. All nominations shall be submitted to the Headquarters Office  
1011 and accompanied by appropriate documentation in support of the nominee's  
1012 eligibility. All nominations must be submitted no later than thirty (30) days prior to  
1013 the annual session. The House of Delegates may vote to reject any such nominee and  
1014 thereby compel the component society to select a different nominee. Duly  
1015 nominated candidates for the office of trustee shall be nominated from the floor of  
1016 the House of Delegates by a simple declaratory statement. Seconding a nomination is  
1017 not permitted.

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1019 *Section 50. Conflict of Interest:* Each person nominated for the office of trustee shall  
1020 complete a conflict of interest statement as prescribed by the Board of Trustees and  
1021 shall file such statement with the Executive Director of the Association to be made  
1022 available to the delegates prior to election.

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1024 *Section 60. Election:* Pursuant to the provisions of Section 40 of this Chapter of the  
1025 *Bylaws*, the Speaker of the House of Delegates shall declare each nominee elected.

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1027 *Section 70. Installation:* The trustee shall be installed by the President or by the  
1028 President's designee at the last meeting of the annual session of the House of  
1029 Delegates following election.

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1031 *Section 80. Removal for Cause:* The House of Delegates may remove a trustee for  
1032 cause in accordance with procedures it has established, which shall provide for the  
1033 notice of the charges and an opportunity for the accused to be heard in his or her  
1034 defense. The affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present and voting  
1035 is required to remove a trustee from office. If the House of Delegates elects to

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In order to establish the required pattern of four (4), three (3), three (3) and three (3) members retiring from the Board of Trustees each year, component societies have been randomly assigned to each of four groups as follows: the initial term of office for the trustees representing the Fourth District, Fifth District, Nassau County and Queens County Dental Societies shall be one (1) year expiring in 2011; the initial term of office for the trustees representing the Third District, Sixth District and Bronx County Dental Societies shall be two (2) years expiring in 2012; the initial term of office for the trustees representing New York County, Seventh District and Suffolk County Dental Societies shall be three (3) years expiring in 2013; and the initial term of office for the trustees representing the Second District, Eighth District and Ninth District Dental Societies shall be four (4) years expiring in 2014.

† Any trustee elected for an initial staggered term of less than four (4) years may subsequently be elected to serve one full four (4) year term.

1036 remove the trustee, that action shall create a vacancy on the Board of Trustees which  
1037 shall be filled in accordance with Section 90 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.  
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1039 *Section 90. Vacancy:* In the event of a vacancy in the office of trustee, an active, life  
1040 or retired member may be appointed by the President to fill the unexpired term of  
1041 the vacancy. The appointment shall be made by the President with the advice and  
1042 consent of the governing legislative body of the former trustee's component society.  
1043 In the event an appointment to fill the vacancy has not been made by the time of the  
1044 next meeting of the House of Delegates following the occurrence of the vacancy, then  
1045 a successor trustee shall be elected for the remainder of the unexpired term by the  
1046 House of Delegates pursuant to provisions of Sections 40 and 60 of this Chapter of the  
1047 *Bylaws*. If the term of the vacated trustee position has less than fifty percent (50%)  
1048 of a full four-year term remaining at the time the successor trustee is appointed or  
1049 elected, the successor trustee shall be eligible for election to a new, consecutive  
1050 four-year term. If fifty percent (50%) or more of the vacated term remains to be  
1051 served at the time of the appointment or election, the successor trustee shall not be  
1052 eligible for another term.  
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1054 In the temporary absence of a trustee, the governing body of the component society  
1055 may designate an active, life or retired member in good standing who is appropriately  
1056 qualified in accordance with Section 20 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*, to substitute as  
1057 an observer for the absent trustee, without the power to vote.  
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1059 *Section 100. Powers:*  
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1061 A. The Board of Trustees shall be the managing body of the Association, vested with  
1062 full power to conduct all business of the Association, subject to the laws of the State  
1063 of New York, the *Articles of Incorporation*, the *Constitution and Bylaws* and the  
1064 mandates of the House of Delegates. The power of the Board of Trustees to act as  
1065 the managing body of the Association shall not be construed as limiting the power of  
1066 the House of Delegates to establish policy with respect to the governance of this  
1067 Association in all its activities, except for areas expressly reserved in these *Bylaws* as  
1068 powers and/or duties of the Board of Trustees, as the same may be amended by the  
1069 House of Delegates from time to time in accordance with these *Bylaws*.  
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1071 B. It shall have the power to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with  
1072 these *Bylaws* to govern its organization and procedure.  
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1074 C. It shall have the power to direct the President to call a special session of the House  
1075 of Delegates as provided in Chapter III, Section 80, of the *Bylaws*.  
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1077 D. It shall have full discretionary power to cause to be published in, or to be omitted  
1078 from, any official publication of the Association any article in whole or in part.  
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1080 E. It shall have the power to establish *ad interim* policies when the House of  
1081 Delegates is not in session and when such policies are essential to the management of

1082 the Association provided, however, that all such policies must be presented for review  
1083 and consideration by the House of Delegates at its next session.

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1085 F. It shall have the power to remove a council member for cause in accordance with  
1086 procedures established by the Board of Trustees in its *Rules*.

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1088 G. It shall have the power to elect honorary and affiliate members.

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1090 H. It shall have the power to approve the recipient(s) of the *William Jarvie* and  
1091 *Harvey J. Burkhart Award*.

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1093 I. It shall have the power to approve the recipient(s) of the New York State Dental  
1094 Association's *Distinguished Service Award* for meritorious service.

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1096 J. It shall have the power to appoint its members to committees that shall have the  
1097 power to perform any duty that the Board of Trustees may lawfully delegate.

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1099 K. It shall have the interim power to supervise, monitor and guide the activities of all  
1100 councils and special committees in order to ensure the fulfillment of initiatives and  
1101 directives assigned to each council or special committee by the House of Delegates or  
1102 Board of Trustees subject to the requirement that all interim actions of the Board  
1103 must be approved by the House of Delegates.

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1105 L. In accordance with the laws of the State of New York, it shall have the power to  
1106 transact its business by unanimous consent via mail ballot, including electronic mail;  
1107 to authorize the councils, commissions and committees of this Association to transact  
1108 their business by mail ballot; and to establish rules and procedures for itself and for  
1109 councils, commissions and committees of this Association to govern the use of ballots  
1110 circulated and returned by U.S. mail, overnight courier, facsimile transmission or  
1111 electronic mail.

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1113 M. It shall have the power to appoint agents and/or other representatives for the  
1114 purpose of supervising, managing and otherwise conducting business under its  
1115 direction and in accordance with these *Bylaws* and the laws of the State of New York.  
1116 No such appointment shall relieve the Board of Trustees of its fiduciary duties as the  
1117 managing body of the Association as provided in these *Bylaws*.

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1119 N. It shall have the power to select for election by the Association as shareholder, the  
1120 board of directors in any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Association.

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1122 O. It shall have the power to select candidates for recommended election to director  
1123 and management positions in other subsidiary ventures where the Association is not a  
1124 shareholder.

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1126 P. It shall have the power to serve as the court of last appeal of the Association in  
1127 disputes not otherwise provided for in these *Bylaws*.

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1129 *Section 110. Duties:* It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees:  
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1131 A. To provide for the lease, purchase, sale, mortgage, maintenance and/or  
1132 supervision of the Headquarters Office and all other property or offices owned or  
1133 operated by this Association.  
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1135 B. To appoint the Executive Director of the Association.  
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1137 C. To appoint an Editor who shall be Editor-in-Chief of all official journals of the  
1138 Association, and as such, shall exercise full editorial control over such publications,  
1139 subject to policies and procedures established by the Board of Trustees and these  
1140 *Bylaws*. Any active or life or retired member in good standing of this Association is  
1141 eligible to be appointed as Editor.  
1142  
1143 D. To determine the date and place for convening each annual session and provide for  
1144 the management and general arrangements for each annual session.  
1145  
1146 E. To cause to be bonded by a surety company the Secretary-Treasurer, the Executive  
1147 Director and employees of the Association entrusted with Association funds.  
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1149 F. To provide guidelines and directives to govern the Secretary-Treasurer's custody,  
1150 investment and disbursement of Association funds and other property as provided in  
1151 Chapter VI, Section 100D, of these *Bylaws*; and to cause all accounts of the  
1152 Association to be audited by a certified public accountant at least once a year.  
1153  
1154 G. To prepare a budget for carrying on the activities of the Association for each  
1155 ensuing fiscal year, and present for action by each House of Delegates, a resolution  
1156 setting forth the proposed dues of active members for the following year. Notice of  
1157 such a resolution shall be sent to each component society not less than fifteen (15)  
1158 days before such session to permit prompt, adequate notice by each component  
1159 society to its delegates and alternate delegates to the House of Delegates of this  
1160 Association, and shall be announced to the general membership in an official  
1161 publication of the Association at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the annual  
1162 session.  
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1164 H. To submit to the House of Delegates at the opening meeting of the annual session,  
1165 in printed form, nominations for membership to the councils, except as otherwise  
1166 provided in these *Bylaws*.  
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1168 I. To appoint annually upon the recommendation of the President, the chair of each  
1169 council, except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, and to act upon council  
1170 nominations for consultants and advisers except as otherwise provided in these  
1171 *Bylaws*.  
1172  
1173 J. To provide interim guidance and supervision to all councils and special committees

1174 in order to ensure the fulfillment of initiatives and directives assigned to each council  
1175 or special committee by the House of Delegates or Board of Trustees.

