

**LOUISIANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION  
138<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
MARCH 24, 2018  
BATON ROUGE MARRIOTT  
5500 HILTON AVENUE  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA**

**MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Speaker of the House of Delegates Dr. L. Stephen Ortego called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. Dr. Troy Babb gave the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Ortego welcomed the delegates and guests. He gave announcements on the LDA's non-smoking rule and advised that with the handouts being sent via email this year, there is Wi-Fi available in the meeting room and provided the password. There is also a limited supply of printed copies of delegate packets available at the registration desk. Also reminded the delegates to register at the front desk in order to receive the 2 hours of CE for the day.

The Speaker recited the LDA Mission, Ethics, and Antitrust Statements, then explained House procedures for the delegates.

**Remembrance of Deceased LDA Members** – The Speaker asked everyone to bow their heads and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those members of this organization who had passed away during the past year, then read their names:

Dr. Kenneth A. Single  
Dr. Roy L. Grob  
Dr. Robert C. Coker  
Dr. Riley G. Armantrout  
Dr. Howard L. Snider, Sr.  
Dr. Ronald A. Barrett  
Dr. Mary P. Soper  
Dr. Jarvis R. Waller  
Dr. Edwin T. Brown  
Dr. Richard W. Eckman  
Dr. Hollis R. Bray  
Dr. Carl A. Gumpart  
Dr. Barbara D. Fontenot  
Dr. Clarence B. Parent  
Dr. Perry J. Booth  
Dr. William B. Fowler  
Dr. Carlo L. Carollo

Dr. Edmund E. Jeansonne  
Dr. James R. Bush  
Dr. John J. Sheridan

## **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Dr. Ortego recognized guests such as Dean Henry Gremillion, from LSU School of Dentistry, and Dr. Gary Roberts, ADA Past President and honored guest Dr. Richard Stilwell who is the President of the American College of Dentists. He also recognized the LDA past presidents in attendance: Drs. Ross DeNicola, Eddie Hebert, Rich Corley, King Scott, Bill Hadlock, Charlie Foy, Gary Roberts, Stephanie Weaver, Jeff Hooton, Mark Chaney, Marty Garrett, Bob Barsley, Nelson Daly.

### **Recognition of the ADA 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee**

Dr. Ortego introduced longtime friend and pal Dr. Raymond Cohlmiia, ADA 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee, Dean of the University of Oklahoma, College of Dentistry. His previous roles with the ADA include positions on the council on membership, committee on strategic planning, and committee on the new dentist. He is past president of the Oklahoma Dental Association and the Oklahoma County Dental Society.

Dr. Cohlmiia brought greetings from Chicago and mentioned that he has really enjoyed being ADA's 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee and working with past president Dr. Gary Roberts. Dr. Cohlmiia took a moment to share a few things about what is going on with the ADA. He made mention of an HPI report that was emailed out that supports senior benefits for comprehensive care for senior citizens. The ADA is looking at it right now, there's a concern about or a process of possibly working with Medicare to try to get some of those benefits within Medicare. Currently, ADA's councils on Dental Benefits, Dental Practice Access Prevention and CGA are looking at those initiatives right now. So hopefully, they'll be some more information soon as it moves forward. However, Dr. Cohlmiia mentioned that on a personal note, he does have concerns about it. He thinks it sounds good from the surface and has made a list of all the well run governmental programs and well that list is blank at this time. He always has a concern every time the government gets involved.

ADA has a membership drive for 4k members, right now ADA is sitting at 562 with about a year and half to go. That's net members of what we have gained. Many of you think that our market share has dropped yet in reality we've actually gained members over the last 10 years. But the number of graduates has also increased dramatically creating that market share making it look like we're dropping when in all actuality we are gaining members. However, we are not where we want to be with members at this time. So, Dr. Kathleen O'Loughlin has created an initiative and is working with her entire staff to try to increase membership to get those 4k members.

