

Report of Committee on Regulatory Affairs  
To: House of Delegates  
September 2024

At the 2017 House of Delegates, Resolution HD-11-2017- Enhancing the Association's Legislative and Regulatory Advocacy, was adopted to create a committee focused exclusively on regulatory issues overseen by the Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) as well as other government agencies that work on regulatory issues relevant to dentistry.

Per the adoption of BD-34-2017/2018, the Committee may have up to eight at-large members, who are appointed by the Board of Directors to serve one-year terms and who are eligible for reappointment. Committee members are expected to attend regular Committee meetings in person or by phone, participate in electronic votes as needed, review regulatory information provided by staff, provide guidance to staff in drafting comments, and advocate the Association's positions on regulatory issues as determined by consensus of Committee members and directed by the Committee. Committee members may be expected to attend Commission meetings, as necessary. The Committee Chair is appointed to serve a one-year term and is required to attend the eight regularly scheduled DQAC meetings and other meetings as deemed necessary by the Committee.

For the 2024 term, the WSDA Board of Directors appointed the following individuals as members of the Committee on Regulatory Affairs:

Dr. Bryan Edgar, Chair  
Dr. Rolf Christensen  
Dr. David Keller  
Dr. Blake McKinley  
Dr. Keyvan Sohrabi  
Dr. Xu (Sue) Qian

The Committee has 8 total virtual meetings scheduled through 2024 and has reviewed and provided both written and oral comments on proposed modifications to multiple sections of the dental anesthesia rules, which went into effect January 11, 2024, as well as the dental therapy rules. The Committee has also provided feedback on continuing competency proposals put forth by the Commission and followed rulemaking related to dental licensure, among other topics. The WSDA Committee on Regulatory Affairs will continue to track all regulatory matters affecting the practice of dentistry in Washington and provide comments as necessary throughout the rulemaking process.

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