

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

Crowne Plaza Hotel  
Louisville, KY  
August 17, 2025

**Dr. Ansley Depp**, Speaker of the House

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** **Dr. Ansley Depp, Speaker of the House**, called the House of Delegates to order at 10:30 AM.
2. **QUORUM STATEMENT.** **Dr. Kaitlyn Patel** 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. **ADA 6<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT TRUSTEE REMARKS.** **Dr. Fred Howard** gave brief remarks to the KDA House of Delegates.
6. **KDA EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' REMARKS.** **Dr. Stephen Robertson** presented the following remarks.

KDA HOD Report 2025

Good morning! It's great to be here with you today! No, really, it's great to be here! A few of you may remember that I had an aortic embolism a year ago on this day, just prior to our State meeting. What a way to start the year!

We have had a very busy year at the KDA. Dr Matt Milliner has done a fabulous job representing the Association and its members, and it has been an absolute pleasure working with him and Dr Chicken Fingers, his beloved DeAnna! As Matt referenced yesterday, we are headed into historic territory as an Association with our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> female presidents scheduled to guide our organization in the coming years. About time! We have great leaders in this organization, and I am excited about the future, but we always have room for more! We are always welcoming new ideas and viewpoints, and room for many more to step up and serve and be involved in setting the future of both the KDA and Dentistry in Kentucky.

We have several active work groups working on a variety of projects, with more to come. One I want to highlight that recently concluded their activities is the Well-Being work group who has developed a mental well-being plan we hope to partner with the Kentucky Board of Dentistry to implement. Legislatively we continue to advocate on your behalf. This Spring we passed HB220 on assignment of benefits. Allowing patients to see the provider of their choice, regardless of network restrictions. This is scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2026. As the details from DOI become available, we will be sharing those with everyone. We continue to work on clarifications and improvement to our previous laws, including non-covered

services. Remember HB220 in 2022 covered non-covered services, pre-authorization, virtual credit cards, contract availability and network leasing. If you are having issues with any of these topics, please reach out to me.

We are going to be looking at potential governance changes, restructuring of our geographic organization, our by-laws, and many other topics moving forward in an attempt to make the KDA more responsive and inclusive for our members. This includes exploring newer pathways of communication to keep everyone informed. We are headed into one of the most vital legislative sessions in years in 2026. We have reached our line in the sand. It is time to address Medicaid.

There may be other topics that will arise, most assuredly the anti-fluoride bill will return. We will be tying our Medicaid discussion to discussions on Insurance transparency and MLR/DLR.

I can't end this with bringing up two non-dues revenue programs to remind everyone of. I strongly urge all members to look at KDA3P and Best Card. These 2 programs will change to cash-flow in your office immediately and offer the kind of tangible benefit to you on a daily basis we have lagging behind on for years. And we continue to seek out other new programs and products to assist you in your practice and endeavors. We are going to closing by having a quick review of the handouts that have been distributed over the weekend on our advocacy plan and engagement program moving forward as we head into the coming legislative session and our continued Medicaid discussions.

Thank you for being here. Thank you for your membership. Thank you for sharing your valuable time to improve our Association and Dentistry in our state. Together WE THRIVE! Let's get this done!

## 7. REPORT OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE.

### **KDA REFERENCE COMMITTEE** **Dr. Jonathan Rich – Chairman**

KDA Reference Committee, met Saturday, August 16, in the Oldham Room of Crowne Plaza Hotel. Much discussion was received and considered.

### **RESOLUTION 2025-103** **ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:** In the event that the KDA needs to discontinue or rename the Annual Session in the future, the following bylaw changes are proposed to ensure continuity in the House of Delegates.

#### **Chapter III, SECTION 6. A.**

Regular Meetings. The Secretary of the Association shall cause to be published in the Kentucky Dental Journal, an official notice of the time and place of the ~~Annual Session~~ *House of Delegates* and shall send to each member of the House of Delegates an official notice of the time and place of the ~~Annual Session~~ *House of Delegates* at least thirty (30) days before the opening of such meeting.

#### **Chapter III, SECTION 12, COMMITTEES, A. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.**

(a) Composition. The committee, consisting of six (6) officially certified delegates from any six (6) Component Societies, shall be appointed by the President at least thirty (30) days in advance of each regular meeting.