Dr. Cohlmiia continued on to mention that he has always had concerns about the future of the American Dental Association and any association for that matter because relevance is a key factor. Where will we be 15-20 years from now? He's very proud to be a member of the American Dental Association. He is also excited about the future because the ADA Board is taking a strong initiative to move forward and create a business project that looks at all of the needs of our members. The focus is on how we can provide benefits for each and every one of

our members in the future. So the ADA has actually started a FROG project and one of the key initiators is Dr. Gary Roberts and under his presidency and president-elect he created this initiative to move this project forward. Really moving this into a point that's looking at every aspect of where the future of the association will be. Hopefully, in the next couple of months the ADA will start to release some more information. However, for the first time in about 10-15 years Dr. Cohlmiia feels very secure about the future of the American Dental Association. In Washington, DC there are several legislations going on at the moment. The ADA has kept everyone up to date through their newsletter. There are certainly other bills that are happening right now as well and the ADA will do their best to keep everyone apprised. The master brand strategy, when looking at the vision of the ADA, most of our mission statements are a mile long. Dr. Cohlmiia and the University of Oklahoma, College of Dentistry are taking a look at that now. One common statement that was found was that "The ADA powers the profession and advances oral health of the public which seems to be a common master brand strategy statement. We'll start to brand from that process. We're looking from several different companies to try to work with us on a marketing strategy that works along with the communications program. Lastly, you should've heard about the ADA CVS partnership. Dr. Cohlmiia applauds CVS for taking the initiative to drop all the tobacco products and focus on healthcare which clearly lost them a lot of money roughly about 2.1 billion dollars of annual sales per year. However, CVS has made a fundamental process of moving towards the health of Americans. The ADA has partnered with CVS with the ADA seal. They are now marketing the ADA seal through this process. Including a Bluetooth app that will locate ADA sealed products in the store using a smart phone. There are additional companies who have applied for the ADA seal and ADA hopes to create more affiliations like the one with CVS in the future. Dr. Gary Roberts serves on the ADA Foundation and new Executive Director, Nick Falco. Dr. Cohlmiia is looking forward to the future of the ADA and has never been prouder of being a member of the dental profession. He will be answering any questions or concerns anyone may have after the HOD meeting and thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve.

### **Recognition of Award Recipient Family Members**

Dr. Ortego recognized and thanked the family members of all the award recipients for attending.

### **Recognition of American Student Dental Association (ASDA) Delegates**

Dr. Ortego recognized the ASDA delegates in attendance. The LDA provides two seats for ASDA delegates, however only one has a vote. Dr. Ortego is proud that the ASDA reps are starting very early in their careers in organized dentistry.

### **Recognition of First Time Delegates**

Dr. Ortego asked all first time delegates to stand as he recognized all of them.

### **COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

Dr. Troy Babb, chairman of the Committee on Credentials, reported that there is a quorum of certified delegates at the House today and thanked all those present for their service to the profession.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ORDER**

Dr. Francesca Velasco, chairman of the Committee on Rules and Order, presented the proposed agenda of the 2018 House of Delegates with no recommended changes.

## **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Dr. Robert Barsley, LDA secretary-treasurer, reported that under provisions of the Manual of the House of Delegates, the Committee on Minutes reviewed and approved the Minutes of the Session of the House of Delegates held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, in New Orleans, Louisiana. (*See Appendix II*)

### **ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the Minutes of the House of Delegates, held on Saturday, April 8, 2017, in New Orleans, Louisiana, are approved as presented.

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Dr. David J. Hildebrandt, LDA president, presented the report of the Nominating Committee that met on January 12, 2018, at the LDA office headquarters in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. (*See Appendix III*) The following were nominated:

*President-Elect:* **Dr. Kristi M. Soileau**

*Secretary-Treasurer:* **Dr. Stephen A. Morgan**

*Speaker of the House:* **Dr. L. King Scott**

*ADA Delegate Area 2 - Three year term (NODA):* **Dr. Mark S. Chaney**

*ADA Delegate Area 3 - Three year term (Acadiana/SW):* **Dr. Stephanie B. Weaver**

*ADA Delegate Area 6 - Three year term (Bayou/Central/NL):* **Dr. K. Michael Luminais**

*Alternate Delegate Areas 1 & 2 - One year term (NODA):* **Dr. David Hildebrandt**

*Alternate Delegate Area 3 - One year term (Acadiana/SW):* **Dr. Daniel A. Weaver**

*Alternate Delegate Area 4 - One year term (Greater Baton Rouge):* **Dr. Nelson P. Daly**

*Alternate Delegate Area 5 - One year term (Northeast/Northwest):* **Dr. L. King Scott**

*Alternate Delegate Area 6 - One year term (Bayou/Central/NL):* **Dr. L. Stephen Ortego**

*Alternate Delegate Area 6 - One year term (Bayou/Central/NL):* **Dr. Catherine A. Hebert**

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

Dr. Ortego asked for any nominations from the floor; no new nominations were received. The Speaker declared the nominees are elected by acclamation.

