

1 **Florida Dental Association**
2 **House of Delegates**
3 Annual Session
4 June 2025

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6 **DRAFT MINUTES**
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8 **FIRST SESSION**
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10 NOTICED START OF MEETING: 1:30 p.m.
11 DATE: Friday, June 20, 2025
12 LOCATION: Kissimmee, FL
13 PRESIDENT: Dr. Jeff Ottley
14 SPEAKER-OF-THE-HOUSE: Dr. Don Ilkka
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16 **CALL TO ORDER OF FIRST SESSION**

17 Dr. Don Ilkka, Speaker of the House, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
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19 **OPENING REMARKS, RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS AND**
20 **PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD**

21 Dr. Ottley and Dr. Ilkka introduced the officers, appointed and ex-officio as well as FDA staff.
22 They also recognized the special guests in the audience. Dr. Becky Warnken, Chair of the
23 Committee on Conventions and Continuing Education (CCC-E), recognized those on the
24 committee and gave an update on the meeting. Dr. Ottley then presented his President's Choice
25 Award to Dr. Johnny Johnson for his tireless work on fluoridation.
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27 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

28 Dr. Ilkka reminded the House of the conflict of interest policy.
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30 **KEYNOTE MESSAGE**

31 Dr. Brett Kessler, ADA President, gave an update on the status of the ADA as it is transitioning
32 after the resignation of its Executive Director in February.
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34 **REPORT OF THE FDA PRESIDENT**

35 Dr. Ottley reviewed the successes of the past year and how the FDA helped its members succeed.
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37 **REPORT OF THE 17TH DISTRICT TRUSTEE**

38 Dr. Andy Brown gave an update on the work being done by the ADA Board of Trustees.
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40 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

41 Dr. Rodrigo Romano presented the current financial position of the FDA. The FDA is well
42 capitalized with reserves higher than the target reserve ratio of 35 percent and operating expenses

1 in line with other years. All in all, he reported the FDA's overall finances are excellent.

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3 **ADPAC & FDAPAC UPDATE**

4 Dr. Beatriz Terry gave a report on ADPAC activities. She asked everyone to contribute to
5 ADPAC.

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7 Dr. Reese Harrison then gave a report on FDAPAC activities. He encouraged involvement and
8 commitment to help develop the relationships that help get dental-friendly legislators elected.
9 He encouraged everyone to join the Century Club as well as Capitol Hill Club.

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11 **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

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

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15 **CONSENT AGENDA AND ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS**

16 The House unanimously approved the following items of business:

- 17 1) Minutes of January 18, 2025, Meeting

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19 **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

20 Dr. Ilkka announced the nominations for the office of President-elect. Dr. Dan Gesek was elected
21 by acclamation.

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23 **CANDIDATE SPEECHES AND QUESTIONS**

24 The candidates for the offices of Secretary, Treasurer and At-Large Trustee each addressed the
25 House. After all speeches were concluded, the candidates each answered questions posed by the
26 Speaker.

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28 **OVERVIEW OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE PROCESS**

29 Dr. Ilkka reminded delegates that an overview of the reference committee process could be found
30 in the agenda.

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32 **COMPOSITION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE**

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

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36 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

37 Dr. Ilkka announced that the House will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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39 **ADJOURNMENT OF FIRST SESSION**

40 Without objection, the first session of the House was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 20,
41 2025.

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Florida Dental Association
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SECOND SESSION

NOTICED START OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m.
DATE: Saturday, June 21, 2025
LOCATION: Kissimmee, FL
PRESIDENT: Dr. Jeff Ottley
SPEAKER-OF-THE-HOUSE: Dr. Don Ilkka

CALL TO ORDER OF SECOND SESSION

Dr. Ilkka called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Dr. Collins reported that a quorum was present.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

Dr. Ilkka reminded the House of the conflict of interest policy.

NECROLOGY REPORT

Dr. Dan Gesek introduced a presentation honoring the members who have passed away since the previous session and the House of Delegates honored them with a moment of silence.

FDA FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Ms. R. Jai Gillum gave an update from the FDA Foundation. She encouraged everyone to become an Emerald Club member. She also reported on the success of the recent FLA-MOM held in Daytona Beach and encouraged everyone to volunteer for the 2026 FLA-MOM which will be held in Jacksonville.

