

1 DATE: April 30, 2026

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3 SUBMITTED BY: Dr. Monique R. Belin, Delegate
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6 **ESTABLISH AN ANNUAL FLORIDA DENTAL ASSOCIATION**
7 **TOWNHALL MEETING**
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10 **RECOMMENDATION:**

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12 2025H-033 [Procedure] **RESOLVED**, that the Florida Dental Association (FDA)
13 establish an annual Townhall Meeting open to all members, to occur in
14 conjunction with the annual Florida Dental Convention.
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17 **BACKGROUND:** The establishment of this town hall meeting will allow members from all
18 affiliates and components the opportunity to bring forward areas of concern and ideas on how to
19 move the organization and profession forward. Adding this meeting to the schedule for the
20 Florida Dental Convention will allow this meeting to occur in-person while incurring minimal
21 additional costs. In addition, the Florida Dental Convention is the most highly attended event by
22 the membership and will allow for the greatest possible attendance. With membership numbers
23 and market share being a constant concern, it is more imperative than ever for the organization to
24 hear directly from its members to better understand how to serve the membership and their
25 needs.
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27 **STRATEGIC RELEVANCE:** This resolution aligns with FDA strategic priorities related to
28 increasing member participation, strengthening the value of membership, and strengthening
29 financial stability. (Objective 2.2)
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31 **UNBUDGETED IMPACT:** The estimated cost to host the town hall in conjunction with the
32 Florida Dental Convention (FDC) would be approximately \$2,700 annually to cover the audio
33 visual expenses. The room rental would be waived as part of the FDA's ongoing contract with the
34 Gaylord Palms, but the FDA will need to cover AV expenses. After the first year, this expense can
35 be added to the FDA's annual fiscal year budget.
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