### **ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the slate of nominees for 2018 officers, delegates and alternate delegates to the American Dental Association is elected as presented.

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

### **Distinguished Service Award**

Dr. Ortego invited the Distinguished Service Award Chairman, Dr. Mark Chaney to come forward to announce the two DSA recipients. He provided the criteria for this award and recognized former recipients since its inception in 1987. The presenters were invited to the podium for presentation of awards.

Dr. Glenn C. Dubroc presented the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Anthony Miranda Jr., a member of the New Orleans Dental Association.

Dr. C. J. Richard presented the 2018 Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Maurice B. “Marty” Garrett, a member of the Greater Baton Rouge Area Dental Association.

### **New Dentist Award**

Dr. David J. Hildebrandt invited Dr. F. Thomas Giacona Jr. forward to recognize the New Dentist Award recipient. Dr. Giacona presented the 2018 New Dentist Award to Dr. Kristopher P. Rappold, a member of the Central Louisiana Dental Association.

### **Service Certificates**

Dr. David J. Hildebrandt invited the chair on the Council of Government Affairs, Dr. Gizelle Richard forward to present her with a certificate of service and from Greater Baton Rouge LDA Director, Dr. C.J. Richard. It’s tradition to recognize the service certificates as acceptance of position.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Ward Blackwell, LDA executive director, mentioned that it was humbling to hear all the accomplishments of all the award recipients. He jokingly mentioned feeling like a “slacker” in comparison to the well-deserved award recipients. And though he may feel like he hasn’t done much in his career the LDA surely has! The LDA’s success isn’t due to any one people. It’s successful in its advocacy because dentistry in Louisiana speaks with one voice. All those in attendance here at the HOD are a part of the 73% of all dentist in this state who belong to the LDA. That is powerful. That allows the LDA to be successful advocates on their behalf. Ward gave some examples on how this impacts the members, where it counts most their bottom line. A few years ago the LDA passed a bill that prevented insurance companies from making the dentist sign a contract that would require them to only charge what they said for services that they didn’t even cover. Everyone knows that MCNA now administers dental Medicaid benefits. A few years ago when the department of health and hospitals was considering transferring the administration of benefits over to a private MCO. The LDA asked some other states that had already gone down that road how it worked. A few of them allowed the MCO to set the reimbursement rates. Well, what happened was that the minute those MCOs got their contracts the rates went down about 10%. When the LDA heard that, LDA said we can’t do that in Louisiana. When the contract was given to MCNA not only did the state set the rate for what it was going to be for reimbursement it was actually slightly higher than the state had been paying before the contract. There are about 400 LDA members for whom not having the rates drop by 10% means about \$2500 a year minimum. You can see the impact is pretty significant. Another issue was the sales tax exemption which was originally passed back in the 90s and the LDA got it expanded in 2005.

Unfortunately, the fiscal crisis we dealt with a few years ago caused the legislature to temporarily suspend it. But the LDA went back and got the legislation passed last year to ensure it is restored come July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. None of the legislatures have any intention of taking away the reinstatement of the sales tax exemption. They consider it good public policy. I think we're safe and we've calculated that to be about \$5k-\$7k for a typical dentist in a small practice. So you can see that there is a significant bottom line impact to the work LDA does. Then you add some of the things that the ADA has done. Their work on the 1099 rules and the red flag rules combined that's another \$1500 in savings. That's some real money in the bank accounts of LDA member dentist from the advocacies we've done.