HISPANIC DENTAL ASSOCIATION

Dr. Luis Yepes, President of the Hispanic Dental Association, presented updates from the Hispanic Dental Association. He thanked the FDA for its collaboration and encouraged further collaboration in the future.

DENTAL LIFELINE NETWORK – TOP FLORIDA VOLUNTEER

Dr. Jeff Ottley recognized Dr. Mike Eggnatz for the donation of his time and service to patients of Dental Lifeline Network. Dr. Cesar Sabates received the award on behalf of Dr. Eggnatz who was unable to attend the meeting.

1 **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS UPDATE**

2 Ms. Joe Anne Hart updated the HOD on the 2025 legislative session, which was extended
3 because the legislature did not agree on a budget.

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5 **CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

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7  The House APPROVED the following resolutions:

- 8 1. 2024H-043 [Policy] RESOLVED, staff recommends for the House of Delegates to
9 adopt updates to the *FDA Bylaws*.
10 2. 2024H-039 [Policy] RESOLVED, staff recommends for the House of Delegates to
11 adopt updates to the *FDA Membership Manual*.
12 3. 2024H-042 [Procedure] RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approve the
13 recommended changes to the FDA Governance Manual.

14 **3.2 BOT Liaisons:** The FDA President-elect, for the year in which they serve
15 as president, recommends to the Board of Trustees for its approval the
16 appointment of one (1) liaison from the Board of Trustees for each council and
17 committee. The BOT liaison is ~~either an officer or a trustee~~ a member of the
18 Board (excluding the Executive Director and Speaker of the House) who serves as
19 a resource to their assigned Workgroups without the right to vote.

- 20 4. 2024H-044 [Procedure] RESOLVED, that the complete FDA Current Policies, including
21 a table of contents, be delivered electronically to members of the House of Delegates,
22 Trustees, and Officers within 90 days of the conclusion of each FDA House of Delegates,
23 and be it further,

24 RESOLVED, that the FDA Current Policies document be posted on a member accessible
25 page of the Florida Dental Association within 90 days of the conclusion of each FDA
26 House of Delegates, and be it further,

27 RESOLVED, that archived editions of the FDA Current Policies be electronically
28 maintained indefinitely, accessible by FDA members.

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30  The House DEFEATED the following resolution:

- 31 1. 2024H-045 [Procedure] RESOLVED, consent agendas for resolutions to be considered
32 by the FDA House of Delegates shall only be presented once the resolutions have been
33 made available for member and public testimony in reference committee.

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35 **ELECTION OF SECRETARY**

36 Dr. Bert Hughes was elected Secretary by acclimation.

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38 **ELECTION OF TREASURER**

39 Dr. Fred Grassin was elected Treasurer by acclimation.

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41 **ELECTION OF AT-LARGE TRUSTEES**

42 Drs. Tom Brown and Joe Richardson were elected as at-large trustees in a contested election.

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1 **REPORT OF ADA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

2 Dr. Betsy Shapiro, interim ADA executive director, presented the HOD with a synopsis of the
3 financial health of the organization. She also updated the HOD on the transition to a new
4 association management system and laid out the plans to ease the difficulty state associations are
5 experiencing due to the premature roll out of the system.

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7 **ADA RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING FDA PRESIDENT**

8 Dr. Brett Kessler, ADA President, presented Dr. Ottley with the ADA Past President's pin.

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10 **INSTALLATION OF FDA OFFICERS**

11 Dr. Ottley installed the officers, component presidents and trustees for FY 2025-2026. Dr. Terry
12 presented the Past President's pin to Dr. Ottley and Dr. Ottley gave the President's pin to Dr.
13 John Paul.

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15 **REPORT OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED FDA PRESIDENT**

16 Dr. John Paul gave the Presidential address. He thanked his family, dental staff, and close friends
17 for their support as he rose through the ranks of the FDA and organized dentistry. He looks
18 forward to his presidential year and discussed his areas of focus.

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20 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST MATTERS**

21 Mr. Dylan Rivers instructed the House of Delegates on how to complete the conflict-of-interest
22 disclosure form and FDA staff collected completed forms.

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24 **DATE OF NEXT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

25 Dr. Ilkka announced the next meeting would be held on January 17, 2026, in Orlando, FL.

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27 **ADJOURNMENT**

28 Without objection, Dr. Ilkka declared the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.