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**Manual of the House of
Delegates and
Supplemental Information**

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New York State
Dental Association

Manual of House of Delegates

General Information for Delegates and Alternates

Credentials for Delegates and Alternates

Official credentials for all delegates, alternate delegates and members of the house shall be picked up at the registration desk starting at 8 am Friday June 5, 2026.

Registration

For the convenience of those who attend meetings of the House of Delegates and have not registered in advance, which include delegates and alternate delegates, chairs of councils, and executive directors of component societies. Former presidents may pick up Registration materials (badge holders, inserts, registration cards, House meeting cards and tickets) on site. All meeting materials (reports and resolution worksheets) will be made available online.

All others attending the convention are required to register at the on-site registration desk located in the Borgata. Badges are required in order to gain admittance to the annual session and to the visitors' gallery in the House of Delegates.

House of Delegates Admittance for Delegates

Each delegate will receive an official name badge with QR code. The name badge must be presented to the doorkeeper for each meeting in order to gain admission to the floor of the House of Delegates. The loss of name badge should be reported promptly to the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order.

House of Delegates Admittance for Alternate Delegates

Each alternate delegate will receive an alternate delegate name badge which will allow you to be seated in the alternate delegate section.

Visitors at House Meetings

Anyone may attend meetings of the House of Delegates as a visitor upon display of an Annual Session registration badge.

Schedule of House Meetings

The annual session of the House of Delegates is scheduled for two (2) days, Friday through Saturday. Meetings of the House will begin on Friday afternoon and continue until business is completed with an additional meeting scheduled for Saturday afternoon. Friday afternoon, upon adjournment of the first meeting, a hearing of the reference committee will take place. All meetings of the House of Delegates and the reference committee hearing will be held at The Borgata. The following is the daily schedule of the House of Delegates for 2026.

Friday, June 5 –

1:00 P.M.-3:30 P.M. Opening Meeting of the House of Delegates

3:45 P.M. – 4:45 P.M. Reference Committee Hearing

Saturday, June 6 -

1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. 2nd Meeting of the House of Delegates

Agenda | Friday, June 5, 2026

First Meeting of House of Delegates, 1:00 P.M.

Meeting Called to Order
 Pledge of Allegiance
 Address of NYSDA President
 2025-2026 Committee on Annual Sessions
 Memorial for Past Presidents
 Greeting/Remarks from NYSDA Executive Director
 Second Trustee District of the ADA
 Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order
 Committee on Constitution and Bylaws
 Nominations
 Board of Trustees
 Secretary-Treasurer
 2026-2027 Committee on Annual Sessions
 Legislative Update
 NYS Dental Foundation
 ADPAC
 Adjournment

Agenda | Saturday, June 6, 2026

Second Meeting of House of Delegates, 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order

Reference Committee Report

Special Orders of Business:

1) Resolution 21 2026 Budget

Resolved, That the approved preliminary 2026 budget as amended to reflect the actions taken at the House of Delegates be adopted as the final 2026 budget.

2) Resolution 18 2026 Dues of Active Members

Resolved, That the dues of active members of the New York State Dental Association shall be six-hundred and eighty-three dollars (\$683) effective January 1, 2026.

Unfinished Business

New Business

Introduction and Plaque Presentation to Outgoing Trustees

Introduction and Installation of New Trustees

Introduction and Plaque Presentation to Outgoing Council Chairs

Introduction and Installation of Officers

Address of Incoming President

Adjournment

House of Delegates Guidelines

1) Seating of Delegations

The Executive Director shall arrange for the seating of delegations in the House of Delegates. The executive director of a component society may be seated with the component society delegation on the floor of the House of Delegates even though they are not official delegates. It is not permissible to designate an "acting" executive director of a component society so that he or she may be seated on the floor of the House unless that person has a legitimate employment relationship as "acting" executive director with the component society.

The delegates representing the American Student Dental Association shall be seated together within the House of Delegates.

2) Seating of Alternate Delegates

Substitution for delegates by alternate delegates from the same component society may be made at any time during the meetings of the House of Delegates. The delegate leaving the floor of the House of Delegates shall obtain a re-admission pass which can be used by the substituting alternate delegate for entry to the floor of the House of Delegates.

