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Report of the New York State Dental Foundation

- 1 The Board of Trustees of the New York State Dental Foundation (Foundation) met on May 30,
2 2025, December 5, 2025, and March 10, 2026. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the
3 Foundation office.
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- 5 **Treasurer's Report:** A full breakdown of the Foundation's financials can be found in the
6 consolidated NYSDA audit attached to the NYSDA Board of Trustees report to the House of
7 Delegates.
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- 9 **Nominations:** The Board unanimously adopted the following candidates to the 2026
10 Foundation Board of Trustees for a one-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2026: Dr.
11 James Galati and Dr. Alexander Pilavsky.
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- 13 The Board unanimously adopted the following candidates to the 2026 Foundation Board of
14 Trustees for a three-year term of office, commencing January 1, 2026: Dr. Helen Chiao and Dr.
15 Lois Jackson.
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- 17 The Board unanimously adopted the following slate of officers to serve one-year terms,
18 commencing January 1, 2026: Dr. Ronald Bellohusen (Chair); Dr. Robert Peskin (Vice Chair);
19 Dr. Donald Tucker (Secretary) and Dr. Lawrence Volland (Treasurer).
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- 21 **Committees, Task Forces, Ad Hoc Committees:** The Chair's nominees to the Foundation's
22 committees, task forces and ad hoc committees are as follows:
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- 24 **Nominating Committee:** Comprising the Vice Chairman (serving as Chair) and four trustees
25 chosen by the Chairman. The Secretary and the Executive Director serve as ex officio
26 members. Dr. Robert Peskin (Chair); Dr. Renuka Bijoor, Dr. Paul Kim, Dr. Jay Skolnick, Dr.
27 Donald Tucker, Dr. Lawrence Volland, and Ms. Stacy McIllduff.
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- 29 **Finance Committee:** Comprising the Treasurer (serving as Chair), the Chair, the Vice Chair,
30 the Executive Director, and at least one but not more than two other members of the Board. Dr.
31 Lawrence Volland (Chair); Dr. Ronald Bellohusen, Dr. Egidio Farone, Dr. Robert Peskin, Dr.
32 Michael Shreck, and Ms. Stacy McIllduff.
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34 **Program Task Force:** Dr. Loren Baim (Chair); Dr. Joseph Brofsky, Dr. Lois Jackson, Dr. Mary
35 Ellen Lukaswitz, and Dr. Yun-Po Zhang.

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37 **CE Advisory Task Force:** Dr. Elizabeth Kapral (Chair); Dr. Alexander Pilavsky, Dr. Christian
38 Stohler, Dr. Donald Tucker, and Brenda Turner, NYSDA Manager of Continuing Education.

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40 **Development Committee:** Dr. Renuka Bijoor (Chair); Dr. Helen Chiao, Dr. Egidio Farone, Dr.
41 David Miller, and Dr. Paul Kim.

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43 **Charitable Grants Committee:** Dr. Joseph Brofsky (Chair); Dr. Renuka Bijoor, and Dr. Rory
44 Ogden.

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46 **Strategic Planning Task Force:** Dr. Donald Tucker (Chair); Dr. James Galati, Dr. Rory Ogden,
47 and Dr. Christian Stohler.

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50 **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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52 **Program Task Force** – The Foundation’s Annual Brunch will take place during the NYSDA
53 Annual Session on Saturday, June 6, 2026. The event will highlight nonprofit partner Planet
54 Smilez and our shared commitment to strengthening the future dental workforce. Major
55 sponsors include Dr. Ron and Gail Bellohusen, Colgate, MLMIC, and NYSDA. The event is
56 projected to raise more than \$35,000.

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58 Through the *My Healthy Smile NY* program, Community Dental Health Coordinators (CDHCs)
59 were deployed in the Long Island, the North Country and Capital Regions of New York. The
60 Foundation completed year two of *My Healthy Smile NY* on March 31, 2026.

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62 CDHC accomplishments for year two include:

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64 • Hosting the Foundation’s first Discovering Dentistry Symposium in Schenectady last
65 summer (30 high school student participants);

66 • Conducting oral health screening events in Saratoga Springs, Wappingers Falls, and
67 Glens Falls (25 individuals screened);

68 • Launching the Early Head Start Oral Health Prevention Project in Otsego and
69 Norwich (44 children screened);

70 • Coordinating free dental care for more than 83 veterans through the *Salute Vets with*
71 *a Smile* program;

72 • Delivering oral health education to 233 children in Cortland County in partnership
73 with Lessons in a Lunch Box during Children’s Dental Health Month; and

74 • Follow-up with patients who attended the Schuylerville RAM Clinic in April.

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77 **CE Advisory Task Force** – Gross revenue from course income in 2025 totaled \$60,858, which
78 an increase of \$9,453 from the year prior that is attributed to additional income from the new
79 sedation course.

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81 Courses launched in the past year include:

- 82 • *Aerosol Sterilization of the Dental Office*
- 83 • *Pediatric Dentistry for the General Dentist*

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85 The “9 to Thrive: HPV Vaccination for Cancer Prevention” course was delivered live at the
86 Greater New York Dental Meeting and at the Continuing Education Luau in Fairport.

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89 **Development Committee** – Total fundraising in calendar year 2026 totaled \$326,667.

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91 The Foundation submitted a total of 15 grant requests to private foundations between June 1,
92 2025 and April 30, 2026.

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94 In July, the Foundation received a second year of grant funding from Delta Dental Community
95 Care Foundation in the amount of \$46,000. This funding, along with support from Henry Schein
96 Cares Foundation, allowed continued work with Community Dental Health Coordinators as part
97 of the *My Healthy Smile NY* pilot program.

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99 Also in July, the Foundation secured \$12,000 in funding from Early Head Start for the Oral
100 Health Prevention Project.

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102 The third annual #GivingToothday peer-to-peer campaign was a major success that generated
103 over \$21,850 in donations around Giving Tuesday. This included four corporate sponsors;
104 Greater New York Dental Meeting, DDSMatch, MLMIC and NYSDA.

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107 **Charitable Grants Committee** – The Foundation sponsored the following events this year:

- 108 • Nassau County Dental Society’s Oral Cancer Walk (\$2,500)
- 109 • New York County Dental Society’s Give Kids a Smile (\$500)
- 110 • Nassau County Dental Society’s Give Kids a Smile (\$500)
- 111 • Suffolk County Dental Society’s Give Kids a Smile (\$500)
- 112 • UB School of Dental Medicine’s “Chasing Healthy Smiles” 5k event (\$500)

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114 The Foundation presented \$500 each to recipients of the Dr. Albert H. Stevenson award, given
115 to students enrolled in each of the nine SUNY dental hygiene programs across the state, for a
116 total of \$4,500 distributed.

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118 Dental students received reimbursement of up to \$200 each for travel to Ithaca College on June
119 21, 2025 for the Special Olympics Summer Games, where they conducted oral health
120 screenings for athletes at a Special Smiles booth.

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122 Oral hygiene supplies were distributed to various organizations across the state.

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125 **Strategic Planning Task Force** – The Foundation has contracted with a consultant to begin the
126 strategic planning process.