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7 **HD-01-2025**

8 **Re-establishing the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates”**
9 **Document**

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11 Background Statement. The “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates”
12 document was originally adopted in December 1960. Since its inception this document
13 has been reviewed and amended by the House on a periodic but infrequent basis. The
14 document was significantly amended by the House of Delegates in 2021.
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16 The Board of Directors is proposing minor amendments to this document.
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18 Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approves the updated version
19 of the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” document.
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21 A Tracked Changes version of the “Organization and Operation of the House of
22 Delegates” document which highlights all proposed changes to the 2025 document is
23 available for reference www.wsda.org/hod.
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8 **HD-02-2025**
9 **Rules for the House of Delegates – September 2025**
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11 RESOLVED, that the following shall be adopted as the Rules for the House of
12 Delegates at its annual meeting held in Tacoma, Washington, September 25-27, 2025:
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- 14 1. The House of Delegates shall be organized and operated as outlined in the
15 memorandum entitled “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates”
16 adopted in December 1960 and as amended by HD-01-2025 Re-establishing the
17 “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” Document by the House
18 of Delegates.
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- 20 2. All resolutions and reports mailed to the members of the House of Delegates
21 prior to the annual meeting may be read in part at the time of their introduction
22 in the House, and such reading shall stand for reading the material in full.
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- 24 3. If desired, at the request of the majority of the members of this House, any
25 material shall be read in part or in full and amended or discussed at the time of
26 the first reading.
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- 28 4. Resolutions and reports not pertaining to amendments of the Bylaws may be
29 acted upon by the House at the time of the first reading unless the House by
30 majority vote, or the presiding officer, requests that the resolution or report be
31 referred to a reference committee for further study and recommendations back
32 to this House. Candidates for any position to be elected by the House at this
33 meeting shall be ineligible to serve on a reference committee of this House
34 meeting.
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- 36 5. Except by majority consent of the members of the House of Delegates, debate
37 on either side of a subject by one individual shall be limited to not more than
38 two speeches, neither of which shall exceed five minutes.
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- 40 6. The agenda for this House shall be the agenda as established by the Rules and
41 Order Committee and submitted to the House of Delegates. New business not
42 previously submitted and placed on the agenda by the Rules and Order
43 Committee shall be considered only by two-thirds majority consent of the House
44 of Delegates. Any business not receiving such two-thirds majority approval shall
45 be referred to the next session of the House of Delegates by the presiding
46 officer. The Bylaws amendment resolution pertaining to dues, HD-05-2025, and
47 any increases, decreases or other amendments thereof, shall be in order for
48 consideration by this House near the end of its final business session.
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- 50 7. Voting for contested elective office will be conducted by electronic ballot. If the
51 number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, and there is a
52 difference as to the length of term, delegates shall vote for up to one less than
53 the number of positions to be filled.
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- 55 8. In the case of an elected office (such as board of directors) where more than one
56 person is to be elected, the candidates receiving the most votes are each elected
57 until the positions are filled, with the prevailing candidate receiving the fewer
58 votes receiving the short term, if one is applicable.
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- 60 In the event of a tie, necessary to be resolved to complete the election, the run-
61 off election is only among the two or more candidates in the tie. The elected
62 candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast as per WSDA Bylaws
63 Chapter XIV.
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- 65 9. To expedite the actions of the House, a list of referrals of known business shall
66 be prepared by the Rules and Order Committee prior to the opening of the
67 House of Delegates and presented to the members of the House at their opening
68 session.
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70 end
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HD-03-2025
Committees and Parliamentarian for
Annual Meeting of House of Delegates - September 2025

RESOLVED, that the following appointments by the President are confirmed by the House of Delegates as committees for the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, September 2025:

A. Credentials Committee -- Responsible for ensuring that House of Delegates has a quorum and serving as monitors for all elections:

Dr. Joseph de Jesus
Dr. Bernard Larson
Dr. Aimi Mizutani, Chair

B. Rules and Order Committee -- Responsible for preparing Agenda and ruling on procedure; will be advised by Parliamentarian:

President, Dr. Chris Dorow, Chair
President-elect, Dr. Lisa Egbert
Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Blake McKinley
Immediate Past President, Dr. Nathan Russell
Speaker of the House, Dr. Tyler Rumble

RESOLVED, that Dr. Mary Smith is appointed Parliamentarian for the 2025 House of Delegates.

