

**MINUTES
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
WASHINGTON STATE DENTAL ASSOCIATION
FIRST SESSION
SEPTEMBER 22, 2023**

Dr. Andrew Sholudko, Speaker of the House, called the 2023 annual meeting of the WSDA House of Delegates to order at 8:50 a.m. at the Hyatt at Olive 8 in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Sholudko reminded attendees that business session proceedings would be recorded for the purpose of keeping minutes then led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Memorial Ceremony. The Ceremony of Roses was held to honor the memory and contributions of those members who died in 2022/2023. The names of those honored are listed below:

CLARK COUNTY

Dr. Clyde D. Leach

**BENTON-FRANKLIN
COUNTIES**

Dr. Myron L. Powell

MOUNT-BAKER DISTRICT

Dr. Paul B. Robertson

Dr. Paul R. Bergman

PIERCE COUNTY

Dr. William H. Pratt

Dr. Clark D. Wohlford

SEATTLE-KING COUNTY

Dr. Mo Mahoutchi

Dr. William A. Schulz

Dr. E. Cary Halpin

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Dr. Gale G. Flake

Dr. George D. Beck

SPOKANE DISTRICT

Dr. John E. Obde

Dr. Guy A. Williams

Dr. William K.

Norwood

Dr. Jennifer Ganji

Dr. Alfred C. Heston

Dr. John F. Hunt

LEWIS COUNTY

Dr. Edward A. Fletcher

Dr. J. Robert Wohlers

THURSTON-MASON COUNTIES

Dr. Hans W. Jung

LOWER COLUMBIA

Dr. Steven H. Pond

YAKIMA VALLEY

Dr. Kenneth D. Sipe

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the individuals listed above.

Dr. Sholudko then introduced special guests in attendance:

WSDA Past Presidents: Dr. Christopher Delecki

Dr. Bryan Edgar

Dr. Lawrence Lawton

Dr. Dave Minahan

Dr. Greg Ogata

Dr. Mary Smith

Dr. Ashley Ulmer.

Component Society Presidents: Dr. Angela Richeson, Grant County Dental Society

Dr. Robin Henderson, Walla Walla Dental Society

Dr. Stuart Hersey, Pierce County Dental Society

Dr. Kevin Hudson, Yakima Valley Dental Society

Dr. Stephen Rupert, Grays Harbor District Dental Society

Dr. Harlyn Susarla, Seattle-King County Dental Society

Dr. Nozomi Yamate, Clark County Dental Society

Component Society Executives: Ms. Sandra Anderson, Snohomish County Dental Society

Mr. Scott Henderson, Walla Walla Dental Society

Ms. Cindy Stephen, Pierce County Dental Society

Ms. Katie Bohoky, Seattle-King County Dental Society

Other guests introduced: Dr. Fotinos Panagakos, Dean, Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences, School of Dental Medicine

Dr. Douglass Jackson, Associate Dean for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, University of Washington School of Dentistry

Dr. David Carsten, Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Dr. Sonia Pal, Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Mr. John Meir, Employer Resources Northwest

Mr. Allen Shimon, SystemSix

Mr. Chester Baldwin, WSDA Lobbyist

Quorum Report. Dr. Berninghaus, Credentials Committee Chair, reported that a quorum was present with 66 of 76 Delegates. The following report indicates attending delegates with alternate delegates notated.

DELEGATES

This attendance record reflects signatures gathered by the Credentials Committee.

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Dr. Liselotte Black
Dr. Kate Christian
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Dr. Lisa Egbert
Dr. Leroy Horton
Dr. Christine Kirchner
Dr. Melanie Lang
Dr. Ryan Lemke
Dr. Nandita Lilly
Dr. Mikaely Moore-Fujita
Dr. Gregory Ogata
Dr. Jesutofunmi Osundeko
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The Speaker moved HD-01-2023, Re-establishing the “Organization and operation of the House of Delegates” Document – September 2023.

**HD-01-2023
Re-establishing the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates”
Document**

Therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates approves the updated version of the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” document.

A Clean version of the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” document which incorporates all proposed changes is available for reference [here](#).

A Tracked Changes version of the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” document which highlights all proposed changes to the 2022 document is available for reference [here](#).

end

HD-01-2023, Re-establishing the “Organization and operation of the House of Delegates” Document – September 2023, was seconded and passed without

discussion.

Dr. Sholudko introduced HD-02-2023, Rules for the House of Delegates – September 2023.

HD-02-2023
Rules for the House of Delegates – September 2023

RESOLVED, that the following shall be adopted as the Rules for the House of Delegates at its annual meeting held in Seattle, Washington, September 21-23, 2023:

1. The House of Delegates shall be organized and operated as outlined in the memorandum entitled “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” adopted in December 1960 and as amended by HD-01-2023 Re-establishing the “Organization and Operation of the House of Delegates” Document by the House of Delegates.
2. All resolutions and reports mailed to the members of the House of Delegates prior to the annual meeting may be read in part at the time of their introduction in the House, and such reading shall stand for reading the material in full.
3. If desired, at the request of the majority of the members of this House, any material shall be read in part or in full and amended or discussed at the time of the first reading.
4. Resolutions and reports not pertaining to amendments of the Bylaws may be acted upon by the House at the time of the first reading unless the House by majority vote, or the presiding officer, requests that the resolution or report be referred to a reference committee for further study and recommendations back to this House. Candidates for any position to be elected by the House at this meeting shall be ineligible to serve on a reference committee of this House meeting.
5. Except by majority consent of the members of the House of Delegates, debate on either side of a subject by one individual shall be limited to not more than two speeches, neither of which shall exceed five minutes.
6. The agenda for this House shall be the agenda as established by the Rules and Order Committee and submitted to the House of Delegates. New business not previously submitted and placed on the agenda by the Rules and Order Committee shall be considered only by two-thirds majority consent of the House of Delegates. Any business not receiving such two-thirds majority approval shall be referred to the next session of the House of Delegates by the presiding officer. The Bylaws amendment resolution pertaining to dues, HD-05-2023, and any increases, decreases or other amendments thereof, shall be in order for consideration by this House near the end of its final business session.
7. Voting for elective office will be conducted by electronic ballot. If the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, and there is a difference as to the length of term, delegates shall vote for up to one less than

the number of positions to be filled.

