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### Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order

1 **Adoption of Agenda and Order of Agenda Items:** The Committee has examined the  
2 agenda for the meetings of the House of Delegates. Accordingly, the Committee  
3 recommends approving the agenda as the official order of business for this session.  
4 The Committee also recommends that the Speaker of the House be allowed to  
5 rearrange the order of the agenda as deemed necessary to expedite the business of the  
6 House.

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8 **Resolved**, that the agenda as printed in the *2026 Manual of the House of Delegates*  
9 *and Supplemental Information* be adopted as the official order of business for this  
10 session, and be it further

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12 **Resolved**, that the Speaker be authorized to alter the order of the agenda as  
13 deemed necessary in order to expedite the business of the House.

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15 **Referrals of Resolutions:** In accordance with the *Manual of the House of Delegates*, a  
16 standing rule of the House directs that prior to each session of the House, the Speaker  
17 shall prepare a list of recommended referrals to the reference committees, with the list  
18 to be available at the opening meeting of the House and be subject to amendment or  
19 approval on vote of the House of Delegates.

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21 This preliminary list of referrals has been provided in the *NYSDA 2026` Annual Reports*  
22 *& Resolutions*, distributed to the members of the House of Delegates. The Speaker will  
23 announce additional referrals during the first meeting of the House of Delegates.

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25 **2. Resolved**, that the preliminary and supplemental list of referrals to the reference  
26 committee as submitted by the Speaker of the House of Delegates be approved.

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28 **Hearing of the Reference Committee:** The reference committee will hold an open  
29 hearing on Friday, June 5, 2026 at the Borgata, Atlantic City, NJ in the Central  
30 Conference Center (UL) A-D, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. The hearing will continue beyond  
31 the scheduled hours if everyone has not had an opportunity to be heard or if the  
32 complete agenda has not been covered. Any member of the Association, whether or  
33 not a member of the House of Delegates, is privileged to attend and participate in the  
34 discussion during the reference committee hearing. Guests of the Association are also

35 welcome to attend the reference committee hearing provided they identify themselves to  
36 the committee. Nonmembers of the Association may participate at the hearing only on  
37 the invitation of a majority of the reference committee.

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39 Association staff will be available to provide information requested by members of the  
40 reference committee or through the chair by those participating in the discussion.

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42 **Report of the Reference Committee:** The completed reference committee report will  
43 be made available on Saturday morning, June 6.

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45 The reference committee may submit a consent calendar in addition to its regular  
46 report. The consent calendar will contain resolutions which received no or little  
47 testimony, or all positive testimony and will reflect the committee's recommendation to  
48 adopt or refer on each resolution. By adopting the consent calendar resolution, the  
49 recommendations of the reference committee will become the action of the House of  
50 Delegates. As is customary, before voting on the consent calendar, any delegate has  
51 the right to request that a resolution or resolutions be moved for discussion and vote.

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53 **Nominations of NYSDA Officers:** The nominations of officers (president-elect, vice  
54 president and secretary-treasurer) will take place at the first meeting of the House on  
55 Friday afternoon, June 5.

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57 **Nominations to Councils:** The Board of Trustees presents the list of its nominations to  
58 councils in Report 2, which appears on the appropriate resolution worksheet.

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60 **Voting Procedures in the House:** The method of voting in the House of Delegates is  
61 usually determined by the Speaker who may call for a voice vote, show of hands (voting  
62 cards), standing vote, roll call of the delegation, electronic voting or such other means  
63 that the Speaker deems appropriate. The House may also, by majority vote, determine  
64 for itself the method of voting that it prefers. Only votes cast by voting members of the  
65 House of Delegates either for or against a pending motion shall be counted. Abstentions  
66 shall only be counted in determining if a quorum is present. The Committee wishes to  
67 remind the members of the House that there are no provisions for proxy voting in the  
68 NYSDA House of Delegates. Delegates should not vote either electronically or by card  
69 vote for an absent delegate.

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71 **Standing Order of Business—Installation of New Officers:** The installation of the  
72 incoming officers will take place as one of the last items of business with the time to be  
73 specified by the Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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75 **Introduction of New Business:** In accordance with the *Bylaws*, no new business shall  
76 be introduced into the House of Delegates less than 15 days prior to the opening of the  
77 annual session, unless submitted by the Board of Trustees or a component society. No  
78 new business shall be introduced into the House of Delegates at the last meeting of a  
79 session except when such new business is submitted by a component society and is

80 permitted to be introduced by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the delegates present  
81 and voting. **The motion introducing such new business shall not be debatable.**  
82 Approval of such new business shall require a majority vote except new business  
83 introduced at the last meeting of a session that would in this particular case require a  
84 bylaw amendment and thus cannot be adopted at such last minute. Reference  
85 committee recommendations shall not be deemed new business.

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87 **Resolutions of Reaffirmation/Commendation:** The Committee calls attention to the  
88 House rule governing resolutions of reaffirmation or commendation, which states that  
89 “Resolutions which (1) merely reaffirm or restate existing Association policy, (2)  
90 commend or congratulate an individual or organization, or (3) memorialize an individual  
91 shall not be introduced to the House of Delegates.”