1176  
1177 K. To review the reports of councils and special committees of the Association and to  
1178 make recommendations concerning such reports to the House of Delegates.

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1180 L. To submit an annual report to the House of Delegates of its activities and those of  
1181 the Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director.

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1183 M. To elect associate members.

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1185 N. To establish other funds as divisions of the General Fund in accordance with the  
1186 provisions of Chapter XII of the *Bylaws*.

1187  
1188 O. To appoint special committees of the Association in accordance with Chapter IX,  
1189 Section 10 of these *Bylaws*.

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1191 P. To perform such other duties as are prescribed by these *Bylaws*.

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1193 Q. To establish such administrative agencies of this Association as may be necessary  
1194 to implement the Association's programs, to assign the duties of such agencies  
1195 through the Executive Director of the Association under whose jurisdiction each shall  
1196 operate, and to require reports of such agencies through the same channels.

1197  
1198 *Section 120. Sessions:*

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1200 A. Regular Sessions. The Board of Trustees shall hold a minimum of three regular  
1201 sessions each year. The number of actual regular meetings to be held in excess of  
1202 three for the ensuing year shall be determined in advance by the Board of Trustees.

1203  
1204 B. Special Sessions. Special sessions of the Board of Trustees may be called at any  
1205 time either by the President or at the request of five voting members of the Board,  
1206 provided adequate notice is given to each member in advance of the session.

1207  
1208 C. Place of Meetings: Regular or special meetings may be held in a single geographic  
1209 location within or outside the state of New York or from multiple remote locations  
1210 through the use of a conference telephone or other communications equipment by  
1211 means of which all members can communicate with each other; provided, however,  
1212 special meetings held through the use of a conference telephone or other  
1213 communications equipment may be called by the President or at the request of five  
1214 voting members of the Board of Trustees for matters of the Association requiring  
1215 immediate attention. Such meetings shall be conducted in accordance with rules and  
1216 procedures established by the Board of Trustees.

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1218 *Section 130. Quorum:* A majority of the voting members of the Board of Trustees shall  
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*Section 140. Officers:*

A. Chair and Executive Director. The Board of Trustees shall be presided over by the President of the Association who shall be the Chair, and the Executive Director of the Association who shall fulfill the duties set forth in this chapter.

In the absence of the President, the office of Chair shall be filled by the President-elect and, in his or her absence, by the Vice President and, in his or her absence, by the immediate Past President in that order and, in their absence, a voting member of the Board shall be elected Chair *pro tem* to fulfill the duties set forth in this chapter.

In the absence of the Executive Director of the Association, the Chair shall appoint a person *pro tem* to fulfill the duties set forth in this chapter.

B. Duties.

a. Presiding Officer. The Presiding Officer shall preside over all meetings of the Board of Trustees. The President may only exercise the right to vote when the vote is by ballot or when one more vote could alter the outcome.

b. Executive Director. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as the recording officer of the Board of Trustees and as the custodian of its records. The Executive Director of the Association shall cause a factual record of the proceedings of the Board to be published as the official minutes of the Board.

**CHAPTER VI. ELECTIVE OFFICERS**

*Section 10. Title:* The elective officers of this Association shall be President, President-elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Speaker of the House of Delegates as provided in Article V of the *Constitution*.

*Section 20. Eligibility:* Only an active, life or retired member in good standing of this Association who has served at least three (3) years in total that are accumulated from any combination of service in the following capacities: 1) as a delegate in the NYSDA House of Delegates; 2) as an alternate delegate in the NYSDA House of Delegates; 3) on the NYSDA Board of Trustees; or 4) as a chair of a council of the Association shall be eligible to serve as an elective officer. The President, President-elect, and Vice President of this Association shall serve according to the following rotation of component societies as defined Chapter II, Section 110 of these *Bylaws*: Fourth District, Ninth District, Queens County, New York County, Bronx County, Fifth District, Nassau County, Seventh District, Third District, Eighth District, Sixth District, Second District, Suffolk County.

*Section 30. Nominations:*

The Association shall publish or cause to be published, no less than one hundred fifty

1266 (150) days prior to the annual session, a "Call for Nominations" describing the elective  
1267 offices to be considered that year and the eligibility requirements thereof.

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1269 Nominations for the elective office of President-elect, Vice President, Secretary-  
1270 Treasurer, and Speaker of the House of Delegates may be made by any active, life or  
1271 retired member in good standing, of the Association. All nominations shall be  
1272 submitted to the Headquarters Office and accompanied by appropriate  
1273 documentation in support of the nominee's eligibility. All nominations must be  
1274 submitted no later than ninety (90) days prior to the annual session

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1276 The Council on Nominations shall select one candidate for each elective office. The  
1277 Society shall publish or cause to be published the report of the Council on  
1278 Nominations, as described in Chapter VIII, Section 120B of these *Bylaws*, no less than  
1279 thirty (30) days prior to the annual session. Additional nominations for each elective  
1280 office may be made by any delegate from the floor of the House of Delegates at the  
1281 call of the presiding officer by a simple declaratory statement, provided the  
1282 nomination has been duly submitted to the Headquarters Office and confirmed as  
1283 eligible by the Council on Nominations. Immediately upon confirmation of eligibility  
1284 by the Council on Nominations, any such eligible person shall be subject to and abide  
1285 by the rules and authority of the Elections Commission of the Association.

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1287 Acceptance speeches, statements or remarks, not to exceed four (4) minutes in  
1288 duration may be made by the candidate from the podium according to the protocol  
1289 established by the Speaker of the House of Delegates for any elective office that is  
1290 contested. Seconding a nomination is not permitted.

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1292 *Section 40. Conflict of Interest:* Each person nominated for the offices of President-  
1293 elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer and Speaker of the House shall complete a  
1294 conflict of interest statement as prescribed by the Board of Trustees and shall file  
1295 such statement with the Executive Director of the Association to be made available to  
1296 the delegates prior to election.

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1298 *Section 50. Elections:* The elective officers of the Association shall be elected in  
1299 accordance with Chapter III, Section 150 of the *Bylaws*.

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1301 *Section 60. Term of Office:* The President, President-elect, Vice President, and  
1302 Secretary-Treasurer shall serve for a term of one (1) year, except as otherwise  
1303 provided in this chapter of the *Bylaws*, or until their successors are elected and  
1304 installed. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be limited to five (5) consecutive terms of  
1305 one (1) year each. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be limited to two (2)  
1306 terms of three (3) years each in total, consecutive or otherwise, excepting the case of  
1307 a former Speaker of the House who has been selected as Speaker of the House as  
1308 provided in Chapter VI, Section 90(A) of these *Bylaws*, who may serve until the House  
1309 of Delegates can elect a Speaker of the House of Delegates. Serving any portion of a  
1310 three (3) year term as Speaker of the House shall be considered service of a full three  
1311 (3) year term.

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*Section 70. Installation:* The elective officers shall be installed at the last meeting of the annual session of the House of Delegates. The President-elect shall be installed as President at the next annual session of the House of Delegates following election.

*Section 80. Removal for Cause:* The House of Delegates may remove an elective officer for cause in accordance with procedures established by the House of Delegates, which shall include notice of the charges and an opportunity for the accused to be heard in his or her defense. The affirmative vote of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting is required to remove an elective officer from office. If the House of Delegates elects to remove the elective officer, that action shall create a vacancy which shall be filled in accordance with Section 90 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.

*Section 90. Vacancies:*

A. *Vacancy of Elective Office:* In the event the office of President, President-elect or Vice President becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees by an active, life, or retired member in good standing of the former president, president-elect or vice president's component society in accordance with Section 20 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws* for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates, the President, with the approval of the Board of Trustees, shall appoint a Speaker *pro tem*. A vacancy in the office of Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees for the unexpired portion of the term.

B. *Temporary Incapacity of the President and/or other officers:* Whenever the President notifies the Board of Trustees that he or she is unable to discharge the duties of the office of President due to temporary incapacity, the President-elect shall assume the duties of the office of President, as Acting President, until the President notifies the Board of Trustees that he or she is prepared to resume the duties of the office. Whenever the voting members of the Board of Trustees of this Association determine by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote that the President is unable to discharge the duties of his or her office due to temporary incapacity, the President-elect shall assume the duties of the office of President, as Acting President, until the President satisfies the Board of Trustees that he or she is prepared to resume the duties of the office.