LDA has three bills that they have filed in the current session that'll go directly to the source of the biggest problem...insurance. One of them is fixing a problem that we tried fixing last year this would be the final solution. It'll make it very easy for the dentist to look at a patient's ID card and determine if they have a self-insured plan or a fully-insured plan that covers them. Main thing there is, is that a lot of the laws the LDA has passed over the years only apply to fully-insured plans because self-insured plans have a federal exemption. LDA is going to introduce legislation that will require MCNA once they've denied the appeals to allow you to go outside of them to an independent party to have the claims, reviewed again by a dentist who is not employed by MCNA. There will be a potential cost for this if you lose your appeal. We actually got the cost way reduced than what it is on the medical society. That's going to be very big for those who have been struggling with some of the unreasonable denials of their claims. LDA has filed a bill that will make prior authorization determinations by insurance companies binding on them. The association has also been trying for years to reinstate the LDAs health insurance plan. Very pleased to report that the LDA's consultants heard from the department yesterday and expect to be issued a certificate of insurance sometime next week. However, it may be a couple of months before we can actually offer up the coverage. Also the Full Medicaid Pricing program from Medicaid, potentially a huge amount of money for Medicaid providers to get additional supplemental reimbursement for what they are already doing and just for signing up to do something a little extra with the LSUHSC School of Dentistry from time to time. Unfortunately, we have a long way to go with this one. Lawyers are involved and it's going to take a while to resolve some hurdles about this. However, it will happen. And finally, Ward thanked the members because of them many of these accomplishments were possible. However, he urged them to continue to stay involved and make others aware of the impact they along with the LDA can have on the dental profession by encouraging their colleagues to get involved. Ward also acknowledge LDAs leadership, board of directors and the LDA staff.

## **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Dr. Robert Barsley presented his report but first started by thanking a few people including Ward Blackwell for his kind remarks and Dr. Jack Cassingham for convincing him to rejoin. He also stated that it has been a true pleasure to be involved with this organization for many years.

Appendix IV-A, the LDA Consolidated Financial Statement which is basically an audit provided by Ted Soileau, CPA. We have received a clean audit.

In Appendix IV-B, the Treasurer's Report, our assets have gone up through the efforts of our previous secretary-treasurer, Dr. Danny Weaver.

Appendix IV-C, is the Audit Engagement letter which is basically our contract with our accountant Ted Soileau. We would like to engage him for another year and allow him to continue his services. The Speaker asked if there were any objections to the reports as presented, hearing none and without objection he proclaimed the Treasurer's Reports are accepted as presented.

**ADOPTED (IV-A-B-C)**

**RESOLVED**, that the LDA financial reports and audit engagement letter are approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: – \$0 –**

**PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

LDA President David J. Hildebrandt mentioned how fast the year has gone by and that the first time he addressed the House as LDA President it was a bit overwhelming. However, extremely gratifying year to have served as President. Enjoyed traveling and visiting all the components. Recognized the LDA Staff for making his job easier. Last year in addressing this body he mentioned that his goal was going to use the LDAs mission statement as a guide to serve him as president.

To promote, was an easy part of his job because we have a great organization. The LDA is on a great path, it has exceptional leadership, and we have a great team working for all of us. In addition, we have great membership that was easy to promote. Dr. Hildebrandt made mention of a member who raised over \$500 on his own to help benefit Donated Dental Services. Recently, Dental Lifeline Network received a grant from Pennington Foundation here in Baton Rouge which is awesome however, has put a little burden on the network. Therefore, Dr. Hildebrandt requested that the GBR Delegation consider donating to Dental Lifeline Network. DLN is especially in need of oral surgeons to help provide services to those still on the waiting lists. One of the mandates of the Foundation is that it has to be where the foundation is located. Another great endeavor for the LDA was the LaMOM project which had over \$1Million in donated dental services over a two-day event.

To Advocate, to publicly recommend and support. As the LDA's advocate Dr. Hildebrandt perceived it was his job to identify issues that potentially threaten practices and then to formulate a plan of action. This year, one of the biggest threats he perceived is the continued intrusion to the dental insurance in the doctor/patient relationship. With HB429 this is something the LDA is actively pursuing. There is also a consumer protection bill out there that will benefit not only the doctor but the patient. Another bill that we are cleaning up this year was the ID bill that Ward Blackwell mentioned earlier. Again this will be very helpful in distinguishing what type of insurance the patient has and how to best treat the patient. Also, working with the department of DOI to fix some things that don't need to go through the legislature (i.e. misrepresentation and/or false promotion of practices). Dr. Hildebrandt stated that he intends to continue to be an LDA advocate for these issues since it's almost impossible to get it done in one year. In addition, to the above mentioned bills there are some others that need to be submitted. One in particular, deals with insurance companies arbitrarily picking their own criteria for things they will cover under their plan for standard of care issues. That bill will take a little longer to get it right but it's one they will be working on in the future.