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93 **Explanation of Resolution Numbering System for New Delegates and Alternate**

94 **Delegates:** Original resolutions are numbered consecutively regardless of whether the  
95 source is a council, other Association agency, component society, delegate, the Board  
96 of Trustees or House reference committee. Revisions made by the Board, reference  
97 committee or House are considered “amendments” to the original resolution. If  
98 amended by the Board, the suffix “B” follows the resolutions number (Res. 24B); if  
99 amended by a reference committee, the suffix “RC” follows (Res. 24RC).

100 If a resolution is adopted by the House, the suffix “H” follows the resolution number  
101 (Res. 24H). The “H” always indicates that the resolution was adopted.

102 If a resolution is not adopted or is referred by the House of Delegates, the resolution’s  
103 number remains the same. For example:

104       Res. 78B is considered by the House and not adopted, the number remains the  
105       same: Res. 78B.

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107       Res. 7RC is considered by the House and referred for study, the number remains  
108       the same: Res. 7RC.

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110 If a Board (B) or reference committee (RC) resolution is a substitute for several original  
111 resolutions, the Board’s recommended substitute or the reference committee’s  
112 recommended substitute uses the number of the first resolution submitted and adds the  
113 proper suffix (B or RC). The report will clearly state that the other resolution or  
114 resolutions have been considered and are included in the “B” or “RC” resolution. A  
115 resolution submitted by an agency other than the Board or a reference committee as a  
116 substitute or amendment retains the original resolution number followed by the suffix “S-  
117 1” (Res. 24S-1). If two substitute resolutions are submitted for the same original  
118 resolution, the suffixes are “S-1” and “S-2” (Res. 24S-1, Res. 24S-2).

119 *Note: If a substitute resolution is received too late to be introduced to the House of*  
120 *delegates through a reference committee report, the originator of the substitute*  
121 *resolution is responsible for calling it to the Speaker’s attention when the original*  
122 *resolution is being discussed by the House of Delegates.*

123 **Recognition of Those Waiting to Speak:** When a member wishes to address the  
124 House, the individual should approach the microphone, secure the attention of the  
125 Speaker, and wait to speak until recognized by the Speaker. The member should then  
126 state his or her name, and component society for the benefit of the official reporter. If all  
127 members of the House follow this procedure, work will be expedited and all who wish to  
128 will be given an opportunity to be heard. When an electronic vote is taken, the Speaker  
129 will allow sufficient time for members at the microphone to return to their places before  
130 taking the vote. In the event debate continues on the same issue, the Speaker will  
131 honor the microphone sequence prior to taking the electronic vote. Therefore, a  
132 member who was at the microphone and did not have an opportunity to speak before  
133 that vote was called and who wishes to continue debate on the same issue should  
134 return to the microphone they were at prior to the electronic vote.

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136 **Access to Floor of House:** Access to the floor of the House of Delegates is limited to  
137 the officers and members of the House of Delegates, the elective and appointive  
138 officers of the Association, the former presidents, the members of the Board of  
139 Trustees, the Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental  
140 Association, the chairs of councils, the members of councils when requested by the  
141 chair, the executive directors of component societies, members of Administrative staff,  
142 the Editor of the NYS Dental Journal, the chairs of Empire Dental Political Action  
143 Committee, the NYS Dental Foundation and NYSDA Support Services.

144 Admission to the floor will not be granted without the display of the appropriate annual  
145 session badge. Every delegate must also hand an appropriately numbered card to the  
146 attendant at the door for each meeting so that the official attendance record may be  
147 maintained. Former officers will also be admitted to the section reserved for alternate  
148 delegates.

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150 **Executive Directors of Component Societies:** In accordance with the standing rule  
151 of the House, "The executive director of a component society may be seated with the  
152 component society delegation on the floor of the House of Delegates even though they  
153 are not official delegates."

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

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161 **Distribution of Materials in the House of Delegates:** The Committee calls attention to  
162 the procedures to be followed for distributing materials in the House of Delegates: (1) no  
163 material may be distributed in the House without obtaining permission from the  
164 Executive Director; (2) material to be distributed must relate to subjects and activities  
165 that are proposed for House action or information; and (3) material to be distributed on  
166 behalf of any member's candidacy for office shall be limited to printed matter on paper  
167 only and nothing else.

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169 **NYSDA Headquarters Office:** The onsite NYSDA Headquarters Office will be open  
170 Friday, June 5 through Saturday, June 6 and will be located in the Central Conference  
171 Center Lower-Level Room 1 of the Borgata. This office will be available to delegates,  
172 alternate delegates and component society staff. The office will be equipped with the  
173 equipment necessary to draft and duplicate materials for component society caucuses  
174 and meetings of the House of Delegates. All annual session participants are urged to  
175 use the office when drafting resolutions and testimony.

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### Resolutions

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Resolution 1 (Worksheet: 206)

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Resolution 2 (Worksheet: 207)