

Pursuant to the NYSDA Bylaws, Chapter XV Section 10, the following proposed Bylaws amendment has been published on the NYSDA website at least 30 days prior to the Annual Session.

Resolution No.	18	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	NYSDA Council on Membership and Communications			
Date Submitted:		Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:				
Amount One-time	\$ none	Amount On-going	\$ none	

Amendment to NYSDA Bylaws Resident Representation on NYSDA Councils and Committees

Background Statement: The NYSDA Council on Membership & Communications (CoMC) is proposing an amendment to the NYSDA Bylaws to allow dental residents to serve on NYSDA councils and committees. Currently, the Bylaws refer to "dentist," which legally applies only to licensed dental professionals. However, NYSDA permits residents to join as members regardless of licensure status.

This change would enable residents to take on leadership roles earlier in their careers, without waiting until after residency and licensure. By providing these opportunities, the CoMC aims to strengthen leadership within the organization and support a smoother transition for emerging leaders into the broader dental community.

18. Resolved, That the opening stem of Paragraph A of Section 20 of Chapter VIII of the NYSDA Bylaws be amended to read as follows (new language is underlined; deleted language is ~~struck through~~):

Section 20. Members, Nominations and Elections:

A. The composition of the councils of this Association shall be as follows (as used in this Chapter, the term "dentist" shall include all members in dental residency programs):

Board Comments: The Board supports the eligibility of resident members to serve on NYSDA councils.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES

Council on Membership and Communications
Reference Committee

name	yes	no	abst ain	abs ent	name	yes	no	abst ain	abs ent	name	yes	no	abst ain	abs ent
Casper-Klock			X		Greenberg			x		Korkosz	X			
Cuomo	X				Hills			x		Miller		x		
Demas	X				Jackson	X				Rothas	X			
Edwards	X				Jacobo	X				Samuels		x		
Gamache			x		Jonke	X				Scharoff	X			
Giordano	x				Krishnan	X				Stacy	x			
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