

1 DATE: April 29, 2026

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3 SUBMITTED BY: Northeast District Dental Association
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6 **OFFICER ELECTION AND NAME UPDATE**
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9 **RECOMMENDATION:**
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11 2025H-025 [Procedure] **RESOLVED**, that the Council on Ethics Bylaws and Judicial
12 Affairs (CEBJA) update all FDA governance documents to rename the
13 current Secretary position to Vice-President. And be it further,
14 **RESOLVED**, that CEBJA update all FDA governance documents to state
15 the Vice-President position automatically transitions to the President-Elect
16 position; there is no separate election for President-Elect. And be it further,
17 **RESOLVED**, that CEBJA present all updated FDA governance documents
18 to the House for its review at the January 2027 House of Delegates meeting.

19 **BACKGROUND:** For proper governance and organizational stability of the FDA, the position of
20 secretary should be renamed as vice president. Currently the secretary is elected to a one-year role
21 with no tie for this person to continue onto president elect. However, the secretary handles
22 significant duties that prepares them to become president elect and then president. For
23 organizational continuity, it should be official that the vice president (previously secretary) intends
24 to run for president elect.
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26 **STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:** This resolution aligns objective 1.3, Strengthen
27 Governance and Leadership Capacity – enhance the effectiveness, agility, and accountability of
28 FDA governance and leadership systems to ensure continuity, clear decision-making, and
29 succession readiness across all levels of the organization.
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31 **UNBUDGETED IMPACT:** None
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