An alternate delegate who is substituting for a delegate for the duration of the Annual Session, must complete the appropriate delegate-alternate substitution form at the special registration desk. Admission cards for the meeting or meetings not attended by the delegate must be surrendered before new admission cards will be issued to the alternate delegate by the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order. Once the alternate delegate has been substituted, the delegate will no longer be credentialed for the remainder of the meeting.

3) Access to Floor

Access to the floor of the House of Delegates is limited to officers and members of the House of Delegates, the elective and appointive officers of the Association, the former presidents, the members of the Board of Trustees, the chairs of the councils, the members of councils when requested by the Speaker of the House, the executive directors of component societies, members of Administrative staff, the Editor of the NYS Dental Journal, the chairs of New York State Dental Association Political Action Committee, the NYS Dental Foundation and NYSDA Support Services, and the ADA Trustee from the Second District.

4) Meeting Schedule and Order of Business

Consistent with procedures established in the *Manual of the House of Delegates*, the Speaker and Executive Director of the Association are responsible for the day-to-day business of the House and determination of times for convening and adjourning each meeting, the order of business and the agenda, subject to the approval of the House. Any substantive consolidation or expansion of the meeting schedule can take place only with the approval of the House. The

sequencing of resolutions, for House action, will be organized by the Resolutions Committee.

5) Distribution of Material in House of Delegates

No material may be distributed in the House of Delegates without obtaining permission from the Executive Director of the Association. Material to be distributed must relate to subjects and activities that are proposed for House action or information.

Materials to be distributed on behalf of any member's candidacy for office shall be limited to printed matter on paper only and nothing else.

6) Referral of Reports and Resolutions

Prior to each session of the House of Delegates, the Speaker of the House shall prepare a list of recommended referrals (in the form of the Updated General Index to resolution worksheets) to the Reference Committee, such list to be available at the opening meeting of the House of Delegates and be subject to amendment or approval on vote of the House of Delegates. All reports not containing resolutions will be presented for informational purposes only at the opening meeting of the House of Delegates. Any delegate may request that a report be referred to the Reference Committee for the purpose of discussion.

7) Action on Motions Recommended by Reference Committee

A reference committee request for action on an item of business (resolution) shall be brought to the floor of the House for debate in the form of a main motion. The main motion should present the substantive proposal to the House for consideration and action, with a recommendation that precisely reflects the position of the Reference Committee on that particular resolution. House of Delegates procedure requires the Reference Committee chair to make the appropriate main motion immediately following the reading of the resolution and the portion of the Reference Committee report related to that resolution.

8) Consent Calendar

In an effort to manage the business of the House of Delegates, improve efficiency and expedite the business of the House, the Reference Committee is encouraged to use a consent calendar. Only those items with which the committee agreed unanimously, and which received little or no testimony or all positive testimony or negative testimony at the Reference Committee hearing can be included in the consent calendar. By adopting the consent calendar resolution, the recommendations of the Reference Committee will become the action of the House of Delegates. Before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate wishing to discuss an item on the consent calendar has the right to request that a resolution or resolutions be removed and considered separately.

9) Majority and Minority Reports

Every effort should be made by the members of the Reference Committee to reach unanimous agreement. If this is not possible, majority and minority reports

may be presented. The report receiving the most support from members of the Committee is presented as the "majority report."

10) Presentation of Reports to House of Delegates

The report of the Reference Committee is presented by its chair. The priority items of the Reference Committee report identified and sequenced by the Resolutions Committee, will be considered at the opening of the second meeting. Following consideration of the priority items, the remainder of the Reference Committee report will be called for at the discretion of the Speaker.

11) Introduction of New Business

Resolutions received after the first meeting has convened will not be referred to the Reference Committee. They will be accepted as new business, distributed during the second meeting of the House, and taken up when the Speaker calls for new business.

12) Resolutions on Creation of New Programs

Any resolutions submitted to the House of Delegates which call for creation of new programs, special committees or studies must be accompanied by estimates of the financial impact on the Association and the potential source of funds. The Executive Director of the Association will assist in determining the cost estimates of such new programs.

13) Presentation of Resolutions and Other Items of Business

Only a delegate or member of the House of Delegates has the right to present a motion. Therefore, within the limitation of the rule on the introduction of new business at the House of Delegates, any delegate or member of the House of Delegates may present amendments and substitute resolutions, as well as appropriate procedural and other matters, from the floor. It is customary, though not mandatory, that amendments or substitute resolutions be presented on behalf of a component society. Resolutions which (1) merely reaffirm or restate existing Association policy, (2) commend or congratulate an individual or organization, or (3) memorialize an individual shall not be introduced in the House of Delegates.

