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Constitution and Bylaws

RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

In order to facilitate the interchange of ideas, to promote the progress of the theory and practice of our profession, and to favor the welfare of our patients and the public, the members of this Association have adopted the following Constitution and Bylaws, and agree to support and abide by the same.

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138 **CONSTITUTION**
139 *of the*
140 **RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION**
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143 **ARTICLE I – NAME**
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145 The name of the organization shall be the Rhode Island Dental Association, hereinafter referred to
146 as “the Association” or “this Association” or RIDA.
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148 **ARTICLE II – OBJECT**
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150 The object of this Association shall be to improve the dental health of the public and to promote
151 the art and science of dentistry.
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153 **ARTICLE III – ORGANIZATION**
154

155 *Section 1. INCORPORATION:* This Association is a non-profit corporation organized under the
156 laws of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. If at any time this corporation shall
157 be dissolved, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to or among its members, but after
158 payments of all indebtedness of the corporation, its surplus funds and properties shall be used for
159 dental education and dental research in such manner as the then governing body of the Association
160 may determine.
161

162 *Section 2. MEMBERSHIP:* The membership of this Association shall be open to all dentists
163 licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations and other persons
164 whose qualifications and classifications shall be as set forth in Chapter 1 of the *Bylaws*.
165

166 *Section 3. COMPONENTDISTRICT SOCIETIES:* ~~ComponentDistrict~~ societies shall be those
167 district dental societies that hold charters from this Association, the membership of which shall be
168 composed of licensed dentists in accordance with Chapter II of the *Bylaws*.
169

170 ~~*Section 4. TRUSTEE DISTRICTS:* The Association shall be divided into trustee districts as~~
171 ~~provided in Chapter III of the *Bylaws*.~~
172

173 **ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT**
174

175 The legislative and governing body of this Association shall be the House of Delegates, which
176 may be referred to as “the House” or “this House”, as provided in Chapter ~~III~~^{IV} of the *Bylaws*,
177 subject nevertheless to the general membership in a meeting duly and regularly assembled.
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179 **ARTICLE V – MANAGEMENT**
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181 This Association shall be managed by a Board of Trustees, which may be referred to as “the Board”
182 or “this Board”, as provided in Chapter ~~IV~~ of the *Bylaws*.

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184 **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

185
186 *Section 1. ELECTIVE OFFICERS:* The elective officers of this Association shall be a President,
187 a President-elect/Treasurer, a Vice President, a Secretary, an Immediate Past President, and, in
188 addition, the office of Long Term Delegate, each of whom shall be elected as provided in Chapter
189 ~~VI~~ of the *Bylaws*.

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191 *Section 2. APPOINTIVE OFFICER:* The appointive officer of this Association shall be an
192 Executive Director as provided in Chapter ~~VII~~ of the *Bylaws*.

193
194 **ARTICLE VII – SESSIONS**

195
196 *Section 1. SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS:* Scientific sessions of this Association shall be conducted by
197 the members of the Association as recommended by the Committee on Scientific Sessions and
198 approved by the Board of Trustees.

199
200 *Section 2. BUSINESS SESSIONS:* Business sessions of this Association shall be conducted by
201 the House of Delegates as provided in Chapter ~~IV-III~~ of the *Bylaws*.

202
203 **ARTICLE VIII – PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

204
205 The *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* as set forth in the *Bylaws* of the
206 American Dental Association and as may be amended by this Association, shall govern the
207 professional conduct of all members of this Association.

208
209 **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

210
211 This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the
212 House of Delegates present ~~and voting~~ at a session, provided that the proposed amendment(s)
213 have been presented in writing at any previous session of the House of Delegates.

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215 This Constitution also may be amended at any session of the House of Delegates by a unanimous
216 vote of the members present ~~and voting~~, provided that the proposed amendment(s) have been
217 presented in writing at a previous meeting of said session.

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221 **BYLAWS OF THE RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

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224 **CHAPTER I – MEMBERSHIP**

225
226 *Section 1. CLASSIFICATION:* The members of this Association shall be classified as follows:

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- 227 A. Active members
- 228 B. Life members
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- 230 C. Affiliate members
- 231 ~~D. Associate members~~
- 232 E.D. _____ Honorary members
- 233 F.E. _____ Retired members
- 234

235 *Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS:*

- 236
- 237 A. *Active Member.* Any dentist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island ~~who is a~~
238 ~~member in good standing of one (1) of its component societies shall be classified as an~~
239 ~~active member of this Association who has applied to be a member of this Association is~~
240 ~~considered an active member upon payment of annual dues and assessments. Membership~~
241 ~~with this Association includes membership to the American Dental Association and the~~
242 ~~dentist's district society.~~
- 243
- 244 B. *Life Member.* Any active or retired member in good standing of this Association who has
245 met the requirements for life membership in the American Dental Association, ~~and has~~
246 ~~been an active member of this Association in either the active life or retired life category.~~
247 ~~Members granted life membership prior to or during year 1990, shall be classified as either~~
248 ~~active life or retired life members for the year 1991 and thereafter. Regardless of prior~~
249 ~~classification, active life membership shall be that category of life members who continue~~
250 ~~to have income from the practice of dentistry, as defined in Chapter I, Section 20B of the~~
251 ~~ADA Bylaws (effective January 1991). The retired life membership shall be that category~~
252 ~~of life members who do not have income from dentistry as defined in the foregoing ADA~~
253 ~~Bylaw provision. The member shall submit an affidavit attesting to the member's~~
254 ~~qualifications for this category of membership. The Board of Trustees shall review all~~
255 ~~requests for life membership for compliance with appropriate Bylaw provisions. Continued~~
256 ~~classification as an active life or retired life member shall be contingent on the dental~~
257 ~~income status of the member, as described in this section.~~
- 258
- 259 C. *Affiliate Member.* Any dentist practicing in any ~~other~~ state other than Rhode Island, who is
260 a member of the American Dental Association in good standing in such other state, and
261 ~~who is any dentist who is~~ a member in good standing of the American Dental Association
262 ~~and or~~ a member of a federal government dental corps, may file with the ~~Board of~~
263 ~~Trustees executive office~~ of this Association an application for affiliate membership, ~~which~~
264 ~~shall be referred with the Board's recommendation to the House of Delegates for action.~~
265 The applicant shall be classified as an affiliate member of this Association upon payment
266 of affiliate dues.
- 267
- 268 If elected, the applicant, on payment of dues as provided in Chapter XII of these *Bylaws*,
269 shall be classified as an affiliate member of this Association.
- 270
- 271 ~~D. Associate Member.~~ Any dentist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island and
272 honorably discharged from service with the armed forces during either war or peace and

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273 ~~who is a member in good standing of a component society may apply through said~~
274 ~~component society for associate membership during and for the one-year period~~
275 ~~immediately following discharge.~~

276
277 ~~—— If elected, the applicant, on payment of dues as provided in Chapter XII of these *Bylaws*,~~
278 ~~shall be classified as an associate member of this Association.~~

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280 ~~—— At the end of the period of associate membership specified above, the member will~~
281 ~~automatically be classified as an active member of this Association.~~

282
283 E.D. Honorary Member. Any individual who has contributed materially to the
284 advancement of the art and science of dentistry, and who has been elected by the House of
285 Delegates on the nomination of the Board of Trustees, shall be classified as an honorary
286 member of this Association. An honorary member shall not pay dues.

287
288 F.E. Retired Member. An active member in good standing who meets the requirements
289 for retired membership in the American Dental Association, ADA Bylaws, Chapter I,
290 Section 20G (effective January 1991) who has been an active member of this Association
291 for the two years immediately preceding retirement from dentistry, shall be eligible for
292 retired membership in this Association. Application shall be made to the Board of Trustees
293 through the member's component society, which shall attest to the member's retirement
294 and absence of income from dentistry as defined in the ADA Bylaws. Association's
295 Executive Office.

296
297 *Section 3. Definition of "IN GOOD STANDING"; Any member of this Association is in good*
298 *standing within the meaning of these *Bylaws*, if:*

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300 1. if his/her dues and assessments for the current fiscal year have been paid as provided in these
301 *Bylaws*, and:

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303 2. if he/she becomes a member in good standing and maintains such membership in a component
304 district society and the American Dental Association, and:

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306 3. if his/her license to practice in this or any other state has not been revoked or suspended or has
307 been restored on appeal.

308
309 All members of the Rhode Island Dental Association entering ~~on~~ active duty in the armed forces
310 of the United States ~~during a national emergency~~ shall pay only American Dental Association
311 dues for such term ~~as shall be determined by the Board of Trustees of active duty~~. Such members
312 shall retain full rights and privileges in this Association and respective ~~component~~district societies.

313
314 Those members who have suffered a significant financial hardship that prohibits them from
315 payment of their full dues during any given year may be excused from the payment of seventy-
316 five percent (~~75~~50%) or all of the current year's dues as determined by the Board of
317 Trustees submission of a waiver form to the Executive Office. The component society of a member
318 seeking relief under this section shall certify the reason for the wavier of dues and the component

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319 ~~society shall provide the same proportionate waiver of its dues as provided by this Association.~~
320 Members of this Association who had received reductions of their dues as a result of being
321 classified as disabled under the *Bylaws* of this Association as they existed prior to September 18,
322 1990, may continue to receive the dues reductions afforded to them under the prior *Bylaws*
323 provisions, so long as the determination of their disability is applicable.
324

325 *Section 4. PRIVILEGES:*

326
327 A. *Active Member.* An active member in good standing shall be entitled to all of the privileges
328 of an active member in the American Dental Association and to any similar services
329 provided by this Association for the benefit of its members.
330

331 B. *Life Member.* A life member in good standing shall be deemed to be an active member and
332 shall be entitled to all of the privileges of a life member in the American Dental Association
333 and to any similar services provided by this Association for the benefit of its members.
334

335 C. *Affiliate Member.* An affiliate member in good standing shall be entitled to enjoy any
336 services ~~as are authorized by the House of Delegates~~ which are provided by this
337 Association for the benefit of its affiliate members, but shall not be elected to any office
338 nor be appointed to any committee, council, board, or similar position in the Association,
339 nor to the House of Delegates.
340

341 ~~D. Associate Member. An associate member in good standing shall be entitled to enjoy any~~
342 ~~services as are authorized by the House of Delegates which are provided by this~~
343 ~~Association for the benefit of its affiliate members, but shall not be elected to any office~~
344 ~~nor be appointed to any committee, council, board, or similar position in the Association,~~
345 ~~nor to the House of Delegates.~~
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347 ~~E.D.~~ *Honorary Member.* An honorary member in good standing shall be entitled to
348 enjoy any services ~~as are authorized by the House of Delegates~~ which are provided by this
349 Association for the benefit of its affiliate members, but shall not be elected to any office
350 nor be appointed to any committee, council, board, or similar position in the Association,
351 nor to the House of Delegates.
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353 ~~F.E.~~ *Retired Member.* ~~A retired member in good standing shall receive annually a~~
354 ~~certificate of retired membership.~~ A retired member shall be entitled to all the privileges of
355 an active member.
356

