

Calendar of Referrals

December 9, 2022

- 1-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda for the December 9, 2022, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as presented, which included the following item.
- Approval of the September 23, 2022, MDS Board of Trustees Meeting minutes.
 - A notification that the luncheon with the MDS Board of Trustees and the deans of the New England Dental Schools was scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023, at 1:00 pm.
 - To receive a written report of the MDS Financial Report and an update on Yankee Dental Congress.
- 2-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the December 9, 2022, MDS Board of Trustees Meeting as modified.
- 3-12/9/22 Board Action: The board voted to accept the Audit Report as presented.
- 4-12/9/22 Board Action: The MDS will support legislation on assignment of benefits and non-covered services. The MDS will also file legislation aiming to exclude dental providers from the Patients First Act and will continue to prioritize the implementation of Question 2.
- 5-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:47 am to receive an update from legal counsel on the MDS-PAC and Eastern Dentists Insurance Company (EDIC) and to review the Conflict of Interest Policy. All Board and Guest Board were allowed to remain for the whole session; staff remained for part of the session and asked to leave for part.
- 6-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 12:06.
- 7-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to report the following items out of Executive Session:
- The Board voted to request that legal counsel draft a memorandum of understanding to the MDS PAC Board of Directors to establish a stronger collaborative relationship in between the two organizations to be presented to the Board of Trustees at its next meeting.
 - Dr. Michael Mayr disclosed that he is a nonvoting member of the EDIC Board of Directors. The Board voted to allow him to remain for the discussion.
 - The Board voted to instruct the MDS Executive Director to meet with the President and CEO of EDIC to discuss the relationship between the MDS and EDIC. The Executive Director will report the status of these discussions back to the Board within six months. Dr. Mayr abstained from the vote.
 - The Board voted that a communication regarding MDS policies be sent from President Dr. Meredith Bailey to Vice President Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed.
- 8-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to amend the draft resolution presented and change the proposed term and tenure for committee members to a maximum of four 2-yr terms.
- 9-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to send the revised draft resolution 1-23 to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.
- 10-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted change the Annual Session of the MDS House of Delegates to June beginning in 2024.
- 11-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to assign a Board Work Group to assess the terms for the Officer positions at the MDS and assess District leadership wellness. Drs. Mary DeMello, Charles

Greffrath, Maritza Morell, and Dylan Weber will serve on this group and will report back to the Board by June 2023.

- 12-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 12:42 pm to consider Dr. Howard Zolot's request for support in a potential candidacy for ADA Treasurer. All Board, Guest Board, and staff were allowed to remain.
- 13-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 12:47 pm.
- 14-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it had voted unanimously to support Dr. Howard Zolot's candidacy for ADA Treasurer, if he chooses to formally pursue his candidacy for ADA Treasurer.
- 15-12/9/22 Board Action: The Board voted to memorialize the process and timeline followed by the Trustee Selection and Nominations Committee over the past two years.

January 27, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-1/27/23 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the January 27, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as presented.
- 2-1/27/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 2:15 pm to discuss the matters concerning the Vice President Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed's current role with the society. Dr. Bailey chose to have Speaker of the House Dr. Raymond Martin preside as the chair for the meeting.
- 3-1/27/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 4:30 pm.
- 4-1/27/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that the Board will hold a Special Board meeting to inform the Vice President of its unanimous decision.

February 16, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-2/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the February 16, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as presented.
- 2-2/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 6:37 pm to discuss matters concerning the Vice President. Dr. Bailey chose to have Speaker of the House Dr. Raymond Martin preside as the chair for the meeting.
- 3-2/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:58 pm.
- 4-2/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that, due to lack of confidence in Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed's ability to fulfill his fiduciary responsibility to the Massachusetts Dental Society, the Board of Trustees has voted to suspend Dr. Abdulwaheed effective immediately.

March 10, 2023

- 1-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board voted that Dr. Maritza Morell would act as Secretary for the March 10, 2023, meeting.
- 2-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda for the March 10, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as presented, which included the following items.

- Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:
 - December 9, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting
 - January 27, 2023 Special Board of Trustees meeting
 - February 16, 2023 Special Board of Trustees meeting
- Approval of the nonresident member application for Dr. Mia Balsolm
- Receival of a written report on the luncheon meeting with the Dental School Deans that occurred at Yankee Dental Congress and a written report on a non-dues revenue conference attended by the Executive Director.

- 3-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the March 10, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 4-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:09 am to receive the report of Legal Counsel. All Board and Guest Board members, as well as staff, were allowed to remain. Dr. Bailey chose to have Speaker of the House Dr. Raymond Martin preside as the chair for this portion of meeting.
- 5-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 12:21 pm.
- 6-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report the following items out of Executive Session:
 - The Board voted to communicate to Vice President Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed a definitive list of conditions that will need to be fulfilled in order for his suspension to be lifted.
 - The Board voted to not release the minutes from the February 16, 2023, Board of Trustees Special meeting until the letter stating the conditions to lift the suspension of Vice President Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed had been sent to him.
- 7-3/10/22 Board Action: The Board voted to accept the revised draft contested election guidelines as developed by the Election Guidelines Task Force.
- 8-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board voted to approve Drs. Mary DeMello, Maritza Morell, and Dylan Weber as the three trustees to serve on the Guest Board Member Task Force.
- 9-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board appointed Dr. Sathish Palayam to serve as a delegate from the MDS to the ADA effective immediately until such time as a new delegation is appointed.
- 10-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board created an ADA Delegation Work Group to determine a recommendation to present to the Board as to who will serve as members of the MDS delegation to the ADA House of Delegates. Secretary Dr. Sathish Palayam will chair this group; Drs. Charles Greffrath, Jeffrey Karen, Maritza Morell, and Dylan Weber will also serve.
- 11-3/10/23 Board Action: The Board voted to not support draft licensure compact legislation at this time.

April 13, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-4/13/23 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the agenda for the April 13, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as presented.
- 2-4/13/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:10 pm to discuss matters concerning the Vice President. All Board, Guest Board, Legal Counsel, and staff were permitted to remain.
- 3-4/13/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 pm.
- 4-4/13/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that, upon review of the disclosures made previously, it voted to request that President Dr. Meredith Bailey recuse herself from the discussions for this meeting, which she did.

5-4/13/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to publicly reprimand Vice President Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed for his behavior. Following the reprimand, Dr. Abdulwaheed will be reinstated no sooner than June 30, 2023.

6-4/13/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to have Speaker of the House Dr. Raymond Martin communicate to Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed that the Board will be finalizing its decision as to his status at the May meeting.

May 5, 2023

2-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board approved the modified consent agenda for the May 5, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting, which included the following items.

- Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:
 - March 10, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting
 - April 13, 2023, Special Board of Trustees meeting
- Approval of the nonresident member application for Dr. Mariya Schnaydman.
- Approval of the following Yakee Volunteer Award recipients:
 - John Golden Award: Dr. Cherie Bishop
 - Vivian Chaput Award: Cathy Gusha
 - Volunteer Award for Auxiliaries: Rhonda Heard, CDA
 - Armen Nalband Award: Dr. Tevy Dines
 - Clinician Award: Dr. Brian Novy
- Receipt of an informational item stating that a communication to the deans of the New England dental schools regarding next steps from the Board's luncheon meeting with them at Yankee will be sent soon.

3-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the May 5, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.

4-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:11 am to receive the report of Legal Counsel. All Board and Guest Board members, as well as staff, were allowed to remain. Dr. Bailey chose to have Speaker of the House Dr. Raymond Martin preside as the chair for a portion of this meeting.

5-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 10:24 pm.

6-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:43 am to vote an item out of Executive Session. All Board and Guest Board members, as well as staff, were allowed to remain.

7-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 10:44 am.

