

**Florida Dental Association
House of Delegates
Semi-Annual Session
January 2025**

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NOTICED START OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m.

DATE: Saturday, January 18, 2025

LOCATION: Orlando, FL

SPEAKER-OF-THE-HOUSE: Dr. Don Ilkka

PRESIDENT: Dr. Jeff Ottley

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Don Ilkka, Speaker of the House, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and Dr. John Paul gave the invocation and Americanism. Dr. Ilkka introduced the officers and FDA staff.

NECROLOGY REPORT

Dr. Dan Gesek introduced a presentation honoring the members who have passed away since the June 2024 House of Delegates (HOD).

PRESIDENTIAL OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Jeff Ottley gave his opening remarks. He gave an update on the activities and issues the FDA has been working on as the fluoride debate has heated up. He also recognized those who attended the LEAD leadership training the day before.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Dr. Ilkka reminded all House members to disclose any conflicts of interest they might have before speaking for or against a given issue and gave the anti-trust and legal compliance reminders.

KEYNOTE SESSION: REMAINING POSITIVE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Mr. Tyler Enslin gave a presentation on how to remain positive in times of crisis.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Ilkka polled the Credentials Committee and confirmed their attendance. Dr. Geoff Collins reported that a quorum was present.

CONSENT AGENDA

The HOD unanimously approved the following:

- Minutes of the June 21-22, House of Delegates
- Component Designees to the 17th District Delegation to the ADA
- FDA Policy Recissions
 - Increase in penalty for non-repayment of student loan
 - Funding for hiring outside legislative consultant
 - Transfer of relief fund to Foundation
 - Foundation Relief Fund Committee, Formation from dissolution of the FDA Charitable relief fund
 - Transfer portion of relief fund to disaster fund
 - Agenda posting
 - Staggering of council terms
 - Date determination of membership numbers
 - Duties of the Council on Dental Education & Licensure
 - Duties of the Council on New Dentist
 - Non-members at FDA meetings
 - Reduced Faculty member dues
 - FDA non-member panel/value prop objectives
 - Expenditures in excess of budget, itemization on membership dues statement
 - FDAF sustaining membership category, addition on the FDA dues statement
 - Life Member Award
- FDA Policy Updates
 - Non-discriminatory basis recruitment
 - Membership Antidiscrimination policy
- Sunset of the Committees of Interest Initiative, Resolution 2024H-031

UPDATES FROM THE 17TH DISTRICT DELEGATION

Dr. Dan Gesek, chair, updated the HOD on the 17th District's Delegation successes at the recent American Dental Association (ADA)'s HOD.

OVERVIEW OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE PROCESS

Dr. Ilkka reminded delegates that an overview of the reference committee process is found in the agenda.

COMPOSITION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Ilkka announced the schedule for the reference committee. He then verbally reviewed all matters assigned to the reference committee.

NEW BUSINESS

The HOD approved adding Resolution 2024H-035, Continuing Education for Practice Management and 2024H-011, 17th Trustee District Delegation to the ADA Manual Updates, to the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT FOR REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Without objection, the first session of the House was adjourned at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025, for the reference committee hearing.

RECONVENE

The HOD reconvened at 11:00 a.m.

2025/2026 OPENINGS ON DELEGATION TO ADA HOD

Drs. Eva Ackley, Christopher Bulnes, Bert Hughes, Rudy Liddell, Robin Nguyen, Joe Richardson and Beatriz Terry were elected as At-Large Delegates. The House then accepted nominations for At-Large Alternate Delegates.

REPORT OF THE 17TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE

Dr. Andy Brown gave a report from the ADA Board of Trustees. He updated the HOD on the ADA Forsyth Institute, implementation of strategic forecasting, new membership model and the status of the ADA starting a credit union.

ADAPAC REPORT

Dr. Beatriz Terry, the 17th District Delegations representative to ADAPAC, reported on the efforts of that PAC during the recent election cycle. She encouraged HOD members to join ADAPAC.