Whenever any other officer notifies the Board of Trustees that he or she is unable to discharge the duties of his or her office due to temporary incapacity, and no other provision of these *Bylaws* provides for temporary replacement of such officer or such temporary replacement is not otherwise available to serve, a temporary replacement shall be appointed by majority vote of the Board of Trustees, until the Board of Trustees is notified by the officer that he or she is prepared to resume the duties of the office. The Board of Trustees may also determine by a two-thirds (2/3) majority



1357 vote that any officer is unable to discharge the duties of his or her office due to  
1358 temporary incapacity.

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1360 Section 100. Duties:

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1362 A. President. It shall be the duty of the President:
- 1363 a. To serve as the primary official representative of this Association in its contacts
  - 1364 with governmental, civic, business and professional organizations for the purpose
  - 1365 of advancing the objectives and policies of this Association.
  - 1366 b. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the House of Delegates without the right to
  - 1367 vote.
  - 1368 c. To serve as Chair and *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees and to
  - 1369 perform such duties as are provided in Chapters III and V of these *Bylaws*.
  - 1370 d. To call special meetings of the House of Delegates and Board of Trustees as
  - 1371 provided in Chapters III and V of these *Bylaws*.
  - 1372 e. To appoint members of all committees of the House of Delegates except as
  - 1373 otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*.
  - 1374 f. To appoint the chair of all councils, subject to the approval of the Board of
  - 1375 Trustees, and the chair and members of all committees not otherwise provided for
  - 1376 in these *Bylaws*.
  - 1377 g. To fill all vacancies in the office of trustee as provided in Chapter V, Section 90
  - 1378 of these *Bylaws*, and to fill other vacancies in accordance with these *Bylaws*.
  - 1379 h. To submit an annual report to the House of Delegates.
  - 1380 i. To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.

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1382 B. President-elect. It shall be the duty of the President-elect:
- 1383 a. To assist the President as requested.
  - 1384 b. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the House of Delegates without the right to
  - 1385 vote.
  - 1386 c. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees.
  - 1387 d. To succeed to the office of President at the next annual session following
  - 1388 election as President-elect.
  - 1389 e. To serve as Acting President during the temporary incapacity of the President in
  - 1390 accordance with Section 90B of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.
  - 1391 f. To make official visits to component societies.
  - 1392 g. To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.

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1394 C. Vice President. It shall be the duty of the Vice President:
- 1395 a. To assist the President as requested.
  - 1396 b. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the House of Delegates without the right to
  - 1397 vote.
  - 1398 c. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees.
  - 1399 d. To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.

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1401 D. Secretary-Treasurer. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer:
- 1402 a. To assist the President as requested.

- 1403 b. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the House of Delegates without the right to  
1404 vote.  
1405 c. To serve as an *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees without the right to  
1406 vote.  
1407 d. To serve as custodian of all monies, securities and deeds belonging to the  
1408 Association which may come into the Secretary-Treasurer's possession.  
1409 e. To hold, invest and disburse all monies, securities and deeds, subject to the  
1410 direction of the Board of Trustees.  
1411 f. To design a budgetary process in concert with the Board of Trustees.  
1412 g. To oversee Association finances and budget development.  
1413 h. To serve as the principal resource person for the budget to the House of  
1414 Delegates and to help interpret the Association's finances for the membership.  
1415 i. To review all financial information and data and report on financial matters to  
1416 the Board of Trustees on a quarterly basis.  
1417 j. To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.

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1419 E. Speaker of the House of Delegates. The Speaker shall preside at the meetings of  
1420 the House of Delegates and shall perform such duties as custom and parliamentary  
1421 procedure require. The Speaker shall not be a member of the Board of Trustees.  
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## 1424 **CHAPTER VII. APPOINTIVE OFFICER**

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1426 *Section 10.* Title: The appointive officer of this Association shall be an Executive  
1427 Director, as provided in Article V, Section 20 of the *Constitution*.

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1429 *Section 20.* Conflict of Interest: The appointive officer of this Association and each  
1430 person seeking that office shall comply with Chapter IV of these *Bylaws*.

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1432 *Section 30.* Appointment: While any active, life or retired member in good standing  
1433 may be appointed to the office of Executive Director, the Board of Trustees may  
1434 appoint a qualified individual who is not eligible for membership in this Association.  
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1437 *Section 40.* Term of Office and Remuneration: The Board of Trustees shall determine  
1438 the salary, if any, and the tenure of the Executive Director. The completion of the  
1439 full term of any appointment shall be at the discretion of the Board of Trustees

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1441 *Section 50.* Duties: The Executive Director shall be the principal agent of the Board  
1442 of Trustees and elective officers. As agent and under the direction of the Board of  
1443 Trustees and elective officers, the Executive Director shall be the chief operating  
1444 officer of this Association and all its branches. In this capacity, the Executive  
1445 Director shall (a) preserve and protect the *Constitution and Bylaws* and the standing  
1446 rules of this Association; (b) facilitate the activities of the officers and trustees of this  
1447 Association in carrying out their respective administrative responsibilities under these  
1448 *Bylaws*; (c) engage the staff of this Association and direct and coordinate their  
activities; (d) provide leadership in the formulation and recommendation of new

1449 policies to the Board of Trustees and elective officers; (e) oversee the management of  
1450 Association policies that have been adopted by the Board of Trustees and/or the  
1451 House of Delegates; (f) assist the Board of Trustees in supervising, monitoring and  
1452 providing guidance to all Association councils and committees in regard to their  
1453 administrative functions and specific assignments, and to systematize the preparation  
1454 of their reports, and to encourage the exchange of information concerning mutual  
1455 interests and issues between councils and committees; and (g) maintain effective  
1456 internal and external relationships through frequent and comprehensive  
1457 communication with all officers and trustees of this Association, the leadership of  
1458 related dental organizations, and representatives from other leading public and  
1459 private organizations that interact with this Association.

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1461 In addition, it shall be the duty of the Executive Director:

1462 A. To certify as to the qualifications of applicants for life or retired membership.

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1464 B. To collect membership dues, assessments and other monies for this Association,  
1465 the American Dental Association and the component societies in conformity with  
1466 Chapter I, Section 20, and to account to the Secretary-Treasurer for same.

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1468 C. To serve as trustee of such insurance policies as require trustees.

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1470 D. To make properly vouchered disbursements. Records of all invoices and  
1471 disbursements are to be forwarded to the Secretary-Treasurer within fifteen (15)  
1472 days.

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1474 E. To maintain a record and report to the House of Delegates, the names of deceased  
1475 members of the Association.

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1477 F. To perform such other duties as are prescribed by these *Bylaws*

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## 1480 **CHAPTER VIII. COUNCILS**

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1482 *Section 10.* Name: The councils of this Association shall include

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1484 Council on Awards

1485 Council on Dental Benefit Programs

1486 Council on Dental Education and Licensure

1487 Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry

1488 Council on Dental Practice

1489 Council on Ethics

1490 Council on Governmental Affairs

1491 Council on Membership and Communications

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1493 Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance

1494 Council on Professional Liability Insurance

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Section 20. Members, Nominations and Elections:

A. The composition of the councils of this Association shall be as follows:

Council on Awards shall be composed of the five (5) most recent past presidents of the Association who are able to serve. The chair of the Council shall be the most senior of those past presidents.

The Council on Ethics shall be composed of one (1) member from each component society whose terms of office shall be staggered in such a manner that three (3) members will complete their terms each year except every fourth year when four (4) members shall complete their terms, and one (1) student member of the Association without the right to vote, and one (1) new dentist member of the Association. In addition, the President shall appoint a lay observer for a concurrent term of office, who is not a dentist or directly involved with the dental profession, to participate in the deliberations of the Council making available the opinions and concerns of the public sector.

Council on Governmental Affairs shall be composed of one (1) member from each component society whose terms of office shall be staggered in such a manner that three (3) members will complete their terms each year except every fourth year when four (4) members shall complete their terms; and one (1) new dentist member of the Association. In addition, the chair of the Empire Dental Political Action Committee (EDPAC) shall be an *ex officio* member of the Council without the power to vote.

Council on Membership and Communications shall be composed of one (1) member from each component society whose terms of office shall be staggered in such a manner that three (3) members will complete their terms each year except every fourth year when four (4) members shall complete their terms; and one (1) new dentist member of the Association. In addition, the Council on Membership and Communications shall establish a standing Committee on the New Dentist which shall be composed of no less than seven (7) and no more than thirteen (13) members in such a manner that no one component shall be represented by more than a single member and whose terms of office shall be coincident with the member appointed from his/her component society to the Council on Membership and Communications. Moreover, each member of the Committee shall have graduated from dental school within ten (10) years upon beginning his/her term of office.

