

1 **Resolution Number:** 200-2023

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3 **Title:** Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Professional Issues

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2022-23 Executive Committee

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee on Membership & Professional Issues
14 recommends a Yes vote and to be placed on the consent calendar.

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16 **Background:** Per the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, new ASDA chapters must be approved
17 by the House of Delegates. Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine has received initial
18 accreditation from the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to open in fall 2023. Approving the
19 creation of a chapter at this new program will allow national ASDA to put resources towards supporting
20 the formation of an ASDA chapter during the 2023-24 school year.

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RESOLUTION

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24 **Resolved,** that Kansas City University College of Dental Medicine be recognized as an ASDA chapter
25 pending completion of the requirements as stated in the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates and
26 confirmation by the Board of Trustees.

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28 **Action:** The Chair moves 200-2023 with the recommendation of a Yes vote and to be placed on the
29 consent calendar.

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31 **House Action:** Adopted.

1 **Resolution Number:** 201-2023

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3 **Title:** Supporting the mental health of dental students

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Professional Issues

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7 **Sponsor(s):** Kenny Tran

8 Alternate Delegate

9 Midwestern-Arizona

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11 **Financial Impact:** None

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13 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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15 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee on Membership & Professional Issues
16 recommends a Yes vote and to be placed on the consent calendar.

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18 **Background:** There is currently no policy regarding ASDA’s position on how schools should support the
19 social, mental, and emotional health of dental students. There is no research or comprehensive studies
20 regarding mental health resources in dental schools. The pandemic has exacerbated the prevalence and
21 consequences of poor mental health among dental students, highlighting the importance of providing
22 wellness resources. Schools have implemented special wellness support programs and funded mental
23 health services for students, recognizing the need to support students’ mental health.

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25 There remain inadequacies, such as some programs not providing resources that are easily accessible
26 during a dental student’s schedules. Students face difficulties finding free time to use these resources or
27 would need to request excused time off. For this reason, all institutions should support and promote
28 greater access to mental health programs for students through a 24/7 mental telehealth service. A 24/7
29 mental telehealth service can be accessed at any time to accommodate students’ schedules. It also
30 addresses the fear of stigma associated with using mental health resources since students would access
31 it privately. Correspondingly, dental schools should promote the telehealth service among other mental
32 and emotional resources in an effort to raise awareness and reduce said stigma overall. Increasing
33 awareness and accessibility to mental health programs will benefit students’ overall wellness and help
34 reduce stigma. An ADEA article stating additional background on the need to address concerns over
35 mental health can be found here: <https://www.adea.org/Press/July2020-Study-Probes-Rates/>.

36 Therefore, be it

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RESOLUTION

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39 **Resolved,** The American Student Dental Association encourages dental school administrations to create,
40 grow, and actively promote mental wellness and support programs for students that includes, but is not
41 limited to, a 24/7 mental telehealth service.

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43 **Action:** The Chair moves 201-2023 with the recommendation of a Yes vote and to be placed on the
44 consent calendar.

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46 **House Action:** Adopted.

1 **Resolution Number:** 202-2023

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3 **Title:** Personal Protective Equipment Waste Management Policy

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Professional Issues

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7 **Sponsor(s):** Shruti Gajbhiye
8 Buffalo

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10 **Financial Impact:** Unknown

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12 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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14 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee on Membership & Professional Issues
15 recommends a Yes vote and to be placed on the consent calendar.

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17 **Background:** There is currently no policy guiding ASDA's position on personal protective equipment
18 (PPE) nor its recycling. After the COVID-19 pandemic, dental students are required to use gowns and N-
19 95s in student clinics. Current policy encourages student-led efforts of recycling at all ASDA events but
20 does not apply to student clinics nor does it adopt a stance on the changes in PPE occurring after the
21 pandemic. At the University at Buffalo, there is a current system in place to recycle masks and is growing
22 in popularity, but after discussion with surrounding schools, it was discovered there is not a similar
23 procedure in place in their clinics. The mask system includes several boxes scattered throughout the
24 student clinics, which are then given to an outside source, consolidated, and remade into other objects.
25 Therefore, be it

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RESOLUTION

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29 **Resolved,** The American Student Dental Association encourages all dental schools to recycle personal
30 protective equipment (PPE), including, but not limited to, masks and gowns.

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32 **Action:** The Chair moves 202-2023 with a recommendation of a Yes vote and to be placed on the
33 consent calendar.

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35 **House Action:** Adopted.

1 **Resolution Number:** 300-2023

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3 **Title:** Amendment to the *Current Statements of Position or Policy* L-1 Initial Licensure Pathways

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Licensure

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7 **Sponsor(s):** 2022-23 Board of Trustees

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9 **Financial Impact:** None

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11 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board Recommends a yes vote.

