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Report of the Standing Committee on Credentials, Rules and Order

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

Resolved, that the agenda as printed in the *2025 Manual of the House of Delegates and Supplemental Information* be adopted as the official order of business for this session, and be it further

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

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

This preliminary list of referrals has been provided in the *NYSDA 2025 Annual Reports & Resolutions*, distributed to the members of the House of Delegates. The Speaker will announce additional referrals during the first meeting of the House of Delegates.

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

Hearing of the Reference Committee: The reference committee will hold an open hearing on Friday, May 30, 2025 at the Long Island Marriott, Uniondale, NY in the Ballroom Room, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. The hearing will continue beyond the scheduled hours if everyone has not had an opportunity to be heard or if the complete agenda has not been covered. Any member of the Association, whether or not a member of the House of Delegates, is privileged to attend and participate in the discussion during the reference committee hearing. Guests of the Association are also welcome to attend the

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

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

Report of the Reference Committee: The completed reference committee report will be made available on Saturday morning, May 31.

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

Nominations of NYSDA Officers: The nominations of officers (president-elect, vice president and secretary-treasurer) will take place at the first meeting of the House on Friday afternoon, May 30.

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

Voting Procedures in the House: The method of voting in the House of Delegates is usually determined by the Speaker who may call for a voice vote, show of hands (voting cards), standing vote, roll call of the delegation, 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. Only votes cast by voting members of the House of Delegates either for or against a pending motion shall be counted. Abstentions shall only be counted in determining if a quorum is present. The Committee wishes to remind the members of the House that there are no provisions for proxy voting in the NYSDA House of Delegates. Delegates should not vote either electronically or by card vote for an absent delegate.

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

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

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

Resolutions of Reaffirmation/Commendation: The Committee calls attention to the House rule governing resolutions of reaffirmation or commendation, which states that "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 to the House of Delegates."

Explanation of Resolution Numbering System for New Delegates and Alternate

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Access to Floor of House: Access to the floor of the House of Delegates is limited to the 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 Trustee representing the Second Trustee District of the American Dental Association, the chairs of councils, the members of councils when requested by the chair, the executive directors of component societies, members of Administrative staff, the Editor of the NYS Dental Journal, the chairs of Empire Dental Political Action Committee, the NYS Dental Foundation and NYSDA Support Services. Admission to the floor will not be granted without the display of the appropriate annual session badge. Every delegate must also hand an appropriately numbered card to the attendant at the door for each meeting so that the official attendance record may be maintained. Former officers will also be admitted to the section reserved for alternate delegates.

Executive Directors of Component Societies: In accordance with the standing rule of the House, "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."

Substitution of Alternate Delegates for Delegates: Substitution for delegates by alternate delegates from the same component society may be made at any time during all 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.

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

NYSDA Headquarters Office: The onsite NYSDA Headquarters Office will be open Friday, May 30 through Saturday, May 31 and will be located in the JR Boardroom of Long Island Marriott. This office will be available to delegates, alternate delegates and component society staff. The office will be equipped with the equipment necessary to draft and duplicate materials for component society caucuses and meetings of the House of Delegates. All annual session participants are urged to use the office when drafting resolutions and testimony.

Resolutions

Resolution 1 (Worksheet: 206)

Resolution 2 (Worksheet: 207)