The Council on Nominations shall be composed of one (1) current or former member of the Board of Trustees or the House of Delegates who has served within the previous two (2) years, from each component society serving for a term of one (1) year. The chair shall be the immediate Past President of the Association.

The Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance shall be composed of one (1) member from each component society whose terms of office shall be staggered in

1541 such a manner that three (3) members will complete their terms each year except  
1542 every fourth year when four (4) members shall complete their terms, and who shall  
1543 serve as the chair of the Committee on Peer Review and Quality Assurance for the  
1544 component society; and one (1) new dentist member of the Association. In addition,  
1545 the President shall appoint a lay observer for a concurrent term of office, who is not a  
1546 dentist or directly involved with the dental profession, to participate in the  
1547 deliberations of the Council making available the opinions and concerns of the public  
1548 sector.

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1550 Council on Professional Liability Insurance shall be composed of one (1) member from  
1551 each component society whose terms of office shall be staggered in such a manner  
1552 that three (3) members will complete their terms each year except every fourth year  
1553 when four (4) members shall complete their terms; and one (1) new dentist member  
1554 of the Association. In addition, the members of the Council, except for the new  
1555 dentist member, shall serve as chair of the Professional Liability Claims Committee  
1556 established in each of the component dental societies.

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1558 All of the remaining councils shall be composed of one (1) member from each  
1559 component society whose terms of office shall be staggered in such a manner that  
1560 three (3) members will complete their terms each year except every fourth year when  
1561 four (4) members shall complete their terms; and one (1) new dentist member of the  
1562 Association.

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1564 As used in this Chapter, the term “new dentist” means either a member of the New  
1565 Dentist Committee or a dentist who graduated from dental school with a D.D.S. or a  
1566 D.M.D. degree less than ten (10) years prior to their service on any Council.

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1568 The New Dentist Committee shall recommend to the Board of Trustees all new dentist  
1569 nominees for Council service. The term of service of new dentist members on any  
1570 Council shall be two (2) years. The total number of allowable terms of service of any  
1571 new dentist member on a Council shall be two (2) two-year terms. New dentist  
1572 members of any Council shall serve in that capacity only for as long as they remain  
1573 qualified as new dentist members as defined in this Chapter.

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1575 *Explanatory notes:* For each of the councils affected by the provisions of this section,  
1576 in order to establish the required pattern of three (3), three (3), three (3) and four  
1577 (4) members retiring from the councils each year, component societies have been  
1578 assigned to each of four groups based on the rotation established for the Board of  
1579 Trustees as described in Chapter V, Section 30 of the *Bylaws*. In addition, each  
1580 council has been assigned the first year in which it will have four (4) members retiring  
1581 from the council on a rotational basis (see Appendix A of these *Bylaws*).

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1583 B. Nominations for all councils and committees provided for in this chapter shall be  
1584 made by the Board of Trustees, except that the nomination for the student member  
1585 of the Council on Ethics shall be made by District 2 of the American Student Dental  
1586 Association. Except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, the elective and

1587 appointive officers and the trustees of this Association shall not serve as members of  
1588 councils. In addition, component staff shall not serve as members of the Council on  
1589 Peer Review and Quality Assurance. Each person shall complete a conflict of interest  
1590 statement as prescribed by the Board of Trustees and shall file such statement with  
1591 the Executive Director of the Association to be made available to the delegates prior  
1592 to election. Members of councils shall be elected by the House of Delegates in  
1593 accordance with Chapter III, Section 50 and Chapter III, Section 150 except as  
1594 otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*.

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1596 C. Removal for Cause. The Board of Trustees may remove a council or committee  
1597 member under this chapter for cause in accordance with procedures it has  
1598 established, which shall provide for the notice of the charges, including allegations of  
1599 the conduct purported to constitute each violation, and a decision in writing shall  
1600 specify the findings of fact which substantiate any and all of the charges, and that  
1601 prior to issuance of the decision of the Board of Trustees, no council or committee  
1602 member under this chapter shall be excused from attending any meeting of a council  
1603 or committee under this chapter unless there is an opportunity to be heard or  
1604 compelling reasons exist which are specified in writing by the Board of Trustees.

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1606 *Section 30. Eligibility:* All members of councils must be active life or retired members  
1607 in good standing of this Association, except the student member of the Council on  
1608 Ethics who must be a student member in good standing of this Association.

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1610 All members of the Council on Nominations are ineligible to be nominated for elective  
1611 office as defined in Chapter VI of these *Bylaws*, or for the position of Trustee  
1612 representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association as  
1613 described in Chapter XIII, Section 20 of these *Bylaws*.

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1615 No member of a council may serve concurrently as a member of another council of  
1616 the Association. Nothing herein shall prohibit concurrent service on a council or  
1617 agency of the American Dental Association or a component society.

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1619 *Section 40. Conflict of Interest:* Members of all councils and committees under this  
1620 chapter shall comply with Chapter IV of these *Bylaws*.

1621  
1622 *Section 50. Chairs:* Except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, the chair of the  
1623 Council on Ethics and the chair of the Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance  
1624 shall be an additional member of the council appointed annually by the President for  
1625 a concurrent term of office, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, in  
1626 accordance with Chapter VI, Section 100A of the *Bylaws*. Upon the recommendation  
1627 of the President, one member of each other council or committee under this chapter  
1628 shall be appointed annually by the Board of Trustees, to serve as chair. Council  
1629 members will annually submit nominations for chair from among the members of each  
1630 council. The Council on Membership and Communications will annually submit  
1631 nominations for chair of the Committee on the New Dentist.

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1633 *Section 60. Term of Office:* The term of office of members of councils shall be four  
1634 (4) years except as otherwise provided in the *Bylaws*. The tenure of a member of a  
1635 council shall be limited to two (2) terms of four (4) years except as otherwise  
1636 provided in the *Bylaws*. The term of office of the student member of the Council on  
1637 Ethics shall be one (1) year. The tenure of the student member of the Council on  
1638 Ethics shall be unlimited, except as provided for in Section 30 of this Chapter of the  
1639 *Bylaws*.

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1641 Any council member elected for an initial staggered term of less than four (4) years  
1642 may subsequently be elected to serve no more than two full four (4) year terms (see  
1643 Appendix A of these *Bylaws*).

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1645 *Section 70. Vacancy:* In the event of a vacancy in the membership of any council or  
1646 committee under this chapter, the President shall appoint a member of the  
1647 Association possessing the same qualifications as established by these *Bylaws* for the  
1648 previous member, to fill such vacancy until a successor is elected by the next House  
1649 of Delegates for the remainder of the unexpired term. In the event the vacancy  
1650 involves the chair of the council, the President shall have the power to appoint an *ad*  
1651 *interim* chair.

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1653 If the term of the vacated council position has less than fifty percent (50%) of a full  
1654 four-year term remaining at the time the successor member is appointed or elected,  
1655 that term shall not be considered in determining the overall tenure of the council  
1656 member in accordance with Section 60 of this chapter. If fifty percent (50%) or more  
1657 of the vacated term remains to be served at the time of the appointment or election,  
1658 that term shall be considered in determining the overall tenure of the council  
1659 member in accordance with Section 60 of this chapter.

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1661 *Section 80. Meetings of Councils:* Each council and committee under this chapter  
1662 shall hold a least one regular meeting annually, provided that funds are available in  
1663 the budget for that purpose and unless otherwise directed by the Board of Trustees.  
1664 Meetings may be held in a single geographic location or from multiple remote  
1665 locations through the use of a conference telephone or other communications  
1666 equipment by means of which all members can communicate with each other. Such  
1667 meetings shall be conducted in accordance with rules and procedures established by  
1668 the Board of Trustees. The Council on Nominations shall meet no later than sixty (60)  
1669 days prior to the annual session in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 30 and  
1670 Chapter XIII, Section 20 of these *Bylaws*.

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1672 *Section 90. Quorum:* Except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*, a majority of the  
1673 members present shall constitute a quorum.

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1675 *Section 100. Privilege of the Floor:* Chairs and members of councils who are not  
1676 members of the House of Delegates shall have the right to participate in the debate  
1677 on their respective reports but shall not have the right to vote in accordance with  
1678 Chapter III, Section 160 of these *Bylaws*.

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1680 *Section 110. Annual Report and Budget:*

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1682 A. Annual Report. Each council shall submit, through the Executive Director, an  
1683 annual report to the House of Delegates and a copy thereof to the Board of Trustees.

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1685 *Section 120. Duties:*

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1687 Council on Awards. The duties of the Council on Awards shall be:

1688 1. To consider nominees for the *William Jarvie* and *Harvey J. Burkhart Award* (also

1689 referred to as the *Jarvie-Burkhart Award*) in accordance with criteria and

1690 guidelines established by the Board of Trustees.