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13 **Reference Committee Comments:** At the 2022 ASDA House of Delegates, resolution 404-2022 sought
14 to change ASDA’s L-1 initial dental licensure policy. The House of Delegates voted to refer resolution
15 404-2022 to the 2022-23 Board of Trustees to do the following: 1. Research the effectiveness of third-
16 party assessment of PGY-1. 2. Determine its validity and reliability for initial licensure. 3. Report back at
17 the 2023 House of Delegates meeting. After months of research, the task force agreed the most
18 important factor for clinical examinations is standardization. Thus, the portfolio exam and PGY-1 should
19 not be included in ASDA’s ideal licensure exam due to their lack of standardization and susceptibility to
20 subjectivity. The task force agreed the best way to assess and standardize competency is through a non-
21 patient-based kinesthetic exam and submission of an OSCE.

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23 It was proposed to change “and” in line 55 to “or,” and add “graduation from a CODA-accredited PGY-1
24 program and/or completion of at least one year of a specialty residency program.” A similar amendment
25 was discussed by last year’s House of Delegates and determined more research was needed. This is why
26 the task force was created to investigate the charges listed above.

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28 The Reference Committee believes ASDA policies should be representative of its entire membership and
29 recommends a Yes vote.

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31 **Background:** At the 2022 ASDA House of Delegates, resolution 404-2022 sought to change ASDA’s L-1
32 initial dental licensure policy to permit any, not all, of the pathways as an acceptable option to initial
33 dental licensure. Resolution 404-2022 also sought to permit a postgraduate year one (PGY-1) residency
34 as an acceptable pathway to initial dental licensure. Based on testimony shared by the House of
35 Delegates, the reference committee agreed further investigation was required. The House of Delegates
36 voted to refer resolution 404-2022 to the 2022-23 Board of Trustees to do the following: 1. Research the
37 effectiveness of third-party assessment of PGY-1. 2. Determine its validity and reliability for initial
38 licensure. 3. Report back at the 2023 House of Delegates meeting. The 2022-23 Board of Trustees
39 appointed a dedicated task force to investigate the referral and present their findings to the Board. After
40 months of research, the task force agreed the most important factor for clinical examinations is
41 standardization. Thus, the portfolio exam and PGY-1 should not be included in ASDA’s ideal licensure
42 exam due to their lack of standardization and susceptibility to subjectivity. The task force agreed the
43 best way to assess and standardize competency is through a non-patient-based kinesthetic exam and
44 submission of an OSCE. The task force determined the ASDA L-1 policy should be a complete
45 representation of the components already universally accepted as necessary for initial dental licensure,
46 including educational and written components, and not just the clinical component.

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48 **RESOLUTION**

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50 **Resolved,** that ASDA’s L-1 Initial Licensure Pathways policy be amended to read as follows:

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52 ASDA understands alternatives that are preferable to the current process exist, however, The American
53 Student Dental Association believes an the ideal requirements for initial dental licensure for
54 predoctoral students exam include the following:

- 55 • Graduation from a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)-accredited predoctoral dental
56 education program.
- 57 • Passing score on the National Board Dental Examination of the Joint Commission on National
58 Dental Examinations.
- 59 • Successful completion of a clinical assessment that addresses the following criteria and
60 methodology.
 - 61 ○ **Criteria:**
 - 62 ▪ Does not use human subjects in a live clinical testing scenario
 - 63 ▪ Is psychometrically valid and reliable in its assessment
 - 64 ▪ Is reflective of the scope of current dental practice
 - 65 ▪ Is universally accepted
 - 66 ○ **Methodology:** The American Student Dental Association (ASDA) believes demonstration
67 of both kinesthetic and clinical decision-making competence is necessary to obtain
68 initial dental licensure. ASDA believes this should be demonstrated through the
69 following:
 - 70 ▪ Manikin-based kinesthetic assessment, **and**
 - 71 ▪ A non-patient based Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE). ~~and~~
 - 72 ~~▪ Submission of a portfolio of comprehensive patient care.~~

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74 **Action:** The Chair moves 300-2023 with a recommendation of a Yes vote.

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76 **House Action:** Adopted.

1 **Resolution Number:** 400-2023

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3 **Title:** Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates Section 4 Caucuses, B. Joint
4 Caucuses

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6 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Governance

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8 **Sponsor(s):** 2022-23 Governance Committee

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10 **Financial Impact:** None

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12 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends a yes vote.

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14 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee wishes to clarify the intent of this
15 resolution. This resolution is strictly referencing to joint district caucuses. Joint district caucuses are
16 groupings of already established districts coming together for the purpose of questioning candidates
17 running for elected office. Members of the house of delegates elect trustees to represent their voices on
18 the Board level. This amendment is not intended to take away the rights of the House but rather
19 streamline the process by delegating this responsibility to the Board to organize joint district caucuses
20 during the three-year redistricting process. The Reference Committee recommends a yes vote.

