

## **Purpose of ASDA's Governance Documents**

### **Bylaws**

The Bylaws are the highest governance document of an association, subject only to state law and an association's articles of incorporation or corporate charter. Bylaws should be restricted in scope to only those items that are central to the existence of the Association, unlikely to change frequently, and/or items needing to be guarded by a two-thirds vote to amend.

### **Current Statements of Position or Policy**

This document contains major policies adopted by the American Student Dental Association House of Delegates since 1972, except for policies that appear in ASDA's Bylaws. All amendments have been integrated with the original statements.

### **Abbreviated Current Statements on Position or Policy**

This document serves as a quick reference to ASDA policies that may relate to current ASDA strategies or initiatives.

### **Standing Rules of the Board of Trustees**

This document contains the procedures for the administration of the Association.

### **Standing Rules of the House of Delegates**

This document includes the rules under which the House of Delegates operates.

### **Special Rules of Order**

This document lists ASDA's adopted deviations from parliamentary authority used during the House of Delegates meetings.