357 ~~G.F.~~ *Right of Hearing.* Any member, who is ~~charged-alleged to have participated in~~
358 ~~behavior detrimental to the best interest of the public or of the profession,~~ by another
359 member of this Association ~~with behavior inimical to the best interest of the public or of~~
360 ~~the profession,~~ shall have the privilege of a hearing ~~before a committee of his/her~~
361 ~~component society or~~ before the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs of this
362 Association ~~if such member is not under the jurisdiction of a component society.~~ Said
363 allegations must be made in writing to the Executive Office of this Association and remain
364 confidential until the time such hearing can take place. In each instance the accused

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365 member shall receive a written copy of the charges together with a notice of the time and
366 place of the hearing, such notice to be sent by registered letter addressed to his/her last
367 known address and mailed not less than thirty (30) days prior to the day set for the hearing.
368 Every decision which shall result in censure, suspension, expulsion, or probation of a
369 member ~~from this Association~~ shall be reduced to writing and shall specify charges made
370 against the member, the facts which substantiate any or all of the charges, the ~~verdict~~
371 ~~decision~~ rendered, ~~and~~ the penalty imposed, ~~or when appropriate the suspended penalty~~
372 ~~imposed and the conditions for probation, and a~~ ~~For any outcome other than a complete~~
373 ~~dismissal, a~~ notice shall be mailed to the accused member informing the accused of the
374 right to appeal within ten (10) days of the date on which the decision is rendered, ~~a~~ ~~A~~
375 copy thereof shall be sent by registered mail to the last known address of each of the
376 following parties: the accused member, the Secretary of the Association, ~~the secretary of~~
377 ~~the component society, the~~ ~~the~~ chairperson of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial
378 Affairs of the American Dental Association, and the Executive Director of the American
379 Dental Association.
380

381 H.G. *Right of Appeal.* An accused member shall have the right to appeal from a decision
382 of ~~such committee of his/her component society to~~ the Council on Ethics, Bylaws, and
383 Judicial Affairs of this Association by filing with the ~~Secretary of this~~
384 ~~Association~~ Executive Office of this Association a statement, sworn to before a notary
385 public, giving the reasons for this appeal. An accused member ~~or the component society~~
386 ~~concerned~~ shall have the right to appeal from a decision of this Association to the Council
387 on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs of the American Dental Association.
388

389 To be valid, an appeal from any decision must be filed within thirty (30) days after such
390 decision has been rendered. No decision shall become final while an appeal therefrom is
391 pending.
392

393 CHAPTER II – COMPONENT DISTRICT SOCIETIES

394
395 *Section I. ORGANIZATION:* ~~A component society may be organized and chartered, subject to~~
396 ~~the approval of the House of Delegates, upon the application of at least ten (10) dentists, who are~~
397 ~~active or life members in good standing in this Association, and who are practicing in a district in~~
398 ~~which no chartered component society already exists. District societies will~~ shall be organized as
399 follows:
400

401 Northern District Dental Society: includes cities and towns of Burrillville, Central Falls,
402 Cumberland, East Providence, Foster, Glocester, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, North
403 Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, and Woonsocket.

404
405 Central District Dental Society: includes cities and towns of Coventry, Cranston, East
406 Greenwich, North Kingstown, Warwick, West Greenwich, and West Warwick.

407
408 Southern District Dental Society: includes the cities and towns of Barrington, Block Island,
409 Bristol, Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Narragansett,
410 Newport, Portsmouth, Richmond, South Kingstown, Tiverton, Warren, and Westerly.

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413 ~~Section 2. NAME: A component society shall take its name from the district in which it is~~
414 ~~chartered.~~

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416 ~~Section 23. POWERS AND DUTIES:~~

417
418 ~~A. A component society shall have the power to elect its members and to elect its fully~~
419 ~~privileged members as active members of this Association and of the American Dental~~
420 ~~Association, within the limits imposed by Section 4 of this Chapter.~~

421
422 ~~A. It A district society shall have the power to make laws, rules and regulations, and~~
423 ~~amendments to its bylaws to govern its members,; and to provide for its financial support,~~
424 ~~provided they do not conflict with these Bylaws.~~

425
426 ~~B. It shall have the duty to abide by its District Society Constitution and Bylaws.~~

427
428 ~~C. It shall have the power to discipline any of its members by censure, suspension, expulsion~~
429 ~~or probation for having been found guilty of a felony, for having been found guilty of~~
430 ~~violating the Dental Practice Act of the State, or for violating these Bylaws, including the~~
431 ~~Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct of this Association, subject to the~~
432 ~~provisions in Chapter I, Section 4G and H of these Bylaws.~~

433
434 ~~Section 4~~Section 3. MEMBERSHIP: ~~Component~~District membership shall mirror the dentist's
435 ~~membership with this Association.~~

436
437 ~~A. Active Member. Each component society shall judge the qualifications of its own members,~~
438 ~~but, as such societies are the only portals of entry to this Association, every reputable and~~
439 ~~legally registered dentist may be entitled to membership.~~

440
441 ~~— The active, life and retired membership of each component society shall be limited to~~
442 ~~dentists practicing within the territorial jurisdiction of such component society or to~~
443 ~~dentists in a federal government dental corps. A dentist practicing near a district boundary~~
444 ~~line may hold membership in the component society which is most convenient for him/her~~
445 ~~to attend, but may not be an active member in more than one (1) component society.~~

446
447 ~~B. Affiliate Member. Any dentist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island, who is a~~
448 ~~member in good standing of this Association, one (1) of its component societies, and the~~
449 ~~American Dental Association, may apply for affiliate membership in any other component~~
450 ~~society.~~

451
452 ~~— An affiliate member in good standing shall be entitled to enjoy any services provided by~~
453 ~~the component society, but shall not be elected to any office, nor appointed to any~~
454 ~~committee, council, board or similar position in the component society, nor represent the~~
455 ~~committee, council, board or similar position in the component society, nor represent the~~
456 ~~component society in the House of Delegates or the Board of Trustees of this Association.~~

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458 *Section 45. OFFICERS:* The officers of a component district society shall be a president,
459 ~~secretary~~president-elect/trustee, ~~treasurer,~~ and ~~such others as may be prescribed in its constitution~~
460 ~~and bylaws~~long-term trustee.

461
462 *Section 65. SESSIONS:* A component district society shall hold a business session at least once
463 each calendar year.

464
465 *Section 67. PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT:* The
466 *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* of the American Dental Association as
467 amended by this Association shall be the *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*
468 of each component district society for governing the professional conduct of all of its members.

469
470 *Section 87. CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:* Each component district society shall adopt and
471 maintain a constitution and bylaws which shall not be in conflict with the *Constitution and Bylaws*
472 of this Association or the American Dental Association and shall file a copy thereof, and any
473 changes which may thereafter be made in same, with the ~~Secretary-Executive Office~~ of this
474 Association.

475
476 *Section 98. PRIVILEGE OF REPRESENTATION:* Each component district society shall be
477 represented ~~in the business sessions at the House of Delegates~~ of this Association by its president,
478 ~~secretary~~president-elect/trustee, and by such other ~~fully privileged~~delegated members of such
479 society as will bring its total representation up to ~~that resulting from the following formula: three~~
480 ~~(3) delegates for the first twenty (20) active members of the component society at the time of each~~
481 ~~such session and one (1) delegate for each additional twenty (20) active members or a major~~
482 ~~fraction thereof~~six (6) delegates. Each component district society shall be privileged to select from
483 among its fully privileged active members the same number of alternate delegates as ~~there are~~
484 delegates. An alternate delegate may act in absence of a delegate from their respective district at
485 any session of the House of Delegates.

486
487 Each component district society shall be represented on the Board of Trustees by ~~one (1)~~two (2)
488 ~~trustees~~ from each of the ~~seven (7)~~three (3) component districts ~~societies~~. ~~The two (2) trustees shall~~
489 ~~be the president-elect/trustee and a long term trustee from each district society. The sole purpose~~
490 ~~of the trustees is to provide for the democratic representation of the district societies on the Board~~
491 ~~of Trustees and in the management of the affairs of the Association.~~

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493
494 *Section 99. CHARTERED COMPONENTDISTRICT SOCIETIES:* The Secretary of the
495 Association RIDA is authorized to issue a charter, in a form approved by the Board of Trustees, to
496 each chartered component district society denoting its name and territorial jurisdiction. The
497 following societies are hereby chartered as component district societies of this Association:

- 498
499 ~~A. Cranston Northern District Dental Society~~ Dental Society
500 ~~B. Greater Woonsocket Central District Dental Society~~ Dental Society
501 ~~C. Kent County Southern District Dental Society~~ Dental Society
502 ~~D. Newport Dental Society~~

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- E. Pawtucket Dental Society
- F. Providence Dental Society
- G. South County Dental Society

In the event that the membership of a component society shall drop below the minimum of ten (10) members for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months, its charter shall be forfeited.

Section 11. DISTRICT BOUNDARIES:

- A. ~~The Cranston Northern District Dental Society~~ Dental Society shall include the City of Cranston following cities and towns: Burrillville, Central Falls, Cumberland, East Providence, Foster, Gloucester, Johnston, Lincoln, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, and Woonsocket.
- B. ~~The Greater Woonsocket Central District Dental Society~~ Dental Society shall include the following cities and towns: Burrillville, Cumberland, Gloucester, Lincoln, North Smithfield, Smithfield, and Woonsocket. Coventry, Cranston, East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Warwick, West Greenwich, and West Warwick.
- C. ~~The Kent County Southern District Dental Society~~ Dental Society shall include the following cities and towns: Coventry, East Greenwich, West Greenwich, West Warwick, North Kingstown, and the City of Warwick. Barrington, Block Island, Bristol, Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Narragansett, Newport, Portsmouth, Richmond, South Kingstown, Tiverton, Warren, and Westerly.
- D. The Newport Dental Society shall include the following cities and towns: Barrington, Bristol, Jamestown, Little Compton, Middletown, Newport, Portsmouth, Tiverton, and Warren.
- E. The Pawtucket Dental Society shall include the following cities and towns: Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, and Pawtucket.
- F. ~~The Providence Dental Society shall include the following cities and towns: Barrington, Bristol, East Providence, Foster, Gloucester, Johnston, Providence, North Providence, Scituate, Smithfield, and Warren.~~
- G. ~~The South County Dental Society shall include the following towns: Charlestown, Exeter, Hopkinton, Narragansett, New Shoreham, Richmond, South Kingstown, and Westerly.~~

CHAPTER III – TRUSTEE DISTRICTS

Section 1. ORGANIZATION: The component ~~district~~ societies shall be grouped into seven (7) trustee districts designated by the names of the component ~~district~~ societies.

