

46 the consent calendar and discussed at the four Reference Committee meetings held from 7:00 am
47 to 2:30 pm on Saturday, September 7th and then at the House meeting on Monday, September 9.
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49 **Reference Committee A: Budget, Business, Membership and Administrative Matters.**

50 This year Resolutions 15, 74 and 75RC gave the delegates much to debate and consider at the
51 Reference Committee Hearing as well as the House floor.

52 **Resolution 33** was easily approved and established the 2020 budget.

53 **Resolution 34** stabilized the dues effective January 1, 2020 at \$565 again in spite of an
54 anticipated \$11 deficit per member.

55 **Resolution 15** eventually passed after extensive testimony at the reference committee meeting
56 and the House. The resolution was intended to streamline the current dues structure. Most of the
57 testimony was about changing the active life membership dues from a 75% discount to full dues.
58 Pros and cons seemed equally divided, but supporting testimony came from dentists in all age
59 groups to include many active life members. Several attempts to amend Res 15 failed to pass, so
60 Res 15 was passed as submitted by the Council on Membership. The dues were restructured to
61 New Graduates 0% dues first year, 50% second year and full dues from 3rd year until retirement.
62 Graduate students and resident no longer have a yearly \$30 dues. They are at 0, similar to first
63 year graduates.

64 **Res 74** Also of interest was passage of Res 74, elimination of the Dentist's Prayer. Although it
65 received a lot of passionate testimony both pro and con at the Reference Committee Hearing and
66 on the House floor, the House voted to rescind The Dentist's Prayer from ADA policy.

67 **Res 75RC** The Reference Committee Resolution 75RC, that Amended the ADA Policy,
68 Recognition of Religious Diversity, was one of the most discussed resolutions. Attempts to
69 amend the RC failed twice, and a third attempt to add the word "personal" before "moment of
70 reflection" was passed. So, meetings of the ADA may begin with a personal moment of
71 reflection or a silent prayer. This was passed in recognition of religious diversity.
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73 **Reference Committee B: Dental Benefits, Practice and Related Matters.**

74 **Resolution 5RC** amended Res 5 regarding Employment of a Dentist. It was passed to prohibit
75 discrimination in hiring and compensation practices.

76 **Resolution 11RC** concerning Medical/Dental Loss Ratio was confusing and led to much
77 discussion. The RC strengthened the policy statement of Res 11 and sought to improve
78 transparency of information available to the general public, and supports the concept of a
79 Medical Loss Ratio for dental plans. Res 11RC was amended and adopted as amended.

80 **Res 12 and 12S-1** on Silver Diamine Fluoride was hotly debated and it was concluded that its
81 use and coding presented areas of confusion, so it was referred back for further study and
82 clarification.

83 **Res 13RC:** Alteration of Dental Treatment Plans by Third Party Claims Analysis was on the
84 consent calendar, but the State Associations and Dental Boards should be made aware of this
85 policy and encouraged to legislate for regulations to meet this end.

86 **Res 28RC** resolved that the ADA develop and promote a screening tool/protocol for pediatric
87 airway issues. It was adopted after amending to add the word "promote".

88 **Res 72RC:** Reauthorization of Elder Care Committee for another year to review and update
89 Resolution 5H-2006 and to address elder care including Medicare and report to the 2020 HOD
90 with a Comprehensive Strategic Elder Care policy.

91 **Res 76:** slightly amended the Policy Statement on the Role of Dentistry in the Treatment of
92 Sleep Disorders. It was further amended to include all patients and not just adult patients when
93 the diagnosis is made by a physician and the treatment with oral appliance therapy is
94 recommended.

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96 **Reference Committee C: Dental Education, Science and Related Matters.**

97 This year was the least controversial in recent memory for Ref Committee C. Most resolutions
98 resulted from Board Report 5 that addressed Governance Changes for ADA Commissions and
99 remained on the consent calendar. Resolutions 17 through 25 were generated from Board Report
100 5, but only 17 and 19 were removed from the consent calendar.

