

**KENTUCKY DENTAL
ASSOCIATION**

2026 KDA ANNUAL SESSION

**HOUSE OF DELEGATES
AUGUST 22 & 23, 2026**

CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL

LOUISVILLE, KY

**166th KDA ANNUAL SESSION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 – 2:30 P.M.
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL – LOUISVILLE, KY
DR. ANSLEY DEPP – SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE**

Notice to Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

Enclosed is the Delegate information packet that includes Council, Committee and Work Group reports and proposed resolutions. The first House of Delegates meeting will convene on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 at 2:30 p.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)** in **Coronet Ballroom A of the Crowne Plaza Hotel.**

The Reference Committee meeting will be on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 22, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)** or immediately following the 2:30 p.m. House of Delegates meeting in the Oldham room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel. Discussion relative to any report should be made at that time. A link to reports will be emailed to Delegates and Alternate Delegates via Constant Contact on Saturday evening after Reference Committee(s) reports have been completed. Please review these reports prior to the House of Delegates meeting on Sunday morning. Due to prevailing technological security policies adapted by most hotels, KDA will no longer provide printed reports for pick up at the registration desk, as they have in the past. The **2nd House of Delegates meeting will convene on SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. (EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME)** in **Coronet Ballroom A of the Crowne Plaza Hotel).**

ATTENTION ALL DELEGATES

The House of Delegates is the decision-making body of your organization. For it to function, all members must participate in the process. Your Society has chosen you to represent them in decisions that will affect the way they operate their practices. It is extremely important that you be present to speak for them at every meeting of the House of Delegates.

If you have circumstances that prevent your attendance and that cannot be mitigated, it becomes your responsibility to notify your Society President in order that a replacement can be appointed.

Your willingness to participate in the workings of your organization is appreciated.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION REFERENCE COMMITTEE – Dr. Jonathan Rich,
Chairman

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2026 TELLERS:

KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION REFERENCE COMMITTEE
Dr. Jonathan Rich - Chairman

REPORT NO. 1

**KENTUCKY DENTAL ASSOCIATION
BUDGET AND FINANCE MEETING
ZOOM Meeting
Louisville, Kentucky
March 25, 2026
7:30 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER. Dr. Matt Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. The following members of the committee were present: **Dr. Matt Johnson, Dr. Kevin Wall, Dr. Zak Taylor, and Dr. BJ Millay.** **Drs. Rachel Gold and Samantha Shaver** were also present as ex-officio members.

Staff member present was: **Mr. Todd Edwards**, KDA Assistant Executive Director.

THE PROPOSED 2027 KDA BUDGET. There were discussions about the revenues and expenses for the proposed 2027 KDA Budget.

It was the consensus of the committee to send the 2027 Proposed KDA Budget to the KDA Executive Board with a recommendation to approve.

ADJOURNMENT. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall
Treasurer

REPORT NO. 2
COUNCIL ON ANNUAL SESSION – Dr. Gina Davis, Chairman

COUNCIL ON ANNUAL SESSION
Monday, March 3, 2026 – Zoom Meeting
7:00 P.M.

Chairman Gina Davis called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Council members present: Drs. Gina Davis, Chairman, Michelle Story, Randy Ransdell, John Lowe, Kate von Lackum, and Kaitlyn Patel

Guests present: Drs. Brooke Shelton, Samantha Shaver, and Matt Milliner. Staff present: Dr. Stephen Robertson, David Harten and Todd Edwards.

REVIEW OF THE 2025 KDA MEETING. The 2025 KDA Annual Meeting financial results were reviewed.

REPORT OF THE 2026 KDA MEETING. Dr. Brooke Shleton reported she has some of the speakers lined up for the meeting. **Dr. Kate vonLackum** offered some speakers that she has experienced and may be interested in speaking, she will follow up on their availability.

EVENT MANAGEMENT. Dr Matt Milliner discussed his research with companies that help with the planning and execution for meetings like the KDA Annual Meeting.

Engineerica Systems presented a proposal.

The council by consensus recommends the KDA Board of Directors adopted the items 1, 2 and 5.

It is suggested that approximately 200 copies of the 2026 KDA Annual Meeting Program be printed and mailed as needed.