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547 ~~Section 2. PURPOSES: The sole purpose of the trustee districts is to provide for the democratic~~
548 ~~representation of the component~~district ~~societies on the Board of Trustees and in the management~~
549 ~~of the affairs of the Association.~~

550 ~~Section 4. COMPOSITION: The trustee districts are numbered and composed as follows:~~

- 552
- 553 ~~1. Cranston Dental Society~~
 - 554 ~~2. Greater Woonsocket Dental Society~~
 - 555 ~~3. Kent County Dental Society~~
 - 556 ~~4. Newport Dental Society~~
 - 557 ~~5. Pawtucket Dental Society~~
 - 558 ~~6. Providence Dental Society~~
 - 559 ~~7. South County Dental Society~~

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561 ~~The boundaries of the trustee districts shall coincide with the boundaries of their component~~district
562 ~~societies as established in Chapter II, Section 11 of these Bylaws.~~

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564 **CHAPTER ~~IV~~ III – HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

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566 ~~Section 1. COMPOSITION: The House of Delegates shall be composed of the~~ Executive
567 Committee, the Board of Trustees, the last five (5) immediate past presidents of this Association,
568 the officially certified delegates of each district society, a parliamentarian, and this Association's
569 legal counsel. ~~president and secretary and other officially certified delegates of each~~
570 ~~component~~district ~~society. The last five (5) Immediate Past Presidents of this Association shall be~~
571 ~~accorded all the privileges of a duly elected delegate, including the right to vote, and a student~~
572 ~~member of the American Student Dental Association who is an officially certified delegate from~~
573 ~~the American Student Dental Association, shall be accorded all the privileges of a duly elected~~
574 ~~delegate including the right to vote. All remaining past presidents shall have the right to address~~
575 ~~the House of Delegates on any issue before the House.~~

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577 Section 2. VOTING PRIVILEGES:

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579 The ~~elective officers~~Executive Committee and members of the Board of Trustees shall be ex-
580 officio members of the House of Delegates and shall be granted and may exercise all of the
581 privileges of duly selected or elected delegates (i.e., make, second, and discuss motions and
582 resolutions) without the power to vote unless duly selected as delegates of their respective
583 componentdistrict societies. However, the President of this Association shall cast the deciding vote
584 in the case of a tie. The last five (immediate) past presidents shall be accorded all the privileges of
585 a duly elected delegate, including the right to vote. All remaining past presidents shall have the
586 right to address the House of Delegates on any issue before the House, but shall not have the right
587 to vote. The Parliamentarian shall not have the right to vote.

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589 Section 3. PROXY VOTING PROHIBITED. Proxy voting by delegates is explicitly prohibited;
590 however, an alternate delegate may vote when substituted for a voting member in accordance with
591 procedures established by their district society.

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593 *Section 24*. CERTIFICATION: The ~~secretary-president~~ of each ~~component~~district society shall file
594 with ~~this Secretary of this Association~~ Association's Executive Office, at least thirty (30) days
595 prior to ~~the first day of the annual session of the each meeting of the~~ House of Delegates, the names
596 of delegates and alternate delegates duly selected by each ~~component~~district society. ~~The Secretary~~
597 ~~of this Association shall then provide each such delegate and alternate delegate with proper~~
598 ~~credentials, which shall be presented to the Committee on Credentials of the House of Delegates~~
599 ~~for registration and admission to the meeting of the session. In the event of a contest over the~~
600 ~~credentials of any delegate or alternate delegate, the Committee on Credentials shall hold a hearing~~
601 ~~thereon, investigate the facts, and report its findings and recommendations to the House of~~
602 ~~Delegates for final action.~~

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605 *Section 35*. POWERS:

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- 607 A. The House of Delegates shall determine the policies, which shall govern this Association
608 in all of its activities.
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- 610 B. It shall possess the legislative powers of this Association including without limitation ~~to~~
611 the power to recommend any and all proposals, propositions, and/or resolutions for ~~the~~
612 ~~procuring of~~ the enactment of any addition to, amendment of, and/or repeal of the statutes
613 of the State of Rhode Island concerning the regulation of the practice of dentistry or any
614 part or portion thereof, or for the procuring of the enactment of new and additional
615 legislation by the State of Rhode Island concerning the regulation of the practice of
616 dentistry.
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- 618 C. It shall have the power to enact, amend, and repeal the *Constitution and Bylaws* of this
619 Association.
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- 621 D. It shall have the power to adopt and amend the *Principles of Ethics and Code of*
622 *Professional Conduct* for governing the professional conduct of the members of this
623 Association.
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- 625 E. It shall have the power to grant, amend, or revoke charters of ~~component~~district societies.
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- 627 ~~F. It shall have the power to elect affiliate and honorary members of this Association.~~
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- 629 ~~G.F.~~ _____ It shall have the power to create special committees of this Association.
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- 631 ~~H.G.~~ _____ It shall have the power to commit this Association through complimentary or
632 denunciatory resolutions.
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- 634 ~~I.H.~~ _____ It shall have the power to determine the annual dues as provided in Chapter ~~XXXI~~,
635 Section ~~24~~ of these *Bylaws*.
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- 637 ~~J.I.~~ _____ It shall have the power to make assessments as provided in Chapter ~~XXXI~~, Sections ~~1 and~~
638 ~~2~~ of these *Bylaws*.

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640 ~~K.J.~~ It shall have the power to grant the award of the Association, consisting of medal
641 and scroll, to one, who through eminent service has promoted the advancement of dentistry
642 or furthered its public appreciation, and who has been nominated for this honor by the
643 Board of Trustees in accordance with Chapter VI, Section ~~8F8D~~ of these *Bylaws*.

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645 *Section 46*. DUTIES: It shall be the duties of the House of Delegates:

- 646
647 A. To elect the ~~elective~~ officers of the Executive Committee.
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649 B. To approve all appointments to the Councils and Committees of the Association.

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651 ~~C. To adopt an annual budget.~~

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653 ~~D.C.~~ To review any decision of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs
654 involving suspension, expulsion, censure, probation, or acquittal of a member.

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656 *Section 57*. REGULAR SESSIONS: The House of Delegates shall convene for its Annual Session
657 in the month of May at a time and place determined by the ~~President-Executive Office~~ and
658 approved by the Board of Trustees of this Association.

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660 The House of Delegates shall convene in the month of November at a time and place determined
661 by the ~~President-Executive Office~~ and approved by the Board of Trustees.

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663 *Section 68*. SPECIAL SESSIONS: A special session of the House of Delegates may be called by
664 the President of this Association to consider only such business as shall be mentioned on the
665 ~~official call notice eath~~, or on written request of one fifth (1/5) of the officially certified delegates
666 who comprised the last House of Delegates. However, such request shall be made by at least one
667 (1) delegate each from not less than one half (1/2) of the ~~component~~district societies. The time and
668 place of any special session of the House shall be determined by the President of this Association,
669 provided that the time selected shall not be more than twenty (20) days after the date request was
670 received.

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672 *Section 79*. OFFICIAL CALL:

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674 A. *Regular Sessions*. The ~~Secretary~~ Executive Office of this Association shall send an official
675 notice of the time and place of each session to each delegate and alternate delegate as soon
676 as practicable after each such delegate and alternate delegate has been officially certified,
677 but not less than one (1) week before the opening of such session.

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679 B. *Special Sessions*. At least five (5) days before the opening of any such session, the
680 ~~Secretary~~ Executive Office of this Association shall send an official written notice of the
681 time and place of each special session and a statement of the business to be considered to
682 every officially certified delegate and alternate delegate of the last House.

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684 Section ~~810~~. QUORUM: ~~Twenty (20) voting~~ Eighteen (18) members of the House of Delegates
685 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of any session.

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687 Section ~~911~~. OFFICERS:

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689 A. *Number and Title*. The officers of the House of Delegates shall be a chairperson and a
690 secretary. The ~~p~~President of this Association shall be the chairperson and the ~~s~~Secretary of
691 this Association shall be the secretary. In the absence of the ~~p~~President, the office of
692 chairperson shall be filled by the ~~p~~President-elect. In the absence of the ~~s~~Secretary, the
693 chairperson shall appoint a secretary pro tem.

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695 B. *Duties*:

696 a. *Chairperson*. The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the House of
697 Delegates, cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie, appoint judges and tellers to
698 assist in determining the result of any action taken by ballot, and perform such other
699 duties as custom and parliamentary usage require.

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701 b. *Secretary*. The secretary shall serve as the recording officer of the House of
702 Delegates and the custodian of its records. The secretary may utilize the services of
703 a professional recorder for the purpose of obtaining a verbatim record of the
704 proceedings of the House of Delegates and may cause a factual record of the
705 proceedings to be edited and published as the official transactions of the House of
706 Delegates. The secretary shall serve as the reading clerk of the House of Delegates,
707 but may designate an assistant to perform this duty.

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709 Section ~~1012~~. ORDER OF BUSINESS:

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711 A. *Regular Sessions*. The order of business for meetings of any regular sessions shall be as
712 follows, unless changed by two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members present, ~~and~~
713 ~~voting~~.

- 714
715 a. Meeting called to order by the chairperson
716 b. Report of the Committee on Credentials
717 c. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved
718 d. Report of the President
719 e. Report of the Executive Director
720 f. Report of the Treasurer

721 ~~g. Report of the Board of Trustees~~

722 ~~h.g.~~ Report of the Councils and Committees

723 ~~i.h.~~ Unfinished business

724 ~~j.i.~~ New business

725 ~~k.j.~~ Election of officers (annual session only)

726 ~~l.k.~~ Approval of members and chairpersons of councils and committees appointed by
727 the President (annual session only)

728 ~~m.l.~~ _____ Adjournment
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- 730 B. *Special Sessions*. The order of business for any special session of the House of Delegates
731 shall be:
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733 a. Meeting called to order by chairperson
734 b. Report of the Committee on Credentials
735 c. Reading of the call for special meeting
736 d. Transaction of business as provided in the call
737 e. Adjournment
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739 *Section 13.13*. RULES OF ORDER:
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741 A. *Reports*. All reports of ~~elective officers, Executive Committee, Board of Trustees, councils~~
742 ~~Councils~~ and ~~committees-Committees~~ shall be submitted in writing to the ~~Secretary~~
743 ~~Executive Office~~ at least ~~twenty-(20)seven (7)~~ days in advance of the ~~annual~~
744 ~~sessionmeeting of the House of Delegates~~.
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746 B. *Recommendations or Resolutions on Appropriation of Funds*. Any recommendation or
747 resolution presented in the House ~~of Delegates~~ proposing an appropriation of funds of this
748 Association, ~~except that of the annual budget~~, shall be referred without debate to the Board
749 of Trustees for consideration and report at the same or a later meeting of the House ~~of~~
750 ~~Delegates~~, relative to the availability of such funds.
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752 ~~C. *Consideration of Budget*. The annual budget shall be submitted to the November session~~
753 ~~of the House of Delegates by the Secretary. In all instances it shall be presented at a meeting~~
754 ~~prior to the last meeting of each session. In the event the budget as submitted to the House~~
755 ~~is not approved by the House, all recommendations concerning changes shall be referred~~
756 ~~to the Board of Trustees for the preparation of a revised budget, which shall be submitted~~
757 ~~to the House as soon thereafter as possible. Such procedure shall be repeated until a budget~~
758 ~~for the ensuing fiscal year shall be adopted.~~
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760 ~~D. *Introduction of New Business at Last Meeting*. No new business shall be introduced into~~
761 ~~the House of Delegates at the last meeting of any session, in the event that more than one~~
762 ~~(1) meeting of such session is held, whether in the form of resolution, memorial, or~~
763 ~~otherwise, unless by unanimous consent of the Delegates present and voting. Action in any~~
764 ~~such new business shall require unanimous affirmative vote for adoption.~~
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766 ~~E.C.~~ *Additional*. The rules contained in “Sturgis Standard Code of Parliamentary
767 Procedure” shall govern the deliberations of the House in all cases in which they are
768 applicable and not in conflict with the preceding standing rules of these *Bylaws*.
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770 *Section 13.14*. COMMITTEES: The committees of the House shall be:
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772 A. *Committee on Credentials*
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- 774 a. *Composition.* ~~A-The~~ Committee on Credentials ~~consisting of three (3) officially~~
775 ~~certified delegates shall be appointed by the President at least twenty (20) days in~~
776 ~~advance of each session shall be the secretary of this Association.~~
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778 b. *Duties.* It shall be the duty of the Committee on Credentials: (1) to determine and
779 record the roll of the House of Delegates at each session and to report same at the
780 time provided in the order of business; (2) to conduct a hearing on any contest
781 which may arise over the certification of any delegate or alternate delegate and to
782 report to the House its recommendations concerning such contest.
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784 B. *Committee on Nominations.*