8-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to request that President Dr. Meredith Bailey recuse herself from the discussions regarding the MDS Vice President, which she did. Dr. Bailey voluntarily recused herself from the Board's deliberation on her request for indemnification.

9-5/5/23 Board Action: The Board also voted to report the following items out of Executive Session:

- The Board voted to have legal counsel draft a statement of reprimand against Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed to be reviewed by the Speaker of the House. Upon his approval, this statement will be released to Dr. Abdulwaheed on May 24, 2023. The statement will then be released to district leaders on May 25, 2023.
- The Board voted to indemnify MDS President Dr. Meredith Bailey, in accordance with the MDS *Constitution and Bylaws*, for expenses incurred during duties related to her office as president.
- The Board voted to postpone definitely to the July 28-29, 2023, Board of Trustees Retreat Board Meeting a review by legal counsel of a memorandum of understanding

to the MDS PAC Board of Directors to establish a stronger collaborative relationship in between the two organizations.

- The Board voted to form a work group to study the relationship between the MDS Foundation and the MDS Board of Trustees and the relationship between the YDC Oversight Committee and the MDS Board of Trustees. Drs. Jeffrey Karen, Maritza Morell, Albert Sandler, and Dylan Weber will serve on this work group.

10-5/5/2023 **Board Action:** The Board voted to ask the Government Affairs Committee to review this process and also look at House Bill 3008 from the Oregon Dental Association, which addresses similar issues in Oregon. The Government Affairs Committee will report its findings to the Board at its September 2023 meeting.

11-5/5/2023 **Board Action:** The Board voted to suspend the rules to allow the Executive Director the freedom to determine the best date, time, and location for the June 2024 MDS House of Delegates.

12-5/5/2023 **Board Action:** The Board voted to approve the following delegates, alternate delegates, and backup alternate delegates for the American Dental Association House of Delegates in October 2023.

Position	Full Name	Position
delegate	Dr. Abdullaibrahim Abdulwaheed	2023-25 President
delegate	Dr. Meredith Bailey	2023-24 Immediate President
delegate	Dr. Colleen Chambers	2023-25 Region 1 Trustee
delegate	Dr. Mary DeMello	2023-25 Region 4 Trustee
delegate	Dr. Charles Greffrath	2022-24 Region 2 Trustee
delegate	Dr. Jeffrey Karen	2022-24 Region 3 Trustee
delegate	Dr. Jennifer Korzeb	2022-24 Treasurer
delegate	Dr. Raymond Martin	2023-25 Speaker of the House
delegate	Dr. Michael Mayr	2022-24 Region 5 Trustee
delegate	Dr. Maritza Morell	2023-25 Secretary
delegate	Dr. Janis Moriarty	ADA Council on Membership
delegate	Dr. Sathish Palayam	MDS Constitution and Bylaws Committee
delegate	Dr. Albert Sandler	2023-25 Region 6 Trustee
delegate	Dr. Steven Spitz	2023-25 Vice President
delegate	Dr. Dylan Weber	2023-2024 At-Large Trustee
delegate	Dr. Howard Zolot	ADA Budget Committee
1 st alternate delegate	Dr. Karin Arsenault	ADA Council on Advocacy for Access & Prevention
2 nd alternate delegate	Dr. Andrew Tonelli	Co-Chair MDS Government Affairs Committee
1 st back up alternate delegate	Dr. David Samuels	MDS Constitution and Bylaws Committee
2 nd back up alternate delegate	Dr. Kady Rawal	Chair MDS Membership Committee
3 rd back up alternate delegate	Dr. Paul Aswad	Chair MDS Business Development Committee
4 th back up alternate delegate	Dr. Kate McPherson	MDS Government Affairs Committee
5 th back up alternate delegate	Dr. Keri Discepolo	Co-Chair MDS Government Affairs Committee

13-5/5/2023 **Board Action:** The Board voted to have the ADA Delegation Work Group review the current ADA Delegation Protocol found in the Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual as well as to review the timeline during which the Board selects the ADA delegation.

