

1 Resolution #2020-10 Submitted by Darrell T. Teruya, DDS  
2 Resolution #2020-10-RTF Submitted by HDA Reference Task Force  
3 Selection of the HDA Delegation to the ADA House of Delegates  
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5 **Background:**

6 During the October 6, 2020 Reference Task Force meeting, Resolution #2020-10 received  
7 testimony in favor as well as in opposition. The resolution seeks to have a change in the  
8 selection process as well as in the term limits of the positions.  
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10 The original resolution proposes the institution of term limits for nominated ADA Delegates. In  
11 testimony heard in favor of the resolution, an amendment was offered to replace resolve clause  
12 #6: “that the delegates/alternate delegates will be allowed to serve a maximum of six consecutive  
13 years or eight cumulative years except for additional years as HDA President or President-Elect.”  
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15 The original resolution proposes that the appointments of delegates be made immediately, which  
16 would not allow current ADA delegates to finish their current 3-year terms. An amendment was  
17 offered: “that the term of this measure will be effective at the end of leadership year 2021  
18 without “grandfathering” provisions, except for the current Speaker of the House whose term  
19 ends in 2023.”  
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21 Existing HDA Bylaws currently state:

22 Chapter VI, Section 3 Nominations:

23 Subsection A – Nominations for elected positions will be made by the  
24 Nominating/Awards Committee, a committee of the Board of Trustees of the  
25 Association, as reflected in the Board Manual.  
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27 Subsection B – Nominations may also be made from the floor of the House of Delegates  
28 with the prior consent of the intended nominee.  
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30 Chapter VI, Section 2 Eligibility for election or appointment:

31 Subsection B – An ADA Delegate must have been a member of the Association House of  
32 Delegates and have served as an alternate ADA Delegate for at least one year.  
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34 Currently, a nominee for ADA Delegate need not be a member of the HDA Executive Council or  
35 the Speaker of the House.  
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37 Testimony in opposition stated that term limits of six to eight years as a delegate to the ADA will  
38 limit the Hawaii representatives’ abilities to be placed on and seek higher appointments in the  
39 ADA structure. Current active delegates have been placed into roles of leadership, such as being  
40 assigned to or heading task forces and a previous delegate also was elected as Trustee for the 14<sup>th</sup>  
41 District and then ran for ADA President-Elect.  
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44 Testimony in opposition stated that the Senior ADA Delegate is also a member of the HDA  
45 Board of Trustees which allows active communications/interactions with the HDA leadership  
46 including the Young Dentists Program.

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48 Other testimony stated that there is a time commitment to serving as an ADA Delegate, requiring  
49 attending two meetings a year on the continental US. This involved four days of travel, actively  
50 participating in meetings stretching five to seven days from morning until night, and reading and  
51 writing of reports. One concern was expressed that the resolution's proposed delegation –  
52 Immediate Past President, Current President, and Speaker of the House – may not have the time  
53 and availability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of being an ADA Delegate.

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55 All testifiers except the maker of the resolution suggested the formation of a task force to review  
56 existing ADA Delegation selection/retention and to recommend changes as an option.

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58 **Resolution #2020-10-RTF**

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60 **Whereas**, the Reference Task Force committee discussed Resolution #2020-10 and considered  
61 all testimony,

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63 Therefore, be it

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65 **Resolved**, that the Reference Task Force recommends the creation of a Task Force to study the  
66 ADA Delegation selection process and term limits. This Task Force shall be composed of one  
67 member of the ADA Delegation selected by ~~HDA President~~ the members of the Delegation  
68 themselves; the HDA immediate past president; the HDA President-Elect; the HDA Vice  
69 President; the Young Dentist Program chair or a representative selected by the program chair;  
70 and the maker of the original resolution, if he chooses to serve; and Dr. Gary Yonemoto. This  
71 Task Force shall select a Task Force Chair amongst their members. This Task Force will report  
72 to the Board of Trustees and submit a report to the HOD 2021 along with a resolution for  
73 changes to existing HDA bylaws, if any.

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75 **Resolved**, that the House of Delegates budget the sum of \$0 (income) and \$0 (expense) for the  
76 conduct of this Task Force in 2021.

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78 **Action taken by the House:** The HDA HOD adopted the Resolution #2020-10-RTF, as  
79 amended.