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786 a. *Composition.* ~~A-The~~ Committee on Nominations shall consist of the three
787 Immediate past-presidents of this Association, ~~who have served most recently and~~
788 ~~the current president of each of the component district societies. The Immediate~~
789 ~~Past President of this Association shall be the chairperson of this committee.~~
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791 b. *Duties.* It shall be the duty of the Committee on Nominations to present a list of
792 names for the ~~elective officers~~Executive Committee to be balloted upon by the
793 House of Delegates in accordance with Chapter VII, Section 4-3 of these *Bylaws*.
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795 *Section 4-15.* PARTICIPATION OF MEMBERS: Members may attend meetings of the House of
796 Delegates and may have the privilege of the floor upon the consent of the House of Delegates.
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799 **CHAPTER IV – CONFLICT OF INTEREST**
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801 It is the policy of this Association that individuals who serve in elective, appointive, advisory or
802 employed offices or positions do so in a representative or fiduciary capacity that requires loyalty
803 to the Association. At all times while serving in such offices or positions, these individuals shall
804 further the interests of the Association as a whole. In addition, they shall avoid:

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806 A. Placing themselves in a position where personal or professional interests may conflict with
807 their duty to this Association.
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809 B. Using information learned through such office or position for personal gain or advantage.
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811 C. Obtaining by a third party an improper gain or advantage. As a condition for selection,
812 each nominee, candidate, and applicant shall disclose any situation, which might be
813 construed as placing the individual in a position of having an interest that may conflict with
814 his or her duty to this Association. While serving, the individual shall comply with the
815 conflict of interest policy applicable to his or her office position, and shall report any
816 situation in which a potential conflict of interest may arise. The Board of Trustees shall
817 approve the compliance activities that will implement the requirements of this chapter.
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819 Each person elected and/or appointed as an officer, trustee, to a council or committee, as
820 consultants, and advisors, shall complete a conflict of interest statement as prescribed by the House
821 of Delegates and shall file such statement with the Secretary of the House of Delegates to be made
822 available to the delegates prior to election.

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825 **CHAPTER VI – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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827 *Section 1. COMPOSITION:* The Board of Trustees shall consist of ~~one (1)~~two (2) trustees from
828 each of the ~~seven (7)~~three (3) ~~component~~district societies, the ~~elective officers~~Executive
829 Committee of the Association, Immediate Past-President, and Long Term Delegate, ~~and the~~
830 ~~Scientific Sessions Chairperson~~. Representation on the Board of Trustees is dependent upon a
831 componentdistrict society maintaining its charter.

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833 The Board of Trustees may, from time-to-time and at its pleasure, invite consultants and advisors
834 to attend its meetings.

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836 *Section 2. QUALIFICATIONS:* Each trustee must be an active or life member in good standing
837 of this Association and a fully privileged member of ~~the a~~ componentdistrict society. Should the
838 status of any trustee change in regard to the preceding qualifications, that office shall be declared
839 vacant, and such vacancy shall be filled as provided in Chapter VI, Section 7 of these *Bylaws*.

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841 *Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE:* The term of office shall be one (1) year and shall expire at the
842 annual session of the ~~Association~~House of Delegates. ~~Each component district society's incumbent~~
843 ~~trustee may be eligible for re-election.~~Each component district society's long-term trustee shall
844 serve a term of office of three (3) years and may be eligible for reelection.

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846 *Section 4. NOMINATION AND ELECTION:* Each componentdistrict society shall nominate and
847 elect its trustees and shall give notice of its election to the ~~Secretary of this Association~~executive
848 office at least ~~fifteen (15)~~seven (7) days before the annual session of ~~this Association~~the House of
849 Delegates.

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851 *Section 5. INSTALLATION:* The trustees shall be installed by the President or someone delegated
852 by the President at the time scheduled in Order of Business.

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854 *Section 6. REMOVAL FOR CAUSE:* The House of Delegates may remove a trustee for cause in
855 accordance with procedures established by the House of Delegates, which procedures shall provide
856 for notice of the charges and an opportunity for the accused to be heard in his or her defense. The
857 affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the delegates present ~~and voting~~ is required to remove a
858 trustee from office. If the House of Delegates elects to remove the trustee, that ~~section~~ shall create
859 a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, which shall be filed in accordance with Chapter VI, Section
860 7.

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862 *Section 7. VACANCY:* In the event of a vacancy in the office of a trustee by reason of death,
863 resignation, or otherwise, the ~~trustee~~-district society shall elect a successor to fill the remainder of
864 the unexpired term.

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Section 8. POWERS:

- A. The Board of Trustees shall be the managing body of this Association, vested with full power to conduct all business of this Association, subject only to the laws of the State of Rhode Island, the Articles of Incorporation, the *Constitution and Bylaws*, and the mandates of the House of Delegates.
- B. It shall have the power to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with these *Bylaws* to govern its organization, procedure, and conduct.
- C. It shall have the power to direct the President to call a special session of the House of Delegates as provided in Chapter ~~IVIII~~, Section ~~86~~ of these *Bylaws*.
- ~~D. It shall have the power to nominate to the House of Delegates candidates for honorary membership in this Association.~~
- ~~E. It shall have full discretionary power of cause to be published in, or to be omitted from, any official publication of the Association any article in whole or in part, except the editorials written or approved by the duly appointed editor of such publication.~~
- F. D. It shall have full power to nominate the recipient of the award of this Association, which may be granted by the House of Delegates as provided in Chapter ~~IVIII~~, Section ~~35J~~ of these *Bylaws*.

Section 9. DUTIES: It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to:

- A. Provide for the maintenance and supervision of all property owned by this Association and for the supervision of all funds, investments, and expenditures of this Association.
- B. Employ an Executive Director and such other persons as it deems necessary to conduct the business of this Association.
- C. Determine the specific time for convening each session of the House of Delegates within the limits set forth by Chapter ~~IIIV~~, Section ~~5-7~~ of these *Bylaws*.
- D. Cause to be bonded by a reliable surety company any appointive or elective officer or employee of this Association entrusted with Association funds for whatever amount deemed necessary.
- ~~E. Cause to be audited by a reputable auditor all accounts of the Association at least annually.~~
- F. Prepare and adopt an annual budget for carrying on the activities of the Association for each ensuing fiscal year.

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- 910 G. Provide for the publication, frequency of issues, subscriptions, and distribution of all
911 official publications of the Association.
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913 H. Review the written reports of all councils and special committees of the Association and
914 to make recommendations concerning same to the House of Delegates.
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916 I. Cause to be promulgated in the official publication of the Rhode Island Dental Association
917 all policies of the Association adopted by the House of Delegates.
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919 J. Provide for payment of expenses for delegates, alternate delegates, and the Executive
920 Director of this Association to attend any relevant meetings associated with their position
921 within this Associationthe House of Delegates of the American Dental Association to the
922 extent of transportation costs plus a per diem for each day of necessary traveling time and
923 attendance at the session, said per diem to be in such amount as the Board of Trustees shall
924 determine:reimbursement for lodging and meals during necessary travel time.
925 Reimbursement shall also be provided for any additional fees as the Board of Trustees shall
926 determine.
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928 K. Submit an annual report to the House of Delegates concerning its activities, those of the
929 appointive officers of the Association, those of the councils and special committees, upon
930 its adoption, to print this report and distribute it to all members of this Association.
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932 L. Refer to the Strategic Plan in the management of the Association.
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934 M. Perform such other duties as are prescribed in these *Bylaws*.

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936 *Section 10. SESSIONS:*

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938 A. *Regular Sessions.* There shall be regularly monthly sessions of the Board of Trustees each
939 year except during the months of January, July, August, and November.
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941 B. *Special Sessions.* Special sessions of the Board of Trustees may be called at any time by
942 the pPresident of this Association, and the pPresident of this Association shall call such
943 sessions on request of five (5) members of the Board of Trustees, provided that due notice
944 of any such session is given to each member of the Board of Trustees and at least twenty-
945 four (24) hours in advance of the time scheduled for holding such session, and provided
946 further, that no other business shall be considered except that provided in the official call
947 notice unless unanimous consent is obtained from the members present, ~~and voting.~~
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949 *Section 11. QUORUM:* A majority of the ~~voting~~ members of the Board of Trustees present shall
950 constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any session.
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952 *Section 12. OFFICERS:*

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954 A. *Number and Title.* The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be ~~a chairperson and a~~
955 ~~secretary.~~ the Executive Committee. The President of this Association shall be the
956 chairperson, ~~and the Secretary of this Association shall be the secretary.~~
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958 In the absence of the President, the office of chairperson shall be filled by the President-
959 elect, and in the event of the absence of the President-elect, the Vice President shall serve
960 as chairperson. ~~In the absence of the Secretary, the chairperson shall appoint a secretary~~
961 ~~pro tem.~~

962 B. *Duties.*

963 a. *Chairperson.* The chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees,
964 cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie, and perform such other duties as custom
965 and parliamentary usage require.
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967 When a question of order arises, the decision of the chairperson shall be final unless
968 an appeal from such decision shall be made by a member of the Board of Trustees,
969 in which ~~_____~~ case final decision shall be a majority vote of the trustees present
970 and voting.
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972 b. *Secretary.* The secretary shall serve as the recording officer of the Board of Trustees
973 and the custodian of its records. The secretary may utilize the services of a
974 professional recorder for the purpose of obtaining a verbatim record of the
975 proceedings of the Board of Trustees and may cause a factual record of such
976 proceedings to be edited and published as the official transactions of the Board of
977 Trustees. The secretary shall serve as the reading clerk of the Board of Trustees but
978 may designate an assistant to perform this duty.
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980 Section 13. COMMITTEE(S): The committee(s) of the Board of Trustees shall be:

981 A. Committee on Scientific Sessions

982 a. *Composition.* The members of the committee shall consist of ~~a member for four (4)~~
983 ~~years to be immediately followed by one (1) year as chairperson, as provided in~~
984 ~~Chapter VII, Section 9E of these Bylaws~~ the secretary of this Association.
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986 b. *Duties.* It shall be the duty of the ~~Committee (1) to serve as general program~~
987 ~~committee for the scientific sessions with full power to arrange the program; (2) to~~
988 ~~arrange for advertising and exhibits at scientific sessions; (3) to arrange for~~
989 ~~publication of the program; (4) to make all arrangements with the hotel or other~~
990 ~~organization selected to house the session; (5) to have its chairperson serve as an~~
991 ~~ex-officio member of the Board of Trustees~~ Scientific Sessions chairperson to serve
992 as the facilitator of the four (4) continuing education events and the Association's
993 annual OSHA training event.
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995 c. ~~Committee on Scientific Sessions shall be composed of a member appointed each~~
996 ~~year by the Secretary who shall serve as a member for four (4) years to be~~
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~~immediately followed by one (1) year as chairperson, as provided in Chapter VII, Section 9E of these Bylaws.~~

~~In the event that a nominee is not acceptable to the House of Delegates, the President shall submit another name or names until approval of the House shall be secured.~~

B. Executive Committee

- a. *Composition.* The members of the Executive Committee shall be composed of the elective officers of the Association in accordance with Chapter VI Section 1 of these Bylaws.
- b. *Duties.* It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act on emergency and budgetary matters, or on recurring matters that require immediate attention, and report to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting.

