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Dues Increase

BACKGROUND STATEMENT: The Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the Tennessee Dental Association's current financial status and, while the Association is presently in manageable financial condition, the Committee knows that the situation could quickly change if revenues do not keep up with expenditures. The TDA has now established a reserve account and will continue to fund it until the goal of 60% of one year's operating budget has been reached. This fiscal target is standard practice for non-profits of our size. To meet the proposed budget for 2018-2019 as well as increase reserves of the TDA, the Budget & Finance Committee believes it prudent to increase dues by \$25 in 2019.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the annual dues for each active member of the Association be increased from \$434 to \$459 beginning January 1, 2019, and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

The Board of Trustees recommends adoption.

Bylaws Dues Amendment: Requires $\frac{3}{4}$ Majority Vote for Adoption.

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2018 – 2019 Budget

RESOLVED, that the 2018 – 2019 Tennessee Dental Association budget of \$1,987,701 as prepared by the Budget and Finance Committee, be approved.

The Board of Trustees recommends adoption.

Transfer of Membership from One Component to Another Component

BACKGROUND STATEMENT: The process of managing the transfer of membership from one component to another has changed from being handled by the secretary of the outgoing component society to being managed by the Tennessee Dental Association executive office staff. To reflect this change in process, the Bylaws need to be updated.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws CHAPTER II Section 30, MEMBERSHIP: be changed by deleting Item E and replacing with:

E. If a member in good standing of this Association moves their practice from the jurisdiction of one component society to another, the TDA shall transfer membership to the new component and notify the secretary of the component to which the member has moved.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

TDA Vice President Term Extended to Two Years

BACKGROUND STATEMENT: The Board of Trustees often receives comments from the grand division Vice Presidents that their one-year term ends as they begin to understand the workings of the Board of Trustees. To maximize the effectiveness of the three Vice Presidents, the Board believes a two-year term would allow the Vice Presidents to become acquainted with the Board protocol and make greater contributions over a two-year term.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws CHAPTER VII • Elective Officers, Section 50. TENURE OF OFFICE be changed by adding to the first sentence to read as follows:

The elective officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors in office are elected and installed, except for Vice Presidents who will serve a two-year term.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the start date would include the Vice Presidents elected in 2018 with terms staggered according to a rotation determined by the Board of Trustees;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

Reduce the Size of the TDA House of Delegates

BACKGROUND STATEMENT: Because it is often difficult to gather a quorum of delegates to attend the House of Delegates, the Board of Trustees Task Force on Governance believes the House of Delegates should be reduced in size by approximately 50% plus two student delegates, one from each dental school, which they believe would involve an adequate statewide representation of those truly interested in the business of the TDA and better enable a meeting quorum to accomplish the business of the TDA.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws CHAPTER III, Section 10. A. first sentence change the number of delegates from 102 to 50;

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Bylaws CHAPTER III, Section 20. first paragraph, last sentence be changed to delete “Method of Least Proportionate Error” and reworded as follows:

The remaining number of delegates shall be allocated to component societies proportionally based upon their active, life and retired members.

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

BT2 – 18 – 1
Waiver of Dues and Board of Trustees Approval

Background Statement: There is some confusion as to the approving authority for a “Request for Waiver of Membership Dues.” The Bylaws state that an active member may be exempt from the payment “upon certification by his component society to the Board of Trustees.” This may be interpreted to mean that the component society alone makes the waiver decision. The ADA Bylaws states that the determination should be made by the “constituent and component societies” and as such, our bylaws should more closely mirror those of the ADA, making it clear that any waiver approved by the component society shall be forwarded to the TDA Board of Trustees for consideration and action. Additionally, our bylaws fail to list a partial dues waiver of 25% as an option. This is an option listed in the ADA Bylaws and on the ADA “Request for Waiver of Membership Dues” application.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws Chapter II, Section 30, Paragraph C shall be amended by substituting “An active member who has suffered a significant financial hardship that prohibits them from payment of the full dues and/or any special assessment may be excused from the payment of twenty-five percent (25%), fifty percent (50%), seventy-five percent (75%) or all of the current year’s ADA, TDA and component society dues and /or any special assessment as determined by their constituent and component dental societies. The component society shall certify the reason for the waiver, and forward to the TDA Board of Trustees for consideration and action. The ADA, the TDA and the component society shall provide the same proportionate reduction in any approved waivers. See Chapter X, Section 10, Paragraph J.”