8. In the case of an elected office (such as board of directors) where more than one person is to be elected, the candidates receiving the most votes are each elected until the positions are filled, with the prevailing candidate receiving the fewer votes receiving the short term, if one is applicable.

In the event of a tie, necessary to be resolved to complete the election, the run-off election is only among the two or more candidates in the tie. The elected candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast as per WSDA Bylaws Chapter XIV.

9. To expedite the actions of the House, a list of referrals of known business shall be prepared by the Rules and Order Committee prior to the opening of the House of Delegates and presented to the members of the House at their opening session.

end

HD-02-2023, Rules for the House of Delegates – September 2023, was seconded and passed without discussion.

Dr. Sholudko introduced HD-03-2023, Committees and Parliamentarian for Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates – September 2023.

HD-03-2023
Committees and Parliamentarian for
Annual Meeting of House of Delegates - September 2023

RESOLVED, that the following appointments by the President are confirmed by the House of Delegates as committees for the annual meeting of the House of Delegates, September 2023:

- A. **Credentials Committee** -- Responsible for being present 30 minutes prior to the opening of each session of the House of Delegates, taking roll, verifying alternate delegates, and serving as tellers for all votes:

Dr. Monica Berninghaus, Chair
Dr. David Carsten
Dr. Tyler Rumble

- B. **Rules and Order Committee** -- Responsible for preparing Agenda and ruling on procedure; will be advised by Parliamentarian:

President, Dr. John L. Gibbons, Chair
President-elect, Dr. Nathan G. Russell
Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Blake McKinley
Immediate Past President, Dr. Ashley L. Ulmer
Speaker of the House, Dr. Andrew Sholudko

RESOLVED, that Dr. Bryan Edgar is appointed Parliamentarian for the 2023 House of Delegates.

end

HD-03-2022, Committees and Parliamentarian for Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates – September 2022 was seconded and passed without discussion.

Dr. Sholudko introduced HD-07-2023, Committees and Parliamentarian for Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates – September 2023.

HD-07-2023
Staff Recognition

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates, through resolution, commend and acknowledge the support of the staff of the Association and its component societies on the fifth anniversary of employment and every five years thereafter so long as the staff member is employed by the Association or its component societies;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the anniversary of employment of staff be recognized at the House of Delegates in the same calendar year as the recognized anniversary;

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the following individual be recognized for their service at the 2023 House of Delegates:

15 Years: Bracken Killpack, Washington State Dental Association (2007)

15 Years: Cindy Kramer, Thurston-Mason Counties Dental Society (2007)

10 Years: Emily Lovell, Washington State Dental Association (2013)

5 Years: Martina Torres, Washington State Dental Association (2018)

end

HD-07-2023, Committees and Parliamentarian for Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates – September 2023 was seconded and passed with no further discussion.

Dr. John Gibbons presented the staff recognition awards following the passage of HD-07-2023.

Minutes. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried adopting the Minutes as published of the House of Delegates, September 23-24, 2022, at the Hyatt Regency, Bellevue, Washington. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried accepting the Minutes as published of the Board of Directors' meetings held

on the following dates: August 19, 2022; September 24, 2022; September 28, 2022; November 4-5, 2022; January 20, 2023; March 10, 2023; May 12-13, 2023; June 22, 2023.

Correspondence. The House of Delegates played ADA President-elect, Dr. Linda Edgar's video that delivered a short message from her and ADA President Dr. George Shepley.

President Awards. Dr. Sholudko introduced Dr. John Gibbons who presented President Awards to Dr. Mark Cody, Ms. Emily Lovell, and Dr. Kim Nordberg.

President's Address. Dr. Gibbons thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve in the position. Described the high points and low points while referencing Charles Dickens. Dr. Gibbons highlighted the highs as achieving surveyed goals in the legislature. This included dental benefits and significant progress in workforce development. The good news surrounded two bills the WSDA helped pass in Olympia. One allowed trained dental hygienists to enter our state and start working within their scope almost immediately, thus adding more folks to the work force. It also extended the length of WSDA's temporary dental hygiene license in this state from 18 months to 5 years. Allowed time to obtain permanent license while working at the same time.

Dr. Gibbons spoke on dental therapy and the WSDA's actions surrounding dental therapy legislation. He then shifted to talking about the WSDA MOU with Delta Dental on four separate committees.

Dr. Gibbons recognized all WSDA staff, WDIA staff, and the 2022/2023 Board of Directors. He also recognized the rest of the WSDA/ADA/WDIA boards and committee members. He then recognized past presidents and the past board members. Lastly, Dr. Gibbons recognized his wife.

Awards. Dr. Russell presented a WSDA Leadership Award, ADA President's Award, and a gift from WSDA to Dr. Gibbons for his time and service as WSDA Board President. Dr. Gibbons then introduced Mr. Bracken Killpack for his address to the membership.

Address of the Executive Director. Mr. Killpack recognized the work of Dr. Gibbons. He also recognized Dr. Ulmer as she leaves the Board at the end of her term. This is his 9th report as executive director and had a theme of "chaotic innovation." Mr. Killpack said he had a sense of urgency in the WSDA membership models. They identified the areas of declining membership and losing market share. Mr. Killpack said it was time to embrace the need for change and embrace chaotic innovation. They're going to build institutions and keep you all involved in the process.

Mr. Killpack discussed Retro with the membership. He believed in the tripartite model, but also wanted it to change to the needs of the present. What were the values that are membership attaches to our existing membership model and that the WSDA needed to match the value with the price people were willing to pay. Mr.

Killpack talked about the future for reimagining WSDA membership models.

He spoke on how retro is the first step towards meeting WSDA's revenue needs. WSDA needed to reconfigure staff time and how it relates to overall objectives/non-dues revenue goals. He acknowledged the great work of the WDIA team and how they work with the membership. WDIA didn't do any marketing, and it bothered Mr. Killpack. He would've liked WDIA to be more proactive with membership outreach. He announced that they added a third WDIA agent, Ms. Wilkinson, to the sales team. Opened more staff time for Mr. French to work on overarching goals.