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Section 14. ORDER OF BUSINESS: The order of business for the Board of Trustees shall be as follows, unless changed by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present ~~and voting.~~

- A. ~~Roll Call~~ Call to Order
- B. ~~Installation of Trustees~~ Necrology Report
- C. ~~Reading Presentation~~ of minutes of previous meeting
- D. President's Report
- E. Executive Director's Report
- F. Treasurer's Report
- G. ~~Communications, notices, and bills~~ Reports of Councils and Committees
- H. ~~Reports of councils and committees~~ Communications
- I. Unfinished business
- J. New business
- K. Future Events
- L. Adjournment

CHAPTER VII – ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Section 1. NUMBER AND TITLE: The elective officers of this Association shall make up the Executive Committee and shall be six (6) in number: President, President-elect/Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary, ~~thean~~ Immediate Past President, and a Long Term Delegate as provided in Article VI of the Constitution.

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY: Any active or of life member in good standing of this Association ~~who has served the Association as a member of the Board of Trustees as a duly elected representative of a component district society for at least five (5) years, or who has been an active member for five (5) years of any major council, or who has been chairperson for one (1) year of the Committee on Scientific Sessions, or any member whom the Committee on Nominations feels has given outstanding service to the Association, or any member who has served the Association~~

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1044 ~~as a member of the House of Delegates as a duly elected representative of a component district~~
1045 ~~society for at least five (5) years,~~ shall be eligible for nomination as an elective officer.

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1047 Any active or life member in good standing of this Association who is not currently an officer of
1048 the Association shall be eligible for nomination as the Long Term Delegate.

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1050 *Section 3. NOMINATION:* At the annual session of the House of Delegates in May, as
1051 necessitated by length of term in office as provided in Chapter VII, Section 5 of these *Bylaws*,
1052 nomination for the offices of President-elect/Treasurer, Vice President, Secretary, and Long
1053 Term Delegate shall be made by the Committee on Nominations as provided in Chapter ~~IV~~III,
1054 Section 14B of these *Bylaws*. Counter nominations may be made orally from the floor, but no
1055 nominating speech shall exceed five (5) minutes in length.

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1057 *Section 4. ELECTIONS:* At the annual session of the House of Delegates in May, the elective
1058 officers shall be elected by the House of Delegates and voting shall be by ballot. A majority of
1059 the votes cast shall be necessary for election. In the event that no nominee receives a majority of
1060 the votes cast on the first ballot, the name of the nominee receiving the least number of votes
1061 shall be dropped and a new ballot taken. The same procedure shall be continued until one (1) of
1062 the nominees receive a majority of the votes cast, when the chairperson shall declare such
1063 nominee elected. Should there not be two (2) nominees for any one (1) office, the Association
1064 may vote by acclamation.

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1066 *Section 5. TENURE OF OFFICE:* The elective officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year or
1067 until their successors shall be elected and installed.

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1069 The Long Term Delegate shall serve for a term of four (4) years. No member may serve in this
1070 office for more than two (2) consecutive terms. Although elected for a four (4) year term in
1071 office, the Long Term Delegate's tenure in office must be reaffirmed each year by a majority of
1072 those present and voting at the House of Delegates Annual Session of this Association. If not
1073 reaffirmed, nominations may be made from the floor of the House of Delegates of any members
1074 who qualify under the provisions of Chapter VII, Section 2 to serve the remainder of the ~~three (3)~~
1075 ~~year~~ term in this office.

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1077 *Section 7. REMOVAL FOR CAUSE:* The House of Delegates may remove an elective officer
1078 for cause in accordance with procedures established by the House of Delegates, which shall
1079 include notice of the charges and an opportunity for the accused to be heard in his or her defense.
1080 The affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the majority of the delegates present ~~and voting~~ is
1081 required to remove an elective officer from office. If the House of Delegates elects to remove the
1082 elective officer, that action shall create a vacancy, which shall be filled in accordance with
1083 Chapter VII, Section 8.

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1085 *Section 8. VACANCIES:* In the event the office of Ppresident becomes vacant, the Ppresident-
1086 elect/treasurer shall become Ppresident for the unexpired portion of the term and shall remain in
1087 office for the ensuing year. The vacated office of the Ppresident-elect/treasurer shall not be filled
1088 until the next annual session of the House of Delegates.

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1090 In the event the office of ~~v~~Vice ~~P~~President becomes vacant, the ~~S~~Secretary shall become ~~V~~Vice
1091 ~~P~~President of the unexpired portion of the term. In the event the office of ~~S~~Secretary becomes
1092 vacant, the ~~V~~Vice ~~P~~President shall become the ~~S~~Secretary for the unexpired portion of the term.
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1094 Section 9. DUTIES: The duties of the elective officers shall be:
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- 1096 A. *President.* It shall be the duty of the ~~P~~President:
- 1097 a. To serve as an official representative of this Association in its contacts with
1098 governmental, business, and professional organizations for the purpose of
1099 advancing the objects and policies of this Association.
 - 1100 b. To serve as chairperson of the House of Delegates and as chairperson and
1101 member of the Board of Trustees, performing the duties of such offices as are
1102 provided in the Chapters ~~IIIIV~~ and ~~VI~~ of these *Bylaws*.
 - 1103 c. To call special sessions of the House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees as
1104 provided in Chapters ~~IIIIV~~ and ~~VI~~ of these *Bylaws*.
 - 1105 d. To submit a written report of the activities of office to the House of Delegates.
 - 1106 e. To appoint, immediately upon assuming office, members and chairpersons of all
1107 councils and committees, and the parliamentarian for the ensuing year.
 - 1108 f. To install incoming trustees at the September session of the Board of Trustees.
 - 1109 g. To sign all certificates, citations, letters, and testimonials.
 - 1110 h. To duly authorize orders on the ~~T~~Treasury.
 - 1111 i. To be an ex-officio member of all councils and committees.
 - 1112 j. To represent the Association as a delegate at the annual session of the American
1113 Dental Association and to appoint, subject to confirmation by the Board of
1114 Trustees, a member of this Association to serve as a delegate and/or alternate
1115 delegate to fill the vacancy of any person unable to attend the annual session of
1116 the American Dental Association as provided by these *Bylaws*.
 - 1117 k. To be advisor to all ~~component~~district societies and to make a report in person to
1118 each society as to the proceedings of the House of Delegates of the American
1119 Dental Association.
 - 1120 ~~l. To possess and maintain the President's portfolio, which shall contain a duplicate~~
1121 ~~of the master copy of this Constitution and Bylaws, together with a roster of the~~
1122 ~~names and addresses of all officers, members of the Board of Trustees, members~~
1123 ~~of the House of Delegates, members of councils and committees, and the~~
1124 ~~secretaries of the component~~district societies. This record of the President's
1125 ~~administration shall become part of the permanent records of the Secretary.~~
 - 1126 ~~m.l.~~ m.l. To call the membership of the Association into a general meeting
1127 whenever so directed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Trustees, by a
1128 two-thirds (2/3) vote of the House of Delegates or upon petition of seventy-~~g~~five
1129 (75) members in good standing of this Association. A majority vote of the
1130 members present at such a meeting shall be binding upon the actions of the House
1131 of Delegates.
 - 1132 ~~n.m.~~ n.m. To supervise, subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees, the
1133 employees of this Association.
 - 1134 ~~o.n.~~ o.n. To establish a committee of the Board of Trustees to conduct formal performance
1135 evaluations of the Executive Director, and Legal Counsel ~~and the Association~~

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- 1136 Auditor every five (5) years or more often, as necessary to assure due diligence.
1137 Evaluations may be performed in alternating years.
1138 ~~p.o.~~To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.
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- 1140 B. *President-elect/Treasurer*. It shall be the duty of the ~~P~~resident-elect/~~T~~reasurer:
1141 a. To assist the ~~P~~resident as required; to act as chairperson at meetings of the
1142 House of Delegates and of the Board of Trustees in the absence of the ~~P~~resident.
1143 b. To serve as an ex-officio member of the House of Delegates unless he/she is
1144 serving as an officially certified delegate.
1145 c. To serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.
1146 d. To serve as an ex-officio member of any councils and committees as directed by
1147 the ~~P~~resident.
1148 e. To represent this Association as an alternate delegate at the annual session of the
1149 American Dental Association.
1150 f. To succeed to the office of President in the event of vacancy in that office, as
1151 provided in this chapter of these *Bylaws*.
1152 g. To succeed to the office of President without other election at the annual session
1153 of the House of Delegates after that at which he/she was elected to the office of
1154 ~~P~~resident-elect/~~treasurer~~.
1155 ~~h. To organize and conduct a stateside leadership conference bi-annually or as~~
1156 ~~deemed appropriate.~~
1157 ~~i.h.~~ To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.
1158 ~~j. To collect all funds due to the Association from any source whatsoever.~~
1159 ~~k. To issue to each member, upon receipt of dues, a certificate of membership for the~~
1160 ~~current year.~~
1161 ~~l. To maintain in conformity with the regulations of this Association, a list of the~~
1162 ~~members in good standing of this Association with a voucher for their dues.~~
1163 ~~m. To send the secretaries of the ~~componen~~district societies list of their members in~~
1164 ~~good standing with a voucher for their dues.~~
1165 ~~n.i.~~ To serve as custodian of all funds, securities, and deed belonging to this
1166 Association, which he/she shall hold, invest, and disburse according to the
1167 direction of the Board of Trustees, except that he/she is authorized and
1168 empowered to make disbursements from and out of the Relief Fund in the manner
1169 provided and pursuant to the provision of Chapter VI, Section 13~~BA~~ of these
1170 *Bylaws*.
1171 ~~o. To close the books on December 31 and deliver them to the auditor, as provided~~
1172 ~~in Chapter VI, Section 9E of these *Bylaws*.~~
1173 ~~p. To appoint, immediately upon assuming office, one (1) member of the Committee~~
1174 ~~on Scientific Sessions. This appointee shall serve for four (4) years as a member~~
1175 ~~of said committee to be immediately followed by one (1) year as chairperson of~~
1176 ~~said committee.~~
1177 ~~q.i.~~ To perform all such other duties as are incident to the office and which are
1178 prescribed by the Board of Trustees for these *Bylaws*.
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- 1180 C. *Vice President*. It shall be the duty of the ~~V~~ice ~~P~~resident:
1181 a. To assist the ~~P~~resident as required.