The Council on Annual Session is an advisory body. Accordingly, all motions, including budgetary implications, must be reviewed by the KDA Executive Board and approved and appropriate discussion and deliberation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Gina Davis, Chairman

REPORT NO. 3
EXECUTIVE BOARD – Dr. Samantha Shaver, Chairman

The minutes of the August, October, March and June board meetings are found in Addendum D1-4.

The Executive Board offers the following resolutions for consideration.

RESOLUTION 2026-101
ORIGINATOR: KDA EXECUTIVE BOARD

BACKGROUND: The KDA Executive Board reviewed and approved the 2027 Budget as developed by the Budget and Finance Committee. Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed 2027 Revenue and Expenditure Budget be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Rachel Gold, Chairman

REPORT NO. 4
SECRETARY TREASURER'S REPORT – Dr. Kevin Wall, Secretary/Treasurer

Addendums B (year end financials) and C (journal, legislative and relief fund reports).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Wall, Secretary/Treasurer

REPORT NO. 5
JOURNAL COMMITTEE – Dr. Adam Rich, Chairman

NO REPORT

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Adam Rich

RESOLUTION 2026-102 (Unanimous)

ORIGINATOR: KDA HOD GOVERNANCE WORK AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: The Kentucky Dental Association has evaluated its current governance structure and determined that consolidating the duties of the General Assembly within the House of Delegates will streamline governance operations, eliminate duplicative processes, and provide continuity in the conduct of Association business. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that ARTICLE V, Section 2 of the Constitution be deleted in its entirety, which currently reads:

“SECTION 2. GENERAL ASSEMBLY. The General Assembly shall be composed of all members of the Association and shall function as provided in the Bylaws.”

And further resolved, that all references to “General Assembly” throughout the Constitution be replaced with “House of Delegates” where applicable.

RESOLUTION 2026-103 (2/3 after passage of resolution 102)

ORIGINATOR: KDA HOD GOVERNANCE WORK AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: The Kentucky Dental Association has determined that the duties currently assigned to the General Assembly can be more efficiently administered through the House of Delegates. This amendment aligns the Bylaws with the proposed constitutional changes and provides continuity in Association operations. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter IV of the Bylaws entitled “General Assembly” be deleted in its entirety.

And further resolved, that all references to “General Assembly” throughout the Bylaws be replaced with “House of Delegates” where applicable.

And further resolved, that the House of Delegates shall assume and perform all duties formerly assigned to the General Assembly, including but not limited to the election of officers and delegates to the American Dental Association, the William Marcus Randall event, and any ceremonial reports.

And further resolved, that all duties formerly listed under Chapter IV shall be incorporated into Chapter III of the Bylaws.

RESOLUTION 2026-104
ORIGINATOR: KDA HOD GOVERNANCE WORK AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: Advances in technology and evolving governance practices support the use of virtual and hybrid meetings to improve accessibility, participation, and continuity of Association business. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter III, Section 5 of the Bylaws be amended to read:

“Meetings of the House of Delegates may be conducted in-person, virtually, or in a format as determined by the Executive Board. Participation by electronic means shall constitute presence for purposes of quorum and voting.”

And further resolved, that Chapter III, Section 12 of the Bylaws be amended to add:

“Reference Committees may conduct meetings and hearings in-person, virtually, or any other format as determined by the Executive Board. Participation by electronic means shall constitute presence.”

RESOLUTION 2026-105
ORIGINATOR: COUNCIL ON ETHICS, BYLAWS AND JUDICIAL AFFAIRS

BACKGROUND: The Kentucky Dental Association has reviewed the current quorum requirements for the House of Delegates and determined that revising the requirements will allow the Association to conduct business more efficiently while maintaining broad representation among the Component Societies. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that Chapter III, Section 7 of the Bylaws be amended to delete the following language:

“Forty percent (40%) of the voting members... representing at least seven (7) component societies”

And further resolved, that the following language be inserted in its place:

“Twenty-five percent (25%) of the voting members of the House of Delegates, representing at least fifty percent (50%) of the Component Societies.”