And finally, to protect, which we have many different aspects of LDA's organization needing protection. Another way the LDA is trying to protect is by trying to keep the tax exemption bill in place. Also another bill we fought this past year would have removed the Louisiana State Board from all disciplinary action. There was a state senator that wanted to remove all the state boards' power so if there was an issue a judge who had no dental knowledge would be deciding over the matter. The State Board and our peers are a better representation for those types of discussions. Again, we were able to defeat that bill to help protect our dental practices.

Dr. Hildebrandt restated that he was very happy to have served as LDA president and not to hesitate to keep him informed of any insurance issues as he will still continue to advocate for the LDA in his new role as past president. And it is with great pleasure he welcomes new LDA president Dr. Daniel Weaver which he is confident will continue on with the LDA's mission statement. Dr. Hildebrandt also took the time to recognize and thank the current LDA Board of Directors along with the LDA Delegation to the ADA.

### **Introduction of Current LDA Officers and Board Members**

Dr. Daniel A. Weaver, *president-elect*; Dr. Robert Barsley, *secretary-treasurer*; Dr. Lige F. Dunaway, III, *Acadiana director*; Dr. Kenneth "Mike" Luminais, *Bayou director*; Dr. Daniel G. Lester, *Central director*; Dr. C.J. Richard, *Greater Baton Rouge director*; Dr. Kristi Soileau, *NODA director*; Dr. Vincent DiLeo, *NODA director*; Dr. H. Kirt Touchstone, *Northeast director*; Dr. Glenn Corcoran, *Northlake director*; Dr. Ronald Hermes, *Northwest director*; Dr. Bryan Manning, *Southwest director*; Dr. L. Stephen Ortego, *speaker of the house*; Dr. David N. Austin, *editor – LDA Journal*; Dr. Michael J. Maginnis, *president – LDS, Inc.*

### **Introduction of Current LDA Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the ADA**

Dr. Mark Chaney, Dr. Stephanie Weaver, Dr. Marty Garrett, Dr. Brian Basinger, Dr. Nelson Daly, Dr. L. King Scott and Dr. Charles Foy.

## **INSTALLATION CEREMONIES**

### **Installation of new LDA Officers and Delegates**

ADA 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee Dr. Raymond Cohlma asked the following individuals to come up in front of the podium to be recognized and installed: Dr. Kristi Soileau, Dr. Stephen Morgan, Dr. King Scott, Dr. Mark Chaney, Dr. Stephanie Weaver, Dr. Michael Luminais, Dr. David Hildebrandt, Dr. Daniel Weaver, Dr. Nelson Daly, Dr. Stephen Ortego and Dr. Catherine Hebert. And these represent your board of directors, officers and also ADA Delegates and Alternate Delegates. Dr. Raymond Cohlma installed the newly elected officers, ADA delegates and alternate delegates. (*See Appendix III*)

### **Presentation of Past President's Pin from ADA**

Dr. Cohlma presented the ADA's lapel pin to LDA's past president Dr. David Hildebrandt for his outstanding service for 2017-2018.

## **ADDRESS OF NEWLY INSTALLED PRESIDENT**

President Daniel Weaver congratulated the award recipients and thanked Dr. Raymond Cohlma for attending the LDA House of Delegates Meeting. He mentioned meeting Dr. Gary



Roberts years ago and how Dr. Roberts has been an inspiration and a great leader and also thanked him for his attendance. Dr. Weaver thanked the LDA Board of Directors and the nominating committee for having the faith in him and assigning him the task to serve as president of the LDA. He also thanked the LDA staff for the work they do and compared the staff to an engine that makes the ship run. He congratulated Dr. Rappold for his award and thanked Dr. David Hildebrandt for his recent role as president to the LDA and he left some big shoes to fill. Dr. Weaver is also looking forward to working with Dr. Kristi Soileau as the LDA's president-elect. He thanked all the past presidents for their hard work in the past years.

Dr. Weaver's goal as president is to re-vamp and streamline the LDA's contact dentist program. Each legislature in the state has a dentist assigned to them who is supposed to know them personally, could be a patient or friend. However, Dr. Weaver doesn't believe this program is working as well as it could be. Probably should have more than one dentist assigned to each legislature. Therefore, the LDA can effectively do those things mentioned previously by Dr. Hildebrandt which are our mission statement though this project is more focused on advocating and protecting.