101 **Res 17RC** tightened up the language on the Joint Commission on National Dental Exams, but
102 attempts to further amend failed and then a motion to refer back failed and 17RC was passed as
103 presented.

104 **Res 19RC** led to further discussion and then attempted amendments to resolve how the
105 Commission members were selected and whether dental school faculty should be included or
106 excluded. Amendments to 19RC failed and it was passed as the RC version.

107 **Res 69** is the response to Res 83-2018 Geriatric Dentistry and requests that the feasibility study
108 conducted by CDEL be provided to the Special Care Dentistry Association for its consideration
109 in in pursuing an accreditation process and standards for advanced education programs in
110 dentistry by CODA.

111 **Res 79** the ADA encourage research and data gathering on the effects of cannabis and
112 cannabidiol (CBD) products on the dentition and surrounding oral mucosa so that a policy and
113 guidelines be developed to help the profession meet the needs of the patients.

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115 **Reference Committee D: Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters.**

116 **Res 3** presented by the Board requested that the listing of individual votes by the Trustees not be
117 divulged by name, but only totals of yes/no/abstain/absent. Res 3RC tried to make it more
118 appealing, but the resolution was unanimously defeated. The HOD felt that transparency was
119 more important than the argument of voting their conscience without having to explain.

120 **Res 43** was a sleeper, but so very important. It prohibits the ADA from providing any assistance
121 to any agency, organization, group or individuals who attempting to alter the laws of a state
122 without the consent and approval of the constituent society.

123 **Res 84RC** is a combination of Resolutions 80 and 84 and it addresses vaping and e-cigarettes
124 and requests that the appropriate Council provide a report to the 2020 HOD updating the ADA
125 policy on tobacco.

126 **Res 78** generated a lot of discussion in its attempt to “Establish a Culture of Safety in Dentistry”.
127 This resolution tasks the appropriate Council to establish a comprehensive program of safety
128 with regards to patients as well as providers and members of the dental team. This program will
129 include a curriculum of training as well as practice guidelines and standards. This type of
130 program already exists within the medical community and would serve dentistry well to elevate
131 and retain our respected position in the eyes of the public.

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133 One of the highpoints of the House is the induction of the incoming ADA Officers and Trustees.
134 This year Dr. Chad P. Gehani from New York was installed as the 156th President of the
135 American Dental Association on September 9, 2019. He gave a well delivered and inspiring
136 address to the House that was well received. He pointed out how our profession continues to

137 change with the times, but there are three constants that will sustain it: a commitment to
138 evidence-based practice, a patient-first philosophy and the dentist at the center of care. He
139 emphasized that the dentist-patient relationship is the tentpole of our profession and it must be
140 respected. Dr. Gehani stated that each of us has a stake in our collective destiny. Our
141 Association is in capable hands.

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143 Additional officers installed are as follows:

144 Dr. Daniel J. Klemmedson, president-elect

145 Dr. Craig W. Herre, first vice president

146 Dr. Vincent U. Rapini, second vice president

147 Dr. W. Mark Donald, speaker

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149 New Trustees elected by their ADA Districts are as follows:

150 Dr. Richard J. Rosato 1st District, Dr. Craig S. Armstrong, 15th District,

151 Dr. Terry Fiddler, 12th District, and Dr. Brett H. Kessler, 14th District.

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153 Our new Trustee, Dr. Brett Kessler, is well known to our Hawaii Delegation, and he has the
154 distinction of completing the Ironman on several occasions, but most recently, last year just
155 before the ADA Meeting in Hawaii. We wish him much success over his four-year term.

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157 Our Delegation appreciates the opportunity to represent our members to our District and the
158 ADA HOD. The HDA Delegation to the ADA includes Delegates: Drs. Neil Nunokawa, Curt
159 Shimizu and Ed Cassella and Alternate Delegates: Chris Lee, Dayton Lum and Robert Baysa.
160 Also in attendance were Delegation Secretary Dr. Wayne Leong and HDA Executive Director
161 Ms. Kim Nguyen.

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164 Respectfully Submitted,

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167 Edmund Cassella, DMD

168 Senior ADA Delegate