

2025-26 Governance Committee

Members

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Mission

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

Committee Business

Strategic Plan

- ASDA's Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan is to review the mission of ASDA's leadership structure and modify to meet the needs of the association. The Governance Committee drafted a new governance structure for the Board to review and approve.

Per the mission statement, the committee reviewed the governance documents and made the following modifications:

Standing Rules of the Board of Trustees

- The Committee proposed the following amendments to the Board of Trustees:
 - Amendment to Section 25 Sponsoring Resolutions
 - Amendment to Section 2.1 Standing Committees

Standing Rules of the House of Delegates

- The Committee reviewed and approved the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates.

Statements on Position or Policy

- Governance Committee is proposing amendments to the following policies at the 2026 House of Delegates:
 - B-11 Oral Health Literacy

Bylaws

- The Committee reviewed and approved the Bylaws.