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8 **HD-04-2025**
9 **WSDA 2025/2026 Budget**
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11 RESOLVED, that the attached shall be adopted as the Washington State Dental
12 Association Budget for 2025/2026.
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14 Reference the proposed budget in the documents section of wsda.org/HOD.
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16 end

Board Resolution
From: WSDA Board of Directors
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HD-05-2025
WSDA Dues for 2026
(Bylaws Amendment)

RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of Bylaws, Section II, Dues, C. Schedule of Dues, be revised as follows:

II. Dues

C. Schedule of Dues. The annual dues of active or associate members shall be ~~\$549~~ \$299, plus an additional amount of \$100 designated for political activity support. The total amount of dues, and political activity support is ~~\$649~~ \$399.

The \$100 designated for political activity support shall be remitted to DentPAC for state or local political campaign contributions and other political expenses of DentPAC; provided, however, a member may elect that the amount instead be allocated to a WSDA Issues Fund for political purposes other than direct campaign contributions to candidates.

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2 Committee Resolution
3 From: Nominations Committee
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8 **HD-06-2025**
9 **Nominations for Elective Office**

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11 RESOLVED, that the names listed below shall be placed in nomination for the offices
12 indicated, with the understanding that further nominations may be made from the
13 floor.
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16 **President-elect and ADA Delegate** (one year as President-elect then one year as
17 President then one year as Immediate Past President and three years as ADA Delegate)
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19 Dr. Brittany Dean
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21 **Secretary-Treasurer and ADA Delegate** (one three-year term)
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23 Dr. Blake McKinley
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25 **Board of Directors** (four positions, three-year terms)
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27 Dr. Mandy Alamwala
28 Dr. Emily Hobart
29 Dr. Daniel Tremblay
30 Dr. John Lo
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32 **ADA Delegate** (three positions, three-year terms; all positions effective January 2026)
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34 Dr. Nathan Russell
35 Dr. Andrew Sholudko
36 Dr. Crystal Vo
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38 end

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HD-7-2025

Location of the 2027 & 2028 Houses of Delegates

Background Statement: The House of Delegates has recently alternated meeting locations of the House of Delegates between Western and Eastern Washington every other year. While researching appropriate venues for the 2027 House of Delegates, an opportunity arose to contract for both 2027 and 2028 Houses of Delegates meetings.

Future House of Delegate locations are contracted as follows:

2026	Spokane, Historic Davenport Hotel	September 17-19
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Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates amends its policy adopted in HD-16-2023, Scheduling House of Delegates Meeting as follows:

The House of Delegates shall schedule its annual meeting no later than two years in advance.

The intent of this revision is to provide the Association with flexibility to schedule multiple meetings of the House of Delegates in one year while still requiring that meetings of the House of Delegates be scheduled at least two years in advance.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2027 WSDA House of Delegates be held in Blaine, Washington, at the Semiahmoo Resort from September 16-18.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the 2028 WSDA House of Delegates be held in Vancouver, Washington, at the Hilton Vancouver from September 21-23.

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7 **HD-08-2025**
8 **Staff Recognition**
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10 RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates, through resolution, commend
11 and acknowledge the support of the staff of the Association and its
12 component societies on the fifth anniversary of employment and every
13 five years thereafter so long as the staff member is employed by the
14 Association or its component societies;
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16 And be it further
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18 RESOLVED, that the anniversary of employment of staff be recognized at
19 the House of Delegates in the same calendar year as the recognized
20 anniversary;
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22 Therefore, be it
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24 RESOLVED, that the following individuals be recognized for their service at the 2025
25 House of Delegates:
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27 25 Years: Cindy Stephen, Pierce County Dental Society
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29 20 Years: Megan French, Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency
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31 15 Years: Kerri Seims, Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency
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33 10 Years: Emma Brown, Washington State Dental Association
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8 **HD-09-2025**
9 **Nomination for Honorary Membership**

