

Resolution No. PD4 NewReport: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE MDA HOUSE OF DELEGATES Date Submitted: 7-21-2024Submitted By (Name): Dr. Rose Perpich, President, MDA Board of TrusteesDistrict Choose an item.Email address Click or tap here to enter text.Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.Submitted By: Board of TrusteesReference Committee: Reference Committee B: on Officer Reports; Administrative Matters; Constitution, Bylaws and Ethics; Dentists Concerned for Dentists (DCD); Affinity Products; Membership; New Dentist; Peer Review; Editorial Advisory Board; Scientific Session; Minnesota Dent

How does this resolution increase member value: [Required]

Submit form to hod@mndental.org or fax 612-787-8500**Must be submitted on this form no later than June 15, 2024 to be considered without a 2/3 vote at the House****1 TOPIC: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF THE MDA HOUSE OF DELEGATES****2 Background:**

3 It has become evident that the House of Delegates' role serving to direct association activity and policy
4 has diminished over time. The number of resolutions submitted has steadily declined over the last
5 several years. We believe the decline may signal a positive development which may be attributed to
6 several different factors as follows:

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- 8 1) The MDA is proactive in pursuing issues of importance and relevancy to the profession.
 - 9 2) The MDA Board of Trustees maintains a high level of transparency with districts and their
10 respective leaders.
 - 11 a. Trustees (serving as liaisons) present and report necessary updates at district meetings.
 - 12 b. Leadership attending and participating in district council meetings
 - 13 3) The MDA provides several channels of communication with members.
 - 14 a. Bi-Monthly Electronic Newsletter
 - 15 b. Member App
 - 16 c. MDA Townhall forum (MDANOW etc.)
 - 17 d. E-Alerts
 - 18 e. MDA Capitol Corner

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20 Considering the following:

- 21 • Increased transparency in association activities.

- 1 • Advancements in technology, and alternative communication methods such as E-Alerts, virtual
- 2 meetings, webinars, and online forums.
- 3 • Substantial decline in resolutions submitted for consideration by the House.
- 4 • Continued challenges by districts in recruiting delegates.
- 5 • Continued rise in expenses associated with hosting a House of Delegates meeting. Considering
- 6 the resources (financial [\$35,000+], human, and logistical) required to organize and run the
- 7 meeting.
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9 For the aforementioned reasons, the Board of Trustees recommends that the MDA House of Delegates
10 be sunset for three (3) years. This sunset will be identified as a pilot period. The sunset will be for the
11 year 2025, 2026, 2027. The House will reconvene in 2028 unless otherwise convened as noted within
12 the resolution.

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14 During the pilot period, the following will occur:

- 15 • District Delegates will continue to be recruited yearly.
- 16 • Delegates & members at large will be invited to participate in a Policy Forum that will take place
- 17 yearly (may be virtual or in person). The forum will serve as an occasion to discuss issues of
- 18 importance to the profession. Delegates and or members at large may bring proposals forward in
- 19 person or in writing for possible consideration by the MDA.
- 20 • Delegates will vote for Officers/ADA Delegates/Trustees/BOD nominees.
- 21 • The election of Officers will be conducted via suitable electronic means.
- 22 ○ Candidates for MDA office may “campaign” via a video recording that will be shared with
- 23 Voting Delegates.
- 24 • Delegates will be invited to attend the Leadership Conference. A reception may be held on the
- 25 evening of the Leadership Conference to provide a forum for networking and camaraderie.
- 26 • A mechanism to reconvene the House of Delegates is part of the resolving clause.

27 28 **Resolution**

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

33 Upon the request of 25 delegates or by action of the Board of Trustees, the House of Delegates
34 will be convened at a date and time that is logistically feasible and as determined by the BOT. In
35 the case of urgency or efficiency, a virtual house may be convened.

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37 **Fiscal Impact:** estimated savings \$120,000.

38 39 **Strategic Plan Goal Organizational**

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41 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMENTS:** The Board discussed the Resolution and voted to support the
42 Resolution as written.

1 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDATIONS:**Click or tap here to enter text.

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