

Suffolk County Dental Society
REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Resolution No.	22	New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Substitute <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendment <input type="checkbox"/>
Submitted By:	Suffolk County Dental Society			
Date Submitted:	April 15, 2025	Reference Committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Direct to House <input type="checkbox"/>	
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Amount One-time	\$ none	Amount On-going	Approx. \$ none	

Continuing Ed Speakers

Background Statement: The dentists who are engaged by NYSDA, or any of their component societies, to present continuing educational programs need to be members of the American Dental Association. Unfortunately, as the ADA membership market share has been reduced, the chances that non-members will be presenting courses has increased. As a membership organization, we believe that we should promote only ADA member dentists. Other qualified speakers might include M.D.'s, Ph.D.'s, RDH's, Speech Pathologists or others who are not eligible for ADA membership. However, any dentist who is eligible for ADA membership, but chooses to avoid joining the ADA, should not be eligible to lecture. They should be offered the opportunity to join, but if they reject that offer, then they should be eliminated for consideration to present themselves to our members. The ADA already has this policy requiring SmileCon Dentist Lecturers to be ADA members. Our experience in Suffolk County, where we have already implemented this requirement, resulted in 4 lecturers joining the ADA. This requirement extends also to SCDS Study Clubs that grant CE using our certification. Therefore, we present the following resolution to address this problem:

22. Resolved, that NYSDA, and component societies, include in their policy manuals that all continuing education speakers that are eligible for ADA membership are active members at the time of their presentations.

Board Comments: The Board supports this requirement to ensure that the people we showcase as speakers are ADA members to the extent they are eligible to be such. The Board also urges the component societies to adopt such a policy.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION: VOTE YES

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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									Stacy	x			
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