14-5/5/2023 **Board Action:** The Board voted to reduce the proposed dues increase in the 2023-2024 fiscal year budget from \$24 to \$12.

- 15-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to reduce the total Board of Trustees' stipend amount from \$93,000 to \$52,000, made up of the following:
- President - \$10,000
 - Vice President - \$8,000
 - Secretary, Treasurer, Speaker of the House, and Immediate Past President - \$5,000 each
 - Trustees - \$2,000 each
- 16-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board approved the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year as amended and will forward it to the MDS House of Delegates for review at the June 14, 2023, special session.
- 17-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 12:28 pm to conduct the review of the Executive Director contract. All Board, excluding the Executive Director, and Guest Board were allowed to remain.
- 18-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 1:32 pm.
- 19-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it approved the amendments to the Executive Director's contract as recommended by the Executive Director Performance Review and Compensation Committee, with one modification made to annual base salary increases.
- 20-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to send three resolutions involving the terms and prerequisites for the MDS Officer positions to the 2024 House of Delegates.
- 21-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to add a discussion on the Committee of District Chairs and Chairs-Elect to the agenda
- 22-5/5/2023 Board Action: The Board voted to amend the Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual to state that the Vice President and At-Large Trustee both serve on the Committee of District Chairs and Chairs-Elect with the chair of the committee being the most tenured on the Board of the two with the other serving as vice chair.

June 22, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-6/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:04 pm to appoint a new Speaker of the House. All Board, Guest Board, and staff were allowed to participate in the session.
- 2-6/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:18 pm.
- 3-6/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it approved the agenda for the June 22, 2023, special meeting of the Board of Trustees as presented.
- 4-6/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to appoint Dr. David Samuels to be Speaker of the House beginning June 28, 2023, to fill the remainder of Dr. Raymond Martin's term, which ends June 30, 2024.

June 29, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-6/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 pm to consider the agenda items related to Dr. Richard Rosato's potential candidacy for ADA President-Elect. All Board and Guest Board members were allowed to participate in the session.
- 2-6/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:20pm.

3-6/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted unanimously in favor of supporting Dr. Richard Rosato's candidacy for ADA President-Elect, if he so chooses to run for this position, and the Board voted to approve up to \$3,200 per Massachusetts delegate for a total of up to \$51,200 to support his campaign.

July 29, 2023

1-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board approved the consent agenda for the July 29, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting, which included the following items.

- Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:
 - May 5, 2023, Meeting
 - June 22, 2023, Special Meeting
 - June 29, 2023, Special Meeting

2-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the July 29, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.

3-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted to support House Bill 300 – An Act establishing a dental diversion program.

4-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to support the proposed legislation – An Act relative to dental hygienist reciprocal licensure.

5-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:04 am to have a discussion regarding MDS Committees. All Board, Guest Board and staff were allowed to stay.

6-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 10:41 am.

7-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board decided, with one abstention, that the MDS Board of Trustees would appoint at most 50% of the members of MDS-PAC Board of Directors.

8/7/29/23 Board Action: The Board voted, with one abstention, to appoint the MDS Treasurer as a nonvoting member of the PAC.

9-7/29/23 Board Action: The Board approved the following Board of Trustees member appointments

- MDS Foundation (Four Board Appointments): Drs. Mary DeMello, Jennifer Korzeb, Albert Sandler, and Dylan Weber.
- Executive Director Performance Review & Compensation Committee (Two Trustee Appointments in addition to Officers designated in the Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual): Drs. Charles Greffrath and Jeffrey Karen.
- ADA Delegation Work Group (5 Board Appointments): Chair Dr. Maritza Morell and Drs. Charles Greffrath, Jeffrey Karen, Michael Mayr, and Dylan Weber.
- Guest Board Member Task Force (3 Board Appointments): Drs. Mary DeMello, Maritza Morell, and Dylan Weber.

