

2020-21 Governance Committee

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Mission

The Governance Committee reviews the ASDA governance documents and proposes changes to keep documents current. The committee ensures that all ASDA documents are consistent with the governing documents

Council business

The committee reviewed the governance documents and proposes the following resolutions to the 2021 House of Delegates:

Bylaws

- Article IV Leadership, Section 1. Officers: provides additional language to clarify officers only serve one (1) term.
- Article VII Elections, Section 1. Candidacy: provides additional language to define an 'unofficial candidate.'
- Article VII Elections, Section 2 Voting: provides additional language to clarify advancement to a second ballot should there only be three candidates for president/vice presidents.
- Article VII Elections, Section 2. Voting: deletes unnecessary reference to 'official' candidates, should the resolution defining 'unofficial candidate' be adopted.

Standing Rules of the House of Delegates

- Section 4. Caucuses: recommends the addition of anti-hazing rules, on the advice of legal counsel.
- Section 4. Caucuses, B. Joint Caucuses: provides additional language to clarify the definition of 'unofficial candidate' and 'official candidate.'

Current Statements of Position or Policy

- E-5 Sexual Harassment of Dental Students: proposes additional language for due process for dental students who are the victims of sexual harassment, on the advice of legal counsel.
- G-3 State Dental Associations: combines G-3, G-4 Dental Student Representation to ADA Councils and G-5 Dental Student Representation in State and Local Dental Societies into one comprehensive policy on tripartite participation and representation. Proposed title: Tripartite Participation and Representation
- H-4 Treating Infectious Patients: renames policy to clarify intent, thus affirming no patient should be discriminated against. Proposed title: Anti-discriminatory Patient Treatment
- H-5 Fee for Service: amends policy as ASDA supports providing care to all patients, regardless of payment method. Proposed title: Reimbursement for Dental Services
- I-1 Fluoridation: clarifies which governing body determines community fluoridation levels and aligns with language in U.S. Department of Health and Human Services documentation.
- I-2 Hepatitis B Vaccine: renames policy to expand for serious diseases and encourages dental schools to provide screenings and vaccinations to dental students. Proposed title: Vaccination of Dental Students

Special Rules of Order

The committee reviewed and approved the Virtual Special Rules of Order. These rules will be instituted for the 2021 House of Delegates.