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- 1182 b. To serve as ex-officio member of the House of Delegates unless he/she is serving
1183 as an officially certified delegate.
1184 c. To serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.
1185 d. To serve as an ex-officio member of any councils and committees as directed by
1186 the Ppresident.
1187 e. To represent the Association as an alternate delegate at the annual session of the
1188 American Dental Association.
1189 f. To succeed to the office of Ppresident in the event the offices of Ppresident and
1190 Ppresident-elect/treasurer become vacant in any one (1) year.
1191 g. To publish and distribute the annual reports of the offices, the Board of Trustees,
1192 the House of Delegates, councils and committees.
1193 ~~h. To present at the annual session of the House of Delegates a list of deaths of the~~
1194 ~~members of this Association and give such biographical sketches as may be of~~
1195 ~~interest to the membership.~~
1196 ~~i. h.~~ To oversee the Strategic Plan and solicit reports from appropriate councils,
1197 committees, and the Board of Trustees annually.
1198 ~~j. i.~~ To perform such other duties as may be provided in these *Bylaws*.
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1200 D. *Secretary*. It shall be the duty of the Ssecretary:
1201 a. To be the custodian of the seal, records, books, and papers of the Board of
1202 Trustees and House of Delegates and all other documents and property belonging
1203 to the Association unless otherwise provided for.
1204 b. To keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all the meetings of the Board of
1205 Trustees and House of Delegates.
1206 ~~c. To countersign all citations, certificates, letters, testimonials, and all other official~~
1207 ~~acts of this Association, in conjunction with the President, and affix the official~~
1208 ~~seal thereto.~~
1209 ~~d. c.~~ To serve as an ex-officio member of any councils and committees as directed by
1210 the Ppresident.
1211 ~~e. To give notice in writing to all members of the time and place of meetings.~~
1212 ~~f. To give notice in writing to officers of their election.~~
1213 ~~g. To notify members of councils and committees in writing of their appointment~~
1214 ~~and of the duties assigned to each.~~
1215 ~~h. To record all resolutions passed by the House of Delegates and Board of Trustees~~
1216 ~~and deliver copies to the proper committees, councils, or persons.~~
1217 ~~i. To keep a copy of each letter written or received as Secretary in a file served for~~
1218 ~~that purpose.~~
1219 ~~j. To have accessible at all official meetings a master copy and/or duplicate copy of~~
1220 ~~the Constitution and Bylaws, complete with any subsequent amendments or~~
1221 ~~revisions.~~
1222 ~~k. To send to the Secretary of the American Dental Association a certified list of this~~
1223 ~~Association's delegates and alternate delegates to the House of Delegates of that~~
1224 ~~Association.~~
1225 ~~l. To submit a written report on the activities of the office of Secretary at each~~
1226 ~~regular session of the Board of Trustees.~~

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1227 ~~m. To deliver all books, letters, and records of the Association to his/her successor in~~
1228 ~~office.~~

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1230 E. *Long Term Delegate*. It shall be the duty of the ~~L~~ong ~~t~~erm ~~d~~Delegate:
1231 a. To attend all meetings of the First Trustee District of the American Dental
1232 Association.
1233 b. To represent this Association as a delegate at the annual session of the American
1234 Dental Association.
1235 c. To represent this Association at any meetings between this Association and any of
1236 the other Constituent members of the First Trustee District.
1237 d. To serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees of this Association.
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1240 CHAPTER VII – APPOINTIVE OFFICER

1241 *Section 1.* TITLE: The appointive officer of this Association shall be the Executive Director, as
1242 provided in Article VII [Section 2](#) of the *Constitution*.

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1244 A. *Executive Director*: The Executive Director of this Association shall be the executive
1245 head of the Headquarters Office and all its branches. The Executive Director shall
1246 engage, supervise, and direct all employees except as otherwise provided in these *Bylaws*.
1247 The Executive Director shall supervise, administer, and coordinate the activities of the
1248 staff, of all councils and committees, and assist the Board of Trustees in supervising,
1249 monitoring, and providing guidance on the activities of all councils and committees in
1250 regard to the specific assignments and systematize the preparation of their reports.
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1253 CHAPTER ~~IX~~ VIII – COUNCILS

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1255 *Section 1.* NUMBER AND NAMES: The councils of this Association shall be:

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1257 A. Council on Communications
1258 B. Council on Dental Benefit Programs
1259 C. Council on Dental Education and Licensure
1260 D. Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs
1261 E. Council on Governmental Affairs
1262 F. Council on Membership
1263 G. Council on Peer Review
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1266 *Section 2.* MEMBERS, SELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS: The composition
1267 of the councils of this Association shall be as follows:
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- 1269 A. All councils shall be composed of seven (7) members, appointed by the President for
1270 such terms as provided by Section 6 of this Chapter and presented for the approval of the
1271 House of Delegates at its annual session.
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1273 *Section 3. CONSULTANTS AND ADVISORS:* In addition to individual council membership as
1274 previously provided, each council shall have the authority to appoint or employ consultants or
1275 advisors in conformity with rules and regulations established by the Board of Trustees.
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1277 *Section 4. CHAIRPERSON:* One (1) member of each council shall be named annually by the
1278 ~~P~~resident to serve as the chairperson of that council.
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1280 *Section 5. ELIGIBILITY:*

1281 A. All members of councils must be in good standing of this Association at the time of their
1282 appointment and must maintain such membership during their term of office.
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1284 ~~B. A member may not serve simultaneously on more than one (1) council, excepting that
1285 any member of any council may also serve simultaneously on the Committee on
1286 Scientific Sessions.
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1288 ~~C. B.~~ No elective officer shall simultaneously serve on any council, except as an ex-
1289 officio member.
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1292 *Section 6. TERM OF OFFICE:* The term of office for each member of all councils shall be three
1293 (3) years. ~~Members may be reappointed for two (2) consecutive terms totaling six (6) years. The
1294 term of not more than three (3) members nor less than two (2) members shall expire annually and
1295 at the end of each term of office and a successor shall be appointed for a term of three (3) years.~~
1296 However, no member shall serve more than six (6) years as a member of the same council within
1297 any ten-year period.
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1299 *Section 7. REMOVAL FOR CAUSE:* The Board of Trustees may remove a council member for
1300 cause in accordance with procedures established by the Board of Trustees subject to review by
1301 the House of Delegates.
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1303 *Section 8. VACANCY:* In the event of a vacancy in the membership of any council by reason of
1304 death, resignation, or otherwise, the President shall appoint a qualified member of the
1305 Association to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.
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1307 *Section 9. QUORUM:* A majority of the total membership of any council shall constitute a
1308 quorum for the transaction of business.
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1310 ~~*Section 10. EXPENSES:* This Association shall pay the expenses of each council, provided that
1311 such expenses are incurred in conformity with rules and regulations established by the Board of
1312 Trustees and provided further that the council budget as approved by the House of Delegates is
1313 sufficient to cover the payment of such expense.~~
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1315 *Section 11. COMMON DUTIES OF ALL COUNCILS:*
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1317 ~~A. *Proposed Budget.* Each council shall submit to the Board of Trustees a proposed itemized~~
1318 ~~budget in writing of anticipated expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year. Such budget~~
1319 ~~shall be submitted at the October session of the Board of Trustees.~~

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1321 ~~B.A. *Reports.* Each council shall submit a written report to each regular session of the~~
1322 ~~Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates with a copy thereof to the Board of~~
1323 ~~Trustees to be submitted twenty (20) seven (7) days in advance of the session of the~~
1324 ~~House of Delegates such to meetings to the Executive Office.~~

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1326 ~~C.B. *Records.* The chairperson of each council shall be responsible for keeping~~
1327 ~~accurate records of its meetings and correspondence and shall deliver such records to the~~
1328 ~~Executive Director with the exception of the Councils on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial~~
1329 ~~Affairs and Peer Review.~~

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1331 ~~D.C. *All councils shall have an organizational meeting with in thirty (30) days after the*~~
1332 ~~annual session at which time the chairperson shall appoint a recording secretary.~~

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1334 ~~E.D. *Each council shall act as an advisory body to the Board of Trustees and House of*~~
1335 ~~Delegates.~~

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1337 ~~F.E. *Each council shall refer to the Strategic Plan in carrying out its responsibilities.*~~

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1340 *Section 11. SPECIFIC DUTIES OF EACH COUNCIL:*

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1342 A. *Council on Communications:* The duties of the Council on Communications shall be:

1343 a. ~~To identify, review and recommend, prior to implementation, programs to~~
1344 ~~educate the public about oral health, including national media relations programs,~~
1345 ~~patient communications and materials for use in the dental office.~~

1346 b. To identify public and media relations issues and to review existing programs and
1347 to utilize these programs, or, if appropriate, oversee the development and
1348 recommend communications programs to address such issues.

1349 c. To assist dental editors and to support ~~component~~district dental societies with
1350 their media and community relations programs and communications with
1351 members.

1352 d. To review communication messages to the public and to the members concerning
1353 the public and private image of dentistry ~~in coordination with the Executive~~
1354 ~~Office.~~

1355 e. To assist ~~component~~district dental society communications committees or
1356 appropriate staff with their media and communications programs.

1357 ~~f. *To maintain and coordinate activities of the Association's Speakers Bureau.*~~

1358 ~~g.f. To work in coordination with the Bureau of Communications of the American~~
1359 ~~Dental Association.~~

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1361 B. *Council on Dental Benefit Programs:* The duties of the Council on Dental Benefit
1362 Programs shall be:

