

## REPORT FROM REFERENCE COMMITTEE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE 2024 HOUSE OF DELEGATES ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2024

### R1. RESOLUTION FROM THE CONSTITUTION, BYLAWS AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

The Reference Committee has examined Resolution R1 from the Constitution, Bylaws and Ethics committee.

**Resolved**, That the MDA Member Conduct Policy be amended as follows: Conduct  
Policy:

1. Members should communicate respectfully in all public settings and in all professional and Association activity interactions ~~with other dentists, dentist members, Association officers, trustees, and staff.~~

#### **AGREES:**

The Reference Committee concurs with the committee's recommendation and the chair moves Resolution R1 with the recommendation to vote YES.

### R2. RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Reference Committee has examined Resolution R2 from the Board of Trustees

#### **AMEND:**

The Reference Committee concurs with the intent of Resolution R2, but feels the resolution should be **AMENDED** for the following reasons:

To ensure that the intention of increasing provider and patient participation is clearly articulated in the resolution.

Therefore, the committee recommends the following amendments:

**Resolved**, that the Minnesota Dental Association believes that a single administrator or any new system of administration for dental services provided under Minnesota Health Care Programs (MHCP), which intends to increase provider participation and patient utilization rates, must concurrently provide adequate and reasonable reimbursement rates.

The chair moves Resolution R2 as amended with a recommendation to vote YES.

## **R5. RESOLUTION FROM MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY**

The Reference Committee has examined Resolution R5 from the Minneapolis District Dental Society

**Resolved**, that the Minnesota Dental Association supports an expedited pathway for foreign-trained dentists' pursuit of a MN Dental Assisting License or a MN Dental Hygiene License. Such an expedited pathway shall not require the foreign-trained dentist to complete a Dental Hygiene or Dental Assisting academic program.

### **AGREES:**

The Reference Committee concurs with the committee's recommendation and the chair moves Resolution R5 with the recommendation to vote YES.

## **R3. RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The Reference Committee has examined Resolution R3 from the Board of Trustees

**Resolved**, that the MDA Bylaws, Chapter V. BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Section 8. POWERS, be amended by addition of a new Subsection "H" which reads as follows:  
Notwithstanding any provision in these Bylaws, the Board of Trustees may authorize pilot programs of limited scope that do not conform to the current provisions of these Bylaws. As a part of that authorization, the Board of Trustees will approve the guidelines under which the pilot program operates, including the duration of the pilot program, which will not exceed three (3) years without the prior approval of the House of Delegates. The Board of Trustees will submit a report to the House of Delegates annually, reporting on the operation of the pilot program, and any findings and conclusions resulting from the operation of the program.

### **AGREES:**

The Reference Committee concurs with the committee's recommendation and the chair moves Resolution R3 with the recommendation to vote YES.

## R4. RESOLUTION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Reference Committee has examined Resolution R4 from the Board of Trustees

### **AMEND:**

The Reference Committee concurs with the intent of Resolution R4, but feels the resolution should be **AMENDED** for the following reasons:

To clarify that the business occurring at an in-person House of Delegates will continue throughout the year and that the mechanism to trigger the convening of the House of Delegates, in any manner, includes more than one district. The reduction from 25 to 16 delegates was approved to minimize potential barriers that may exist to reconvene the House.

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Therefore, the committee recommends the following amendments:

**Resolved**, that the **in-person convening** of the MDA House of Delegates be sunset for three (3) years. This sunset will be identified as a pilot period. Upon the conclusion of the Pilot Period, Delegates to the House will convene (in person or virtual) to determine whether to continue with the sunset or return to the traditional House meeting (or explore other alternatives).

Upon the request of **at least 16** delegates, **representing a minimum of two districts**, or by action of the Board of Trustees, the House of Delegates will be convened at a date and time that is logistically feasible and as determined by the BOT. In the case of urgency or efficiency, a virtual house may be convened.

The chair moves Resolution R4 as amended with a recommendation to vote YES.

I would like to thank the members of the Reference Committee for their diligence and hard work.

Robert Vender Broek, Chair	Southeastern District
Andrew Atchison	Northwestern District
Michael Bylander	Student District
Bartholomew Johnson	Southern District
Andrew Lund	Saint Paul District
Mark Phillips	Northeastern District
Tasha Strait	Minneapolis District

Mr. Speaker, this concludes the report of the Reference Committee.