

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
SECOND SESSION**

Galt House
Louisville, KY
August 25, 2024

Dr. H. Fred Howard, Speaker of the House

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** **Dr. Fred Howard, Speaker of the House**, called the House of Delegates to order at 10:30 AM.
2. **QUORUM STATEMENT.** **Dr. Barry Curry** announced that a quorum was present.
3. **INVOCATION.** **Dr. Kevin Wall** gave the invocation.
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** The agenda for the House of Delegates was approved.

5. **KDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REMARKS.** **Dr. Stephen Robertson** presented the following remarks.
Together we thrive!!

It is truly exciting to be here with you today as we begin on year two on our combined journey!

We have taken great strides in awakening the giant that is the Kentucky Dental Association. We continue the be voice of Oral Health within the state of Kentucky, and it is vital that we do so.

There are many who would wish to speak for us and shape the future of our profession. We must ensure that we are the ones at the table when these discussions are had, and decisions are made.

I have been emboldened by the members I have met as I have travelled the state. Our membership is vibrant, interested and invested. There are individuals willing to help move this profession forward for the good of our patients at every stop. You are seen, you are heard, and we need your input and passion.

We, as you have heard from Dr Shaver, have an ambitious Fall ahead of us. We plan to travel the state to meet with members, non-members and legislators to improve our grass-roots political connections, garner support and co-sponsors for our Assignment of Benefits/Non-Covered services bill, and get our Components back together, re-establishing the "community aspect" of organized dentistry that is the very backbone of who we are.

The last legislative session did not have the outcomes we were hoping for, however please understand it was an unmitigated success. We have fine-tuned our AOB bill after numerous negotiations with insurers, and it is ready to be dropped on day one of the coming session. It includes language to clarify our Non-Covered Services bill of 2022, which I will remind you passed unanimously, so that hopefully no one can misinterpret the intent moving forward. We won the Medicaid fight, they just asked us to wait a bit longer. And while I understand that after 30 years of waiting that is a hard pill to swallow, the finish line is in sight. We did our job so well, in major part thanks to the emails, letters phone calls and contacts of you, the members, when requested, and with a super special assist from our unbelievably motivated Dental Students at both schools, it was ultimately decided to carry out a full review, or audit, of the program, as one had not been completed since the

implementation of the MCO system almost 13 years ago. In doing so the legislature set aside a stockpile of funds to re-base reimbursements levels of indicated areas in the next session, following the review. Every report points to Dentistry, Behavioral Health and Therapy. We are at the top of everyone's list, and we have a viable plan to move our reimbursement to a level where we believe all will be happy. Recently Missouri, Ohio, and Colorado all were able to secure increases that placed Medicaid reimbursements above private market plan reimbursement, forcing those plans to adjust. Now it's our turn and with your help, we will get there! This is just the NEXT step. Any decision made in 2025, will be a stop gap, as we will have to push to ensure that it is carried into the budgetary process in 2026, but be assured we see a pathway.

Be reminded that in 1997 we agreed to set the floor for Medicaid reimbursements at 75% of the 1987 UCR. It stays at that level today, minus the 10% removed to help fund the MCO's at inception. While some of that has been returned, and we have seen some improvements to individual codes, our base is still 75% of the 1987 UCR, roughly 25-30 cents on the dollar. No small business can survive on that, and we are being heard.

There are more challenges on the horizon. We will see pushes from anti-fluoridation and possibly Mid-Level Providers/Dental Therapists return. We must continue to fight to keep fluoride in our water for the good of our commonwealth and move the mid-level discussion to focus on the bigger more pertinent issue of the extreme shortage of Assistants and especially Dental Hygienists. We do not need to be discussing adding a new team member with expensive training needs when can not meet the market demands of the for auxiliaries we now employ. I Hope I am not speaking out turn to share that Murray State University plans on opening a Hygiene program in the coming years and we will be meeting with the leadership of the KCTCS system to hopefully show them we need them to re-introduce many of the programs they have previously eliminated. There are innovative programs popping all over our state designed to bring young people into the assisting profession, and we need to get behind these efforts and help spread and share the successes with all our state.

We must make sure the voice of Dentistry is heard in our partner organizations such the Kentucky Oral Health Coalition. Membership in the KOHC begins at \$35 and we need to all to consider joining and attending there meetings where they offering quarterly continuing education. The KOHC is a player in Frankfort and they set their agenda at a meeting in December for the coming session. We need to ensure that our interests are heard. Dr Shaver has a QR code she will be sharing to allow a quick pathway for you to join and be heard. The December meeting is an in person event, but we need you to there.