(b) Duties. It shall be the duty of the Committee:

1. To record and report the roll call of the House of Delegates at each meeting.
2. To conduct a hearing on any contest regarding the certification of a delegate or alternate delegate and to report its recommendations to the House of Delegates.

3. To verify the eligibility of membership at the ~~Annual Session~~ *House of Delegates* and resolve any question thereof. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Chapter III, Section 6.A. read, Regular Meetings. The Secretary of the Association shall cause to be published in the Kentucky Dental Journal an official notice of the time and place of the *House of Delegates* and shall send to each member of the House of Delegates an official notice of the time and place of the *House of Delegates* at least thirty (30) days before the opening of such meeting.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Chapter III, Section 12, A, article 3 be amended to read, To verify the eligibility of membership at the *House of Delegates* and resolve any question thereof.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-103.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-104**  
**ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:** The Kentucky Dental Association no longer facilitates peer review processes involving members and third-party programs. This responsibility has been assumed by the Kentucky Board of Dentistry, which has the appropriate capacity and staffing to manage such disputes.

Chapter III, Section 13, B Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs duties, item #11 reads: To serve as a review committee of reasonable differences between third-party programs and dentists. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Chapter III, Section 13, B. Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs duties Item #11 be deleted from the bylaws.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-104.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-105**  
**ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:** The Executive Board held a discussion regarding the nomination process. One concern raised was whether the current bylaws language permits the process to proceed if a candidate is not identified prior to April 1. The discussion included requirements for a candidate running from the floor of the General Assembly. Additionally, a suggestion was made to simplify the process by eliminating the requirement for three letters of recommendation. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Chapter IV, Section 12, Application Form, *The Application will include three (3) letters of recommendation from members of the Kentucky Dental Association* be deleted from the bylaws.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED**, Chapter IV, Section 12, Responsibilities of Election Commission be amended to add, Item #7, *In the event that no nominee has submitted an application for a given office, nominations from the floor of the General Assembly shall be permitted. Any individual running from the floor must provide the election commission with a signed attestation confirming the accuracy of their information and affirming their ability and commitment to fulfill the*

*responsibilities of the office sought. Additionally, the candidate must sign a conflict of interest disclosure. Each floor nominee will be granted up to three minutes to present their platform to the assembly.*

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-105.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-106  
ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:** In recent cycles, the KDA Executive Board's Chair role has been assumed by the First Vice President. However, our bylaws state that the Chair must be a voting member of the Board, and the First Vice President currently serves as an ex-officio, non-voting member. Granting voting privileges to the First Vice President would resolve this inconsistency. Moreover, serving as Chair offers valuable preparation for the KDA presidency.

SECTION 1. COMPOSITION reads: 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, Dean of University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine and the Dental Director of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources shall be exofficio 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. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, SECTION 1. COMPOSITION be amended to read, The Executive Board shall consist of the President of the Kentucky Dental Association, *and The First Vice President* (serving as a voting members 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, Dean of University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine and the Dental Director of the Kentucky Department for Human Resources shall be exofficio 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.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED**, Chapter IV, Section 8, B be amended to add, Item 2. *To serve as a voting member of the Executive Board* under duties listed for the First Vice President.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-106.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-107**  
**ORIGINATOR: COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

**BACKGROUND:** With the annual meeting now held in the fall, requesting nominations from our constituent societies by January 1 may present a challenge. Extending the deadline to April 30 provides these societies with sufficient time to identify qualified nominees and better align the process with the timing of our annual session. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** Chapter V, Section 11, B will now read: The Kentucky Dental Association Fellowship Award is to be given to a dentist who is a member of the Kentucky Dental Association who has made an outstanding contribution to dentistry in Kentucky. Each component of the Kentucky Dental Association may elect one dentist to receive the award each year. The dentist need not be a member of the component. The award will be presented at the Annual Session each year at the Marcus Randall Memorial Event. The selection of each component is to be given to the Kentucky Dental Association Executive Director by ~~January 1~~ *April 30* of each year.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-107.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-108**  
**ORIGINATOR: KDA MEMBER, SAMANTHA SHAVER**

**BACKGROUND:** The Humanitarian award recognizes dentist members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding unselfish leadership and at least a “ten-year-commitment” to their fellow human beings in the field of dentistry, through the dedication of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations in the United States and abroad. In past nominations, some deserving individuals were found ineligible solely because they had not yet met the 'ten-year' requirement. Removing this time constraint allows us to recognize younger dentists whose impactful service already embodies the spirit and intent of the award. Therefore, be it

**RESOLVED,** Chapter V, Section 11, C will now read, This prestigious award recognizes dentist members who have distinguished themselves by outstanding unselfish leadership and ~~at least a 10-year~~ a commitment to their fellow human beings in the field of dentistry, through the dedication of extraordinary time and professional skills to improve the oral health of underserved populations in the United States and abroad.