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22 **Background:** ASDA has seen an increase in new dental schools opening. Three new dental schools have
23 opened within the past two years and five additional dental schools are set to open in the next five
24 years. To accommodate for future growth, the Board of Trustees approved a three-year redistricting
25 initiative which adds two additional districts based on geographical distribution. This may impact joint
26 caucus groupings and the amendment below provides flexibility for the organization to continue to grow
27 in the future while the redistricting initiative is completed.

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RESOLUTION

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32 **Resolved,** that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates Section 4 Caucuses, B. Joint Caucuses be
33 amended as follows:

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35 B. Joint Caucuses

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37 Joint caucuses are composed of representatives from two or more districts. **Joint Caucuses are**
38 **appointed by the Board of Trustees, and approved by the House of Delegates at the Annual Session.**
39 ~~as indicated below:~~

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41 ~~Districts 1, 2 & 3~~

42 ~~Districts 4 & 5~~

43 ~~Districts 6 & 7~~

44 ~~Districts 8 & 9~~

45 ~~Districts 10 & 11~~

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47 Each joint caucus may interview officer candidates, develop their own caucus rules and conduct any
48 other necessary business.

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50 **Action:** The Chair moves 400-2023 with a recommendation of a Yes vote.

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52 **House Action:** Adopted.

1 **Title:** Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Sections 7. Elections Sections B-E

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3 **Sponsor(s):** 2022-23 Governance Committee

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5 **Financial Impact:** None

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7 **Background:** Based on the national leader application cycle, it is difficult to foresee the exact number of
8 candidates who will apply for the Executive Committee. This makes it challenging to plan programming
9 for Annual Session because the meeting agenda is based on how much time is necessary for each
10 candidate to provide their platform statement and visit each joint district caucus. For planning purposes,
11 ASDA begins drafting the meeting agenda six to seven months before the meeting date. Therefore, the
12 agenda is built around an estimated eight candidates running for office. (The most ASDA has had run in
13 past 4 years.)

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15 Allowing the Executive Committee to make modifications the time each candidate has for their platform
16 statements and visits to each joint caucus in an equitable manner will ensure all candidates have the
17 opportunity to run for elected office within the time constraints of the Annual Session agenda.

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19 **RESOLUTION**

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21 **Resolved,** that the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 7. Elections Sections B-E be
22 amended as follows:

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25 All Executive Committee candidates must agree to the following guidelines before beginning
26 their election campaigns. The intent of these guidelines is to encourage fair campaigning by
27 ASDA members and maintain dignified and courteous conduct.

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29 i. Candidates and their supporters shall not use ASDA central office stationery or business
30 cards issued by the central office to promote and support a candidate. However, the use
31 of the official ASDA logo on campaign materials is permitted.
- 32 ii. Candidates and their supporters should focus the campaign on the candidate's positive
33 attributes rather than on negative characteristics of the opposing candidates.
34 Candidates shall not cause or request their supporters to make negative personal
35 comments against their opponents.
- 36 iii. There shall be no packaged food, other gifts or campaign tokens distributed or used by
37 the candidates as part of the candidates' campaigns. These items include but are not
38 limited to badges, nametag ribbons, clothing, pins, and any other form of campaign
39 tokens with a candidate's name, slogan(s), catch phrase(s), signs, banners or printed
40 material.
- 41 iv. Entertaining by the candidates will not be permitted in any suite or meeting room
42 reserved or funded by ASDA.
- 43 v. A candidate may solicit a delegate or alternate delegate by phone, mail, e-mail, social
44 media or fax. The ASDA central office will not provide any of this information.
- 45 vi. Candidates are only permitted to use their own personal funds for their campaign.
- 46 vii. Third party endorsements (such as corporate sponsors or other professional
47 organizations) are not allowed.

48 viii. Candidates are ineligible to be members of reference committees or awards committees
49 that convene at Annual Session.

50 In the event that the Board of Trustees adopts a resolution related to the candidacy of an
51 individual member seeking an Executive Committee position, trustees must provide the
52 aforementioned resolution to their caucuses during the first caucus following the Board of
53 Trustees decision. The candidate must be informed of the resolution prior to the first caucus
54 meetings following the Board of Trustees decision so that the candidate may choose to address
55 this issue during the candidate’s speech and/or caucus forums. The Executive Committee and
56 Board of Trustees may address the House of Delegates in regards to this issue if they deem it
57 necessary.