We have made great strides with our Work Groups to get the necessary work of our Association completed, but we have much more to do. We have established the KDA's first white paper policy statement, as we move to become a policy based organization to help guide our decisions and actions as we move forward. We have added many new Patrons and non-dues revenue streams to help support our organization and relieve budgetary burdens. All this work was accomplished by our work groups. Our shining star is the recent introduction of the KDA3P program. A buyers club that can save your office over 40% on daily supplies, with numerous additional savings such as Best Card credit card processing and Invisalign deals. I strongly encourage you to look at this program as the savings from the Best Card program alone, could be enough to cover your dues.

Our biggest challenge moving forward as an organization is membership. We have been without a dedicated group focused on membership initiatives for far too long. Our membership steering committee currently has zero seated members, yesterday you added the New Dentist group back to this format, and believe their energy and excitement will be invaluable in getting this process moving. Dr Rachel Gold, in her role as 2nd Vice-President, will be overseeing this group as we begin down this new path.

For a few years now you have heard me talk about work groups. Short-termed focused topic groups designed to get in, find answers and get done. In an effort to both give you an idea of how this process works, and to use the passion and brain power of those of here today. We are going to have some work group sessions here in the House today. We will be dividing you into groups for a thirty minute, high-level brainstorm on membership initiatives that Dr Gold will then be taking to the Membership Steering Committee for review and action. We

recognized that you present here today are the cream of the crop. The most committed of our members, and we value your insight, input and ideas!

We have a lot to do! But together we can get it done! This organization has a proud history, and we will continue to strive to be great. We must always be moving forward to avoid becoming stagnant and allowing others to speak for us.

Together We Thrive!

During the Executive Director's report, he had the delegates break out into groups to discuss membership.

6. REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

KDA REFERENCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Kevin Wall – Chairman

KDA Reference Committee, met Saturday, August 24, in the Wilkinson Room of Galt House. Much discussion was received and considered.

RESOLUTION 2024-101

ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

BACKGROUND: The KDA Executive Board reviewed and approved the 2025 Budget as developed by the Budget and Finance Committee. Therefore be it RESOLVED, that the proposed 2025 Revenue and Expenditure Budget be approved.

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-101.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-102

ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD

BACKGROUND: In the proposed 2025 Budget, REVENUES were based on current membership numbers and a \$45.00 dues increase. With the passage by the House of Resolution F2007-102, we are required to request a \$45.00 dues increase. Therefore be it RESOLVED, that Chapter I, Section 4, A. (1) is changed from \$496.00 to \$541.00

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-102.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-103

ORIGINATOR: COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: In order to increase representation on the Council on Governmental Affairs and Federal Services, the following resolution is proposed. Therefore be it RESOLVED, that Chapter III, Section 13, C. (1) and (3) be amended as follows, C. Composition of Councils (1) The Council on Governmental Affairs and Federal Dental Services shall consist of up to eight (8) members elected by the House of Delegates to staggered 3-year terms. The council shall have an additional ex-officio representative to be appointed

annually by the Kentucky Dental Political Action Committee Board. (3) The Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs shall consist of six (6) members elected by the House of Delegates, two members to be elected annually for three (3) year terms.

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-103.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-104

ORIGINATOR: COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: In order to allow representation on the Executive Board when the elected member is not available, the following resolution is proposed. Therefore be it RESOLVED, that Chapter II, Section 10, B. (c) be amended as follows, B. Executive Board. (c) The President of each Component Society can appoint another component member as an alternate representative on the Executive Board. and be it further RESOLVED, that Chapter V, Section 1 be amended as follows, SECTION 1. COMPOSITION. The Executive Board shall consist of the President of the Kentucky Dental Association (serving as a voting member with all rights and privileges as any other member) and one (1) member elected annually from each Component Society (except that the members elected by the Student Dental Societies shall not have voting privileges). The First Vice President, Immediate Past President, Second Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Speaker of the House, Editor of the Kentucky Dental Journal, the Executive Director of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, the Dean of the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine and the Dental Director of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources shall be ex-officio members without the right to vote. The President of each Component Society can appoint another component member as an alternate member of the Executive Board and shall serve with all privileges in the absence of the Component Society elected Board member.

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-104.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-105

ORIGINATOR: COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: In order to clarify the election process, the following resolution is proposed. Therefore be it RESOLVED, that Chapter IV, Section 12 be amended as follows, SECTION 12. ELECTION PROCEDURE. Elective officers of the KDA, Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Dental Association House of Delegates and Trustee to the ADA (when appropriate) shall be elected by the General Assembly and be it further RESOLVED, that Chapter IV, Section 12 be amended as follows, Responsibilities 1. The Election Commission will be responsible for accepting applications for nominations to the Elective offices of the KDA and the offices of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the ADA and Trustee to the ADA when appropriate. 2. The Election Commission will not offer its suggestions as to the best candidates but will assure that the applications are complete and verify that each proposed candidate is a member in good standing of the KDA. 3. The Election Commission will collect the applications and vet