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11 Background Statement. With the adoption of HD-10-2015, Recognition of Association
12 and Component Society Staff, the House adopted the following resolution:
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14 RESOLVED, that staff of the Association and its component societies be
15 considered for honorary membership in the Association during the
16 annual session of the House of Delegates which coincides with his or her
17 twentieth year of employment;
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19 Therefore, be it

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21 RESOLVED, that Megan French, who was hired in 2005 at Washington Dentists'
22 Insurance Agency, after 20 years of service, be awarded honorary membership in the
23 Washington State Dental Association.
24

25 end
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HD-10-2025
WSDA Legislative Agenda for 2026

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the legislative positions and core principles outlined in this legislative agenda, the Association's legislative priorities, which shall supersede and take primacy over all others, are as follows:

1. Legislation that a) improves dental benefits policies and processes negatively impacting patient care or b) reduces detrimental interference of dental benefits carriers in the doctor-patient relationship
2. Legislation that mitigates the severe shortages of dental hygienists and dental assistants in Washington state;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports state revenue policies that are fair to dentistry and opposes tax and fee increases that negatively affect dentistry;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports the preservation and extension of funding for dental Medicaid, dental residency programs, Federally Qualified Health Center dental clinics, loan repayment programs, ~~the RIDE program~~ dental schools headquartered in the State of Washington, and other state funded initiatives that reduce barriers to dental care without compromising patient safety;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA will oppose enacted or proposed legislation that creates, expands the scope of care, or expands the approved clinical settings for dental therapists, dental hygiene therapists, or any other non-dentist provider that performs irreversible procedures;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA will oppose any legislation that amends the definition of dentistry found in RCW 18.32.020 (3) to allow non-dentists to own dental practices or otherwise interfere in the doctor-patient relationship;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports reforms to the Medicaid audit process;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports legislation that prioritizes the payment of preventive dental care provided by dentists prior to an individual's deductible being met;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports reforms to dental benefits that will result in better patient care;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports legislation to address the dental workforce shortage crisis in Washington state.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA supports legislation that codifies the right of dentists to provide in office membership plans/wellness partnerships to their patients;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA reaffirms the following policy in determining its annual legislative agenda:

The Legislative Session Task Force, in consultation with the Board of Directors, will apply the following core principles and the existing political climate of the Legislature to any given legislative position to determine its advocacy strategy.

1. It is in the best health and safety interest of the public at large and dental providers.
2. It maintains and protects the diagnostic authority of the dentist.
3. It is cost-effective for the public.
4. It is cost effective for the dental profession.
5. It addresses those in need of dental services and provides adequate reimbursement to the provider of the dental service.
6. It maintains the integrity of the dental delivery system.
7. It maintains that only a dentist can provide irreversible procedures within the scope of their practice.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association supports the following dental workforce initiatives:

Amend RCW 18.260.010 to allow dental assistants to add general supervision to their scope (Gives DQAC rulemaking authority and presents the opportunity to add more than disinfecting operatories and sterilizing equipment).

Amend RCW 18.260.070 to allow EFDAs to disinfect operatories and sterilize equipment under general supervision.

Amend RCW 18.260.040 to allow dental assistants to do the following procedures under close supervision:

- Dental prophylaxis for patients in a healthy oral state including the polishing and scaling of teeth with supragingival, “visible” calculus
 - Periodontal probing
 - Gross debridement of supragingival, “visible” calculus with a non-invasive ultrasonic device
- Require the Dental Quality Assurance Commission to establish criteria for initial training and continuing education requirements for dental assistants who wish to perform the procedures described above under close supervision.
- Amend RCW 18.29.190 to include a core hygiene license that does not require hygienists to obtain the required education and training in restorative or anesthesia and nitrous oxide, but rather makes it optional and achievable through endorsement.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association will work to implement the following dental benefit reform legislation.