14) Seconding of Motions

Following the proper movement of a motion, a second is not required.

15) Motion to Vote Immediately

A motion to vote immediately on all pending motions shall not be used in the House of Delegates. The motion to vote immediately may be used so long as it applies only to the immediately pending motion. A motion to vote immediately shall not be made in conjunction with the proposal of another motion or debate on a pending motion.

16) Voting Procedures

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

17) Nomination Procedure

Nominations for all elective offices, Board of Trustees and membership to councils will be made at the first meeting. The only elective office that is not nominated is that of the president.

18) Election Procedures

Only properly certified delegates are permitted to participate in the elections of the House of Delegates. Contested elections are held under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order.

19) Modifying House Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to facilitate the business of the House. Adding to or changing guidelines may be accomplished by a simple majority vote of the House of Delegates.

General Information

1) Reference Committees

Duties

The primary duty of the Reference Committee is to receive and evaluate opinions and information so that it may present a well-informed recommendation to the House of Delegates. Opinions are received during the open hearing, which is conducted by the Reference Committee and later evaluated in a closed meeting at which the Committee's decisions are made.

The Reference Committee has the final duty of acting on all matters assigned to it. The Reference Committee may not "pigeonhole" any item but must refer it to the House of Delegates for final disposition.

Authority

Reference committees have a good deal of authority but must act within the guidelines of the House of Delegates and within the framework of the *Constitution and Bylaws*. The reference committees may not only act on resolutions before them but may also propose resolutions on their own initiative dealing with matters placed before it. They may call upon the officers, members of the Board of Trustees and councils, and the members of the staff when they desire to gain information. They may make an explanation of the committee's

decision before recommending to the House of Delegates that a resolution be adopted, not adopted, amended or replaced by a substitute resolution or referred.

Conduct of Hearings

The chair of the Reference Committee should preside at both the hearing and the closed meeting. The chair should carry out the usual duties of maintaining order, facilitating the transaction of business and ruling on length and pertinence of discussion.

2) Guidelines Governing the Conduct of Campaigns for Contested Elections

The following guidelines govern the announcement and conduct of campaigns for elective office and/or the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association, when such elections are contested. In the event of a contested election, these guidelines will be distributed annually to all candidates, delegates, alternate delegates and other parties of interest.

1. An Election Commission, consisting of the Speaker of the House of Delegates, Executive Director of the Association, and the President-Elect, shall oversee and adjudicate all issues of contested elections. The President-Elect shall be the chair of the Election Commission. In the event the Speaker is running in a contested race for office, the most recently available Past President shall replace the Speaker and serve on the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall meet with all candidates to negotiate all agreements on campaign issues, such as campaign literature and telephone and electronic communications.
2. No candidate or any representative of the candidate shall make any component society visitations for the explicit purpose of campaigning.
3. A candidate is permitted to make social visits to any component society (i.e. installation of officers, if invited or at his/her own expense). Campaigning by the candidate or his/her representative should be avoided. If an individual should ask a candidate a campaign-related question, the candidate may answer. However, there should be no active campaign solicitation by the candidate.
4. A candidate is permitted to participate in educational programs, trade shows, etc., throughout the state. Campaigning by the candidate or his/her representative should be avoided. If an individual should ask a candidate a campaign-related question, the candidate may answer. However, there should be no active campaign solicitation by the candidate.
5. A candidate or his/her representative may make one telephone contact, including discussion with every member of the House of Delegates and component society executive directors. If the individual being contacted is

unavailable, the candidate is permitted to make additional telephone contacts until that individual has been reached.

6. Candidates are allowed to receive calls and answer questions but such calls are not to be solicited other than as described hereinabove. The Association's Headquarters Office will send out an electronic notice to all members of the House of Delegates and component society executive directors indicating that the candidates are permitted to answer any questions posed to them and provide the contact phone numbers

7. Candidates may interact socially with any member of the House of Delegates, regardless of component society affiliation, provided there is no active campaign solicitation.

8. Candidates are requested to ask their representatives to avoid active campaigning, but there are no further restrictions on the activities of candidate representatives.