#### **Presentation of LDA Past President's Plaque & Pin**

Dr. Daniel Weaver presented to Dr. David J. Hildebrandt the past president's pin and trophy. Dr. Weaver thanked Dr. Hildebrandt for all his work as LDA president this past year.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF 2017/2018 RESOLUTIONS**

Dr. Robert Barsley, LDA Secretary-Treasurer, presented the resolutions to the delegates.

#### **RESOLUTION #1. (Passed.)**

##### **ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the LDA endorses the ADA's Community Dental Health Coordinator (CDHC) concept.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$0 –

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 8, page 3.)

#### **RESOLUTION #2. (Passed.)**

##### **ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the LDA shall not oppose FQHCs having the same privileges as private practices in regards to general supervision of hygienists but will oppose any attempt to give them greater privileges relative to private practices.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$0 –

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2018, page 9.)

**RESOLUTION #3.** *(Passed.)*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, to work with the LA Department of Insurance to address holding insurance companies accountable on prior authorization, coverage authorization, and recoupment, and to draft legislation should the LDI not be able to find resolution.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$0 –

(LDA Council on Governmental Affairs Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2017, page 3.)

**RESOLUTION #4.** *(Passed as amended.)*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the LDA’s Legislative priorities for 2017 shall be:

**Primary:**

- Independent Medicaid Claims Review Legislation (per HCR 119 of the 2017 session).
- Revised Insurance ID card Legislation. (Fix Act 34 of the 2017 session).
- LSU School of Dentistry Funding (no cuts).
- Medicaid Funding (no cuts).
- Defending Sales Tax Exemption.
- Dental Insurance Initiative Legislation (i.e., prohibition on recoupment after P.A. or confirmation of coverage).

**Secondary:**

- Defending Legislation against the LSBDD.
- LSUSD Rural Scholars Program funding.
- Community Water Fluoridation (funding).
- Dental Lifeline Network funding.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$0 –

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2018, page 4.)

Dr. John T. Roshto, GBR motioned that he would like to amend the first bullet point under Secondary to read “Vigilantly monitor all legislation involving the LSBDD”, seconded by Dr. Richard Atkins, GBR.

**ADOPTED**

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- LSU School of Dentistry Funding (no cuts).
- Medicaid Funding (no cuts).
- Defending Sales Tax Exemption.
- Dental Insurance Initiative Legislation (i.e., prohibition on recoupment after P.A. or confirmation of coverage).

**Secondary:**

- ~~Defending Legislation~~ Vigilantly monitor all legislation involving ~~Against~~ the LSBSD.
- LSUSD Rural Scholars Program funding.
- Community Water Fluoridation (funding).
- Dental Lifeline Network funding.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$0 –

Note: Changes to existing text are highlighted. Deletions are struck through and additions are underlined.

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2018, page 4.; as amended at HOD March 24, 2018.)

**RESOLUTION #5.** (*Passed.*)

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the LDA policy manual *Committee/Council Policies of the Louisiana Dental Association* be amended to include the following:

**Louisiana Dental Association**

***New Dentist Award Criteria***

**New Dentist Award**

The Council on the New Dentist of the LDA recommended to the LDA Board of Directors that a New Dentist Award be instituted in the spring of each year. This award shall be given to an LDA member who has dignified himself/herself by giving his/her talents and time for the betterment of mankind. The purpose of the award is to encourage the highest moral and ethical principles in the practice of dentistry, to encourage practicing dentists to emulate the highest ideals and ethics, to harbor a true regard for his fellow practitioners, and to maintain an honest aim to serve dental patients to the best of their abilities.

The recipient of the award shall be a person who has practiced dentistry for less than ten (10) years and has been a good citizen through community and civic involvement and public service.

The recipient shall be a person who has shown unselfish devotion to this profession above and beyond the call of duty.

### **Requirements for the New Dentist Award**

1. A maximum of ten (10) consecutive years' membership in organized dentistry.
2. Recipient must have conducted himself in an ethical manner during his/her dental career.
3. The recipient must have been active in professional and community service during this time.

### **Selection of Candidates**

The Council on the New Dentist shall select the winner for a given year using the applications submitted to evaluate which nominee best meets the criteria at that time. The Council's evaluation shall rely exclusively on factors referenced by this policy or clearly consistent with same. The Council shall submit the winner's name to the LDA Board of Directors for selection.