1. Assignment of Benefits
2. Independent Claims Review
3. Silent PPO Network Rental Affiliated Network Clause Transparency
4. Retroactive Denials-Post Payment Audits
5. Virtual Credit Card
6. Dental Loss Ratio
7. Modifications to Dental Benefits that Increase the Accessibility of Preventive Dental Care
8. ~~Other~~ Policies that Increase Competition in the Dental Benefits Market and/or increase Patient Choice

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA maintains its support of the following resolutions passed in prior annual sessions of the House of Delegates:

1. HD-10-2014: supporting legislation to merge the current dental hygiene committee with DQAC; opposition of legislation that would create an independent dental hygiene board.
2. HD-17-2014: developing and supporting legislation to revise the definition of dentistry in RCW 18.32.020 subparts (1) and (2) to be consistent with language developed by the ADA.
3. HD-09-2011: expanding the scope of the Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDAs) to include supragingival scaling, gross debridement and

140 local anesthesia with appropriate training as determined by the Dental
141 Commission and under the direct supervision of a dentist.
142 4. HD-22-2024: allowing foreign trained dentists to become dental hygienists.
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144 end

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HD-11-2025

**Reimagining Membership: Provisions of Membership Model Pilot Financially
Impacting WSDA Component Societies in the 2026 Membership Year**

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates requests WSDA Component Societies to keep their base membership rates for the 2026 membership year the same as their base rate for the 2024 and 2025 membership years, unless otherwise specified in this resolution;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates requires WSDA Component Societies, for the 2026 membership year, to continue capping its base membership rate for its members designated by the WSDA Board of Directors as “Early Career Dentists” as follows:

- The membership rate for members up to 1.5 years out of dental education, as defined by the WSDA Board of Directors, is \$0.
- The membership rate for all other members less than six years out of dental education, as defined by the WSDA Board of Directors, is capped at \$150. Component Societies whose membership rate is less than \$150 shall keep their membership rate unchanged;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that, in order to conform with the ADA’s simplified membership categories, the House of Delegates continues to require WSDA Component Societies to eliminate any discount for members with an “Active Life” designation, as defined by the WSDA Board of Directors, for the 2026 membership year;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates continues to require WSDA Component Societies, for the 2026 membership year, to set a membership rate of \$0 for all members that are retired, as defined by the WSDA Board of Directors;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that, for participating in the membership model pilot, WSDA shall provide financial support to its Component Societies as follows:

- WSDA provided each Component Society with a report on its revenue from 2024 membership, broken down by quarter.

- On a quarterly basis in 2026, WSDA will run a comparison report for each Component Society which shows membership revenue by quarter for both the 2024 and 2026 membership years.
- In the event that 2026 revenue is less than 102.5% of 2024 revenue for the quarter, WSDA shall pay the Component Society an amount equal to the difference between 102.5% of 2024 revenue and 2026 revenue.
- At the end of the 2026 membership year, WSDA shall reconcile the quarterly reports with a year-end report. In the event that WSDA has contributed more than the amount necessary to make 2026 membership revenue equal to 102.5% of 2024 membership revenue, WSDA shall work with the Component Society to develop a payment plan for returning any excess contribution.
- If a Component Society increases the number of its actively practicing members in 2024, WSDA will pay the component society a bonus equal to 5% of its total 2024 membership revenue. An increase in the number of actively practicing members is defined as an increase of one or more component society members determined by the ADA to actively practice within its territorial jurisdiction at the end of the 2025 calendar year compared to the 2024 calendar year end.

end

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HD-12-2025
Regarding Standing Committees, Task Forces, and Their Duties
(Bylaws Amendment)

Background Statement: In 2019, the WSDA House of Delegates approved HD-11-2019 convening the Task Force on Leadership Opportunities & Development. This Task Force assessed the Association's existing boards and committees and examined opportunities for leadership development. The Task Force recommended the establishment of a Dental Benefits Committee, a Nominations Committee, and a work group focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

This resolution has identified that some standing committees lack an explicitly defined purpose in the bylaws. This resolution also proposes purpose statements for each standing committee.

Based upon the recommendations of the Task Force on Leadership Opportunities & Development, the House of Delegates established the Nominations Committee in 2021 and the Dental Benefits Committee in 2022 (after appointing a task force to explore the creation of a Dental Benefits Committee in 2021). The Board of Directors established the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work Group in 2021.

In February 2022, the Board of Directors adopted the following mission that was developed by the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work Group:

The Washington State Dental Association is committed to fostering and supporting a diverse, equitable, and inclusive organization. We strive to understand and embrace the lived experiences of our dental community by engaging and supporting all dentists and patients, especially those within groups that have been historically underrepresented in the Association.

