

MBDDS BYLAWS
Proposed Revisions
August 2020

1. The following ADA-recommended changes were made, as directed by Thomas C. Elliott, Jr., Deputy General Counsel and Director of the Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs:
 - a. **Article I, Section 1.2, Qualification for Membership:** Removed the restriction about active member eligibility requirement for licensure, to align with WSDA and ADA requirements.
 - b. **Article I, Section 1.7.C.1., Investigation:** Revised wording, for
 - c. **Article III, Section 3.5.3., President:** Moved the two sentences about calling special meetings to **Article V, Section 5.2, Special Meetings.**
2. **Article I, Section 1.1, F. Student membership:** Removed. Students may be members of WSDA, but not of components (see WSDA Bylaws).
3. **Article I, Section 1.3.B., Dentist Membership, 3.** Revised as follows, to conform to WSDA directives: *In any event, the Society will endeavor to act upon all applications for membership within ~~four (4) months~~ thirty (30) days of receipt of the application.*
4. **Article I, Section 1.3.B., Dentist Membership, 5.** Revised as follows, to reassign task: *All applications for membership shall be filed permanently in the files of the ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ Executive Director.*
5. **Article II, Section 2.4, Eligibility.** Revised as follows: *No person shall be elected to the office of President, President-Elect, Secretary-Treasurer, or Delegate who has not ~~been a member of the Society~~ held membership in one or more components, or a combination of component(s) and WSDA student membership, for the preceding five (5) consecutive years.*
6. **Article III, Section 3.3, Secretary-Treasurer.** Removed and adjusted the following duties and reassigned them to Executive Director, under **Article IV, Section 3.5.D:** *The ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ Executive Director shall be custodian of all monies due the Society and make all remittances on the order and approval of the Society, or the Executive Committee. The ~~Secretary-Treasurer~~ Executive Director shall conduct or supervise the correspondence of the Society, notifying members of meetings, officers of their election,*

committee members of their appointment, and annually inform the officers and committee members of their duties and responsibilities as promulgated in the By-Laws.

7. **Article III, Section 3.3, Secretary-Treasurer.** Removed, as unnecessary: ~~*When there are new applicants for membership, the Secretary-Treasurer shall obtain a dues quote from WSDA office staff.*~~
8. **Article IV, Section 3.5.D.f.** Removed, as unnecessary after reassigning Secretary-Treasurer duties to Executive Director: ~~*assist the Secretary-treasurer, under the direction of the President in their respective fields.*~~
9. **Article IV, Section 4.1.A., Executive Committee, 2.i.** Revised, as shown: Fill all midterm vacancies in elective offices ~~*with the exception of the President-Elect.*~~
10. **Article IV, Section 4.1.B., Committee on Membership, A.2.Duties.** Moved the following to **Article IV, Section 4.1.A., Executive Committee, 2.Duties, j**: *Receiving applications for membership, making recommendations thereon to the Society, denying applications for appropriate reasons, and hearing informal appeals of denial of applications or denial of membership as provided in these By-Laws. The Committee should review public information of the Dental Quality Assurance Commission to ascertain whether any disciplinary proceeding should be considered in relation to its recommendation.*
11. In a few places, sections or subsections were reordered or relabeled for consistency. For example, under **Article IV, Section 4.1, Standing Committees**: For each of the standing committee subsections, the first two items were reordered and streamlined (**Membership.**, and **Duties.**)
12. Spelling, capitalization, grammar and phrasing, and punctuation corrections were made as needed. None of these fixes made substantive changes to the text.
13. Formatting corrections and adjustments were made as needed, for consistency and reader ease.
14. A Table of Contents was added.