Mr. Killpack announced Libby is becoming our new medical specialist. He was very excited about the WDIA future. Mr. Killpack then acknowledged Ms. Emma Brown as the Communication and Marketing Director. He then mentioned and acknowledged Ms. Torres and Ms. Hilal and their growing roles. He acknowledged Ms. Brown's role moving from WDIA to WSDA working directly with the Board of Directors and governance/House of Delegates.

Mr. Killpack spoke on WSDA advocacy efforts growing and how Ms. Lovell moved forward in her career past WSDA to a new opportunity. Ms. Johnson took some more lead as advocacy needs continue to expand. Mr. Baldwin was introduced as the contract lobbyist working with WSDA. The person to replace Ms. Lovell's position is going to be the new Advocacy Director. Really shifted the attention of WSDA governance work to being more grassroots in all corners of the state. Will announce the Advocacy Director soon. The process was happening at the time of speaking.

Mr. Killpack touched on dental workforce and dental benefits. The association needed to put huge importance behind a national effort of increasing the dental hygienist workforce. Looked to add new programs across the state to help increase these numbers. Mr. Killpack stressed that WSDA will not just have a relationship with DDWA just for the sake of having a relationship with them. WSDA aimed to reevaluate and reconfigure this relationship.

In closing, Mr. Killpack stressed that we can build and invest in what will help change the overall narrative of dentistry. He believed we can be the largest business PAC in the state and have the largest group of grassroots advocates in the state. He thought it was possible to get to a point where dentistry can be as desirable for all generations, new and old.

Mr. Killpack praised and recognized his wife, Kate. He then thanked the membership prior to concluding his remarks.

Dr. Gibbons gave out an additional President's Award to Dr. Cindy Pauley prior to moving forward with the meeting.

Reports and Recommendations of the Board of Directors, Committees and Task Forces, except for HD-06-2023, Nominations for Elective Office (Reports and Resolutions will be read by title only, unless there is a request for further reading). The speaker recommended referral of the Resolutions and Reports set forth in Agenda item 11.

Resolutions

HD-04-2023- WSDA 2023/2024 Budget
HD-05-2023- WSDA Dues for 2024 (Bylaws Amendment)
HD-08-2023- WSDA Legislative Agenda for 2024
HD-09-2023- Role of the Speaker of the House (Bylaws Amendment)
HD-10-2023-Reimagining Association Membership
HD-11-2023- Regarding WSDA Retro
HD-12-2023- Establishment of a Service Lines Committee (Bylaws Amendment)
HD-13-2023- Regarding Interested Component Societies
HD-14-2023 -Concerning WDIA's Insurance Underwriter Contracts

WSDA Reports

Report of WSDA Retro
Report of the Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency
Report of the Task Force on 2023 Legislative Session
Report of MOU with Delta Dental of Washington
Report of the Committee on Regulatory Affairs
Report of the DentPAC Board of Directors
Report of the Committee on Dental Benefits
Report of the Task Force on Medicaid Managed Care Transition and Implementation
Report of the WSDA Membership
Report of Committee on Continuing Education
Report of the Task Force on Unstaffed Component Societies
Report of the Task Force on Recognition
Report of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Work Group
Report of the Nominations Committee
Report of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Work Group
Report of the Executive Director (presented at House)
Report of the President (presented at House)
Report of the President-elect (presented at House)
Report of the Secretary-Treasurer (presented at House)

Other Reports

Report of the Alliance of the Washington State Dental Association
Report of the University of Washington School of Dentistry
Report of the Pacific Northwest University
Report of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission

A motion was made to introduce and accept all reports and resolutions as set forth in agenda item 11. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Nominations. The speaker recognized Dr. Ashley Ulmer, Chair of the Nominations Committee, who moved HD-06-2023, Nominations for Elective Office.

HD-06-2023
Nominations for Elective Office

Background Statement. The following elective positions are to be filled at the 2023 WSDA House of Delegates meeting:

- ❖ **President-elect:** One year as President-elect and three years as ADA Delegate
- ❖ **Board of Directors:** Four positions, three-year terms
- ❖ **Delegates to the ADA House:** Three positions, three-year terms; beginning January 2023

Nominations were solicited from a process undertaken by the Nominations Committee.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the names listed below shall be placed in nomination for the offices indicated, with the understanding that further nominations may be made from the floor.

President-elect and ADA Delegate (one year as President-elect and three years as ADA Delegate)

Dr. Chris Dorow

Board of Directors (four positions, three-year terms and one position, one-year term if Dr. Dorow is elected President-elect)

Dr. Lisa Buttarro
Dr. Guillermo Chacon
Dr. Ronald Hsu
Dr. Kevin Hudson
Dr. Melanie Lang
Dr. Crystal Vo

ADA Delegate (three positions, three-year terms; all positions effective January 2024)

Dr. Douglas Coe
Dr. Bryan Edgar
Dr. Bernard Larson

end

The speaker then called for additional nominations from the floor for each elective office. A member moved for Dr. Mary Smith to be added to the docket as a candidate for ADA Delegate. The motion was moved and seconded. After hearing one, the speaker moved HD-06-2023, Nominations for Elective Office. The motion was seconded and

unanimously approved. The speaker announced that nominations would remain open until elections are held during the Second Business Session.

No Old Business.

New Business. The speaker called for new business. The Board of Directors has submitted HD-15-2023 Regarding Executive Director Succession to be added to the agenda. This resolution can be found on WSDA.org under the 2023 HOD page. New business requires a two-thirds vote to be added to the agenda. The speaker called for a motion to consider HD-15-2023. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

**HD-15-2023
Regarding Executive Director Succession (Bylaws Amendment)**

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

VIII. Association Office

The Association Office shall be maintained under management of an Executive Director to conduct the business affairs of the Association and implement policy directives by the House of Delegates, Board of Directors and Officers. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors upon nomination by the Officers serving as a selection committee for that purpose.