### **Duties and Responsibilities**

The Council on the New Dentist shall be responsible for annually submitting to the LDA Board of Directors the name of the New Dentist Award winner at the January Board meeting, and the award shall be presented by the Council Chair or his designee at the annual House of Delegates meeting.

### **The Nomination Process**

A Nomination bulletin shall be published in the summer and fall issues of The Journal of the Louisiana Dental Association. The bulletin will advise the membership of the LDA to submit names to the membership committee members of the prospective candidates for the New Dentist Award and include an application form for doing so that reflects the criteria for the award (in a format similar to the Distinguished Service Award). The committee will select the winner from these nominations at their October meeting.

### **Notification of the Recipients**

The Louisiana Dental Association is responsible for sending a letter to the recipient shortly after their selection, extending an invitation to attend the LDA House of Delegates meeting for presentation of the New Dentist Award. Additionally, the recipient shall be asked to verify information compiled in a newspaper release from the LDA office. The recipient shall also

specify the newspapers they wish the release to be sent to. The recipient shall also be asked to submit a black and white photograph to accompany this news release. At the LDA House of Delegates meeting, the recipient shall be recognized publicly and presented with an appropriate plaque and lapel pin. Within one week, the LDA office should be responsible for sending a news release to the recipient's local media, in accordance with the preference of the recipient.

*Note: All the above is new language to be inserted in the manual.*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: – \$0 –**

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2017, page 9.)

**RESOLUTION #6.** *(Passed.)*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the *Manual of the House of Delegates* be amended as follows:

RULES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Seating of Delegates:

The secretary-treasurer shall arrange for the seating of delegates of the component associations, rotating the position of the component association delegations annually. He shall also arrange for separate seating of those having right of privilege of the floor of the House. The LDA Board of Directors shall be seated with their respective delegations.

Dress Code

The dress code for all meetings of the House of Delegates is business attire.

[No further changes.]

*Note: Changes to existing text are highlighted; deletions are struck through; additions are underlined.*

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: – \$0 –**

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2017, page 9.)

**RESOLUTION #7.** *(Passed as amended.)*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the *Manual for Louisiana Dental Association Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Dental Association* be amended as follows:

B. The PRESIDENT shall have the following duties:

1. He shall appoint from the elected Delegates a "Chairman of Delegates" whose duties shall be separately defined.

21. He shall select and appoint an Alternate Delegate to replace a Delegate when said Delegate is unable to attend an official session of the House of Delegates, and will so notify the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairman of the Delegation.

32. He shall act as Chairman of the Delegation when the appointed Chairman is prevented from carrying out his duties.

C. The PRESIDENT-ELECT shall have the following duties:

1. He shall familiarize himself fully with the duties of the President as related above so as to be prepared for the assumption of those duties the following year.

2. He shall act in place of the President when said person is prevented from carrying out his duties.

3. He shall be responsible for reporting to any Component Society.

D. The CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATES SECRETARY-TREASURER shall have the following duties:

1. He shall see that resolutions proposed by the LDA are disseminated to the other State delegations in the 12th District Caucus and to the Executive Director of the American Dental Association.

2. He shall act as spokesman for the Louisiana delegation on the floor of the House of Delegates.

3. He shall, in cooperation with the LDA Executive Director, submit a written report of the highlights of the actions of the ADA House of Delegates to the LDA Board of Directors of the Louisiana Dental Association at its next regular meeting after the close of the House.

4. He shall initiate and direct the procurement of pertinent information from other State delegations.

5. He shall, upon receipt of "Reports of Officers and Councils of the ADA" cooperate with the 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee in assigning certain sections to specific Delegates in order that they may be responsible for reporting fully to the Caucus on their content.

6. He shall assure the distribution to all Delegates and Alternate Delegates any written reports of the 12<sup>th</sup> District Trustee.
7. He may conduct a Caucus of the official delegation at the ADA Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates at a time of his selection in consultation with the LDA President. At this meeting any matters to come before the Delegation may be discussed.

**E. The SECRETARY-TREASURER shall have the following duties:**

18. He shall notify all Delegates and Alternate Delegates of their election and add their names to the roll call of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Dental Association.
29. He shall be seated with the Louisiana delegation on the floor of the House of Delegates during each official session of the House, except when carrying out duties specifically requested by the in his capacity as Caucus Chairman.
310. He shall assist serve as the Caucus Chairman, at the request of the latter in any manner feasible.
411. He shall arrange a meeting place for the LDA caucus, if necessary, prior to the opening session.