9. Candidates agree that component society publications can be sent to all audiences that have traditionally received such publications. Candidates agree that any articles appearing in these publications should not be campaign-related and will request their component society editors and executive directors permit review of any article that mentions a candidate prior to publication.

10. Each candidate may send one mailing to each member of the House of Delegates, component society executive directors and members of the Board of Trustees. The mailing may be sent by regular US mail *and/or* electronically.

11. There shall be no pins, buttons, gifts or campaign receptions/parties offered by any candidate, his/her component society or his/her representative.

12. At the first meeting of the House of Delegates, candidates who have been nominated will be permitted to deliver acceptance (campaign) speeches, statements or remarks, not to exceed four (4) minutes in duration, in accordance with the Association's *Bylaws*. For each contested election, candidates will be called to the podium in alphabetical order. The speech is to be an orally delivered speech. Audio visual adjuncts are not permissible.

13. Caucus visits at the House of Delegates will be at the invitation of the individual caucuses in accordance with rules they have established. The Headquarters Office will send notice to all members of the Board of Trustees requesting that an invitation be extended to each candidate permitting the candidate to address their caucus. It is recommended that such visits be structured to allow all candidates to make presentations; to allow caucuses freedom to assess candidates; and to allow each candidate to respond to questions.

14. Each candidate or his/her representative is allowed to contact the Trustee or caucus chair for the purpose of scheduling the visit and discussing any rules that may be in place. Candidates agree they can be accompanied on the caucus visits by their spouse and members of their component society, provided the caucus does not object.

If there is a reported violation of this agreement, a meeting will be set up with all candidates to discuss the violation. Anonymous complaints will not be honored or investigated. The House of Delegates shall be formally notified of any violations substantiated through due process by the Election Commission. Repeated violations may result in a candidate's disqualification. Candidates agree that any decision by the Election Commission will be final and that any legal challenge will be decided by the chief legal counsel for the New York State Dental Association whose decision will be final.

2026 Standing and Reference Committees

Standing Committees:

Constitution and Bylaws:

Faone, Egidio (NYC)
DiFloria, Jean (5)
Cook, Jerica (B)
Kole Miller (9)
John Milza (4)

Credentials, Rules and Order:

Calnon, Christopher (7) – Chair
Kilimitzoglou, Jimmy (S)
Guzman, Emma (2)
Pratix Shroff (Q)
Heisigner, Lauren (3)

Reference Committee:

Doug Schildhaus (N) - Chair
Ada Cooper (NYC)
Luis Mauleon (6)
Rachel Hargraves (4)
Elizabeth, Kapral (8)

Hearing of the Reference Committee

The Reference Committee hearing of the House of Delegates will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026 at the Borgata in the Central Conference Center (UL) A-D, from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. All members of the New York State Dental Association are privileged to attend the hearing conducted by the Reference Committee of the House of Delegates and to participate in the deliberations.

Ex Officio Members, Delegates, Alternates

Note: Delegate and alternate listings printed here are current as of June 4, 2026

Speaker

Karp, William

Executive Director

Herrmann, Michael

Officers

Edwards, Maurice

President

Jacobo, Amarilis

President Elect

Stacy, Lynn

Vice President

Leary, Paul

Secretary-Treasurer

Trustees

Demas, John P., (2026)

Second District Dental Society

Dominger, Martin, (2029)

Suffolk County Dental Society

Gamache, Geoffery., (2028)

Third District Dental Society

Giordano, Loius T., (2028)

Sixth District Dental Society

Greenberg, Mitchell. (2027)

Queens County Dental Society

Hills, Donald., (2027)

Nassau County Dental Society

Jacobs, James, (2029)

New York County Dental Society

Korkosz, Adrienne., (2027)

Fourth District Dental Society

Miller, Raymond G., (2026)

Eighth District Dental Society

Ramjattansingh, David, (2029)

Seventh District Dental Society

Samuels, Jacqueline, (2028)

Bronx County Dental Society

Scharoff, Gary M., (2026)

Ninth District Dental Association

Stacy, Lynn, (2027)

Fifth District Dental Society

ADA Trustee

Dowd, Brendan P., Buffalo

Former Presidents

Krishnan, Prabha, *immediate past president*

Cuomo, Anthony (2023-2024)