When a contract is to be negotiated, the Board of Directors shall not be empowered to obligate the Association for an employment contract for a period longer than three years for the first contract with an Executive Director and for a period longer than five years with an Executive Director who has completed a three year contract without approval of the House of Delegates.

The Executive Director shall work under the direction and control of the Board of Directors consistent with a job description approved by the Board and under the direction and control of the President in the interim period between meetings of the Board and shall be subject to discharge by the Board of Directors.

In the event of a resignation, termination, or permanent absence of a contracted Executive Director, an interim committee consisting of the Officers and one senior staff member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to oversee operations of the Association until the employment contact with a new Executive Director or another interim measure approved by the Board of Directors has commenced.

The Secretary-Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and four at-large members of the Board of Directors selected by the Board of the Directors shall serve as the Compensation Committee for determining compensation recommendations for the Executive Director. The Compensation Committee shall make compensation recommendations based upon review of Executive Director's performance, compensation comparison data, and other information deemed appropriate and necessary by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors. Compensation

Committee recommendations on Executive Director compensation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Details of Executive Director compensation shall be disclosed to the House of Delegates as specified in Standing Rule.

end

There was a motion to add HD-15-2023 to the agenda. It was moved and seconded to be added to the agenda. It required a 2/3rds vote to pass.

Announcements. The speaker provided a friendly reminder that all voting during the second session would require a laptop and the internet. Also encouraged attendees to come with their devices fully charged to avoid any technical problems the following day.

The speaker announced ten minutes after the conclusion of the first business session, the Morning Work Session would begin. The Morning Work Session included: the 2023/2024 Budget Presentation and Secretary-Treasurer Report, given by Dr. Blake McKinley, Secretary-Treasurer followed by the Candidates' Forum.

The speaker informed the House that Lunch was courtesy of Washington Dentists' Insurance Agency and was served in Ballroom DE, at noon. The Afternoon Work Session began promptly at 1:00 p.m. in this room. The speaker asked the membership to please take a moment to meet with our exhibitors in the foyer. Their presence supported our meeting.

The speaker invited attendees to participate in a walk or run with Board Members Dr. Kirchner and Dr. Ulmer. Please meet in the lobby at 4:30 pm to join them on a scenic route in Seattle.

The hospitality suite, sponsored by WDIA, would also be open following the Citizen of the Year dinner until 11 p.m. in the Azure room.

The speaker announced that the Citizen of the Year award reception will be at 6:45 p.m. in the Ballroom ABC foyer in the other hotel tower with dinner service following the reception in Ballroom ABC at 7:30 p.m. Thank you to Constantine Builders for sponsoring the Citizen of the Year dinner.

Breakfast for Saturday was held from 6:30 - 8:00 a.m. in Ballroom DE. Crowd was encouraged to please remember that tomorrow's session begins at 8:00 a.m. All Delegates were reminded that they must register again and registration will open at 7:00 a.m. outside this room.

Delegates were encouraged to check out tomorrow morning before the beginning of the House.

The Speaker then declared the 2023 WSDA House of Delegates in recess at 10:40 a.m. until 8 a.m. Saturday, September 23, 2023.

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ASSOCIATION SECOND SESSION
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023**

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The speaker then introduced additional guests Dr. Dennis Bradshaw and Dr. Denny Homer, whom are both past presidents.

Quorum Report. Dr. Berninghaus, Credentials Committee Chair, reported that a quorum was present with 66 of 76 Delegates presenting the following report of attendance with alternate delegates so indicated. A Quorum was present.

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Election. The speaker then referred to HD-06-2023 Nominations for Elective Office introduced during the First Business Session.

The speaker described the membership the specific way in which they would vote for their new President-elect, Board of Directors members, and ADA delegates.

A video was played to help describe the process to members and attendees. A test election was conducted to verify the technical stability of the voting system prior to the beginning of the WSDA membership elections.

President-elect and ADA Delegate. The speaker called for additional nominations for President-elect and ADA Delegate. Hearing none, nominations were closed, and a unanimous ballot was cast for Dr. Chris Dorow.

Board of Directors. The speaker called for additional nominations for the Board of Directors. Nominations were closed and electronic voting commenced. The House sought to fill five Board positions, four with three-year terms, and 1 with a one-year term. Delegates were asked to vote for five positions, the 4 with the highest number receiving the three-year term, and the 5th highest vote getter will serve the one-year term. Once the votes were cast, the Speaker announced the election of Drs. Lisa Buttaro, Melanie Lang, Ronald Hsu, and Kevin Hudson to three-year terms on the Board of Directors and Dr. Crystal Vo to a one-year term on the Board of Directors.

ADA Delegate. The Speaker called for additional nominations for ADA Delegate. Nominations were closed and electronic voting commenced. The House sought to fill three positions each with three-year terms. Delegates were asked to vote for three positions. Once the votes were cast, the Speaker announced the election of Drs. BJ Larson, Bryan Edgar, and Mary Smith to three-year terms as ADA Delegates.

Dr. John Gibbons then awarded Dr. Denny Bradshaw a President's Award for his tenure as WSDA president through COVID times and an extended role of two years due to the pandemic.

Address of President-elect. Dr. Gibbons gladly introduced Dr. Nathan Russell to the stage for his address. Dr. Russell talked about his start at BYU and then his move to University of Washington to finish his education. He talked about his love of burgers, especially In-And-Out. Dr. Russell spoke on being an avid fan of flights and loves to listen to air traffic control at Sea-Tac. Found it fascinating that they can orchestrate such a busy and complicated array of organized flights every day. Was very vehemently anti-Pepsi.

Dr. Russell was not worried about working as the President of the WSDA Board of Directors because of the support that his board and the staff provide him. He said that when he thought about the profession of dentistry, he thinks about the concept of service, especially to our communities. Service is provided when it is needed and can be given. Personal gain isn't our motivation. He spoke about being a firm believer in "much is given, much is required."