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- a. To formulate and recommend policies relating to the planning, administration and financing of dental benefit programs.
 - b. To study, evaluate and disseminate information on the planning, administration and financing of dental benefit programs.
 - c. To assist the ~~component~~district societies and other agencies in developing programs for the planning, administration and financing of dental benefit programs.
 - d. To encourage the inclusion of dental benefits in health benefit plans and to promote dental benefit plans in accordance with Association policy.
 - e. To conduct activities and formulate and recommend policies concerning the assessment and improvement of the quality of dental care relation to dental benefit plans.
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- C. *Council on Dental Education and Licensure*: The duties of the Council on Dental Education and Licensure shall be:
- a. To approve or disapprove the presentation of continuing education courses, clinics, etc., given by dentists or non-dentists either as individuals or under the name of sponsorship of any business concern or other organization except for those arranged by the committee on Scientific Sessions.
 - b. To study and make recommendations including the formulation and recommendation of policy on:
 - 1. Dental auxiliary education
 - 2. Associated subjects that affect all dental, dental auxiliary and related education
 - 3. Dental licensure and dental auxiliary credentialing
 - c. To act on behalf of the Association in maintaining effective liaison with the Rhode Island Board of Examiners in Dentistry and dental auxiliary educational programs in coordination with the Executive Office.
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- D. *Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs*: The duties of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs shall be:
- a. To provide advisory opinions regarding the interpretation of the *Principals of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*.
 - b. To consider appeals from members of this Association under sentence of suspension or expulsion by a ~~component~~district society.
 - c. To hold a hearing, following the procedure detailed in Chapter I, Section 4~~EG~~ of these Bylaws, and render a decision of censure, suspension, expulsion, probation or acquittal in every case in which a member of this Association, is charged (1) with having been found guilty of a felony; (2) with having been found guilty of violating the Dental Practice Act; (3) with violating these *Bylaws*, including the *Principals of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* of this Association, or; (4) with any behavior inimical to the public or to the profession, provided that a decision recommending censure, suspension, expulsion, probation or acquittal of a member be reviewed by the House of Delegates of this Association before becoming effective. The decision of the ~~EC~~onstituentouncil may be appealed to
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- 1408 the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs of the American Dental
1409 Association.
- ~~1410 d. To investigate, upon request of a member of this Association, any case in which a~~
~~1411 claim of malpractice against said member is made or threatened to be made and to~~
~~1412 advise concerning its handling.~~
- 1413 e.d. To provide assistance, guidance, and support to componentdistrict societies in the
1414 development and management of peer review.
- 1415 f.e. To report to the Association on matters of illegal dentistry and to provide
1416 recommendations for the prevention thereof.
- 1417 g.f. To review the articles of the *Constitution and Bylaws* in order to keep them
1418 consistent with the Association's program.
- 1419 h.g. To recommend editorial corrections in the *Bylaws*.
- 1420 i.h. To provide guidance and advice on ethical and professional issues to
1421 componentdistrict societies.
- 1422 j.i. To formulate and disseminate materials related to ethical and professional conduct
1423 in the practice and promotion of dentistry.
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- 1425 E. *Council on Governmental Affairs*: The duties of the Council on Governmental Affairs
1426 shall be:
- 1427 a. To encourage the improvement of the health of the public and to promote the art
1428 and science of dentistry in matters of legislation and regulation by appropriate
1429 activities.
- 1430 b. To formulate and recommend policies related to legislative and regulatory issues
1431 and to governmental agency programs.
- 1432 c. To formulate proposed legislation, approved by the House of Delegates, that may
1433 be submitted to the Rhode Island General Assembly and which will promote the
1434 art and science of dentistry in accordance with Association policies.
- 1435 d. To disseminate information, which will assist the componentdistrict societies
1436 involving legislation.
- 1437 e. To represent the Rhode Island Dental Association as a Liaison with agencies of
1438 the state government.
- 1439 f. To study any proposed amendments to the Rhode Island Dental Practice Act and
1440 make recommendations to the Board of Trustees.
- 1441 g. To report to the Association ~~the~~ views of candidates ~~for~~ public offices on
1442 matters of professional interest to the membership, provided first that such report
1443 shall be approved by the Board of Trustees.
- 1444 h. To recommend policies and formulate programs relating to community oral
1445 health, including oral health planning, preventive dentistry and other community
1446 health programs.
- 1447 i. To assist componentdistrict societies, public health agencies and others in the
1448 management and coordination of local resources or programs for oral health
1449 planning, preventive dentistry and other community health programs.
- 1450 j. To maintain liaison with oral health agencies, special interest organizations, and
1451 dental laboratories on community oral health and dental health personnel resource
1452 issues.
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- 1454 F. *Council on Membership*: The duties of the Council on Membership shall be:
1455 a. To identify and monitor trends and issues that affect membership recruitment and
1456 retention, particularly among under-represented segments, and to encourage
1457 membership involvement throughout organized dentistry.
1458 b. To support membership activities of the national and ~~component~~district dental
1459 societies and to enhance cooperation and communication on tripartite recruitment
1460 and retention efforts.
1461 c. To support the development of membership benefits and services that respond to
1462 identified needs to members.
1463 d. To act as an advocate for membership benefits.

- 1464 G. *Council on Peer Review*: The duties of the Council on Peer Review shall be:
1465 a. To review upon request from a dentist ~~or~~; patient ~~or insurance carrier~~ matters
1466 concerning but not limited to appropriateness of care, quality of treatment, and,
1467 acting in an advisory capacity, fees.
1468 b. To determine the professional acceptability of planned or completed treatments,
1469 including necessity and consistency with diagnosis.
1470 c. To evaluate the skill with which treatment is provided in light of the standards
1471 which generally prevail within the profession as judged by competent
1472 practitioners who are qualified to perform the procedures.
1473 ~~d.—To determine whether a fee for a particular procedure is reasonable, considering~~
1474 ~~the degree of difficulty of complexity required.~~
1475 ~~e.d.~~To serve as an advisory body to the Board of Trustees and the House of Delegates
1476 in all matters pertaining to peer review.
1477 ~~f.e.~~To study, evaluate, and disseminate information with regard to risk management.
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1481 **CHAPTER ~~IX~~ – SPECIAL COMMITTEES**
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1483 *Section 1. APPOINTMENT*: Special committees of this Association may be created by the
1484 ~~P~~resident with the approval of the Board of Trustees for a purpose of performing any duties not
1485 otherwise assigned by these *Bylaws*. A committee formed between regular sessions of the Board
1486 of Trustees must be approved by the Board at its next meeting in order to continue to function.
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1488 *Section 2. MEMBERSHIP*: The membership of each special committee shall be three (3)
1489 members, unless otherwise specified.
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1491 *Section 3. TERM OF OFFICE*: The term of office shall be left to the discretion of the Board of
1492 Trustees.
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1494 *Section 4. DUTIES*: The duties of each special committee shall be set forth in the action creating
1495 such committee.
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1497 **CHAPTER XI – PUBLICATIONS**
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1499 *Section 1. OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS*:

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1501 A. TITLE: This Association shall publish or cause to be published a RIDA Newsletter and
1502 website.
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1504 B. OBJECT: The object of all publications shall be to report, chronicle, and evaluate
1505 activities of scientific and professional interest to members of the dental profession.
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1507 C. FREQUENCY OF ISSUE AND SUBSCRIPTION RATE: The frequency of issue and
1508 the subscription rate of RIDA Newsletter and website shall be determined by the Board
1509 of Trustees.
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1511 *Section 2. OTHER PUBLICATIONS:* The Association may publish or cause to be published
1512 other materials of interest to the membership subject to the direction and regulation of the Board
1513 of Trustees.
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1515 *Section 3. OFFICIAL TRANSACTIONS:* The official transactions of the House of Delegates
1516 and the Board of Trustees and the reports of officers, councils and committees shall be published
1517 under the direction of the Executive Director.
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1519 *Section 4. RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION DIRECTORY:* This Association shall
1520 cause to be published a Rhode Island Dental Association Directory.
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1523 **CHAPTER XII – FINANCES**
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1525 *Section 1. RAISING OF FUNDS:* Funds for conducting the affairs of this Association may be
1526 raised: (1) by such annual dues from members of the Association as the House of Delegates may
1527 determine at its November session; (2) by such special assessments on members as the House of
1528 Delegates may determine; (3) by voluntary contributions, devises, bequests, and other gifts; and
1529 (4) in any other manner approved by the House of Delegates.
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1531 *Section 2. DUES AND ASSESSMENTS:*
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1533 A. *Active members.* The amount of annual dues of active members shall be established by
1534 the House of Delegates at its November session. Percentage reductions in dues shall be
1535 given to recent graduates who meet the qualifications set forth in the ADA Bylaws,
1536 ~~Chapter I, Section 50A. The amount of such reduction shall be 50% in the first year. No~~
1537 ~~reduction shall be granted in the second year or thereafter based upon recent graduate~~
1538 ~~status.~~
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1540 B. *Active Life Members.* Regardless of prior classification, the dues of active life members
1541 shall ~~be 50% of the dues of active members, mirror that of the ADA.~~
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1543 C. *Retired Life Members.* Retired life members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.
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- 1545 D. *Retired Members.* The dues of retired members shall ~~be 25% of the dues of Active~~
1546 ~~Members.mirror that of the ADA.~~
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- 1548 E. *Affiliate Members.* The dues of affiliate members shall be 25% of the dues of Active
1549 Members.
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- 1551 F. *Honorary Members.* Honorary members shall be exempt from the payment of dues.
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- 1553 ~~G. *Associate Members.* Associate members shall be exempt from the payment of dues to this~~
1554 ~~Association provided that they are members in good standing of the American Dental~~
1555 ~~Association.~~
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- 1557 H.G. *Assessments.* Special assessments, if any, shall be established by the House of
1558 Delegates and be stated in the amount to be paid annually by Active Members. Individual
1559 members in other categories shall pay the assessment, if any, in the same proportion as
1560 ~~the dues of their category relate to the dues of Active Members.their dues category. The~~
1561 ~~House may vote to exempt certain categories, other than active members, from the~~
1562 ~~assessment, but shall not increase the percentage due from any category.~~
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- 1564 H.H. *Dues – When Payable.* Annual dues and assessments, including the dues for the
1565 American Dental Association, Rhode Island Dental Association, member’s
1566 ~~component~~district society and any special assessments, are due and payable ~~January 1 on~~
1567 ~~March 31 of each fiscal year~~ to this Association, who shall disburse funds to the
1568 American Dental Association.
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- 1570 H.I. *Dues – When in Arrears.* Unpaid dues and assessments are considered delinquent on
1571 ~~February 15~~ April 1 of each fiscal year, with loss of membership effective ~~March 31~~June
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- 1574 ~~K. *Dues – Partial Year.* Initial membership applications received between July 1 and~~
1575 ~~September 30 shall pay one-half (1/2) of the current year’s dues and assessments, if any,~~
1576 ~~for the category of membership. Initial membership applications received between~~
1577 ~~October 1 and December 31 shall pay one-quarter (1/4) of the current year’s dues and~~
1578 ~~assessments, if any, for the category of membership.~~
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- 1580 ~~L. *Dues – Percentage Rates.* In establishing the dollar rate of dues in this section expressed~~
1581 ~~as a percentage of Active Member dues, computations resulting in fractions of a dollar~~
1582 ~~shall be rounded up to the next higher dollar.~~
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- 1584 *Section 3. FISCAL YEAR:* The fiscal year of this Association shall begin January 1 of each
1585 calendar year and shall end on December 31 of the calendar year.
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- 1587 *Section 4. GENERAL FUND:* The general fund shall consist of all funds received, ~~from~~ other
1588 than those specifically allocated to other funds by these *Bylaws*. This fund shall be used for
1589 defraying all expenses incurred by this Association not otherwise provided for in these *Bylaws*.

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~~The General Fund may be divided into Operating and Reserve Divisions. The Reserve Division may be divided into Restricted and Contingency divisions.~~

A. *Operating Fund.* This fund shall be used for defraying all expenses incurred by this Association.

~~B. *Reserve Fund.* The purpose of this account is to provide financial security to fund unanticipated expenditures:~~

~~a. *Restricted Fund.* This fund shall be maintained equal to the current year's operating expenses. Authorization for withdrawal of funds may only be made upon a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board of Trustees duly authorized to vote.~~

~~b. *Contingency Fund.* If the General Fund shall exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) at the close of the fiscal year, all funds in excess of this figure shall be transferred to the Contingency Fund. This fund may be used for special purposes upon three-fourths (3/4) affirmative vote of the approval of the entire Board of Trustees duly authorized to vote. No more than 75% of the value of the fund at the beginning of the fiscal year may be expended in any one calendar year.~~

Section 5. RELIEF FUND:

A. PURPOSE: This Association shall establish the Rhode Island Dental Association Relief Fund, fully detached from any other fund of the Association, for the purpose of granting financial aid to dentists, their dependents and survivors in accordance with any indenture of trust governing the Relief Fund and in accordance with rules and regulations formulated by and approved by the Board of Trustees.