FLUORIDE UPDATE

Ms. Joe Anne Hart, Chief Legislative Officer, gave an update on the efforts of the FDA in the recent fluoride battles around the state. She asked HOD members to notify her office if there are fluoride issues in their city or county.

ADJOURNMENT FOR CAUCUS MEETINGS

Without objection, the first session of the House was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

CALL TO ORDER OF SECOND SESSION

Dr. Ilkka called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. on Saturday, January 18, 2025.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY REMINDER

Dr. Ilkka reminded all House members to disclose any conflicts of interest they might have before speaking for or against a given issue and gave the anti-trust and legal compliance reminders.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Collins reported that a quorum was present.

2024/2025 OPENINGS ON DELEGATION TO ADA HOD

Drs. Bethany Douglas, Reese Harrison, Alana Humberson, Katie Miller, Alia Osseiran and Anthony Wong were elected as At-Large Alternate Delegates to the ADA HOD.

CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

SFDDA SUSPENSION OF CHARTER

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-003:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, that the procedure set forth in Section 2.3 of the FDA Bylaws be initiated at the January 2025 House of Delegates (HOD) to address the lack of participation in the FDA HOD by the South Florida District Dental Association which violates the FDA Bylaws Section 2.5.6 which states each component has the duty to ensure that a delegation attend and participates in the HOD.

FDA EDITOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-012:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, that the Florida Dental Association create an Editor Advisory Committee made up of the FDA Editor (chair) and one member from each component (appointed by the component President), preferably that component's editor and/or a member who has an interest in writing and communication. Terms would be three years with a maximum of two terms. Members of the committee will:

- Participate in up to two meetings per year (may be virtual).
- Review FDA's annual editorial calendar and provide feedback.
- Serve as liaisons between the FDA editor and their components.
- Provide suggestions of dentists in their geographic area who would be good authors, contributors or subjects of features, articles or social media post.
- Submit, at minimum, two blogs (300-500 words) annually written by themselves or someone they've recruited.
- Author articles for Today's FDA, News Bites or other FDA publications as requested.
- Submit newsworthy items or leads to the FDA for consideration in publishing print, electronically or online.

FDA BYLAWS

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-032:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve the recommended changes to the FDA Bylaws.

HOSUE OF DELEGATES MANUAL

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-033:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve the changes to the Search Committee manual as recommended by the Search Committee and the Council on Ethics, Bylaws & Judicial Affairs.

SEARCH COMMITTEE MANUAL

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-034:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve the changes to its manual as recommended by the Search Committee and the Council on Ethics, Bylaws & Judicial Affairs.

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-035:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, that the Florida Dental Association support increasing the number of hours of continuing education and the number of qualifying topics for practice management for licensure renewal.

17TH TRUSTEE DISTRICT DELEGATION TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION MANUAL UPDATES

■ The House ADOPTED resolution 2024H-011:

[Procedure] RESOLVED, the Operations Manual for the 17th Trustee District to the American Dental Association House of Delegates Composition and Terms of Service of the Delegation be updated to reflect changes in the FDA's governance structure; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Manual be updated to clearly allow for video or in-person presentation by candidates to the FDA's House of Delegates.

FDAF FOUNDATION AND FLA-MOM UPDATE

Ms. R. Jai Gillum gave an update on fundraising efforts for FLA-MOM. Both CFDDA, by Drs. Joe Richardson and Bert Hughes, and ACDDA, by Dr. George Kolos, presented checks to the FLA-MOM fundraising efforts. She gave instructions on how those in attendance could donate.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR OPEN POSITIONS IN JUNE 2025

Dr. Ilkka announced the call for nominations for the two FDA at-large Board of Trustee members, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected at the June 2025 HOD.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DATE OF NEXT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING

Dr. Ilkka announced the next HOD meeting will be June 20-21, 2025, at the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center in Orlando.

ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, Dr. Ilkka declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.