the applications for completeness and compliance with the submission deadline of April 1 of each election year. 4. The Election Commission will be responsible for contacting all nominees to indicate that the application is complete. In the event of an incomplete application, the nominee will be given forty-eight (48) hours to complete the application. The Election Commission will be responsible for sending via electronic means the complete application(s) of any nominee to any member of the KDA who requests one or more applications. 5. Members of the Election Commission will adjudicate any complaints about unprofessional conduct by any nominee. The Commission, in association with the KDA Executive Committee, have the right to declare any election void due to misconduct by the nominees or false applications. 6. In the event of a contested election outcome, the proceedings will be referred to the Election Commission for adjudication. The Election Commission in consultation with the Executive Committee or the Executive Board, will determine the best course forward for resolution, including, but not limited to mailed ballots. This method will only be used for elections that are validly contested and is not intended to supplant the current By-Laws and conduction of elections as they are currently held. and be it further RESOLVED, that Chapter IV, Section 12 be amended as follows, Voting: If there is more than one candidate for an office, a vote will be held. In this instance, a representative of the Election Commission will introduce each candidate by name and component that has been nominated for the contested position. Each Candidate will then be given three (3) minutes to introduce themselves and discuss their platform. Voting will occur at the annual meeting of the Kentucky Dental Association, and all KDA members present are eligible for in- person voting. No proxy or absentee voting is permitted. Voting members must sign in to receive a ballot. Three (3) tellers appointed by the KDA President, under the direction of the Secretary/Treasurer shall oversee the polls, count the ballots, and deliver the vote count and all ballots to the President of the KDA. Polls will open 30 minutes after the conclusion of the General Assembly and remain open for 90 minutes. In the event no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be voted upon again. Should such a runoff election be required, polls will open 30 minutes after the close of the first vote and remain open for 90 minutes. The winner of the vote will be announced at the meeting of the HOD.

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-105.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-106RC
ORIGINATOR: KDA REFERENCE COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND: After much discussion at the reference committee, it was felt that we should align with the ADA’s three-year pilot program, Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter I, Section 4, A (1) be amended as follows,

SECTION 4. DUES AND REINSTATEMENT.

A. Active Members.

Annual dues for members are due January 1 of each year and will include the dues of the American Dental Association and the dues of the Component society to which the dentist belongs. In addition to these, annual dues will include the dues of the Kentucky Dental Association for the various membership classifications as follows:

- (1) The annual dues of active members shall be \$496.00. Exceptions to this are made for any dentist. The annual dues of active members who are Full-time Faculty at Kentucky Dental schools and dental hygiene programs shall be 50 percent (50%) of the active members' dues, beginning in January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2027.

Be it further

RESOLVED, that the statistics from the full-time faculty membership be reported annually to the Executive Board.

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-106RC.

ACTION: ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2024-107
ORIGINATOR: H. FRED HOWARD, DMD

BACKGROUND: Michael D. Medovic, DDS of Wheeling, West Virginia has served as our 6th District Trustee to the American Dental Association for the past 4 years. He has worked tirelessly to serve the ADA on our behalf. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Dr. Michael D. Medovic of Wheeling, West Virginia be given Honorary Membership in the Kentucky Dental Association with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2024-107.

ACTION: ADOPTED

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

8. NEW BUSINESS. There was no new business.

9. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Dr. Cliff Lowdenback officially installed the new officers of the Kentucky Dental Association. They are as follows:

President – Dr. Matt Milliner
First Vice President – Dr. Samantha Shaver
Second Vice President – Dr. Rachel Gold
Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Kevin Wall
ADA Delegate #1 – Dr. Mark Moats
ADA Delegate #2 – Dr. Jonathan Rich
ADA Delegate #3 – Dr. Darren Greenwell
ADA Alternate Delegate – Dr. Matt Johnson

ADA 6th District Trustee – Dr. Fred Howard
Speaker of the House – Dr. Ansley Depp

10. **PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION.** **Dr. Fred Howard** presented the Past President's Pin from the ADA to **Dr. Cliff Lowdenback**. **Dr. Matt Milliner** presented the KDA President's Plaque and Past President's Pin to **Dr. Cliff Lowdenback**.

11. **ADDRESS OF THE KDA PRESIDENT.** **Dr. Matt Milliner**, President of the KDA Association presented brief remarks to the KDA House of Delegates.

12. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- House of Delegates Meeting
Speaker Howard announced that the next meetings of the House of Delegates will be Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 2:30 PM and Sunday, August 24, 2025 at 10:30 AM.

13. **ADJOURNMENT.** **Dr. Barry Curry** moved to adjourn. **Dr. Fred Howard** adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall
Secretary-Treasurer