He commended the membership for a myriad of acts of service to their respective communities. It was his hope that the membership could continue growing the strength of their profession. Decisions should be driven by the doctor and the patient. He said the WSDA should aim to protect this model moving forward. Dr. Russell also touched on the continued issues with workforce development and the struggle of going toe-to-toe with faceless dental benefits or claims administrator. He said any fight is imaginable if we work together. The ADA watched us like a hawk, and ultimately the power of the WSDA comes from the 4,200 members that comprise the membership. Dr. Russell acknowledged the support of his family and how they are the ones that deserve credit for serving behind the scenes, allowing for all of this to be made possible.

Dr. Russell enumerated that there is much to do, and he hoped to make it one step better for those that will follow in the future.

The speaker motioned to pause the session at 8:45 a.m. for a 10-minute break prior to reading resolutions.

The speaker and membership returned to the House of Delegates session at 8:55 a.m.

The speaker motioned to include HD-16-2023 on the current agenda. The motion was carried and will be reviewed as new business.

RESOLUTIONS.

The speaker moved forward to resolutions on the agenda. Implored the membership to remain on the house floor anytime a vote is taken. He also explained the processes on how to amend upcoming resolutions and how to present those amendments to the membership for a vote.

HD-08-2023, WSDA Legislative Agenda

Dr. Ryan Lemke proposed an amendment about midlevel providers but doesn't want them to expand scope or places they can practice. He asked for someone to propose a way to word this better in the final amendment. Dr. Mary Smith proposed a friendly amendment related to "expands," the scope of care as a grammatical amendment. Dr. Megan Miller asked how the WSDA expanded the scope of care for something that

hasn't been defined yet. Mr. Killpack said there was a defined scope of practice in statute. A scope of care to him would be listed in a list of procedures and parameters that are in that statute.

The amendment was moved and passed with 69 yes, 1 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-08-2023
WSDA Legislative Agenda for 2024

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that notwithstanding the legislative positions and core principles outlined in this legislative agenda, the Association's legislative priorities, which shall supersede and take primacy over all others, are as follows:

1. Legislation that a) improves dental benefits policies and processes negatively impacting patient care or b) reduces detrimental interference of dental benefits carriers in the doctor-patient relationship
2. Legislation that mitigates the severe shortages of dental hygienists and dental assistants in Washington state;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports state revenue policies that are fair to dentistry and opposes tax and fee increases that negatively affect dentistry;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports the preservation and extension of funding for dental Medicaid, dental residency programs, Federally Qualified Health Center dental clinics, loan repayment programs, the RIDE program, and other state funded initiatives that reduce barriers to dental care without compromising patient safety;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA will oppose enacted or proposed legislation that creates, expands the scope of care, or expands the approved clinical settings for dental therapists, dental hygiene therapists, or any other non-dentist provider that performs irreversible procedures;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA will oppose any legislation that amends the definition of dentistry found in RCW 18.32.020 (3) to allow non-dentists to own dental practices or otherwise interfere in the doctor-patient relationship;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports reforms to the Medicaid audit process;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports legislation that prioritizes the payment of preventive dental care provided by dentists prior to an individual's deductible being met;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports reforms to dental benefits that will result in better patient care;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA supports legislation to address the dental workforce shortage crisis in Washington state.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA supports legislation that codifies the right of dentists to provide in office membership plans/wellness partnerships to their patients;

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA reaffirms the following policy in determining its annual legislative agenda:

The Legislative Session Task Force, in consultation with the Board of Directors, will apply the following core principles and the existing political climate of the Legislature to any given legislative position to determine its advocacy strategy.

1. It is in the best health and safety interest of the public at large and dental providers.
2. It maintains and protects the diagnostic authority of the dentist.
3. It is cost-effective for the public.
4. It is cost effective for the dental profession.
5. It addresses those in need of dental services and provides adequate reimbursement to the provider of the dental service.
6. It maintains the integrity of the dental delivery system.
7. It maintains that only a dentist can provide irreversible procedures within the scope of their practice.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association supports the following dental workforce initiatives:

Amend RCW 18.260.010 to allow dental assistants to add general supervision to their scope (Gives DQAC rulemaking authority and presents the opportunity to add more than disinfecting operatories and sterilizing equipment).

Amend RCW 18.260.070 to allow EFDAs to disinfect operatories and sterilize equipment under general supervision.

Amend RCW 18.260.040 to allow dental assistants to do the following procedures under close supervision:

- Dental prophylaxis for patients in a healthy oral state including the polishing and scaling of teeth with supragingival, “visible” calculus
- Periodontal probing
- Gross debridement of supragingival, “visible” calculus with a non-invasive ultrasonic device

Require the Dental Quality Assurance Commission to establish criteria for initial training and continuing education requirements for dental assistants who wish to perform the procedures described above under close supervision.

Amend RCW 18.29.190 to include a core hygiene license that does not require hygienists to obtain the required education and training in restorative or anesthesia and nitrous oxide, but rather makes it optional and achievable through endorsement.

And be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association will work to implement the following dental benefit reform legislation.

1. Assignment of Benefits
2. Independent Claims Review
3. Silent PPO Network Rental Affiliated Network Clause Transparency
4. Retroactive Denials-Post Payment Audits
5. Virtual Credit Card
6. Dental Loss Ratio
7. Other Policies that Increase Competition in the Dental Benefits Market and/or increase Patient Choice

And be it further

RESOLVED, that WSDA maintains its support of the following resolutions passed in prior annual sessions of the House of Delegates:

1. HD-10-2014: supporting legislation to merge the current dental hygiene committee with DQAC; opposition of legislation that would create an independent dental hygiene board.
2. HD-17-2014: developing and supporting legislation to revise the definition of dentistry in RCW 18.32.020 subparts (1) and (2) to be consistent with language developed by the ADA.

3. HD-09-2011: expanding the scope of the Expanded Function Dental Auxiliaries (EFDAs) to include supragingival scaling, local anesthesia and gross debridement under the direct supervision of a dentist.

end

HD-08-2023 (as amended), WSDA Legislative Agenda for 2024, passed by a vote of 65 yes, 1 no and 0 abstain.

HD-09-2023, Role of the Speaker of the House (bylaws amendment), was moved and seconded.

Dr. Larry Lawton spoke as a president to propose an amendment to add the member parliamentarian to the same resolution. Over the years, he explained the WSDA history of the relationships between speaker of the house and the parliamentarian at the House of Delegates.