September 22, 2023

1-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the September 22, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.

2-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board approved the minutes for the July 29, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting, as modified.

- 3-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board unanimously approved the minutes from the September 13, 2023, Board of Trustees Electronic Vote as presented.
- 4-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the non-resident member application for Dr. Jeremy Krell.
- 5-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to form a task force to research existing student debt programs. Dr. Zolot will make recommendations on who could serve on this task force, which the Board will review at its next meeting.
- 6-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:18 am for the agenda items listed below. All Board and Guest Board members, legal counsel, and MDS staff members remained; all other guests (except those presenting) were asked to leave the meeting.
- Annual Audit Report
 - Report of Legal Counsel
 - Strategic Plan Update
- 7-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 12:43 pm.
- 8-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted unanimously to accept the Audit Report as presented.
- 9-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it approved a Memorandum of Understanding to be sent to the MDS-PAC.
- 10-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it unanimously accepted the MDS 3-Year Picture as presented.
- 11-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it approved the charges to the MDS Committees as presented.
- 12-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to add a 75% attendance rate for regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting as an attendance threshold for Board members to be eligible to receive the stipend.
- 13-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board approved the Board Stipend Policy as modified. The policy will be added to the Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual.
- 14-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board approved modifications to the Board of Trustees Organizational and Operating Manual, which added the responsibility to the Regional Trustees of scheduling quarterly meetings with the chairs of the districts within their region. The Trustees will use a set of metrics developed by the group to help determine the health of each district.
- 15-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board approved modifications to the Protocol for ADA Delegation Selection, which added Guest Board Members to the pool of individuals that could be appointed, added the responsibility to pick individuals to act as replacements to fill any unexpected vacancies in the delegation selection, and set the timeline for the appointments to be made at least six months prior to the date of the ADA House of Delegates.
- 16-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 2:28 pm to determine which candidate would be put forth from Massachusetts to receive the Etherington Award. All Board, Guest Board, and staff were allowed to stay. The Vice President voted against this action.
- 17-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 2:41 pm.
- 18-9/22/23 Board Action: The Board vote to report out of Executive Session that it had unanimously selected MDS Past President Dr. Howard Zolot to be the candidate from Massachusetts for the 2024 James W. Etherington Award.

October 16, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-10/16/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the October 16, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as presented.
- 2-10/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:38 pm to discuss the Government Affairs Committee's recommended changes to the proposed regulation for Dental Benefits Plans, 211 CMR 156. All Board and Guest Board Members and staff were allowed to remain. All guests were asked to leave.
- 3-10/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:18 pm.
- 4-10/16/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to report out of Executive Session that it had unanimously voted to ask MDS staff to refine draft written testimony to be submitted by the MDS based on the information reviewed during the meeting. The draft testimony will be sent to the Board for review and approval via electronic vote prior to the October 26, 2023, hearing date.

October 24, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-10/24/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the October 24, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as presented.
- 2-10/24/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:11 to consider the written comments from the MDS regarding the proposed regulations for Dental Benefit Plans, 211 CMR 156. All Board and Guest Board members and staff were allowed to remain. Guests were asked to leave for the discussion.
- 3-10/24/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 8:34 pm.
- 4-10/24/23 Board Action: The Board voted to approve the original draft presented to the Board and to be submitted to the Division of Insurance.

November 1, 2023 Special Meeting

- 1-11/1/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the November 1, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as presented.
- 2-11/1/23 Board Action: The Board voted to reconsider the inclusion of Section IV – Quality Improvement Activities (QIA) of the Board approved written statement dated October 27, 2023, and subsequently voted to remove it.
- 3-11/1/23 Board Action: The Board voted to reconsider the inclusion of Section V – Claims of the Board approved written statement dated October 27, 2023, and subsequently chose that paragraph to remain as part of the statement.

November 15, 2023 Electronic Vote

- 1-11/15/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to approve that the Massachusetts Dental Society support a First District letter to the California Dental Association regarding the value of the tripartite.