[No further changes.]

Note: Changes to existing text are **highlighted**; deletions are **struck through**; additions are **underlined**.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: – \$0 –**

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Dr. Jamie Manders (NODA) motioned to amend the resolution to read “He/She” everywhere it reads “He”, Dr. Laurie Moeller seconded it.

Dr. Kevin Collins (NODA) motioned to make a new amendment to the amendment change to read “Secretary-Treasurer” instead of “He/She”, seconded by Dr. Gizelle Richard (NODA).

Point of order was raised by Dr. Robert Barsley, that the house could empower editorial changes that make it gender neutral.

Dr. Charles Foy (Northlake) motioned that we go with Dr. Robert Barsley’s recommendation to reflect the will of the House to make editorial changes as needed, speaking against Dr. Collins’ motion to amend. Seconded by ?

Therefore, Dr. Kevin Collins (NODA) withdrew his amendment in favor of Dr. Charles Foy's motion. Dr. Collins' motion to amend the amendment is no longer on the table.

Back to our resolution as initially amended to add “/She” to everywhere there is a “He”. All in favor, none opposed.

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the *Manual for Louisiana Dental Association Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Dental Association* be amended as follows:

B. The PRESIDENT shall have the following duties:

~~1. He shall appoint from the elected Delegates a "Chairman of Delegates" whose duties shall be separately defined.~~

21. He/She shall select and appoint an Alternate Delegate to replace a Delegate when said Delegate is unable to attend an official session of the House of Delegates, and will so notify the Secretary-Treasurer and the Chairman of the Delegation.

32. He/She shall act as Chairman of the Delegation when the appointed Chairman is prevented from carrying out his duties.

C. The PRESIDENT-ELECT shall have the following duties:

1. He/She shall familiarize himself fully with the duties of the President as related above so as to be prepared for the assumption of those duties the following year.

2. He/She shall act in place of the President when said person is prevented from carrying out his duties.

3. He/She shall be responsible for reporting to any Component Society.

D. The **CHAIRMAN OF DELEGATES SECRETARY-TREASURER** shall have the following duties:

1. He/She shall see that resolutions proposed by the LDA are disseminated to the other State delegations in the 12th District Caucus and to the Executive Director of the American Dental Association.

2. He/She shall act as spokesman for the Louisiana delegation on the floor of the House of Delegates.



3. He/She shall, in cooperation with the LDA Executive Director, submit a written report of the highlights of the actions of the ADA House of Delegates to the LDA Board of Directors of the Louisiana Dental Association at its next regular meeting after the close of the House.
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- ~~29.~~ He/She shall be seated with the Louisiana delegation on the floor of the House of Delegates during each official session of the House, except when carrying out duties specifically requested by the in his capacity as Caucus Chairman ~~man~~.
- ~~310.~~ He/She shall ~~assist~~ serve as the Caucus Chairman, ~~at the request of the latter in any manner feasible.~~
- ~~411.~~ He/She shall arrange a meeting place for the LDA caucus, if necessary, prior to the opening session.

[No further changes.]

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**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION: – \$0 –**

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2017, page 14; as amended at HOD March 24, 2018.)

**RESOLUTION #8.** *(Requires a 2/3 majority to adopt.) (Passed.)*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that Sections 20, 30, 31 and 40 of Chapter I, and Section 50 of Chapter III, of the *Bylaws of the Louisiana Dental Association* be amended as presented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$0 –

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2018, page 11.)

**RESOLUTION #9.** *(Passed.)*

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2018 LDA Operating Budget is approved as presented.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:** – \$903,131.48 –

(LDA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2018, page 14.)

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Speaker announced that the LDA board of directors will convene their quarterly meeting in exactly one hour at the LDA Office.


Dr. Ortego reminded registrants to return their name badges to the LDA registration desk for use at the next meeting. He thanked the LDA staff and everyone as he mentioned that this is his last year as Speaker of the House.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Rueben House, NW first time delegate, made a motion to adjourn.

**ADOPTED**

**RESOLVED**, to adjourn the 2017 LDA House of Delegates; meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Approved:   
Dr. Stephen Morgan, LDA Secretary/Treasurer

5/5/2018  
Date