

1 Report of the HDA Delegation to the
2 ADA House of Delegates – 2016
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4 The American Dental Association held its 157th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.
5 This world-class dental meeting was held in the Colorado Convention Center from
6 October 20-24 and was presided over by outgoing ADA President, Dr. Carol Gomez
7 Summerhays. The New Dentist Conference was held in conjunction with the ADA 2016
8 America’s Dental Meeting. Total attendance was 21,433 with approximately 6,700
9 dentists, 842 Dental Students, 321 international dentists and 7,475 Related Professionals.
10 The House of Delegates (HOD) was held in the convention center while all District
11 Caucuses were held at the Hyatt Regency, the HQ Hotel. Last year the HOD passed
12 resolutions that shortened the length of the HOD by one day and it seemed to work well
13 because the business of the HOD was mostly without controversy; however, several
14 issues had significant debate at the Reference Committees and on the floor of the House.

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16 Reference Committee on Dental Education, Science and Related Matters had several hot
17 issues.

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19 Resolution 37 dealing with proposed changes to the Sedation and Anesthesia Guidelines
20 had significant testimony at the Reference Committee Hearings, in spite of a special 90
21 minute Town Hall meeting the day before the reference hearings. The Town Hall
22 meeting devoted most of the time to the recommended changes to the sedation guidelines
23 while some time was spent answering questions related to Resolution 19 which calls for
24 operative dentistry to be recognized as an interest area in general dentistry. Resolution
25 37 changes included monitoring end tidal CO2 (capnography), maximum recommended
26 dosages and increased educational requirements from 24 hours to 60 hours. The
27 testimony in favor of the resolution was mainly regarding patient safety.

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29 Resolution 19 was amended by our 14th District Trustee,
30 Dr. Dan Klemmedson, requesting a name change to reflect the more detailed education
31 and training that will be required for this interest area in general dentistry.

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33 Reference Committee on Membership and Related Matters:
34 Resolution 80 was a funding request to support member engagement and the
35 recommendation from the BOT was to vote NO, however it received much positive
36 testimony at the reference committee hearing and they (RC) recommended a YES vote.
37 The resolution carries a \$250,000 appropriation for the 2017 budget. The funds will be
38 used to assist constituent and component societies to support member engagement for
39 outreach to dental students, residents and new dentists 1-10 years out of dental school.
40 The membership-related nature of the expenditure must be demonstrated. It passed on the
41 floor.

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43 Resolutions 88 and 92 were similar and combined by the reference committee as 88RC. It
44 was defeated at every turn and prohibits states from using dental students to fill their
45 Delegation positions.

47 Reference Committee on Legislative, Health, Governance and Related Matters also had
48 areas of concern to our 14th District.

49 Resolution 1-2015, Elimination of the Offices of First and Second Vice President, which
50 was recommended by the 2012 Westman Study, has been readdressed since it failed to
51 pass in 2013. The BOT felt it should be re-considered in order to simplify the ADA
52 governance structure. Our District argued against this resolution since the vice-president
53 position provides a better opportunity for the smaller states to achieve a position on the
54 BOT. This resolution failed to achieve the 2/3 majority required of a by-laws change.

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56 Resolution 65 that amends Section 5H of the ADA Ethics and Code of Professional
57 Conduct on the announcement of specialization and limitations of practice. The
58 amendment passed after significant pro and con testimony and would permit
59 educationally qualified dentists practicing in areas of dentistry recognized as specialties
60 in their jurisdictions, but not by the ADA, to announce as specialists. This opens the door
61 for advertising of “new specialties”. In addition, this resolution alters the Code with
62 regards to “exclusivity of practice”. As the Code was previously written, dentists could
63 not ethically practice outside their announced specialty. In accordance with legal
64 admonitions against restraint of trade by the FTC, this resolution removes the exclusivity
65 limitations.

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67 Resolution 67, A Three Year Initiative to Drive Utilization of Dental Services for ADA
68 Members to address the “busyness” concerns. The Council developed a 3-year plan that
69 emphasizes technology as well as state, local and individual member resource assistance.
70 Metrics have been determined and a yearly report to the HOD must be provided for the
71 duration of the campaign. The cost of this program is projected at \$18 million over the 3-
72 year campaign; however, this will result in only a modest dues increase as addressed
73 below. It is felt that the campaign will become an icon of value for ADA dentist.

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75 Finally, Resolution 10, presented by the BOT, requested a \$10.00 dues increase effective
76 2017. While the stated budget deficit was a modest \$260,000.00, the dues increase was to
77 improve the sustainability of the ADA. Resolution 10 passed with very little discussion.
78 At the first meeting of the HOD, the 3 President-elect candidates gave their 4 minute
79 speeches and the unopposed 2nd Vice-president, Dr. Lew Mitchell, gave his acceptance
80 speech. Due to the realignment of the HOD, the Sunday evening vote turned into a
81 second and third vote Monday morning and the result was Dr. Joe Crowley elected as
82 Pres-elect.

83 The following Officers and Trustees were sworn in on Monday:

84	ADA President	Dr. Gary Roberts (Louisiana)
85	ADA President-elect:	Dr. Joe Crowley (Ohio)
86	ADA 2nd Vice-president	Dr. Lew Mitchell (Alabama)
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88	New 2016 ADA Trustees	Dr. Kyger (7 th , Ohio)
89		Dr. Sabates (17 th , Florida)
90		Dr. Norbo (16 th , Virginia)
91		Dr. Thompson (6 th , Tennessee)
92		Dr. McDougall (10 th , N. Dakota)

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94 Announcement of the 2017 ADA Officer Candidates for
95 ADA President-elect: Dr. Jeffrey Cole (DE)
96 Dr. Gary Jeffers (MI)
97 Dr. Andy Kwasny (PA)
98 ADA 2017 America's Dental Meeting
99 October 19-22, 2017
100 Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia
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102 The HDA Delegation to the ADA HOD include Drs. Neil Nunokawa, Patsy Fujimoto,
103 Curt Shimizu, Lynn Fujimoto, Steve Wilhite and Senior Delegate Dr. Ed Cassella. Also
104 in attendance, Delegation Secretary Dr. Chris Lee.
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106 Respectfully submitted,
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108 Edmund A. Cassella, DMD
109 Senior Delegate
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