Galati, James (2022-2023)

Goudarzi, Payam, (2019-2020)

Dowd, Brendan P., (2018-2019)

Andolina, Richard, (2016-2017)

Gehani, Chad P., (2011-2012)

Volland, Lawrence (2005)

Calnon, William, (2003)

New York County Dental Society

Delegates 14

Evan Schwarz
Ada Cooper
Andrew Deutch
Egidio Farone
Irving Khurana
JoAnna Pufnock
Barry Sporer
Gail Schupak
Gregory Shank
Jaskaren Randhawa
Margaret Romao
Nojan Bakhtiari
Marsha Rubin
Vera Tang

Alternate Delegates

Suchie Chawla
Mina Kim
JoAnna Pufnock
David Shipper

Second District Dental Society

Delegates 10

Aia Shalan
Brian Perrone
Theressa Eliscar-Hewett
Cherry Libramonte
Emma Guzman
Phyllis Merlino
Mitchell Mindlin
Paul Teplitsky
Valerie Venterina
Kirstin Wolfe

Alternate Delegates

Jose Santana
Bryan Pieroni
Anthony Agosto
Christen Carute
Christopher Bowers
Joseph Albanese
Matthew Sciascia
Sejndi Rusi

Third District Dental Society

Delegates 4

Christopher Arena
Lauren Heisinger
Inderpal Garcha
Seth Farren

Alternate Delegates

Rory Ogden

Fourth District Dental Society

Delegates 5

Rachel Hargraves
Christina Cocozzo
John Milza
Claire Kiehl
Victoria Taylor

Alternate Delegates

Frederick Wetzel

Fifth District Dental Society

Delegates 6

Jean DiFlorio
Pablo Elizondo
Nathan Weires
Walter Bozek
Steven Kolenda
Jennifer Lonnen

Alternate Delegates

Sixth District Dental Society

Delegates 4

Paul Weber
Howard Warner
Luis Mauleon Jr.
Mario Silvestri

Alternate Delegates

Ronald Bellohusen

Seventh District Dental Society

Delegates 7

Matthew Valerio
Alexis Ghanem-Ayoubi
Christopher Calnon
William Hurtt
Michael Keating
Sean McLaren
William Zugner

Alternate Delegates

Sandro Polpeka
Taylor Squires
Jay Skolnick
Theresa Casper-Klock

Eighth District Dental Society

Delegates 8

Robert Bochiechio
Joseph Craddock
Michael Ehlers
Jennifer Frustino
James Hoddick
Elizabeth Kapral
Nicole Hinchy
Joseph Rumfola

Alternate Delegates

Peter Davidow

Ninth District Dental Association

Delegates 11

Renuka Bijoor
Timothy Leung
Alexander Pilavsky
Bharat Joshi
Gemini Master-Patel
Kole Miller
Paul Kim

Alternate Delegates

Bhagwati Mistry
Samar Tannous

Michael Smith
William Maloney
Duraid Sahawneh
Roberto Rodriguez-Guiterrez

Nassau County Dental Society

Delegates 11

Binod Verma Sr.
Howard Baylarian
James Fitzgerald
Michael Shreck
David Miller
Katayoon Noroozi-Leibowitz
Elyse Patrella
Robert Peskin
Douglas Schildhaus
Joseph Brofsky
Edward Perlow

Alternate Delegates

John Gaeta

Queens County Dental Society

Delegates 7

Areyls Santana
Rekha Gehani
Savitha Reddy
Chiran Reddy
Arthur Feigenbaum
Pratix Shroff
Chad Gehani

Alternate Delegates

Suffolk County Dental Society

Delegates 9

Devin Klein
Dimitrios Kilimitzoglou
Patricia Hanlon
Natalia Elson
John Lagner
Claudia Mahon-Vazquez
Radha Sachdeva-Munk
Patricia Swanson
Steven Feiglson

Alternate Delegates

Christopher First
Ivan Vazquez Santiago
Alan Berman
Patrick Lloyd
Scott Firestone

Bronx County Dental Society

Delegates 4

Jerica Cook
Rich Herman
Kirti Tewari
Jemima Louis

Alternate Delegates

American Student Dental Association

Delegates 2

Joshua Velasquez
Kayla Thomsen

Alternate Delegates

Dorothy Low
Kayla Crowley