It was moved by Dr. Lawton. Dr. Bryan Edgar read parliamentarian procedure differently than Dr. Lawton and rebutted Dr. Lawton's amendment. Says he didn't believe the amendment was necessary.

Dr. Lawton explained that the speaker of the house and parliamentarians didn't run in their positions to influence the group. He wanted to make it so that there would be no possible conflict of interest moving forward.

Dr. Mary Smith said that any appointed official should not be able to run for office when they are "appointed officials." Erred on the side of caution that people shouldn't have an uneven playing field. Her amendment specified the importance of appointed officials and stopping them from running.

Dr. Edgar argued that chairs of committees where there are appointments made, should be able to run for office and that Dr. Smith's appointed officials amendment may be going a bit too far.

Dr. Smith rebutted this by saying that she is talking about direct appointments to the House of Delegates. Specifically, the folks who lead the meeting. Point of Order, that Dr. Edgar should have debated from the floor and not the stage, since he is the parliamentarian. Dr. Edgar explained to the membership that, regardless of if this amendment passed, the membership should consider how the Speaker and Parliamentarian are appointed or elected in the future.

The amendment of HD-09-2023 passed with 56 yes, 12 no and 1 abstaining. Motion carried.

HD-09-2023
Role of the Speaker of the House (Bylaws Amendment)

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

IV. House of Delegates

A. Annual Meeting. The House of Delegates shall be the legislative and fiscal body of this Association, with full authority to direct and regulate the Association activities within the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. A Speaker of the House of Delegates shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors to preside over the annual meeting and any special meetings of the House of Delegates. A professional or member Parliamentarian may be appointed to assist the Speaker of the House. These appointed officials, (e.g. the Speaker of the House or the Parliamentarian) shall act impartially without advocating any position related to matters before the House of Delegates. These officials are not eligible to run for any elected position at a House of Delegates meeting in which they are presiding. The House of Delegates shall meet annually in September and may hold special meetings as provided for elsewhere in these Bylaws.

The House of Delegates shall:

1. Elect all the officers, members of the Board of Directors and elective committee members provided for in the Bylaws.
2. Determine the time and place of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates.
3. Receive and pass upon the reports of all officers, standing committees and task forces.
4. Based on the recommendations of the Board of Directors, appropriate, allocate or reallocate funds for the expenditures of the Association.
5. Perform such other duties as are provided in these Bylaws.

end

HD-09-2023, Role of the Speaker of the House (Bylaws Amendment), passed with 60 yes, 6 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-10-2023, Reimagining Association Membership, was moved and seconded.

HD-10-2023 Reimagining Association Membership

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates charges the WSDA Board of Directors with developing Bylaws Amendments to create a tiered membership structure for WSDA and its component societies.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA Board of Directors is also charged with developing a road map for increasing sustainable sources of non-dues revenue that can be utilized by the Association and its component societies to decrease dependence on dues revenue.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA Board of Directors shall submit the aforementioned Bylaws Amendments and road map to the 2024 House of Delegates.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association shall support the American Dental Association in the development of a national tiered membership structure and shall consider aligning the implementation of a state-based model with one adopted by the ADA.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, appoint one or more Task Forces to implement the requirements outlined in this resolution.

end

HD-10-2023, Reimagining Association Membership, passed with 69 yes, 2 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-11-2023, Regarding WSDA Retro, was moved and seconded.

**HD-11-2023
Regarding WSDA Retro**

RESOLVED, that, as soon as prudently possible, the WSDA Retro Group Retrospective Rating Program Participation Agreement be amended to direct proceeds derived from workers compensation premium refunds to be used by the Association to decrease WSDA and WSDA component society dues and/or invest in non-due revenue generating ventures that will reduce dues.

end

HD-11-2023, Regarding WSDA Retro, passed with 65 yes, 1 no and 1 abstaining.

HD-12-2023, Establishment of a Service Lines Committee (Bylaws Amendment), was moved and seconded.

Dr. Chris Delecki moved to change the name of the resolution to the Business Enterprises Committee. Dr. Blake McKinley resolved to make it the Business Development Committee. Didn't require a vote.

HD-12-2023

Establishment of the Business Development Committee (Bylaws Amendment)

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

VII. Task Forces, Standing Committees and Their Duties

A. Standing Committees. The WSDA Standing Committees are:

1. Nominations Committee. The Nominations Committee is responsible for providing nomination recommendations for elected positions to the House of Delegates and for appointed positions to the President or Board of Directors as outlined in these Bylaws as well as Standing Rule. The House of Delegates and Board of Directors is not required to elect or appoint the nominees recommended by the Nominations Committee but each nominee from the committee shall be considered. The Nominations Committee may opt to provide more nomination recommendations than positions available in order to give the electing or appointing body more options.

The Nominations Committee shall be a committee of ten (10) members appointed by the Board of Directors. One position will be reserved for the Immediate Past President. One position will be reserved for an at-large Board member selected by the Board of Directors. The remaining positions shall be filled by members that are not currently serving on the Board of Directors. Term length shall be outlined in Standing Rule. Each term shall commence at the beginning of the Association's fiscal year. The Board of Directors is charged with appointing a Nominations Committee reflective of the diversity of experience, geography, training, gender, and race/ethnicity of the Association's members.

The full list of duties and expectations of the Nominations Committee shall be specified in Standing Rule.

2. Committee on Regulatory Affairs. This committee shall be composed of the at-large members appointed by Board of Directors to terms specified in Standing Rule. The Board of Directors shall appoint members with experience and knowledge relevant to the ongoing work of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and other government agencies identified in Standing Rule. Each year, the President shall designate the committee chair, who shall serve in this capacity for a period of 12 months. The committee chair is expected to regularly attend meetings of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission and perform other additional responsibilities as specified in Standing Rule.

3. Committee on Continuing Education. The Committee on Continuing Education shall be a rotating committee of up to eleven (11) members comprised of up to eight (8) dentists and up to three (3) hygienists. The term of each committee member is four years. Persons shall be eligible for reappointment to multiple terms.

