

## Report of Nominations Committee

To: House of Delegates  
September 2024

In October 2021, the Washington State Dental Association Board of Directors adopted BD-05-2021/2022, Establishment of Nominations Committee in Standing Rule. The WSDA Board of Directors approved the appointments to the Work Group at its January 19, 2024 meeting. The members of the Committee are:

- Dr. Lisa Buttarro (WSDA At-Large Director), with a term ending September 30, 2024
- Dr. John Gibbons, with a term ending September 30, 2024
- Dr. Tofunmi Osundeko, with a term ending September 30, 2026
- Dr. Clio Samia-Lindenauer, with a term ending September 30, 2025
- Dr. Stephen Rupert, with a term ending September 30, 2024
- Dr. Harlyn Susarla, with a term ending September 30, 2026
- Dr. Nick Velis, with a term ending September 30, 2024

This year, the Nominations Committee held several meetings focused on different methodologies for recruiting candidates for elected and appointed positions and as strategies for increasing the Association's pathways into leadership. The Committee also undertook recruitment efforts for elected positions at the 2024 House of Delegates that resulted in the slate presented as HD-07-2024.

The Nominations Committee has also assumed responsibility for selecting the participants in WSDA's annual Leadership Institute. For 2024, six members were selected to participate in the 2024-25 program, which began at the 2024 Pacific Northwest Dental Conference.