

Florida Dental Association Articles of Incorporation

PREAMBLE

The original Articles of Incorporation of the Florida Dental Association Inc., were filed April 5, 1945; the Restated Articles of Incorporation were duly adopted Dec. 10, 1977, by the association's House of Delegates; the Restated Articles restate and integrate and do not further amend the provisions of the corporation's Articles of Incorporation as therefore amended and there is no discrepancy between those provisions and the provisions of the Restated Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Florida Dental Association Inc., hereinafter referred to as "the association" or "this association."

ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this association shall be to encourage the improvement of the health of the public and to promote the art and science of dentistry.

ARTICLE III. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Membership

The privilege of membership in the Florida Dental Association is open to all dentists who maintain the goals of the association and provide quality of care and service established by the standards of the association. The qualifications of members and the manner of their admission shall be as provided in the membership chapter of the bylaws of this association.

Section 2. Component Dental Associations

Component dental associations shall be those dental associations organized as such and in conformance with the Component Dental Associations chapter of the bylaws of this association and in conformance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of their respective component associations.

Section 3. Affiliate Dental Associations

Affiliate dental associations shall be those affiliate dental associations organized as such in conformance with the Affiliated Dental Associations chapter of the bylaws of this association and in conformance with the articles of incorporation and bylaws of their affiliated dental associations and their respective component dental associations.

ARTICLE IV. EXISTENCE

This association shall exist perpetually unless voluntarily dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE V. GOVERNMENT

Section 1. Legislative Body

The legislative and governing body of this association shall be the House of Delegates as provided in the Government and House of Delegates chapters of the bylaws of this association.

Section 2. Administrative Body

The administrative body of this association shall be the Board of Trustees as provided in the Board of Trustees chapter of the bylaws of this association.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

Section 1. Elected Officers

The elected officers of this association shall be as provided in the Officers chapter of the bylaws of this association.

Section 2. Appointed Officers

The appointed officers of this association shall be as provided in the Officers chapter of the bylaws of this association.

ARTICLE VII.

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The bylaws of this association may be amended, altered, adopted or rescinded as follows:

by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the House of Delegates present and voting at any session of the House of Delegates, provided the proposed alterations, amendments or revisions are sent in writing to the membership of the association and postmarked at least 30 days in advance of that session of the House of Delegates; or

at any session of the House of Delegates by a three-fourths affirmative vote of the members present and voting, providing the proposed alterations, amendments or revisions shall have been presented in writing at a previous meeting of the session and provided that unanimous consent has been obtained for their consideration.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Articles of Incorporation of the association may be amended, altered, adopted or rescinded as follows:

by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the House of Delegates present and voting at any session of the House of Delegates, provided the proposed alterations, amendments or revisions are sent in writing to the membership of the association and postmarked at least 30 days in advance of that session of the House of Delegates; or

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