

Council on Governmental Affairs
REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Resolution No.	19	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Council on Governmental Affairs			
Date Submitted:	April 14, 2025	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
Total Financial Implication:	\$ none			
Amount One-time	\$ none	Amount On-going	Approx. \$ none	

Council on Governmental Affairs Duties

Background Statement: The Council has conducted a comprehensive review of its current responsibilities and identified several areas for improvement as outlined in the NYSDA Bylaws. The proposed updates aim to ensure that the Council's activities are accurately reflected and aligned with its actual functions.

One significant change involves the annual review of the external lobbying firm's performance, a task that was previously overseen by the now-defunct Board's Lobby Review Committee. The Board has determined that this responsibility should be transferred to the Council on Governmental Affairs, which is better equipped to handle this task due to its expertise in governmental affairs and advocacy.

The Council on Governmental Affairs will now be responsible for conducting an annual performance review of the lobbying firm, ensuring that its efforts are aligned with the organization's goals and objectives. This change is expected to enhance the effectiveness of lobbying activities and provide a more structured approach to evaluating the firm's performance.

Overall, these proposed updates are intended to streamline the Council's responsibilities, improve oversight of the lobbying activities, and ensure that the Council's functions are accurately represented in the NYSDA Bylaws.

19. Resolved, that Chapter VIII, Section 120, of the NYSDA Bylaws be amended to update the duties of the Council on Governmental Affairs as follows (new language underscored; deletions ~~stricken through~~).

CHAPTER VIII. COUNCILS

Section 120. Duties

Council on Governmental Affairs. The duties of the Council on Governmental Affairs shall be:

1. Encourage the improvement of the health of the public and to promote the art and science of dentistry in matters of legislation and regulations by appropriate activities. ~~To protect the public and the dental profession in matters of legislation~~

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- and regulations and to make recommendations of plans and methods to the House of Delegates in conformity with its established policies.
2. Review and provide feedback to Council staff liaison on legislation, regulatory activity, policies, and governmental programs relating to dentistry and oral health in the State of New York. To review all legislation introduced into the Legislature of the State of New York, and to advise appropriate legislators of the position of the Association with respect to all proposed legislation of significant interest.
 3. Advise appropriate legislators of the position of the Association with respect to all proposed legislation of significant interest. To prepare and arrange for introduction of legislation deemed necessary or advisable to promote the dental health of the public and the interests of the Association and its members.
 4. Assess past, current and future legislative and regulatory activity to determine key Association policies for future advocacy programs and events. To cooperate with appropriate agencies of the American Dental Association in advancing the interests of the dental profession and the public in federal legislation and regulation.
 5. Serve as Association volunteer at advocacy events throughout the year, as deemed necessary. To cooperate with component societies in advancing the interest of the dental profession and the public in legislation and regulation of local government.
 6. Disseminate information which will assist the constituents and components involving legislation and regulation affecting the dental health of the public. To maintain liaison on behalf of the Association with legislative agencies of other health professions, and such other liaison as may be directed by the House of Delegates.
 7. Review, on an annual basis, the external lobbying services provided to NYSDA, and to make recommendations related to such to the Board of Trustees for their consideration.

Board Comments: The Board supports this restatement of the Council's duties and agrees that since lobbying is an integral part of government affairs, this is the entity that should be evaluating our outside lobbying firm.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES

name	yes	no	abstain	absent	name	yes	no	abstain	absent	name	yes	no	abstain	absent
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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