1691 2. To consider nominees for the New York State Dental Association's *Distinguished*

1692 *Service Award* for meritorious service in accordance with criteria and guidelines

1693 established by the Board of Trustees.

1694 3. To annually recommend to the Board of Trustees, the recipient(s) of the *Jarvie-*

1695 *Burkhart Award* when appropriate.

1696 4. To annually recommend to the Board of Trustees, the recipient(s) of the

1697 *Distinguished Service Award* when appropriate.

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1699 Council on Dental Benefit Programs. The duties of the Council on Dental Benefit

1700 Programs shall be:

1701 1. To monitor the delivery of dental care through insurance mechanisms,  
1702 government-funded programs, health maintenance organizations, prepaid group  
1703 practice systems, and any other system for the delivery of dental care.

1704 2. To maintain liaisons between the Association and agencies sponsoring,  
1705 administering or implementing government funded or privately funded dental care  
1706 programs, and dental service corporations.

1707 3. To evaluate in accordance with established policies of the Association, the dental  
1708 care programs of all systems for the delivery of dental care, and to report these  
1709 evaluations and recommendations to the House of Delegates.

1710 4. To initiate negotiations with and respond to any agency sponsoring, administering  
1711 or implementing dental care programs for the purpose of establishing mutually  
1712 acceptable conditions.

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1714 Council on Dental Education and Licensure. The duties of the Council on Dental

1715 Education and Licensure shall be:

1716 1. To monitor and make recommendations, including the formulation and  
1717 recommendation of policy on:

1718 a. Dental education and dental auxiliary education

1719 b. The recognition of categories of dental auxiliaries

1720 c. Associated subjects that effect all dental, dental auxiliary and related  
1721 education.

1722 d. Dental licensure and dental auxiliary credentialing.

1723 2. To act on behalf of this Association in maintaining effective liaison with the New

1724 York State Education Department, the New York State Board for Dentistry, pre-



- 1725 doctoral and post-doctoral education programs in the State of New York, and  
1726 programs involved in the training of auxiliary personnel in the State of New York.  
1727 3. To monitor and disseminate information on continuing dental education and to  
1728 encourage the provision of and participation in continuing dental education.  
1729 4. To make recommendations to the House of Delegates as to the means and methods  
1730 of improving and instituting dental education policies.

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1732 Council on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry. The duties of the Council  
1733 on Dental Health Planning and Hospital Dentistry shall be:

- 1734 1. To develop plans and programs for adequate dental care for the public, and to  
1735 promote the dental health of the public within the framework of policies adopted  
1736 by the House of Delegates.  
1737 2. To assist component societies in the development of dental health policies and  
1738 programs within their jurisdiction.  
1739 3. To establish, maintain and encourage relations with the New York State  
1740 Department of Health, the New York State Education Department and such private  
1741 agencies as are interested in programs for the dental health of the community.  
1742 4. To maintain close working relations with other councils and agencies of the  
1743 Association in the evaluation of dental health educational material directly  
1744 associated with their activities submitted by non-dental organizations and make  
1745 recommendations thereof to the House of Delegates.  
1746 5. To study the dental service programs and residency programs in hospitals and  
1747 other patient care settings other than hospitals and the rules and regulations  
1748 under which they are operating, when warranted.  
1749 6. To maintain liaison and cooperate with the New York State Department of Health  
1750 and other interested agencies in matters pertaining to dental services in hospitals  
1751 and patient care units other than hospitals.

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1753 Council on Dental Practice. The duties of the Council on Dental Practice shall be:

- 1754 1. To formulate and recommend policies relating to dental practice.  
1755 2. To study, evaluate and disseminate information concerning various forms of  
1756 business organization of a dental practice, economic factors related to dental  
1757 practice, practice management techniques, auxiliary utilization and dental  
1758 laboratory services to the end that dentists may continue to improve services to  
1759 the public.  
1760 3. To develop educational and other programs to assist dentists in improved practice  
1761 management and to assist constituent and component societies and other dental  
1762 organizations in the development of such programs so that dentists may continue  
1763 to improve the delivery of their services to the public.  
1764 4. To encourage and develop satisfactory relations with the various organizations  
1765 representing the dental laboratory industry and craft as well as the dental trade  
1766 industry.  
1767 5. To formulate programs for establishing and maintaining the greatest efficiency,  
1768 quality and service of the dental laboratory industry and craft in their relation to  
1769 the dental profession.

- 1770 6. To encourage and develop satisfactory relations with the various organizations  
1771 representing dental auxiliaries.  
1772 7. To gather, formulate and disseminate information related to auxiliary utilization,  
1773 management and employment practices.  
1774 8. To serve in a consultative capacity to those educational and promotional activities  
1775 directed to the public and the profession and to assess their impact on dental  
1776 practice.  
1777 9. To monitor and disseminate information on new dental technologies.  
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1779 Council on Ethics. The duties of the Council on Ethics shall be:

- 1780 1. To consider proposals for amending the *Code of Ethics* and to make  
1781 recommendations to the House of Delegates.  
1782 2. To recommend advisory opinions and interpretations of the *Code of Ethics* of the  
1783 Association to the House of Delegates.  
1784 3. To consider appeals from members of the Association subject to the decision of  
1785 censure, suspension or expulsion by a component society and to hold hearings and  
1786 render decisions thereon. No decision by a component society shall become final  
1787 while an appeal is pending or until the thirty (30) day period for filing notice of  
1788 appeal has elapsed. Subject to the approval of the House of Delegates and in  
1789 conformity with the judicial procedures established by the American Dental  
1790 Association, the Council on Ethics may establish rules of procedure with respect to  
1791 such appeals.  
1792 4. To adjudicate disputes arising under Chapter X, Section 30, of the Bylaws.  
1793 5. To review disciplinary cases referred to it by component societies in the pre-  
1794 hearing stage, and where appropriate, to conduct hearings on such cases.  
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1796 Council on Governmental Affairs. The duties of the Council on Governmental Affairs  
1797 shall be:

- 1798 1. To protect the public and the dental profession in matters of legislation and  
1799 regulations and to make recommendations of plans and methods to the House of  
1800 Delegates in conformity with its established policies.  
1801 2. To review all legislation introduced into the Legislature of the State of New York,  
1802 and to advise appropriate legislators of the position of the Association with respect  
1803 to all proposed legislation of significant interest.  
1804 3. To prepare and arrange for introduction of legislation deemed necessary or  
1805 advisable to promote the dental health of the public and the interests of the  
1806 Association and its members.  
1807 4. To cooperate with appropriate agencies of the American Dental Association in  
1808 advancing the interests of the dental profession and the public in federal  
1809 legislation and regulation.  
1810 5. To cooperate with component societies in advancing the interest of the dental  
1811 profession and the public in legislation and regulation of local government.  
1812 6. To maintain liaison on behalf of the Association with legislative agencies of other  
1813 health professions, and such other liaison as may be directed by the House of  
1814 Delegates.  
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1816 Council on Membership and Communications. The duties of the Council on  
1817 Membership and Communications shall be:  
1818 1. To develop and maintain a public relations program for this Association, including  
1819 the dissemination of information on and publicity concerning the activities of the  
1820 Association.  
1821 2. To develop and maintain good professional relations between members of this  
1822 Association and other constituent societies of the American Dental Association.  
1823 3. To develop and maintain good relations between this Association and organizations  
1824 representing other health professions.  
1825 4. To conduct an ongoing study of membership problems and formulate plans for  
1826 maintaining and increasing the membership of this Association, in conformity with  
1827 policies adopted by the House of Delegates.  
1828 5. To recruit and retain dentists who have graduated from dental school within the  
1829 previous ten years (also referred to as “new dentists”), in the tripartite system of  
1830 organized dentistry.  
1831 6. To provide information and assistance for new dentists to facilitate the transition  
1832 from dental school to active practice.  
1833 7. To establish, maintain and encourage positive relationships with the faculty,  
1834 students and staff of New York State’s dental schools.  
1835 8. To formulate programs with the Association’s component societies and the  
1836 American Dental Association that support and facilitate the participation of new  
1837 dentists in the tripartite system of organized dentistry.  
1838 9. To work effectively with other councils and agencies of the Association on those  
1839 educational and promotional programs and/or activities directed to the public and  
1840 the profession.

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1842 Council on Nominations. The duties of the Council on Nominations shall be:  
1843 1. To meet no later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual session in accordance  
1844 with Section 60 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.  
1845 2. To confirm the eligibility of all nominations for elective office and the position of  
1846 Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental  
1847 Association in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 20 and Chapter XIII, Section  
1848 20A of these *Bylaws*.  
1849 3. To consider all eligible nominations for elective office of this Association.  
1850 4. To select one (1) candidate for each elective office in accordance with Chapter VI,  
1851 Section 30 of the *Bylaws*.  
1852 5. To draft a report listing all eligible nominees for elective office and the Trustee  
1853 representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association as  
1854 well as the Council’s recommendation for each elective office.  
1855 6. To present its report to the House of Delegates at the first meeting of the annual  
1856 session.