**AND FURTHER RESOLVED,** under, the following documentation must be submitted:

- Complete nomination information addressing the commitment (~~of at least 10 years~~) and extraordinary humanitarian services of the nominee and the ongoing legacy that will be left, taking into account specific actions employed, demonstrated leadership skills, knowledge, dedication and persistence used to improve the oral health prospects of the specific community(ies), the population group(s) served and the long-term impact of these endeavors as indicated by the information requested.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-108.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-RC109**  
**ORIGINATOR: REFERENCE COMMITTEE**

**BACKGROUND:** The Budget and Finance Committee recommended a one-time \$100.00 assessment to balance the 2026 KDA Budget. This was approved by the Executive Board and brought to the Reference Committee. Therefore it be

**RESOLVED,** that each full dues paying member be assessed a one-time \$100.00 amount in order to balance the 2026 KDA budget.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-RC109.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-102**  
**ORIGINATOR: EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:** In the proposed 2026 Budget, REVENUES were based on current membership numbers and a \$50.00 dues increase. With the passage by the House of Resolution F2007-102, we are required to request a \$50.00 dues increase. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that Chapter I, Section 4, A. (1) is changed from \$541.00 to \$591.00

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-102.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

**RESOLUTION 2025-101**  
**ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**BACKGROUND:** The KDA Executive Board reviewed and approved the 2026 Budget as developed by the Budget and Finance Committee. Therefore be it

**RESOLVED,** that the proposed 2026 Revenue and Expenditure Budget be approved.

Madam Speaker, I move for the adoption of Resolution 2025-101.

**ACTION: ADOPTED**

8. **NEW BUSINESS. Dr. Darren Greenwell** moved to no longer accept monies from third payers to support the KDA Annual Meeting.

**Dr. Brooke Shelton** the motion.

**MOTION: DEFEATED.**

**Dr. Andy Elliott** moved to refer the issue to the KDA Executive Board for further discussion.

**Dr. Kate von Lackum** seconded the motion.

**MOTION: APPROVED.**

**Dr. Darren Greenwell** moved dissolve the KDA House of Delegates and move the powers to the KDA Executive Board.

**Dr. Brooke Shelton** the motion.

**MOTION: DEFEATED.**

**Dr. Andy Elliott** moved to refer the issue to the KDA Executive Board for further discussion.

**Dr. BJ Millay** seconded the motion.

**MOTION: APPROVED.**

**Dr Andy Elliott** moved to refer the dissolution of the House of Delegates to a KDA Executive Board Work Group and report back to the House of Delegates in 2026.

**Dr Matt Johnson** seconded the motion.

**MOTION: APPROVED.**

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

**President – Dr. Dr. Samantha Shaver**  
**First Vice President – Dr. Rachel Gold**  
**Second Vice President – Dr. Kate von Lackum**  
**Secretary/Treasurer – Dr. Kevin Wall**  
**ADA Delegate #1 – Dr. Matt Milliner**  
**ADA Delegate #2 – Dr. Kaitlyn Patel**  
**ADA 6<sup>th</sup> District Trustee – Dr. Fred Howard**  
**Speaker of the House – Dr. Ansley Depp**

10. **PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION.** **Dr. Ansley Depp** presented the Past President's Pin from the ADA to **Dr. Matt Milliner**. **Dr. Samantha Shaver** presented the KDA President's Plaque and Past President's Pin to **Dr. Matt Milliner**.

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

**Dr. Matt Milliner** announced the retirement of KDA Employee **Ms. Melissa Nathanson**.

12. **ADJOURNMENT.** **Dr. Ansley Depp** adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall  
Secretary-Treasurer