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Bylaws Chapter X, Section 10, Paragraph J shall be amended by substituting “An active member who has suffered a significant financial hardship that prohibits them from payment of the full dues and/or any special assessment may be excused from the payment of twenty-five percent (25%), fifty percent (50%), seventy-five percent (75%) or all of the current year’s ADA, TDA and component society dues and /or any special assessment as determined by their constituent and component dental societies. The component society shall certify the reason for the waiver, and forward to the TDA Board of Trustees for consideration and action. The ADA, the TDA and the component society shall provide the same proportionate reduction in any approved waivers. Additionally, a member of this association, while receiving assistance from the Relief Fund of this Association or from the Relief Fund of the American Dental Association, shall be exempt from the payment of dues during the period of such assistance.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

BT3 – 18 – 1

**Merge the Annual Session Committee into the Council on
Scientific Programs and Continuing Education**

Background: To have a more consistent approach to the TDA annual meeting, it has been suggested that the Annual Session Committee be changed to a long-term council/committee to build upon knowledge gained from year-to-year as the annual meeting is planned. In addition, the current structure of the Annual Session Committee, which is comprised of members of the annual session host district, places extreme pressure on small districts to recruit enough volunteer leadership to present a successful meeting.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws CHAPTER VI, Scientific Session, Section 30. MANAGEMENT, delete the phrase “and the Committee on Annual Session” to read as follows:

The Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education shall have full charge of all details relating to the annual scientific session and shall operate in accordance with the procedural manual adopted by the Board of Trustees.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

BT3 – 18 – 2

Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education

Background: Pending passage of BT3 – 18 – 1, the composition and duties of the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education would be changed to include the President and the President-elect and their respective General Chairs in order to include them in the annual meeting planning and preparations.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws CHAPTER IX, Councils, Section 130. COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMS AND CONTINUING EDUCATION be deleted and replaced with:

The Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education shall be composed of nine (9) members, one from each component society, the President and his/her meeting General Chair, and the President-elect and his/her meeting General Chair. Ex officio members of the council will be the liaison from the Board of Trustees and the TDA Executive Director. Each component member will serve a three-year term with a 2-term limit. The President-elect and his/her meeting General Chair will serve for two years or until the President-elect's term as President is completed.

The council's duties shall be:

- A. Develop and oversee all aspects of the annual business meeting and scientific session in conjunction with the President's component society and the TDA Executive Director.
- B. Provide onsite meeting management by assisting the TDA staff and appointing component member volunteers.
- C. Coordinate fundraising strategies and recruit sponsors for the annual business meeting and scientific session.
- D. Study, recommend and initiate programs for the dental professions.
- E. Monitor the TDA's Approved Continuing Education Program (ACE).

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

BT3 – 18 – 3

Allow President and President-elect Voting Privileges on the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education

Background: Pending passage of BT3 – 18 – 2, additional bylaws changes are necessary in order to allow the President and President-elect to vote on matters concerning their Annual Session meeting.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter VII Elective Officers, Section 80 Duties, Paragraph A Duties of the President, Paragraph 2. add “with the exception of serving as a voting member of the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education” to read as follows:

A.2. To serve as Chairman without vote, except in case of tie, of the Board of Trustees and, as ex-officio member without vote, of the councils and committees of this Association with the exception of serving as a voting member of the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education. To serve as ex-officio member of the House of Delegates.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that Chapter VII Elective Officers, Section 80 Duties, Paragraph B Duties of the President-elect, add the following item:

B.10. Serve as a voting member of the Council on Scientific Programs and Continuing Education.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

BT3 – 18 – 4

Appointments to Councils and Committees

RESOLVED, that the complete list of nominees for membership on the Councils and Committees of the Association, submitted and proposed by the Board of Trustees, in accordance with Chapter IV, Section 70 of the *Bylaws*, be elected.

Student Membership

Background Statement: To facilitate dental students to become members of the TDA, the New Dentist Committee recommends a change to Bylaws wording which currently states that eligible dental students must apply for membership through their component society, even though they are ASDA members.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Bylaws Chapter I, Section 20, Paragraph E shall be reworded as follows:

E. Student Member:

1. A predoctoral student of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and located in the State of Tennessee, and who is an ASDA member, will automatically be a student member of the Tennessee Dental Association.
2. A dentist who is engaged in a full-time post-doctoral program of not less than one (1) academic year in a CODA accredited education facility located in the State of Tennessee, may make application to ASDA. Upon enrollment in ASDA, the dentist will automatically be a student member of the Tennessee Dental Association.

and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.

Bylaws change requires 2/3 majority vote for adoption.

CODES FOR COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

A	Anesthesia, Sedation and Scope of Practice, Committee on
AS	Annual Session, Committee on
B&F	Budget and Finance Committee
BT	Board of Trustees
C&B	Constitution and Bylaws, Committee on
DBP	Dental Benefit Programs, Council on
E&IC	Environment and Infection Control, Committee on
EC	Executive Committee
GA	Governmental Affairs, Committee on
M&C	Membership, Communications and Relief, Council on
ND	New Dentist, Committee on the
OHI	Oral Health Initiatives Committee
PR	Peer Review Committee
PRES ADD	Presidential Address
RC	Reference Committee
SP	Scientific Programs and Continuing Education, Council on
SA&A	State Agencies, Awards, Ethics and Judicial Affairs, Council on
WC	Wellness Committee

CODES FOR ALLIED ORGANIZATIONS OF THE TENNESSEE DENTAL ASSOCIATION

TDAF	Tennessee Dental Association Foundation
Tenn-D-Pac	Tenn-D-Pac