1857  
1858 Council on Peer Review and Quality Assurance. The duties of the Council on Peer  
1859 Review and Quality Assurance shall be:  
1860 1. To develop recommendations to the House of Delegates for policies relating to  
1861 peer review as the Association’s quality assurance mechanism.

- 1862 2. To develop a *Peer Review Manual* for the use of component society peer review  
1863 committees and component staff.
- 1864 3. To develop an educational and training program for the members of component  
1865 society peer review committees and component staff.
- 1866 4. To provide technical assistance to component society peer review committees.
- 1867 5. To promote peer review to Association members and the public.
- 1868 6. To coordinate the activities of component society peer review committees.
- 1869 7. To oversee the maintenance of statistical information regarding peer review  
1870 activity of the New York State Dental Association.
- 1871 8. To consider appeals of decisions of component society peer review committees in  
1872 accordance with criteria set forth in the *Peer Review Manual*.

1873  
1874 Council on Professional Liability Insurance. The duties of the Council on Professional  
1875 Liability Insurance shall be:

- 1876 1. To consider issues of professional liability impacting members of the Association  
1877 and make recommendations to the House of Delegates with respect thereto.
- 1878 2. To work in liaison with appropriate agencies of the Association in the development  
1879 and maintenance of the Association's *Risk Management Program*.
- 1880 3. To coordinate the activities of the Component Professional Liability Claims  
1881 Committees.
- 1882 4. To supervise the maintenance of statistical information regarding professional  
1883 liability claims activity of the Association.
- 1884 5. To periodically review the Association's *Professional Liability Claims Review*  
1885 *Guidelines*, and make recommendations to the Board of Trustees with respect  
1886 thereto as indicated.

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1888 **CHAPTER IX. SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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1890 *Section 10.* Appointment and Term: Special committees of this Association may be  
1891 created at any session of the House of Delegates or, when the House is not in session,  
1892 by the Board of Trustees, for the purpose of performing duties not otherwise assigned  
1893 by these *Bylaws*. Duties otherwise assigned by these *Bylaws* solely to one (1) council,  
1894 committee or other agency should be assigned to that council, committee or other  
1895 agency with the necessary funding to accomplish the task. If duties are assigned to a  
1896 special committee that are assigned under these *Bylaws* to more than one (1) council,  
1897 committee or other agency, members of the relevant councils, committees or other  
1898 agencies shall be appointed to serve on the special committee. Such special  
1899 committees may serve until adjournment *sine die* of the next annual session of the  
1900 House of Delegates. The authority for appointing the members of a special committee  
1901 and their number shall be set forth in the resolution creating such committee.

1902  
1903 *Section 20.* Conflict of Interest: Members of special committees and each person  
1904 considered for such appointment shall comply with Chapter IV of these *Bylaws*.

1906 Section 30. Privilege of the Floor: Chairs and members of special committees who are  
1907 not members of the House of Delegates shall have the right to participate in the  
1908 debate on their respective reports but shall not have the right to vote.  
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1911 **CHAPTER X. CODE OF ETHICS**  
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1913 Section 10. Professional Conduct of Members: The professional conduct of a member  
1914 of this Association shall be governed by the *Principle of Ethics and Code of*  
1915 *Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association and the *Code of Ethics* of  
1916 this Association  
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1918 Section 20. Discipline to Members:  
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1920 A. Conduct Subject to Discipline. A member may be disciplined by this Association or  
1921 by the member's component society for (1) having been found guilty of a felony; (2)  
1922 having been found guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by the laws and  
1923 regulations of any state; or (3) violating the *Bylaws* or the *Principles of Ethics and*  
1924 *Code of Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association, the *Bylaws* or *Code*  
1925 *of Ethics* of this Association, or the bylaws of the component society of which the  
1926 accused is a member. Disciplinary proceedings shall be instituted by the ethics  
1927 committee of the component society where the alleged ethical violation took place,  
1928 or, upon the request of said committee, the Council on Ethics of this Association may  
1929 initiate disciplinary proceedings. In the event the component society refers the  
1930 matter to the Council on Ethics of this Association, and the Council on Ethics declines  
1931 to initiate disciplinary proceedings, the component society may not thereafter initiate  
1932 proceedings.  
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1934 B. Direct Referral Ethics Cases Involving Members Previously Found Guilty or  
1935 Disciplined for Professional Misconduct by the Board of Regents of the State of New  
1936 York and/or Having Been Found Guilty of a Felony and/or Having Failed to Abide by or  
1937 Participate in Peer Review. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the *Bylaws* or  
1938 *Code of Ethics*, any member found guilty of, or disciplined for, professional  
1939 misconduct by the Board of Regents of the State of New York and/or having been  
1940 found guilty of a felony, and/or having failed to abide by or participate in Peer  
1941 Review shall have the case directly referred to the Council on Ethics of the  
1942 Association in accordance with the following procedure. If the member has been  
1943 found guilty of a felony, then notice regarding such conviction shall be transmitted to  
1944 a Screening Committee of the Council on Ethics of this Association. If the member  
1945 has been found guilty or disciplined for professional misconduct by the Board of  
1946 Regents of the State of New York, then the entire official evidentiary record of the  
1947 professional discipline case shall be obtained from the New York State Education  
1948 Department and shall be transmitted to a Screening Committee of the Council on  
1949 Ethics of the Association. If the member has failed to abide by or participate in Peer  
1950 Review, then the entire Peer Review record and notice of such failure shall be  
1951 transmitted to a Screening Committee of the Council on Ethics of the Association.

1952 The Screening Committee shall review the case record and determine whether the  
1953 case should be presented to the full Council on Ethics of the Association for further  
1954 action. A majority vote of the Screening Committee shall be determinative. The  
1955 Screening Committee may elect to make a recommendation to the full Council on  
1956 Ethics of the Association as to the penalty to be imposed by the Association, but such  
1957 recommendation shall not be binding on the full Council. If the case is referred by  
1958 the Screening Committee to the full Council on Ethics of the Association for action,  
1959 the member shall be notified in writing not less than thirty days in advance of the  
1960 date, time, and place of the full Council meeting at which the matter will be  
1961 considered. Such notice shall include a brief statement of the matter to be  
1962 considered. The dentist may submit a written statement to the Council, may elect to  
1963 appear before the Council, and may be represented by an attorney for the purpose of  
1964 making a presentation to the Council in mitigation or explanation as to the  
1965 appropriate penalty to be imposed by the Association. The only matter to be  
1966 considered is the penalty to be imposed. If the member chooses to appear before the  
1967 Council, the Council may ask questions of the member during the member's  
1968 presentation to the Council. A transcript of the proceeding shall not be required. The  
1969 Council shall issue a written decision in accord with its usual procedures contained in  
1970 Paragraph C of this Section. A majority vote of the Council members present and  
1971 voting shall be determinative. The normal appeal process contained in Paragraph D of  
1972 this Section shall apply to such cases.

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1974 C. Disciplinary Penalties. A member may be placed under a sentence of censure or  
1975 suspension or may be expelled from membership for any of the offenses enumerated  
1976 in Section 20A of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*.

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1978 Censure is a disciplinary sentence expressing in writing severe criticism or disapproval  
1979 of a particular type of conduct or act.

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1981 Suspension, subject to Chapter I, Section 30 of the Bylaws, means all membership  
1982 privileges except the obligation to participate in the Association's Peer Review and  
1983 Quality Assurance proceedings and continued entitlement to coverage under insurance  
1984 programs are lost during the suspension period. Suspension shall be unconditional and  
1985 for a specified period at the termination of which full membership privileges are  
1986 automatically restored. A subsequent violation shall require a new disciplinary  
1987 procedure before additional discipline may be imposed.

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1989 Expulsion is an absolute discipline and may not be imposed conditionally except as  
1990 otherwise provided herein. Probation, to be imposed for a specified period and  
1991 without loss of rights, may be administratively and conditionally imposed when  
1992 circumstances warrant in lieu of a suspended disciplinary penalty. Probation shall be  
1993 conditioned on good behavior. Additional reasonable conditions may be set forth in  
1994 the decision for the continuation of probation. In the event that the conditions for  
1995 probation are found by the society which preferred charges to have been violated,  
1996 after a hearing on the probation violation charges in accordance with Section 20B of  
1997 this Chapter of the *Bylaws*, the original disciplinary penalty shall be automatically

1998 reinstated; except that when circumstances warrant the original disciplinary penalty  
1999 may be reduced to a lesser penalty. There shall be no right of appeal from a finding  
2000 that the conditions of probation have been violated.

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2002 After all appeals are exhausted or after the time for filing an appeal has expired, the  
2003 sentence meted out to any active, life or retired member, including those instances  
2004 when the disciplined member has been placed on probation, shall be promulgated by  
2005 this Association, the member's component society, and the American Dental  
2006 Association.

