

1 **Resolution Number:** 402-2020

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3 **Title:** Amendment to the Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 7. Elections, B. Election
4 Code of Conduct

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6 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Governance

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8 **Sponsor(s):** Jack Lupfer
9 Stony Brook
10 Alternate Delegate

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12 **Financial Impact:** None

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14 **Board of Trustees Comments:** The Board recommends 402S1-2020.

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16 **Reference Committee Comments:** The Reference Committee asserts national leaders depend on other
17 national leaders to provide cost-effective content at District programming during the application
18 process. Therefore trustees who implement programming later in the national leadership cycle would
19 experience undue financial and logistical burdens. Furthermore, Districts are separate legal entities and
20 national ASDA cannot regulate the allocation of District funds. Therefore the Reference Committee
21 recommends a no vote.

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23 **Background:** The Executive Committee and Speaker of the House of the American Student Dental
24 Association not only serve to represent us as dental students nationally, but play a critical role and are
25 responsible for managing the association's business, enacting and seeking completion of our strategic
26 plan(s), and maintaining a fiscally sound organization. As such, the election process and protocol that all
27 candidates who desire to ascertain such positions sign on to should be taken seriously, following our
28 Election Code of Conduct closely. The proposed amendments outlined below seek to reaffirm that we
29 are doing everything possible as an organization to maintain a fair, equitable, and just process for any
30 person interested in running for one of these said positions; therefore be it

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32 **RESOLUTION**

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34 **Resolved,** that ASDA's Standing Rules of the House of Delegates, Section 7 'Elections, B. Election Code of
35 Conduct' be amended to read as follows:

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37 All Executive Committee and speaker of the House of Delegates candidates must agree to the following
38 guidelines before beginning their election campaigns. The intent of these guidelines is to encourage fair
39 campaigning by ASDA members and maintain dignified and courteous conduct

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41 i. Candidates and their supporters shall not use ASDA central office stationery or business cards
42 issued by the central office to promote and support a candidate. However, the use of the official
43 ASDA logo on campaign materials is permitted.
- 44 ii. Candidates and their supporters should focus the campaign on positive attributes rather than on
45 negative characteristics of the opposing candidates. Candidates shall not, and shall not cause or
46 request their supporters to, make negative personal comments against their opponents.
- 47 iii. There shall be no packaged food, other gifts or campaign tokens distributed or used by the
48 candidates as part of the candidates' campaigns. These items should include but are not limited
49 to badges, **nametag ribbons**, clothing, pins, and ~~other small~~ **any other form of** campaign tokens
50 with ~~the a~~ candidate's name, **slogan(s), catch phrase(s)**, signs, banners or printed material.

- 51 iv. Entertaining by the candidates will not be permitted in any suite or meeting room reserved or
52 funded by ASDA.
- 53 v. A candidate may solicit a delegate or alternate delegate by phone, mail, e-mail, social media or
54 fax. The ASDA central office will not provide any of this information.
- 55 **vi. Candidates are only permitted to use their own personal funds for their campaign. Thereafter**
56 **the deadline established by ASDA to submit an application for candidacy, personal funding for**
57 **a campaign should include but not be limited to any and all travel and registration expenses**
58 **(i.e. to District meetings), promotional content, etc.**
- 59 vii. Third party endorsements (such as corporate sponsors or other professional organizations) are
60 not allowed.
- 61 viii. Candidates must not loiter near ballot boxes during the specified voting time.
- 62 ix. Candidates are ineligible to be members of reference committees or awards committees that
63 convene at Annual Session.
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65 In the event that the Board of Trustees adopts a resolution related to the candidacy of an individual
66 member seeking an Executive Committee or speaker of the House position, trustees must provide the
67 aforementioned resolution to their caucuses during the first caucus following the board decision. The
68 candidate must be informed of the resolution prior to the first caucus meetings following the board
69 decision so that the candidate may choose to address this issue during the candidate's speech and/or
70 caucus forums. The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees may address the House of Delegates in
71 regards to this issue if they deem it necessary.

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73 The officers of the association shall be charged with the implementation and monitoring of these
74 guidelines and has the power to remove a candidate from the ballot. Upon receipt of a written
75 complaint, or upon initiation of a review of campaign-related material, the officers shall determine if a
76 violation has occurred. If a violation has occurred the president shall send written notification of the
77 violation to the candidate. Any candidate so adjudicated shall have an automatic right of an expedited
78 appeal to the officers via electronic meeting or other timely means. If a violation has occurred, as
79 determined through this process, the candidate shall be deemed to have forfeited his or her status as a
80 candidate and may not be elected to office in the subsequent election. Any officer that is a candidate
81 must declare a conflict of interest.

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83 Each Executive Committee or speaker of the House candidate must be officially nominated by a person
84 of his or her choice at the House of Delegates Business Meeting II scheduled on Thursday morning. An
85 official candidate shall be formally nominated on the floor of the House of Delegates. Candidates that
86 did not meet the established application deadline may be nominated after the nomination of official
87 candidates. All candidates must be nominated by a predoctoral member who is not a current or former
88 national leader. Nomination is not required for eligibility. Nominators will be allowed 1 minute
89 maximum to nominate and introduce their candidate, including a brief explanation of the candidate's
90 experience and previous ASDA positions held. Should there be fewer than three official candidates for
91 the Executive Committee or fewer than one official candidate for speaker of the House, it is the
92 responsibility of the House to nominate someone from the floor. Each Executive Committee and speaker
93 of the House candidate must also designate an escort who will serve as a neutral party and escort each
94 candidate through the caucuses. The escort will be responsible for monitoring the door and time.

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96 Each candidate receives a copy of these guidelines and a statement to sign, certifying that he/she has
97 read the guidelines; promises to abide by them; will immediately report any deviations of which he/she
98 becomes aware to the officers of the association; and will notify and try to correct any supporter upon
99 learning of an actual or potential deviation.

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101 **Action:** The Chair moves 402-2020 with a recommendation of no vote and to be placed the Consent
102 Calendar.