November 17, 2023

- 1-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to move the Call for New Business to the end of the agenda for all future meetings.
- 2-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the November 17, 2023, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 3-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board approved the minutes and Board actions from the following meetings:
- September 22, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting
 - September 22, 2023, MDS Insurance Services Board of Directors meeting
 - October 22, 2023, Board of Trustees special meeting
 - October 24, 2023, Board of Trustees special meeting
 - November 1, 2023, Board of Trustees special meeting
 - November 15, 2023, Board of Trustees electronic vote
- 4-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board approved an allotment of funds to be used towards events during Yankee 2025 to celebrate Yankee's 50th Anniversary - \$200,000 for an entertainer for the Friday evening of Yankee 2025 and \$50,000 for a new volunteer event on the Saturday of Yankee 2025.
- 5-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to support the Foundation in its efforts to carry out its vision and plans.
- 6-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to have the Constitution and Bylaws Committee conduct a review of the MDS Committee Manual of Operations.
- 7-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to require all committee and task force members review and sign the MDS Harassment Policy.
- 8-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to require all committee and task force members review and sign the Conflict of Interest Disclosure and Compliance Statement following the Constitution and Bylaw Committee's review of the MDS Committee Manual of Operations.
- 9-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:13 am to discuss an issue related to a district society and to receive a staff update from the Executive Director. All Board and Guest Board members, legal counsel, staff, and guests were allowed to remain during the district society discussion; staff and guests were asked to leave during the staff update.
- 10-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 12:40 pm.
- 11-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to have the MDS President, Vice President, Speaker of the House, and Region 4 Trustee schedule a meeting with the Chair of the Metropolitan District Dental Society prior to the district's December 14, 2023, meeting and request that they remove any section of their bylaws that is in conflict with the MDS or ADA bylaws, particularly in regards to the Trustee position. They shall also request that the district rescind the complaint submitted to the MDS Ethics Committee against the MDS Speaker of the House and indicate that the process followed to initially inform them of the bylaws violation was followed properly. Concurrently, a formal letter will be drafted to the district memorializing those requests. The Board authorized the Region 4 Trustee to determine if the letter needs to be sent, depending on the district's fulfilling the MDS Board's requests.
- 12-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it voted to rescind a prior decision related to Board of Trustee liaisons.
- 13-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to report out Executive Session that it voted to create a special committee called the Procedural Oversight Committee, the members of which would be assigned as consultants to the various MDS committees to support committees in doing their work.

- 14-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to send a letter to the Massachusetts Attorney General requesting that they enforce the repeal of the McCarran Ferguson law.
- 15-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to create an official Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee. This committee will be listed with the other MDS
- 16-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted establish a recurring award called the MDS Presidential Citation for Oral Health Policy to be selected by the Board to be distributed at Yankee as appropriate.
- 17-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted that the inaugural award will be presented to Dr. Andrew Tonell, Dr. Abe Abdulwaheed, and Dr. Mouhab Rizkallah for their efforts related to the Ballot Question 2 campaign.
- 18-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to call the award the MDS Citation for Oral Health Policy rather than MDS Presidential Citation for Oral Health Policy.
- 19-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board voted to form work group of the Board to review potential committee members. The Board gave the authority to make the final selection on who will serve on this committee to this group. Drs. Mary DeMello, Jeffrey Karen, Michael Mayr, and Dylan Weber will serve on this work group.
- 20-11/17/23 Board Action: The Board asked that a communication be sent to the president of the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists Association (MDHA) requesting that the MDS and the MDHA work collaboratively in the future when working with legislative and regulatory issues.

December 1, 2023 Electronic Vote

- 1-12/1/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to approve that the Massachusetts Dental Society support House Bill 964, which is currently before the Massachusetts State Legislature.
- 2-12/1/23 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to approve that the Massachusetts Dental Society support House Bill 1094, which is currently before the Massachusetts State Legislature.

