



House of Delegates – Annual Session

June 5 – 6, 2026 – Borgata Resort and Casino, Atlantic City, New Jersey

The first meeting of the 2026 NYSDA House of Delegates was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, June 6, 2026, by Dr. William Karp, NYSDA Speaker.

Speaker Karp appointed Dr. Joe Craddock from Eighth District, Dr. Paul Kim from Ninth District and Dr. Claudia Mahon-Vazquez from Suffolk County as the Minutes Approval Committee.

Dr. Maurice Edwards, President, addressed the House of Delegates. Report on file.

Drs. Jim Jacobs and David Shipper, 2025 Committee on Annual Sessions, oral report.

Mr. Michael Herrmann NYSDA Executive Director addressed the House of Delegates

Dr. Brendan Dowd, 2nd Trustee District of the ADA, oral report

Dr. Christopher Calnon, Chair, Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order (CRO), reported that a quorum was present. On behalf of CRO, Dr. Calnon moved the following resolutions:

- Resolution 1 Adoption of Agenda **Adopted**
- Resolution 2 Reference Committee Referral of Resolutions **Adopted**

Dr. Prabha Krishnan, Chair, Council on Nominations, presented the Council's report:

The following were uncontested elections; and declared elected by the Speaker:

- Dr. Amarilis Jacobo (*Bronx County Dental Society*) automatically ascends to the office of President.
- Dr. Lynn Stacy (*Fifth District Dental Society*) for the office of President Elect
- Dr. Michael Shreck (*Nassau County Dental Society*) for the office of Vice President
- Dr. Paul Leary (*Suffolk County Dental Society*) for the office of NYSDA Secretary-Treasurer

For the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates, Dr. William Karp was nominated by the Nominations Committee, and Dr. Robert Peskin was duly nominated from the floor. As there were two candidates for the office, an election by ballot was scheduled to be conducted on Saturday prior to the convening of the second meeting of the House of Delegates.

The following were elected as Trustees to the New York State Dental Association for four-year terms ending 2030:

- Dr. Paul Teplitsky (*Second District*)
- Dr. James Hoddick (*Eighth District*)

- Dr. Paul Kim (*Ninth District*)

Dr. Maurice Edwards presented the Report of the Board of Trustees. Report on file. Dr. Edwards moved the following resolutions on behalf of the Board:

- Resolution 3 Nominations to NYSDA Councils **Adopted**
- Resolution 4 Nominations to American Dental Association House of Delegates **Adopted**

Reports

- Dr. Paul Leary, Secretary-Treasurer, report on file
- Dr. Jerica Cook, 2027 Committee on Annual Sessions, oral report.
- Mr. Lance Plunkett, NYSDA Legislative Update, oral report
- Ms. Stacy McIlduff and Dr. Ronald Bellhusen, New York State Dental Foundation, oral report
- Drs. Michael Shreck and Vera Tang on ADPAC

Motion to Adjourn until 1 pm Saturday, June 6th by Dr. Devin Klein.

The second meeting of the 2026 NYSDA House of Delegates was called to order at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6th by Speaker Karp.

The House was recessed for the purpose of conducting a revote for the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates.

At 1:25 p.m., the House reconvened. The results of the election were announced, and Dr. William Karp was declared elected Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Dr. Christopher Calnon, Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order (CRO), reported that a quorum was present reported that the Reference Committee report was posted on the NYSDA website and that the report was sent electronically to all members of the House.

Resolutions

Priority item

- Resolution 19 - 2026 Preliminary Budget **Adopted**

Resolutions

- Resolution 5 **Adopted**
- Resolution 6 **Adopted**
- Resolution 7 **Adopted as amended 7RC**
- Resolution 8 **Adopted as amended 8S-1**
- Resolution 9 **Adopted**
- Resolution 10 **Withdrawn**
- Resolution 11 **Adopted as amended 11B-1**
- Resolution 12 **Withdrawn**
- Resolution 13 **Adopted**
- Resolution 14 **Withdrawn**
- Resolution 15 **Adopted**

- Resolution 16 **Referred to the Council on Peer Review**
- Resolution 17 **Adopted**
- Resolution 18 **Adopted**
- Resolution 19 **Adopted as Amended 19S-1**
- **Resolution 20: Adopted**
- **Resolution 21: Adopted**
- **Resolution 22: Defeated**
- **Resolution 23: Defeated**
- **Resolution 24: Defeated**
- **Resolution 25: Withdrawn**
- **Resolution 26: Adopted**
- **Resolution 27: Adopted as Amended 27S-1**

Special Orders of Business

- Resolution 18 Dues of Active Members **Adopted**
- Resolution 29 2027 Final Budget – **Adopted**

Recognition Awards

Plaque Presentations to Outgoing Trustees, presented by President Dr. Maurice Edwards

- Dr. John Demas (*Second District*)
- Dr. Raymond Miller (*Eighth District*)
- Dr. Gary Scharoff (*Ninth District*)

Installation of New Trustees by Dr. Maurice Edwards

- Dr. Paul Teplitsky (*Second District*)
- Dr. James Hoddick (*Eighth District*)
- Dr. Paul Kim (*Ninth District*)

Plaque Presentations to Outgoing Council Chairs by Dr. Maurice Edwards

Dr. Joseph Craddock, Council on Dental Benefit Programs
 Dr. Robert Peskin, Council on Dental Education and Licensure
 Dr. Lawrence Lehman, Council on Peer Review
 Dr. Radha Sachdeva-Munk, Council on Governmental Affairs

Award presentations to outgoing President Dr. Maurice Edwards

- American Dental Association lapel pin - Dr. Brendan Dowd
- NYSDJ Cover – Mr. Michael Herrmann

Installation of Officers by Dr. Maurice Edwards

- Dr. Paul Leary, *Secretary-Treasurer*
- Dr. William Karp, *Speaker*
- Dr. Michael Shreck, *Vice President*
- Dr. Lynn Stacy, *President Elect*
- Dr. Amarilis Jacobo, *President*

Address of President Amarilis Jacobo

Motion to Adjourn by District 2 ASDA Trustee Kristen Thomson
Meeting adjourned sine die at 4:30 p.m.

Text of all resolutions on file.

These Minutes were unanimously approved by the NYSDA Minutes Approval Committee:

Dr. Joe Craddock from Eighth District, Dr. Paul Kim from Ninth District and Dr. Claudia Mahon-Vaquez from Suffolk County