Each term of the committee shall commence on the last day of the Pacific Northwest Dental Conference of the year when the appointment takes effect.

Each year, the Committee on Continuing Education shall designate the committee chair and committee vice-chair, who shall serve in this capacity for a period of 12 months commencing on the last day of the annual Pacific Northwest Dental Conference of the year the appointment is made.

4. Dental Benefits Committee. The Dental Benefits Committee is responsible for investigating and analyzing dental benefits related member issues, conducting outreach with dental benefits carriers operating in Washington, establishing a working relationship with the Office of the Insurance Commissioner, and collaborating on the substance and implementation of the Association's dental benefits advocacy agenda.

The Dental Benefits Committee shall be a rotating committee of up to ten (10) members appointed by the Board of Directors. The term of each committee members is three years. Persons shall be eligible for reappointment to multiple terms. The Board of Directors may stagger the term length of committee members to increase continuity.

Each year, the Dental Benefits Committee shall designate the committee chair and committee vice-chair, who shall serve in this capacity for one year.

5. Business Development Committee. The Business Development Committee is responsible for oversight of the Association's service lines that generate non-dues revenue, including service lines operated through business subsidiaries of the Association and service lines operated directly by the Association. The Board of Directors shall have the discretion to add or remove specific service lines from the Committee's oversight responsibilities. The Executive Director of the Association shall serve as one voting member of the Committee. The Board of Directors shall specify the number, qualifications, and terms of the remaining Committee members, along with the full list of duties and expectations of the Business Development Committee, in Standing Rule.

end

HD-12-2023, Establishment of the Business Development Committee (Bylaws Amendment), was moved and seconded as amended. HD-12-2023 passed with 67 yes, 0 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-13-2023, Regarding Interested Component Societies, was moved and seconded.

HD-13-2023

Regarding Interested Component Societies

RESOLVED, that the WSDA Board of Directors is charged with developing Bylaws Amendments that create a pathway for the Association's component societies to legally dissolve their independent structures and become an entity under the umbrella of WSDA.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA Board of Directors is charged with reaching out to each component society to determine its interest in opting into this alternative structure.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA Board of Directors and all interested component societies shall collaborate to submit Bylaws Amendments and a proposal for establishing the alternative component society structure to the 2024 House of Delegates.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors may, at its discretion, appoint a Task Force to implement the requirements outlined in this resolution.

end

A vote on amended resolution HD-13-2023, Regarding Interested Component Societies, was taken and passed with 66 yes, 0 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-14-2023, Concerning WDIA's Insurance Underwriter Contracts, was moved and seconded.

Dr. Chris Dorow recommended removing lines 71-75 because they had already been accomplished by both WDIA and PDIC, per yesterday's report. Motioned to amend by deletion.

The amendment was put to a vote. It passed with 61 yes, 3 no and 2 abstaining. The amendment was adopted.

Dr. Gregory Ogata moved to amend the resolution further by replacing lines 53 and 54 with "only evaluate the carriers that come to the end of a contract.

The amendment was put to a vote. It passed with 62 yes, 6 no and 1 abstaining.

HD-14-2023
Concerning WDIA's Insurance Underwriter Contracts

RESOLVED, that WDIA seek and evaluate any exclusive/endorsed contracts with insurance companies near the expiration of the contract via a request for proposal (RFP) process. WDIA's goal in this process is to seek the best overall insurance product to offer and sell to Washington dentists while simultaneously meeting the revenue needs of the organization.

And, be it further

RESOLVED, that the WSDA Board of Directors begin an internal review of WDIA's contract with TDIC, and how the actions of TDIC have affected and will affect WDIA, membership of the WSDA, and dentistry in Washington with a deadline of completion of review being prior to contract renewal between TDIC and WDIA. It is the intention of

the membership that the WSDA Board of Directors make the findings of that review available to the membership, and that they utilize the findings of that review along with WDIA's requests for proposal findings to make a decision regarding WDIA's future insurance product contracts that are in the best interest of the membership.

end

HD-14-2023, Concerning WDIA's Insurance Underwriter Contracts, passed as amended by a vote of 66 yes, 1 no and 0 abstain.

HD-15-2023, Regarding Executive Director Succession (Bylaws Amendment), was moved and seconded.

HD-15-2023
Regarding Executive Director Succession (Bylaws Amendment)

RESOLVED, that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

VIII. Association Office

The Association Office shall be maintained under management of an Executive Director to conduct the business affairs of the Association and implement policy directives by the House of Delegates, Board of Directors and Officers. The Executive Director shall be appointed by the Board of Directors upon nomination by the Officers serving as a selection committee for that purpose.

When a contract is to be negotiated, the Board of Directors shall not be empowered to obligate the Association for an employment contract for a period longer than three years for the first contract with an Executive Director and for a period longer than five years with an Executive Director who has completed a three year contract without approval of the House of Delegates.

The Executive Director shall work under the direction and control of the Board of Directors consistent with a job description approved by the Board and under the direction and control of the President in the interim period between meetings of the Board and shall be subject to discharge by the Board of Directors.

In the event of a resignation, termination, or permanent absence of a contracted Executive Director, an interim committee consisting of the Officers and one senior staff member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors to oversee operations of the Association until the employment contact with a new Executive Director or another interim measure approved by the Board of Directors has commenced.

The Secretary-Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and four at-large members of the Board of Directors selected by the Board of the Directors shall serve as the Compensation Committee for determining compensation recommendations for the Executive Director. The Compensation Committee shall make compensation recommendations based upon review of Executive Director's performance, compensation comparison data, and other information deemed appropriate and necessary by the Compensation Committee and the Board of Directors. Compensation

Committee recommendations on Executive Director compensation shall be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Details of Executive Director compensation shall be disclosed to the House of Delegates as specified in Standing Rule.

end

HD-15-2023, Regarding Executive Director Succession (Bylaws Amendment), passed with 68 yes, 0 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-16-2023, Scheduling House of Delegates Meetings, was moved and seconded.