January 8, 2024 Electronic Vote

The MDS Board of Trustees took an electronic vote on a letter to be sent to the Metropolitan District Dental Society communicating the Board's decision from its December 20, 2023, special meeting to address the complaints submitted from the district.

In order for an electronic vote to be approved, there must be unanimous approval from 100% of all voting Board members. The Board of Trustees was given from January 4-8, 2024, to submit their electronic votes through Adobe Sign. All voting Board members returned their vote - eight Board members voted in favor of the motion, one Board member opposed the motion, and one Board member abstained from voting.

Therefore, the motion to approve the letter to the Metropolitan District Dental Society did not pass.

February 5, 2024 Electronic Vote

The MDS Board of Trustees took an electronic vote on the letter to be sent on behalf of the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) to the MassHealth Dental Program, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, and the Center for Health Information Analysis for MassHealth's February 9, 2024, Rate Hearing.

In order for an electronic vote to be approved, there must be unanimous approval from 100% of all voting Board members. The Board of Trustees was given from February 1-5, 2024, to submit their electronic votes through Adobe Sign. Seven Board member voted in favor of the motion and approved the proposed letter; one Board member voted against the motion and did not approve the proposed letter; two Board members did not respond with a vote.

Given these results, the parameters for an electronic vote to be approved were not met; the motion does not pass.

February 5, 2024 Special Meeting

The Board discussed the Procedural Oversight Committee and the overall special committee appointment process. The Board also discussed the requirement in the MDS Committees Manual of Operations that states that a full-time dental school faculty member cannot serve on the Dental Education Committee.

February 7, 2024 Special Meeting

1-2/7/24 Board Action: The Board voted to amend the letter by including the Chair of the MDS Dental Practice and Benefits Committee as the co-signer of the letter along with President Dr. Abe Abdul.

2-2/7/24 Board Action: The Board voted unanimously to move the letter forward as amended.

February 12, 2024 Special Meeting

1-2/12/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 7:11 pm to review the draft letter from the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS) to the Metropolitan District Dental Society (MDDS) communicating its decisions from the December 20, 2023, Board of Trustees special meeting regarding the ethics complaints filed by the district. All Board, Guest Board, legal counsel and staff were permitted to stay.

2-2/12/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 7:31 pm.

3-2/12/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that voted to approve the draft letter to the Metropolitan District Dental Society draft letter communicating its decisions from the December 20, 2023, Board of Trustees special meeting regarding the ethics complaints filed by the district.

4-2/12/24 Board Action: The Board voted to report out of Executive Session that it authorized MDS staff to distribute the letter, along with a factual background statement of explanation, to the Metropolitan District membership.

March 8, 2024

1-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board approved the remainder of the consent calendar which included:

- Approval of the minutes from the following meetings:
 - November 17, 2023, Meeting
 - December 1, 2023, Electronic Vote
 - January 8, 2024, Electronic Vote
 - February 5, 2024, Electronic Vote
 - February 5, 2024, Special Meeting
 - February 12, 2024, Special Meeting
- Approval of the non-resident member application from Dr. MaryJane Hanlon.

2-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to add report from the Executive Director Performance Review and Compensation Committee to the March 8, 2024, meeting agenda.

