

Report Title: Resolution 404B-2025 Report

RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the 2025-2026 Board of Trustees be tasked with investigating the feasibility of allocating at least \$5,000 in annual funding to support the establishment of Give Veterans A Smile (GVAS) events at dental schools; and be it further;

Resolved, that the Board of Trustees provide an initial progress report to the sponsors of the resolution, the ASDA representative on the ADA GVAS Advisory Committee and the 2025-26 Council on Professional Issues after the Fall Council meeting; and be it further;

Resolved, that the 2025-26 Board of Trustees report back to the 2026 House of Delegates.

REPORT BACKGROUND

Actions taken by Board:

- Board appointed a task force of Board members to research the issue further.
- Task Force met on May 14 to finalize questions for GVAS staff. A summary of the responses can be found in Appendix A.
- Task Force met on June 25 to review responses from GVAS staff. They agreed to conduct additional research by identifying leaders in their regions that may have participated in events where veterans receive donated dental care.
- Task Force met on Nov. 18 to finalize recommendations for the Board.

REPORT FINDINGS

- The task force reviewed the data from the survey sent to leaders that participated in events where veterans received donated dental care. They noted key results below.
 - Events that provide donated dental care cost between \$20,000 to over \$50,000 dollars.
 - Events are typically led by the dental school requiring faculty assistance.
- The task force concluded the following:
 - Establishing a GVAS event would not be possible without institutional support.
 - Allotting \$5,000 to be distributed between 5-10 chapters would not provide enough financial assistance to establish a GVAS event.
 - Recognizing the unique needs of veterans is important and offering alternate ways to serve this population at the chapter level is important.

- 42 The Board agreed to update the eligibility criteria for the Dentistry in Community Grant to
- 43 mention veterans specifically and will encourage chapter leaders interested in implementing an
- 44 initiative to help veterans to apply for the grant.
- 45 This report is informational, no resolutions are presented.