

1 **Resolution Number:** 208-2021

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3 **Title:** Inter-Chapter Communication and Collaboration

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5 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Membership and Education

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7 **Sponsor(s):**

8 Michael J. Rosales, Roseman University (RU) C/O 2022

9 Olivia Kalloo, RU ASDA Legislative Liaison, RU National Research Group President, ASDA State
10 Licensure Liaison – Utah

11 Priscilla Leung, RU ASDA Vice-President

12 Kaylee Young, RU C/O 2022

13 Ayrton Sanguino, Council on Communications, Video Production Manager

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15 **Financial Impact:** None

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17 **Board of Trustees Comments:** None

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19 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee recommends a no vote. The
20 reference committee does not believe sharing and maintaining chapter email addresses on the
21 website is the best use of ASDA resources. Chapter presidents already have various methods for
22 communication including a GroupMe, social media and upcoming online ASDA community.
23 Additionally, as ASDA chapters are their own entities, ASDA should not require they create a
24 chapter email address to be posted on the ASDA website. Further, maintaining one email
25 address between leadership cycles can be difficult as leadership transitions every year.

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27 **Background:** The American Student Dental Association’s Inter-Chapter communication
28 infrastructure is currently lacking. In March of 2020, a comprehensive review of the Chapter
29 Map and associated emails was conducted. This review was conducted in order to contact
30 chapters in support of a Resolution to encourage schools to provide a basic legal education to
31 dental students. However, of the 66 dental schools, only 23 had valid chapter emails.

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33 As an organization founded on advocacy, each chapter should bear the responsibility of
34 determining the merit of each cause brought to it even if it goes against ASDA’s current Policies.

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36 When it comes to creating change – communication and unification is key. Therefore, be it

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38 **RESOLUTION**

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40 **Resolved,** that ASDA send out a communication to all chapter leaders requesting that each
41 chapter submit a chapter email address to be displayed on the ASDA website to promote inter-
42 chapter communication by March 31, 2021.

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44 **Action:** The Chair moves 208-2021 with the recommendation of a no vote.