- 3-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to add the consideration of hiring a mediator to address an ongoing issue with a district dental society to the March 8, 2024, meeting agenda.
- 4-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to add an item regarding the ADA Forsyth Institute to the March 8, 2024, meeting agenda.
- 5-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board approved the agenda for the March 8, 2024, MDS Board of Trustees meeting as modified.
- 6-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board approved the February 7, 2024, MDS Board of Trustees special meeting as modified.
- 7-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to reconsider the minutes from the December 20, 2024, special meeting at its next meeting to allow the Secretary time to review.
- 8-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to refer the draft letter about an agreement between the ADA and the NCOIL regarding the proposed DLR framework back to the Government Affairs Committee and ask them to redraft it to soften the tone in which it was written. A special meeting will be called to review the redrafted letter once the committee resubmits it.
- 9-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to ask a representative from the ADA to be present at the Board of Trustees special meeting when it reviews the redrafted letter.
- 10-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:03 am to hear the report from EDIC. All Board and Guest Board members, legal counsel and staff were allowed to be present. While still in Executive Session the Board heard a report from the Executive Director Performance Review and Compensation Committee. All staff were asked to leave the meeting during this report.
- 11-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 11:04 am.
- 12-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter back into Executive Session at 12:17 pm to hear a report from the Executive Director regarding member infractions. President Dr. Abe Abdul recused himself from this session and Vice President Dr. Steven Spitz took over as chair of the meeting. All other Board and Guest Board members and staff were allowed to be present. During discussion, the Board approved a brief recess, and upon returning, staff were excused from the discussion; the CEO & Executive Director was allowed to remain.
- 13-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 3:47 pm.
- 14-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board voted to donate \$36,361 to the Foundation to match the amount raised by the Foundation's District Challenge.
- 15-3/8/24 Board Action: The Board approved the ADA Delegation Selection Task Force's recommendations on who will serve as the delegates and alternate delegates from the MDS to the ADA House of Delegates in October 2024.

March 20, 2024 Special Meeting

- 1-3/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 pm to discuss its opinions on the draft letter to the ADA regarding its agreement with NCOIL about the proposed Dental Loss Ratio (DLR) Framework. All Board, Guest Board, and staff members staff were permitted to stay.
- 2-3/20/24 Board Action: The Board voted to come out of Executive Session at 9:23 pm.

3-2/12/24 Board Action: The Board voted to modify the draft letter to the ADA regarding its agreement with NCOIL about the proposed Dental Loss Ratio (DLR) Framework and submit that version of the letter to the ADA Board of Trustees.

April 15, 2024 Special Meeting

1-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board approved an amendment to proposed “Resolution 1-24 – Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws changing the structure of ascension to MDS President” to clarify the transition to the one-year term for the President and President-Elect from the existing two-year term for each.

2-4/115/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit proposed “Resolution 1-24 – Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws changing the structure of ascension to MDS President” as amended to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

3-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit proposed “Resolution 2-24S Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Changing the eligibility requirements for Serving as Secretary Treasurer, and Speaker of the House on the MDS Board of Trustees” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

4-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit proposed “Resolution 3-24 - Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Changing the eligibility requirements for serving as President-Elect on the MDS Board of Trustees” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

5-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board approved an amendment to proposed “Resolution 4-24 - Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws changing the deadline for the submission of nominees for positions on the MDS Board of Trustees” to implement a submission date of 90 days prior to the House of Delegates, rather than 120 days.

6-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit proposed “Resolution 4-24- Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws changing the deadline for the submission of nominees for positions on the MDS Board of Trustees” as amended to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

7-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board approved an amendment to proposed “Resolution 5-24S – Revised Contested Election Guidelines” that added a section to the Communications and Funding section of the Revised Contested Election Guidelines.

8-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit proposed “Resolution 5-24S – Revised Contested Election Guidelines” as amended to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

9-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board voted to submit proposed “Resolution 6-24 - Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Changing the date by which the District active member numbers are calculated to determine the District’s number of delegates” to the House of Delegates with a recommendation to vote yes.

10-4/15/24 Board Action: The Board voted to send proposed “Resolution Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws giving Past Presidents a voting block for the MDS House of Delegates” back to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee for further review.

May 6, 2024 Electronic Vote

The MDS Board of Trustees took an electronic vote beginning May 2, 2024 and ending May 6, 2024 on two proposed resolutions to go before the House that had been reviewed by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

- Resolution 7-241S
- Resolution regarding MDS Committee Appointments

By the end of the voting period, the results included only 3 votes and a number of voting members replied, stating that they would not vote because they wanted the opportunity to discuss and debate the resolutions. Therefore, the motions did not pass.