RESOLUTION 2026-106

ORIGINATOR: KDA HOD GOVERNANCE WORK

BACKGROUND: The Kentucky Dental Association has determined that increasing flexibility in the size of the Membership Committee will better accommodate member participation and allow the committee structure to adapt to the operational needs of the Association. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the language in the Bylaws stating:

“The Membership Committee shall consist of five (5) members.”

be amended to read:

“The Membership Committee shall consist of up to eleven (11) members.”

RESOLUTION 2026-107

ORIGINATOR: KDA HOD GOVERNANCE WORK GROUP

BACKGROUND: Since the adoption of the current Constitution and Bylaws, the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine has become an accredited dental institution within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Dental Association recognizes the importance of ensuring that all Kentucky dental schools are appropriately represented throughout the Association’s governing documents. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all references within the Constitution and Bylaws to the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry be amended, where applicable, to additionally include the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine.

And further resolved, any section of the Constitution or Bylaws referencing the dental schools of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be interpreted to include the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, and the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine.

RESOLUTION 2026-108
ORIGINATOR: KDA HOD GOVERNANCE WORK GROUP

RESOLUTION 2026-7(resolution 2026-102 must be voted on first to delete General Assembly. This takes place of chapter IV)

ORIGINATOR: Governance Work Group

BACKGROUND: The Kentucky Dental Association recognizes the importance of encouraging open communication and member engagement in the governance process of the Association. Establishing a Membership Forum prior to the Annual Meeting will provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters affecting the Association and the profession before formal business is conducted by the House of Delegates. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a new Chapter IV entitled “Membership Forum” be added to the Bylaws.

And further resolved, that Chapter IV shall read as follows:

MEMBERSHIP FORUM

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The Membership Forum shall serve as an opportunity for the general membership of the Association to discuss matters affecting the Association and the profession.

SECTION 2. FORMAT.

The Membership Forum may be conducted in-person, virtually, or in a format as determined by the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. TIME OF MEETING.

The Executive Board shall determine the date and time of the Membership Forum, provided that the Forum shall be conducted no fewer than four (4) months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jonathan Rich

REPORT NO. 7

KENTUCKY BOARD OF DENTISTRY

NO REPORT

REPORT NO. 8

COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS & FEDERAL DENTAL SERVICES – Dr. Darren Greenwell, Chairman

Purpose

Over the past year, the Council on Governmental Affairs met to identify the Kentucky Dental Association’s 2026 legislative priorities—those most likely to improve the practice environment for Kentucky dentists.

Key Topics Discussed

- Dental Loss Ratio (DLR)
- Medicaid reimbursement
- Clarifying language related to non-covered services
- Oral Preventive Assistant (OPA)
- Corporate ownership of dental practices

Decisions and Next Steps

- **DLR:** Executive leadership chose not to pursue DLR legislation this session.
- **OPA and corporate ownership:** The Kentucky Board of Dentistry will advance legislation addressing the Oral Preventive Assistant role and corporate ownership issues.

Background Materials

I have prepared the attached report summarizing dental-relevant legislation enacted by the Kentucky General Assembly and signed by the Governor during the 2026 legislative session. Also, we will continue to discuss and propose possible legislation for the coming years.

Respectfully

Darren Greenwell, DMD, FACD, FICD, FPFA, MAGD

Chair, Kentucky Dental Association Council on Governmental Affairs

REPORT NO. 9

KDPAC COMMITTEE – Dr. Darren Greenwell, Chairman

NO REPORT

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Darren Greenwell, Chairman

REPORT NO. 10
TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO KMAP – Dr. BJ Millay, Chairman

(most recent meeting 5.8.26)

I was unable to attend the meeting due to family emergency. Dr. Petrey was gracious to take the lead for the meeting.

Continue to discuss issues with Foster Children and AETNA SKY program. At this time, the contract has been established. No matter what issues exist, the state informed that contractually would take a long time to see any changes. So, any existing problems such as network and adequacy have to be met by the MCO. Once again to leaving MCO to dictate rules for remainder of contract. Aetna representatives noted that network adequacy remains under active monitoring, that recruitment efforts are ongoing, and that direct communication with DMS on this issue is continuing.