B. FUND: The Relief Fund shall be held in the name of the Rhode Island Dental Association Relief Fund and this fund shall be derived from cash, securities and other property transferred or appropriated to it by the Board of Trustees, contributions, refunds, received from the American Dental Association Relief Fund, bequests, and earnings thereon.

Section 5. THIS ASSOCIATION AGREES TO AND SHALL: Defend, indemnify, and ~~hold~~ ~~save~~ harmless the members of the Board of Trustees, the elective officers, ~~the appointive officers,~~ the long term delegate, and the members of all councils and committees or their respective personal representatives and assigns from and against any and all claims, actions, and suits, whether groundless or otherwise, and from and against any and all liabilities, losses, damages, costs, charges, counsel fees, and other expenses of every nature and character, which such members of the Board of Trustees, the elective officers, ~~the appointive officers,~~ the long term delegate, and the members of all councils and committees or their respective representatives or assigns at any time shall or may sustain or incur by reason of any claim which may be made by or on behalf of any person or persons, including any corporation, in respect to any act or omission of such members of the Board of Trustees, the elective officers, ~~the appointive officers,~~ the long term delegate, and the members of all councils and committees or their respective representatives or assigns in their respective capacities, as aforesaid, so long as such act or omission was not caused by bad faith on their part; and if, for any reason, any part of this

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1636 undertaking shall be invalidated or unenforceable with respect to any particular act or omission
1637 of any of the persons aforesaid, it shall not thereby be invalidated or rendered unenforceable with
1638 respect to each of the persons aforesaid, who may hold office or membership in more than one
1639 capacity aforesaid, this obligation shall apply with respect to acts or omissions in any respect to
1640 any or all of said capabilities.

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1642 **CHAPTER XIII – AMENDMENTS**

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1644 These *Bylaws* may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote of the members of the
1645 House of Delegates present ~~and voting~~, providing that the proposed amendment or revision shall
1646 have been presented in writing at any previous session of the House of Delegates.

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1648 These *Bylaws* also may be amended at any session of the House of Delegates by a unanimous
1649 vote of the members present ~~and voting~~, provided that the proposed amendments have been
1650 presented in writing at a previous meeting or said session.

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1652 At a general meeting of this Association, as provided in Chapter VII, Section 9A. ~~Im.~~, of these
1653 *Bylaws*, a two-third (2/3) vote of the qualified members present ~~and voting~~ may order a general
1654 referendum on any question of interest to the Association, and when so ordered, the House of
1655 Delegates shall submit such question to the members of the Association to be voted upon by
1656 ballots sent by regular or electronic mail. A majority of such votes shall determine the question
1657 and be binding upon the House of Delegates.

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State of Rhode Island

I, J. Fred Parker, Secretary of State, hereby certify that Charles A. Brackett, Forrest G. Eddy, William P. Church, Frank P. Duffy, James F. Clark and M.W. Maloney have filed in the office of the Secretary of State according to the Law, their agreement to form a Corporation under the name of the Rhode Island Dental Society for the purpose of fraternal intercourse, education advancement, and united action toward raising the standards of the Dental Profession and securing the protection of the public, in accordance with the Law and have also filed the certificate of the General Treasurer that they have paid into the General Treasury of the State the fee required by Law.

Witness my hand and Seal of the State of Rhode Island on this 6th day of February in the year of 1912.

(Signed) J. Fred Parker,
Secretary of State

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Name changed to Rhode Island State Dental Society – 1920

Name changed to Rhode Island Dental Association – 1972

(Charter of this organization must be renewed at the State House annually in the month of June.)

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FORMER PRESIDENTS OF THE RHODE ISLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION

<i>1878</i>	<i>Buckland, Alphonzo A.</i>	<i>Woonsocket</i>
<i>1879</i>	<i>Brackett, Charles A.</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1880</i>	<i>Barker, William</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1881</i>	<i>Church, William P.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1882</i>	<i>Thornton, W.H.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1883</i>	<i>Green, S.E.</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1884</i>	<i>Smith, J.W.</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1885</i>	<i>Eddy, Forrest G.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1886</i>	<i>Buckland, A.W.</i>	<i>Woonsocket</i>
<i>1887</i>	<i>Buckland, L.L.</i>	<i>Woonsocket</i>
<i>1888</i>	<i>Lennon, John F.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1889</i>	<i>Gillette, Henry W.</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1890</i>	<i>Keefe, Dennis F.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1891</i>	<i>Bradley, Frederick</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1892</i>	<i>Clark, S. Woodruff</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1893</i>	<i>Sherman, William S.</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1894</i>	<i>Noble, C.M.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1895</i>	<i>Carpenter, William H.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1896</i>	<i>Robinson, Edwin P.</i>	<i>Newport</i>
<i>1897</i>	<i>Heffern, Peter J.</i>	<i>Pawtucket</i>
<i>1898</i>	<i>Allen, Courtland J.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1899</i>	<i>Baggott, Vincent J.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1900</i>	<i>Ames, George H.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1901</i>	<i>Davis, Robert L.</i>	<i>Woonsocket</i>
<i>1902</i>	<i>Lynch, James A.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1903</i>	<i>Lynch, James A.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1904</i>	<i>Whitmarsh, Preston B.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1905</i>	<i>Siearns, John</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1906</i>	<i>Wilbur, Louis A.</i>	<i>Pawtucket</i>
<i>1907</i>	<i>Powers, James</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1908</i>	<i>Dolan, John J.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1909</i>	<i>Potter, Arthur M.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1910</i>	<i>Manning, J. Henry</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1911</i>	<i>Heap, James E.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1912</i>	<i>Maloney, Michael L.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1913</i>	<i>McIntire, Walter R.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1914</i>	<i>Duffy, Frank P.</i>	<i>West Warwick</i>
<i>1915</i>	<i>Midgley, Albert L.</i>	<i>Providence</i>
<i>1916</i>	<i>Clark, James F.</i>	<i>Pawtucket</i>

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1774	1917	Gleason, Frank P.	Pawtucket
1775	1918	Stilson, Ira B.	Providence
1776	1919	McHale, Thomas F.	Providence
1777	1920	Burke, William R.	Providence
1778	1921	Charbonnel, Ernest A.	Providence
1779	1922	Beckett, Herbert P.	Providence
1780	1923	Miller, Frederick L.	Woonsocket
1781	1924	Massicotte, Joseph P.	Providence
1782	1925	Martin, Henry A.	Newport
1783	1926	Smith, Charles J.	Providence
1784	1927	Lynch, Ambrose H.	Providence
1785	1928	Burgess, B. Cecil	Providence
1786	1929	Gatchell, Raymond W.	Providence
1787	1930	Ackrill, Frank H.	Providence
1788	1931	Duffy, Philip A.	East Greenwich
1789	1932	Gill, Edward F.	Providence
1790	1933	MacNight, Thomas S.	Newport
1791	1934	MacKanna, Harry F.	West Warwick
1792	1935	LeBow, Morris R.	Providence
1793	1936	Holland, Francis A.	Providence
1794	1937	Tishler, Mark	Newport
1795	1938	Conley, Philip J.	West Warwick
1796	1939	Morin, Edward C.	Pawtucket
1797	1940	Webster, Raymond L.	Providence
1798	1941	Devine, Edwin K.	Providence
1799	1942	Clune, Thomas W.	Providence
1800	1943	Denby, Maurice A.	Providence
1801	1944	Dring, Arthur M.	Newport
1802	1945	Gee, William S., Jr.	West Warwick
1803	1946	Krasnoff, James C.	Providence
1804	1947	Fortier, Norman H.	Pawtucket
1805	1948	McKivergan, Charles F.	Providence
1806	1949	Messore, Michael B.	Providence
1807	1950	Ozarin, Simon	Newport
1808	1951	Albert, Archie A.	Pawtucket
1809	1952	Colgan, James F.	Pawtucket
1810	1953	Sullivan, Allyn F.	Providence
1811	1954	Biderman, Morris L.	Providence
1812	1955	Bessette, Edgar L.	Providence
1813	1956	Migliaccio, Nicholas G.	Providence
1814	1957	Friedman, Bernard C.	Newport
1815	1958	MacIntosh, William D.	Providence
1816	1959	Allen, J. Stafford	Providence
1817	1960	DeCesare, William F.	Providence
1818	1961	McGuirl, Hubert A.	Providence
1819	1962	Spacagna, Charles A.	Providence

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1820	1963	Nelson, Eugene M.	Providence
1821	1964	Radlo, Edward Z.	Pawtucket
1822	1965	Jusezyk, Walter F.	West Warwick
1823	1966	Oddo, Vincent J., Jr.	Providence
1824	1967	Alofsin, Fred R.	Newport
1825	1968	Kershaw, A. James	West Warwick
1826	1969	Sack, Mitchel	Pawtucket
1827	1970	Monte, Philip H.	Providence
1828	1971	Underhill, Herbert J., Jr.	West Warwick
1829	1972	Caputi, Anthony A.	Pawtucket
1830	1973	Cimerol, John F.	Providence
1831	1974	Molak, Ferdinand J.	Pawtucket
1832	1975	DiPrete, Albert E.	Cranston
1833	1976	Sarcione, Felix	Providence
1834	1977	Garber, Martin A.	Cranston
1835	1978	Lukasiewicz, William C., Jr.	Warren
1836	1979	Pascone, John P.	Greenville
1837	1980	Sowa, Joseph P.	Pawtucket
1838	1981	Kaplan, Irving	Providence
1839	1982	Shatkin, Aaron J.	Riverside
1840	1983	Dimaio, Anthony C.	Westerly
1841	1984	Carroccia, John, Jr.	Cranston
1842	1985	Box, Joseph J.	Pawtucket
1843	1986	Mehlman, Edwin S.	Providence
1844	1987	Champagne, Robert G.	Providence
1845	1988	Sammartino, Clark A.	Providence
1846	1989	DiPiro, Frank A.	Pawtucket
1847	1990	DaSilva, John P.	Pawtucket
1848	1991	Segal, Paul L.	Providence
1849	1992	Barner, Philip C.	North Providence
1850	1993	George, Raymond, Sr.	East Providence
1851	1994	Brennan, William F.	Warwick
1852	1995	Lodge, Peter J.	Narragansett
1853	1996	Enright, Thomas P.	Warren
1854	1997	Bartro, Robert E.	Woonsoeket
1855	1998	George, Raymond, Jr.	East Providence
1856	1999	Flynn, Ralph F., Jr.	Warwick
1857	2000	Barone, Nicholas D.	Providence
1858	2001	Molak, Andrew J.	Pawtucket
1859	2002	Benoit, M. Christine	Charlestown
1860	2003	Nager, Martin	Warwick
1861	2004	Underhill, John M.	Wakefield
1862	2005	Walsh, Richard	Charlestown
1863	2006	Van Dongen, Craig A.	Providence
1864	2007	Turkel, Roger	North Kingstown
1865	2008	Dodge, Jeffrey	Woonsoeket

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1866	2009	Connor, Francis, Jr.	Pawtucket
1867	2010-2011	Small, Mark	Cranston
1868	2011-2012	Cavicchio, Barbara	North Providence
1869	2012-2013	Brown, Steven	East Greenwich
1870	2013-2014	Royer, Marian	Newport
1871	2014-2015	Verbeyst, John	North Kingstown
1872	2015-2016	Calitri, Paul	West Greenwich