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2008 D. Disciplinary Proceedings. Before a disciplinary penalty is invoked against a  
2009 member the following procedures shall be followed by the society preferring charges:

2010  
2011 a. Hearing. The accused member shall be entitled to a hearing at which the  
2012 accused shall be given the opportunity to present a defense to all charges brought  
2013 against the accused. The society shall permit the accused member to be  
2014 represented by legal counsel.

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2016 b. Notice. The accused member shall be notified in writing of charges brought  
2017 against the accused and of the time and place of the hearing, such notice to be  
2018 sent by a certifiable method of delivery addressed to the accused's last known  
2019 address and sent not less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date set for  
2020 hearing. An accused member, upon request, shall be granted one postponement  
2021 for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days.

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2023 c. Charges. The written charges shall include an officially certified copy of the  
2024 alleged conviction or determination of guilt, or a specification on the Bylaw or  
2025 ethical provisions alleged to have been violated, as the case may be, and a  
2026 description of the conduct alleged to constitute each violation.

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2028 d. Decision. Every decision which shall result in censure, suspension or expulsion  
2029 or in probation shall be reduced to writing and shall specify the charges made  
2030 against the member, the facts which substantiate any or all of the charges, the  
2031 verdict rendered, the penalty imposed or when appropriate, the suspended  
2032 penalty imposed and the conditions for probation, and a notice shall be sent to the  
2033 accused member informing the accused of the right to appeal. Within ten (10)  
2034 days of the date on which the decision is rendered a copy thereof shall be sent by  
2035 a certifiable method of delivery to the last known address of each of the following  
2036 parties: the accused member; the Chair of the Council on Ethics of this  
2037 Association; the Executive Director of this Association; the secretary and chair of  
2038 the ethics committee of the component society of which the accused is a member;  
2039 and the Chair of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs and the  
2040 Executive Director of the American Dental Association. After the decision has  
2041 become final, the Council shall publish or cause to be published a summary of the  
2042 decision in the *New York State Dental Journal*.

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2044 E. Appeals. The accused member under sentence of censure, suspension or expulsion  
2045 shall have the right to appeal from a decision of the component society to this  
2046 Association by filing an appeal in affidavit form with the Secretary-Treasurer of this  
2047 Association. Such an accused member, or the component society concerned, shall  
2048 have the right to appeal from a decision of this Association to the Council on Ethics,  
2049 Bylaws and Judicial Affairs of the American Dental Association by filing an appeal in  
2050 affidavit form with the Chair of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs of  
2051 the American Dental Association. When the Council on Ethics of this Association has  
2052 heard the initial disciplinary proceeding and rendered a decision, an appeal from such  
2053 a decision shall be made directly to the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs  
2054 of the American Dental Association by filing an affidavit with the Chair of said  
2055 council.

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2057 An appeal from any decision shall not be valid unless notice of appeal is filed within  
2058 thirty (30) days and the supporting brief, if one is to be presented, is filed within sixty  
2059 (60) days after such decision has been rendered. A reply brief, if one is to be  
2060 presented, shall be filed within ninety (90) days after such decision is rendered. A  
2061 rejoinder brief, if one is to be presented, shall be filed within one hundred five (105)  
2062 days after such decision is rendered. After all briefs have been filed, a minimum of  
2063 forty-five (45) days shall lapse before the hearing date. Omission of briefs will not  
2064 alter the briefing schedule or hearing date unless otherwise agreed to by the parties  
2065 and the chair of the appropriate appellate agency. No decision shall become final  
2066 while an appeal therefrom is pending or until the thirty (30) day period for filing  
2067 notice of appeal has elapsed. In the event of a sentence of expulsion and no notice of  
2068 appeal is received within the thirty (30) day period, this Association shall notify all  
2069 parties of the failure of the accused member to file an appeal. The sentence of  
2070 expulsion shall take effect on the date the parties are notified. This Association and  
2071 the member's component society shall each determine what portion of current dues,  
2072 if any, shall be returned to the expelled member. Dues paid to the American Dental  
2073 Association shall not be refundable in the event of expulsion. The procedure used in  
2074 processing appeals shall be as described in Chapter XII Section 20D of the *Bylaws* of  
2075 the American Dental Association.

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2077 *Section 30. Code of Ethics:*

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2079 A. The *Code of Ethics* of this Association shall be that in effect on the date of the  
2080 adoption of these Bylaws. A true copy thereof, certified to be correct by the chair of  
2081 the Council on Ethics and the Executive Director of this Association, shall be  
2082 maintained in the official records of the Association.

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2084 B. Amendments to the *Code of Ethics* of the Association may be considered by the  
2085 House of Delegates at any annual session, and must be approved by a two-thirds (2/3)  
2086 majority vote of those delegates present and voting. Any such amendment of the  
2087 *Code of Ethics* shall become effective in accordance with its terms when certified by  
2088 the Chair of the Council on Ethics and the Executive Director of the Association and  
2089 recorded in the official records of the Association.



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2091 C. Each component society may adopt a code of ethics, provided it is not in conflict  
2092 with the *Code of Ethics* of this Association or the *Principle of Ethics and Code of*  
2093 *Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association. Each component society  
2094 shall file a copy of its code of ethics with the Executive Director of this Association.  
2095  
2096 D. Every member of this Association shall be bound by the *Principle of Ethics and*  
2097 *Code of Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association, the *Code of Ethics*  
2098 of this Association, the code of ethics of the component society of which he is a  
2099 member and the code of ethics of the component society in each component in which  
2100 he practices, or conducts or participates in other professional dental activities.  
2101 Failure to do so shall constitute grounds for suspension or revocation of membership  
2102 in this Association. Upon receipt of a disciplinary decision from a component society  
2103 regarding an ethical violation committed by a member, the component society in  
2104 which the member holds membership shall enforce the disciplinary decision of the  
2105 component society that rendered the disciplinary decision.

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## 2108 CHAPTER XI. PUBLICATIONS

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### 2110 *Section 10.* Official Journal:

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2112 A. Title. This Association shall publish or cause to be published an official journal  
2113 under the title of *The New York State Dental Journal*, hereinafter referred to as *The*  
2114 *Journal*. *The Journal* shall be published in accordance with policies established by  
2115 the Board of Trustees.

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2117 B. Object. The object of *The Journal* shall be to report, chronicle and evaluate  
2118 activities of scientific and professional interest to the dental profession.

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2120 C. Frequency of Issue and Subscription Rate. The frequency of issue and the  
2121 subscription rate of *The Journal* shall be determined by the Council on Publications  
2122 and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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2124 *Section 20.* Other Journals and Publications: The Association may publish or cause to  
2125 be published other journals and publications in the field of dentistry subject to the  
2126 direction and regulations of the Board of Trustees.

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2128 *Section 30.* Website: The Association shall maintain a website which may be used to  
2129 transmit information in a timely manner to its members. The website shall be  
2130 maintained in accordance with policies established by the Board of Trustees.

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2132 *Section 40.* Official Minutes: The official minutes of the Board of Trustees and House  
2133 of Delegates, and the reports of councils and committees shall be published under the  
2134 direction of the Executive Director, and shall be the official record of the New York  
2135 State Dental Association.

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## CHAPTER XII. FINANCES

*Section 10. Fiscal Year:* The fiscal year of the Society shall begin January 1 of each calendar year and end December 31 of the same year.

*Section 20. General Fund:* The General Fund shall consist of all monies received other than those specifically allocated to other funds by these *Bylaws*. This fund shall be used for defraying all expenses incurred by this Association not otherwise provided for in these *Bylaws*.

*Section 30. Reserve Fund:* The Reserve Fund shall consist of excess monies beyond that needed to fund Association operations or specifically allocated to other funds by these *Bylaws*. One of the goals of this fund shall be to invest a significant portion of available monies for long term capital growth.

*Section 40. Other Funds:* The Association may establish other funds, at the direction of the Board of Trustees, for activities and programs requiring separate accounting records to meet governmental and administrative requirements. Such funds shall consist of monies and other assets received or allocated in accordance with the purpose for which they are established. Such funds shall be used for defraying all expenses incurred in their operation, shall serve only as separate accounting entities and continue to be held in the name of the New York State Dental Association.