WSDA's mission is to empower its members to provide, advocate for and promote optimal oral health care. Ensuring that all people, regardless of disability, race, ethnicity, gender, religion, culture, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status, have equitable access to optimal dental care provided by dentists reflective of their community is paramount to achieving our mission.

Guided by this articulated Mission, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work Group has prioritized the following:

- While talent exists in every community, opportunities are not equally distributed. The Work Group is committed to achieving a dental workforce that reflects the diversity of our state and sustainably thrives within our dental community.
- The Work Group is dedicated to expanding equitable access to mentorship, leadership, and professional development to all dentists.

- The Work Group strives to foster and sustain a culture of inclusiveness within the organization, grounded in open dialogue, thoughtful reflection, and an assumption of good intent.

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Work Group recommended to the Board of Directors that it be formalized as a Standing Committee of WSDA, which will require an amendment to the Bylaws by the House of Delegates. The Board of Directors agreed with this recommendation.

In addition, the Board of Directors proposes a provision that would require a review of all Standing Committees and Task Forces every three years.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Section VII.A of the Bylaws be amended as follows:

A. Standing Committees. The WSDA Standing Committees are:

1. Nominations Committee. **The purpose of the Nominations Committee is to foster and develop the future leadership of the Washington State Dental Association and its affiliated entities.** The Nominations Committee is responsible for providing nomination recommendations for elected positions to the House of Delegates and for appointed positions to the President or Board of Directors as outlined in these Bylaws as well as Standing Rule. The House of Delegates and Board of Directors is not required to elect or appoint the nominees recommended by the Nominations Committee but each nominee from the committee shall be considered. The Nominations Committee may opt to provide more nomination recommendations than positions available in order to give the electing or appointing body more options.

The Nominations Committee shall be a committee of ten (10) members appointed by the Board of Directors. One position will be reserved for the Immediate Past President. One position will be reserved for an at-large Board member selected by the Board of Directors. The remaining positions shall be filled by members that are not currently serving on the Board of Directors. Term length shall be outlined in Standing Rule. Each term shall commence at the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. The Board of Directors is charged with appointing a Nominations Committee reflective of the diversity of experience, geography, training, gender, and race/ethnicity of the Association's members.

The full list of duties and expectations of the Nominations Committee shall be specified in Standing Rule.

2. Committee on Regulatory Affairs. **The purpose of the Committee on Regulatory Affairs is to advocate for Association members and their patients on all regulatory matters before the Washington Dental Commission and other pertinent regulatory bodies.** This committee shall be composed of the at-large members appointed by Board of Directors to terms specified in Standing Rule. The Board of Directors shall appoint members with experience and knowledge relevant to the ongoing work of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and other government agencies identified in Standing Rule. Each year, the President shall designate the committee chair, who shall serve in this capacity for a period of 12 months. The committee chair is expected to regularly attend meetings of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and perform other

additional responsibilities as specified in Standing Rule.

3. Committee on Continuing Education. The purpose of the Committee on Continuing Education is to oversee the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference and any other continuing education activities assigned by the Board of Directors. The Committee on Continuing Education shall be a rotating committee of up to eleven (11) members comprised of up to eight (8) dentists and up to three (3) hygienists. The term of each committee member is four years. Persons shall be eligible for reappointment to multiple terms.

Each term of the committee shall commence on the last day of the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference of the year when the appointment takes effect.

Each year, the Committee on Continuing Education shall designate the committee chair and committee vice-chair, who shall serve in this capacity for a period of 12 months commencing on the last day of the annual Pacific Northwest Dental Conference of the year the appointment is made.

4. Dental Benefits Committee. ~~The Dental Benefits Committee is responsible for investigating and analyzing dental benefits related member issues, conducting outreach with dental benefits carriers operating in Washington, establishing a working relationship with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and collaborating on the substance and implementation of the Association's dental benefits advocacy agenda.~~ The purpose of the Dental Benefits Committee is to:

- Investigate and analyze dental benefits-related issues identified by dental offices.
- Conduct outreach with dental benefits carriers operating in Washington.
- Establish and maintain a working relationship with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner.
- Work in partnership with the Board of Directors and any designated Task Force to develop and implement the Association's dental benefits advocacy agenda.