Dr. Susarla opposed the resolution and specified the importance of planning 3 years in advance rather than 2 years planning period. Also mentioned how this could positively impact the House of Delegates expanded/thorough planning, strengthening relationship and cost efficiency.

Dr. McKinley talked about how the risk of planning out three years could be losing \$48,000 if the WSDA needed to change the location of future House of Delegates.

Dr. Russell mentioned that the cost of the meeting is around \$100,000 and how our contracted organizations work very well as is. He also didn't feel like 3 years is amicable to the reality of scheduling out that far. Every September the House is held. And that is the constant. Spoke in favor of the resolution.

Dr. David Baker spoke in favor of the proposed resolution giving ample time and opportunity to plan for the event. It would be reasonable to select the dates proposed three years in advance rather than coupling it with having the venue planned out three years in advance as well.

Mr. Killpack offered some points of information and appreciated everyone's input on the scheduling of HoD weekends. He said that SHW, who schedules these events out a lot, would see no cost-saving or scheduling benefit between planning the weekend out 2 years rather than 3 years in advance. Logistically, a date selection could impact a location later one if it was 3 years rather than 2.

Dr. Baker withdrew his amendment.

Dr. Tremblay spoke in favor of the amendment. He mentioned that delegates with three years in advance have also not shown up to the HoD weekend and didn't see there being a benefit financially as well to changing the number of years that HoD is planned in advance.

Dr. Susarla opposed the amendment. She argued that societies should provide three years of planning in advance and that it impacted hers and others family/personal lives because of the lack of foresight when it comes to planning the HoD weekend 2 vs. 3 years in advance. She had a question about how much money the WSDA lost during the Covid House of Delegates.

Mr. Killpack mentioned that the WSDA was able to secure this HoD because of a negotiation due to PNDC getting cancelled due to a global pandemic. He did not know of any loss due to that HoD being cancelled during the pandemic time.

Dr. Smith asked how many times the WSDA had changed the meeting. Mr. Killpack mentioned that there have been conversations about changing the structure of this meeting and that those conversations have been hampered by having three contracts. Dr. Smith supported the resolution.

Dr. Buttarro supported the amendment and moved to amend the dates for 2025 to September 25-27 from September 25-28.

Dr. Ogata moved to add a second resolved statement to add the year/dates and no location for HoD that will be three years out. Seconded.

Dr. Hsu asked if part of the reason it's hard to schedule out three years is because the ADA doesn't provide HoD dates three years out? Mr. Killpack said a "save the date" could limit location options. Still aimed to alternate between Eastern and Western Washington every year. He would consider this to give more importance to dates three years out vs. prospective location – it could make this hard moving forward.

Dr. Smith asked a POI – who sets the terms for the HoD? Mr. Killpack said it was up to the component to decide.

Dr. Andrew Tellington spoke in support. Asked why HoD is planned Thurs – Sat and not Fri – Sun? Mr. Killpack said it has been discussed before. It was the will of the house to decide whether that is something they want to do or propose moving forward.

Dr. McKinley was opposed to the amendment of the resolution because it limited the WSDA options and opportunities to have more cost saving opportunities.

Dr. Moore-Fujita asked what factors do they consider and if the WSDA considered exterior, but still dentistry related, events when planning these weekend meetings. Mr. Killpack said the WSDA planned out depending on the ADA/Tripartite related events and openings at preferred locations + meeting spaces, not specialty meetings.

Dr. Ogata spoke to the amendment and how "save the date" is just a place holder to help future delegates. Mr. Killpack spoke on how planning too far ahead could make calendaring hard because folks tend to treat calendar dates as set in stone. Could make things difficult overall.

Dr. Russell called the motion to question.

Vote on the proposed amendment to add a "save the date" three years out to HD-16-2023, Scheduling House of Delegates Meetings, failed with 17 yes, 52 no and 0 abstain.

Redo due to technical error.

Voted once more on the proposed amendment with 13 yes, 57 no and 0 abstaining.
Did not pass.

HD-16-2023
Scheduling House of Delegates Meetings

Background Statement. Future meetings are contracted as follows:

2024	Spokane, Davenport	September 12-14
2025	Tacoma, Marriott	September 25-27

RESOLVED, that the House of Delegates shall schedule its annual meeting two years in advance.

end

Vote on resolution HD-16-2023 as proposed, passed with 65 yes, 5 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-04-2023, WSDA 2023/2024 Budget, was moved and seconded.

HD-04-2023
WSDA 2023/2024 Budget

RESOLVED, that the attached shall be adopted as the Washington State Dental Association Budget for 2023/2024.

Reference Proposed Budget at:

www.wsd.org/member-center/governance/house-of-delegates

end

HD-04-2023, WSDA 2023/2024 Budget, passed with 66 yes, 1 no and 0 abstaining.

HD-05-2023, WSDA Dues for 2024 (Bylaws Amendment), was moved and seconded.

HD-05-2023
WSDA Dues for 2024
(Bylaws Amendment)

1. RESOLVED, that the first paragraph of Bylaws, Section II, Dues, C. Schedule of Dues, be revised as follows:

2.

II. Dues

C. Schedule of Dues. The annual dues of active or associate members shall be \$549, plus an additional amount of \$100 designated for political activity support. The total amount of dues, and political activity support is \$649.

The \$100 designated for political activity support shall be remitted to DentPAC for state or local political campaign contributions and other political expenses of DentPAC; provided, however, a member may elect that the amount instead be allocated to a WSDA Issues Fund for political purposes other than direct campaign contributions to candidates.

end

HD-05-2023, WSDA Dues for 2024 (Bylaws Amendment), passed with 67 yes, 4 no and 0 abstaining.

Mr. Killpack mentioned that more delegates entered the room after the session began, which is why the numbers of total voters went up during the morning votes.

Announcements. The speaker reminded folks to check out and Mr. Killpack reminded Board members that the new Board would be meeting half an hour after the adjournment of the House.

Installation of Newly-Elected. The newly-elected individuals gathered at the stage and took an oath of office administered by Dr. Ulmer, Immediate Past President.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the speaker declared the annual meeting of the WSDA House of Delegates in adjournment sine die at 10:15 a.m., Saturday, September 23, 2023.