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59 The Election Committee as outlined in Section 7 G. Election Committee shall be charged with the
60 implementation and monitoring of these guidelines and has the power to remove a candidate
61 from the ballot. Upon receipt of a written complaint, or upon initiation of a review of campaign-
62 related material, the Election Committee shall determine if a violation has occurred. If a
63 violation has occurred the Election Committee can choose to take no action, request that the
64 candidate discontinue their behavior, request that the candidate discontinue their behavior and
65 provide a report to the House of Delegates or remove the candidate from the ballot and provide
66 a report the House of Delegates. Any candidate so adjudicated shall have an automatic right of
67 an expedited appeal to the Election Committee via electronic meeting or other timely means.

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69 Each Executive Committee candidate must be officially nominated by a person of their choice at
70 the House of Delegates Business Meeting ~~Meeting II scheduled on Thursday morning~~. An official
71 candidate shall be formally nominated on the floor of the House of Delegates. Candidates that
72 did not meet the established application deadline may be nominated after the nomination of
73 official candidates, and will be considered unofficial candidates. All candidates must be
74 nominated by a predoctoral member who is not a current or former national leader. Nomination
75 is not required for eligibility. Nominators will be allowed 1 minute maximum to nominate and
76 introduce their candidate, including a brief explanation of the candidate’s experience and
77 previous ASDA positions held. Should there be fewer than three candidates for the
78 president/vice presidents or less than one candidate for speaker of the house, it is the
79 responsibility of the House to nominate someone from the floor. Each Executive Committee
80 candidate must also designate a guide who will serve as a neutral party and escort each
81 candidate through the joint caucuses. The guide will be responsible for monitoring the door and
82 time.

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84 Each candidate receives a copy of these guidelines and a statement to sign, certifying that they
85 have read the guidelines; promises to abide by them; will immediately report any deviations of
86 which they become aware to the Election Committee of the association; and will notify and try
87 to correct any supporter upon learning of an actual or potential deviation.

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90 Presentation of Platform to the House of Delegates

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92 Each candidate for president/vice president will have ~~up to exactly~~ seven (7) minutes to present
93 their platform to the members of the House of Delegates. Each candidate for speaker of the
94 house will have ~~up to exactly~~ five (5) minutes to address the House of Delegates. **Based on the**
95 **number of candidates running, the Executive Committee may modify the time that each**
96 **individual candidate has for their platform statement. Modifications will be done in an**

97 **equitable manner to ensure all presentations fit within the allotted time on the agenda.**

98 During speeches, projectors will only display headshot, name, graduation year and school.

99 Presentations will be given in alphabetical order by last name, beginning with candidates for

100 president/vice presidents. All candidates who are not addressing the House will be escorted out

101 of the room. Delegates are not permitted to pose questions to the candidates at this time. A

102 staff member will keep time and signal the candidate.

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104 D. Questioning Advancing Candidates

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106 For candidates advancing from the first round of balloting, each candidate for president/vice

107 president will have five (5) questions and **up to** one (1) minute per question and each candidate for

108 speaker will have three (3) questions and **up to** 1 minute per question to answer the question.

109 **Based on the number of candidates running, the Executive Committee may modify the time**
110 **and number of questions that each individual candidate has. Modifications will be done in an**
111 **equitable manner to ensure all questioning of advancing candidates fits within the allotted**

112 **time on the agenda.** Questions for advancing candidates will be answered in reverse alphabetical
113 order by last name. All candidates not addressing the House will be escorted out of the room.

114 Questions should be submitted by the deadline set by the speaker of the house. Up to two

115 questions are to be submitted by each district caucus for both president/vice president candidates

116 and speaker of the house candidates. The same questions are asked of every candidate for a

117 particular position and are selected by the speaker of the house. In the event the speaker of the

118 house is a candidate for president/vice president, the president will select questions for advancing

119 candidates. A staff member will keep time and signal the candidate.

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121 E. Caucus Visits by the Executive Committee Candidates

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123 The following guidelines have been established for those times during the Annual Session when

124 Executive Committee candidates appear before joint caucuses to answer delegate questions:

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126 i. Each candidate will have up to 15 minutes to answer questions posed by delegates during
127 the joint caucuses.

128 ii. **Based on the number of candidates running, the Executive Committee may modify the**
129 **time that each individual candidate has for joint district caucus visits. Modifications**
130 **will be done in an equitable manner to ensure all candidate visits fit within the**
131 **allotted time on the agenda.**

132 iii. Each caucus has their own caucus rules which may produce variations in the questioning
133 from caucus to caucus.

134 iv. Each candidate selects a guide to escort them through the caucuses. Current and former
135 national leaders of the association may not serve as guides.

136 v. The president, immediate past president and speaker of the house will hold a forum for
137 election candidates to better prepare them for what to expect in the caucus sessions.

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140 **Action:** The 2022-23 Board of Trustees approved these amendments as interim policy at the January
141 2023 Board of Trustees meeting. The House of Delegates will vote to approve this interim policy as a
142 first item of business at the House of Delegates business meeting at Annual Session 2023.

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144 **House Action:** Adopted.