The Dental Benefits Committee shall be a rotating committee of up to ten (10) members appointed by the Board of Directors. The term of each committee members is three years. Persons shall be eligible for reappointment to multiple terms. The Board of Directors may stagger the term length of committee members to increase continuity.

Each year, the Dental Benefits Committee shall designate the committee chair and committee vice-chair, who shall serve in this capacity for one year.

5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. The purpose of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is to improve the health of the public by:

- Recognizing that while talent exists universally, opportunities are not equally distributed. The Committee is dedicated to fostering a dental workforce that reflects the diversity of our state and sustainably thrives within our dental community.
- Focusing on expanding equitable access to mentorship, leadership, and

professional development for all dentists.

- **Promoting and sustaining a culture of inclusiveness within the organization, grounded in open dialogue, thoughtful reflection, and an assumption of good intent.**

The Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee shall consist of up to ten (10) members appointed by the Board of Directors, with terms lasting three years. Members are eligible for reappointment for multiple terms. To promote continuity, the Board of Directors may stagger the term lengths of committee members.

Each year, the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee shall designate the committee chair and committee vice-chair, who shall serve in their respective roles for one year.

56. Service Lines Committee. The **purpose of the** Service Lines Committee **is responsible for oversight of is to oversee** the Association's service lines that generate non-dues revenue, including service lines operated through business subsidiaries of the Association and service lines operated directly by the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to add or remove specific service lines from the Committee's oversight responsibilities. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as one voting member of the Committee. The Board of Directors shall specify the number, qualifications, and terms of the remaining Committee members, along with the full list of duties and expectations of the Service Lines Committee, in Standing Rule.

And be it further...

RESOLVED, that the following be added to the Bylaws as Section VII.C:

C. Strategic Review of Established Standing Committees and Task Forces. Every three years, the Board of Directors shall conduct a review of all existing Standing Committees and Task Forces to determine if their purpose, structure, scope, and existence are in alignment with the Association's Mission, Vision, and Strategic Plan. The Board of Directors shall bring forward recommended changes to enact findings of these reviews to the House of Delegates when necessary.

end

Board Resolution
From: Board of Directors
To: House of Delegates
September 2025

HD-13-2025**Concerning the Independence of the
Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission**

Background Statement. The Washington State Dental Association (WSDA) is closely monitoring discussions regarding the potential transition of the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) to a more independent operating model. The Commission currently functions under a Joint Operating Agreement with the Department of Health (DOH) where the Commission receives legal and administrative support with limited oversight.

Persistent challenges, including high staff turnover, sluggish legal counsel, and limited authority over operations, have prompted serious consideration of a structural change by several current and former members of the Commission. These concerns were underscored in recent Commission meetings and contrasted with presentations from more autonomous health profession boards, such as the Medical, Nursing, and Chiropractic Commissions. These other commissions have demonstrated greater operational stability, transparency, and responsiveness through their transitions to a more independent operating model.

Establishing increased independence for the Commission will require the passage of legislation.

The Commission has formed a sub-committee to explore the feasibility and implications of increased independence. WSDA believes any such transition must be approached thoughtfully and guided by principles that ensure transparency, fiscal responsibility, operational efficiency and engagement from stakeholders.

As the voice of more than 4,000 licensed dentists, WSDA has a vested interest in ensuring stakeholder input is prioritized, professional representation is strengthened, and the Commission's operations are efficient and effective.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Association supports the Washington State Dental Quality Assurance Commission (Commission) operating under more independent authority in alignment with the following principles:

- **Financial Prudence:** Increasing independence empowers the Commission to more effectively manage licensure and registration revenues collected from health professions under the jurisdiction of the Commission as well as the expenses associated with regulating the aforementioned health professions through increased budgeting authority.

- **Sustainability:** If independence is increased, the Commission must be able to sustainably manage its operations without significantly increasing licensure or registration fees for the health professions under its jurisdiction.
- **Accountability:** At a minimum, the Commission is able to hire, fire, and evaluate a chief staff executive and legal counsel that oversees the administration of the Commission.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Any transition should include structured opportunities for feedback from all impacted stakeholders and the public.

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