*Section 50. Special Assessments:* In addition to the payment of dues required in Chapter I, Section 20 of these *Bylaws*, a special assessment may be levied by the House of Delegates upon active, active life, retired, associate and affiliate members of this Association for the purpose of funding a specific project of limited duration in accordance with Chapter I, Section 20 of these *Bylaws*. Such an assessment may be levied at any annual or special session of the House of Delegates by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present and voting, provided notice of the proposed assessment has been presented in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the first day of the annual session of the House of Delegates at which it is to be considered. Notice of such a resolution shall be sent by a certifiable method of delivery to each component society not less than thirty (30) days before such session to permit prompt, adequate notice by each component society to its delegates and alternate delegates to the House of Delegates of this Association, and shall be announced to the general membership in an official publication of this Association at least thirty (30) days in advance of the session. The specific project to be funded by the proposed assessment, the time frame of the project, and the amount and duration of the proposed assessment shall be clearly presented in giving notice to the members of this Association. Revenue from a special assessment and any earnings thereon shall be deposited in a separate fund as provided in Section 40 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*. The House of Delegates may amend the main motion to levy a special assessment only if the amendment is germane and adopted by a majority vote of the

2182 delegates present and voting. The House of Delegates may consider only one (1)  
2183 specific project to be funded by a proposed assessment at a time. However, if  
2184 properly adopted by the House of Delegates, two (2) or more special assessments may  
2185 be in force at the same time. Any resolution to levy a special assessment that does  
2186 not meet the notice requirements set forth in the previous paragraph also may be  
2187 adopted by a unanimous vote of the House of Delegates, provided the resolution has  
2188 been presented in writing at a previous meeting of the same session.

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### 2191 **CHAPTER XIII. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

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2193 *Section 10.* Name: The New York State Dental Association shall be represented in the  
2194 American Dental Association by the Second Trustee District, a single constituent  
2195 trustee district, in accordance with its *Bylaws*.

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2197 *Section 20.* Trustee Representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental  
2198 Association:

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2200 A. Eligibility. Only an active, life or retired member in good standing of this  
2201 Association and the American Dental Association shall be eligible to serve as the  
2202 Trustee representing the Second Trustee District.

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2204 B. Nominations. The Association shall publish or cause to be published, no less than  
2205 one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the annual session at which the election for  
2206 Trustee shall take place, a "Call for Nominations" announcing the election and  
2207 describing the eligibility requirements thereof.

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2209 Nominations for the position of Trustee may be made by any active, life or retired  
2210 member in good standing of the Association. All nominations shall be submitted to the  
2211 Headquarters Office and accompanied by appropriate documentation in support of the  
2212 nominee's eligibility. All nominations must be submitted no later than ninety (90) days  
2213 prior to the annual session.

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2215 The Council on Nominations shall confirm the eligibility of all candidates who have  
2216 been duly nominated for the elective position of Trustee representing the Second  
2217 Trustee District of the American Dental Association.

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2219 Nominations for the position of Trustee may be made by any delegate from the floor  
2220 of the House of Delegates at the call of the presiding officer by a simple declaratory  
2221 statement, provided they previously have been duly submitted to the Headquarters  
2222 Office and confirmed as eligible by the Council on Nominations.

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2224 Acceptance speeches, statements or remarks, not to exceed four (4) minutes in  
2225 duration may be made by the candidate from the podium according to the protocol  
2226 established by the Speaker of the House of Delegates for any contested election.  
2227 Seconding a nomination is not permitted.

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2229 C. Conflict of Interest. Each person nominated for the position of Trustee shall  
2230 complete a conflict of interest statement as prescribed by the Board of Trustees and  
2231 shall file such statement with the Executive Director of the Association to be made  
2232 available to the delegates prior to election.  
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2234 D. Election. In accordance with Chapter VII, Section 40 of the *Bylaws* of the American  
2235 Dental Association, the election for Trustee-nominee representing the Second Trustee  
2236 District of the American Dental Association shall take place at the annual session of  
2237 this Association in the year prior to the annual session of the American Dental  
2238 Association at which its House of Delegates will consider the nomination. The  
2239 Trustee-nominee shall be determined in accordance with Chapter III, Section 150 of  
2240 these *Bylaws*. The name of the duly elected Trustee-nominee shall be submitted for  
2241 consideration by the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association in  
2242 accordance with Chapter VII, Section 40 and Chapter VII, Section 60 of its *Bylaws*.  
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2244 *Section 30. Delegates and Alternate Delegates:*  
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2246 A. In accordance with Chapter III, Section 50E of these *Bylaws*, the House of Delegates  
2247 shall annually elect the delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental  
2248 Association, from nominations submitted by the component societies. The elected  
2249 delegates and alternate delegates shall be the official representatives of the Second  
2250 Trustee District to the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.  
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2252 The tenure of a delegate-nominee or alternate delegate-nominee shall be unlimited  
2253 except as may otherwise be determined by the component society in its bylaws  
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2255 B. The number of delegates and alternate delegates allocated to the Second Trustee  
2256 District shall be determined by the American Dental Association in accordance with its  
2257 *Bylaws*.  
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2259 C. The elective officers as defined in Chapter VI, Section 10 of these *Bylaws*, and the  
2260 immediate Past President shall represent the Association as delegates-at-large in the  
2261 House of Delegates of the American Dental Association. Former elective officers of  
2262 the Association may be appointed by the Board of Trustees as alternate delegates-at-  
2263 large, the number not to exceed the number of delegates-at-large. The remaining  
2264 delegates and alternate delegates shall be distributed according to a standing  
2265 resolution of the Board of Trustees.  
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2267 D. Vacancies occurring among the delegates shall be filled by the President from  
2268 among the alternate delegates, from the appropriate component society where  
2269 practicable, and should none be present, then from amongst the active members of  
2270 this Association, from the appropriate component society where practicable.  
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2272 E. Vacancies occurring among the delegates-at-large shall be filled from among the  
2273 alternate delegates-at-large or from the alternate delegates should no alternate  
2274 delegates-at-large be available.

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2276 F. Vacancies occurring among the alternate delegates shall be filled by the President  
2277 from amongst the active members of this Association, from the appropriate  
2278 component society where practicable.

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2280 G. The delegates representing the Second Trustee District shall meet on or before the  
2281 opening day of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association, to select a  
2282 chair and secretary. The chair, in addition to his or her other duties, shall make a  
2283 report of the transactions of the House of Delegates to this Association, during the  
2284 following scheduled annual session.

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2286 Section 40. Second Trustee District Caucus:

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2288 A. The Second Trustee District Caucus, which may also be referred to as “the  
2289 Caucus,” shall include the certified delegates and alternate delegates as described in  
2290 Section 30 of this Chapter of the *Bylaws*, the Trustee representing the Second Trustee  
2291 District of the American Dental Association, the American Dental Association council  
2292 members representing the Second Trustee District designated by the chairman, the  
2293 officers and staff of component societies, designated staff of this Association, officers  
2294 of the American Dental Association, and those seeking such office.

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2296 B. Voting privileges shall be limited to certified delegates in attendance.

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2298 C. Powers.

2299 (a) The Caucus shall have the power to establish rules not inconsistent with these  
2300 *Bylaws* to govern its organization and procedure.

2301 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of these *Bylaws*, if the House of Delegates of  
2302 the American Dental Association rejects the nominee for the position of Trustee  
2303 representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association, or if the  
2304 nominee designated by the House of Delegates of this Association, or if the nominee  
2305 designated by the House of Delegates of this Association is otherwise unable to serve,  
2306 the Caucus shall have the power to select a new nominee in accordance with  
2307 procedures established in its rules.

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2309 **CHAPTER XIV. INDEMNIFICATION**

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2311 Each trustee, officer, delegate or alternate delegate, council member, committee  
2312 member, employee and other agent of this Association shall be held harmless and  
2313 indemnified by the Association against all claims and liabilities and all costs and  
2314 expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred or imposed upon him or her  
2315 in connection with or resulting from any action, suit or proceeding, or the settlement  
2316 or compromise thereof, to which he may be made a party by reason of any action  
2317 taken or omitted to be taken by him as a trustee, officer, council member,

2318 committee member, employee or agent of the Association, in good faith. This right of  
2319 indemnification shall inure to such person whether or not he is a trustee, officer,  
2320 council member, committee member, employee or agent at the time such liabilities,  
2321 costs or expenses are imposed or incurred and, in the event of his death, shall extend  
2322 to his legal representatives. The Association shall indemnify each trustee, officer,  
2323 council member, committee member, employee and other agent of this Association to  
2324 the full extent permissible by law.

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## 2327 CHAPTER XV. AMENDMENTS

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2329 *Section 10. Procedure:* These *Bylaws* may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of  
2330 the members of the House of Delegates, provided that the proposed amendment has  
2331 been published in the *New York State Dental Journal* or on the Association's website  
2332 at least thirty (30) days prior to the annual session at which action is to be taken,  
2333 except that an amendment presented in writing at a previous meeting of the same  
2334 session may be voted upon with the consent of three-quarters (3/4) of the members  
2335 of the House of Delegates.

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2337 *Section 20. Legislative Initiatives Resulting in Bylaws Amendments:* Any proposal  
2338 calling for a legislative initiative that could otherwise be accomplished by an  
2339 amendment to these *Bylaws*, shall require a two-thirds (2/3) vote of both the Board of  
2340 Trustees and the members of the House of Delegates.