

SECTION 1

GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The MDS House of Delegates is the supreme authoritative body of the MDS. Each of the Society's 14 Districts shall be represented by at least four delegates. In addition, for every 100 active members in good standing exceeding 200 active members, one additional Delegate will be added to that District's delegation at the House of Delegates.

The 14 Districts are grouped together into six regions. The map below illustrates the regional distribution. Each District has a representative on the MDS Trustee Selection and Vetting Committee (TSVC), which selects the Regional Trustees that represent each region on the MDS Board of Trustees, which is the managing body of the Society. The TSVC also selects the At-Large Trustees. Altogether, the Board of Trustees, is made up of six elective officers - the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, speaker of the house, and immediate past president – the CEO & executive director, the six regional trustees, and the At-Large Trustees. All governance years beginning during an even year, there will be no immediate past president for the duration of that governance year. The treasurer, the speaker, and the CEO & executive director do not have voting privileges. There are also four nonvoting guest board members who participate in all Board meetings and functions.

It is important to note that Districts operate as a component society of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) and the American Dental Association, offering programs to District members and having District boards elected to run the District operations.

Board of Trustees

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Speaker of the House
- Immediate Past-President (every other year)
- Executive Director
- 6 Regional Trustees
- 2 At-Large Trustees (beginning with the 2026 governance year)