State does desire specific examples regarding network inadequacy across the board. Especially for foster children. So anyone knowing foster kids, case managers, foster parents having issues, please let us know so we can get those to the Managed Care Organization Branch. It will probably be easiest to send those directly to state at dmsweb@ky.gov or via the Kentucky Ombudsman at kyombud@ky.gov. At this time, I don't have a specific individual.

I do feel compelled to say that while we have been quite brutal to SKYGEN. A lot of these issues are not directly fault of SKYGEN. They overall have been open and willing to work with the TAC for the time being. Several issues are due to MCO jumping subcontractors.

The issue of jumping subcontractors is finally being recognized by DMS. However, the contracts to my knowledge has minimal stipulations for DMS oversight at this time.

Big wins with HB500 and HB2 create new discussion and tight time frame issues for the TAC. However, we are working diligently on this matter. We have received some data regarding information being requested. Hopefully this will help the TAC manage to develop a new fee schedule with input from other stake holders. At this time, the TAC is working to compose data. Special thanks to Dr. Petrey for his work in that area thus far.

TAC is also performing informal meetings with DMS. Hopefully this permits to head off issues, get questions answered, and provide continued feedback in developing relationships between TAC members and DMS. We are planning monthly meetings at this time.

The unofficial TAC minutes have just been released for member review. I can forward to anyone who would like to read the 70 plus pages once minutes approved. You can also watch the meeting online via youtube. Please be advised that TAC meetings are open to anyone that wishes to attend. However, please be aware that you are on public record and being recorded.

Please feel free to reach out with Medicaid issues at anytime.

Respectfully submitted.

Robert Millay, DMD
TAC Chair

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. BJ Millay, Chairman

REPORT NO. 11
MEMBERSHIP STEERING COMMITTEE/NEW DENTIST COMMITTEE

NO REPORT

MEMBERSHIP COUNT AS OF JULY 1, 2025
MEMBERSHIP COUNT AS OF JULY 1, 2026

	2024	2025	2026
Blue Grass Dental Society	179	155	160
Eastern Dental Society	20	18	17
KY Mountain Dental Society	31	31	26
Louisville Dental Society	291	252	278
Northern KY Dental Society	91	88	80
Green River Dental Society	40	33	34
Pennyrile Dental Society	52	46	44
Southeastern Dental Society	30	19	21
Purchase Dental Society	51	44	35
West Central Dental Society	29	30	29
South Central Dental Society	41	38	38
KY Student Dental Society:			
University of Kentucky	221	234	186
University of Louisville	461	454	427
TOTAL:	1537	1442	1375

Please Note: These figures indicate dues paying members only and do not include approximately 431 retired life members residing in Kentucky and other states.

Workgroup Report to the Kentucky Dental Association Board

Recommendation for Comprehensive Evaluation of Professional Service Agreements and Documentation Practices

Purpose of Report

This report is submitted to recommend a comprehensive evaluation of third-party professional services utilized by the Association, including but not limited to landscaping, accounting, legal counsel, and other contracted vendors. The purpose of this evaluation is to strengthen accountability, improve transparency, ensure contractual clarity, and enhance organizational governance through updated agreements and improved documentation standards.

Executive Summary

The workgroup recommends that the Association undertake a formal review of all recurring vendor and professional service relationships to determine whether:

- Current contracts accurately reflect the scope of services being provided;
- Service expectations and deliverables are clearly documented;
- Existing agreements remain current and legally sufficient;
- Billing and invoicing practices align with contractual obligations; and
- Appropriate oversight and performance documentation are maintained.

The workgroup further recommends the implementation of standardized procedures for documenting vendor services, contract renewals, and performance evaluations.

Background

Professional service providers play an essential role in supporting the operations and long-term success of the Association. Over time, however, service arrangements may evolve informally without corresponding updates to written agreements or documentation practices.

Inconsistent documentation or outdated contracts can create:

- Unclear expectations regarding services;
- Potential duplication or gaps in responsibilities;
- Financial inefficiencies;
- Challenges in accountability and oversight; and
- Increased legal and operational risk.

As part of sound governance practices, periodic review of vendor relationships and service agreements is advisable to ensure alignment with the Association's operational and fiduciary responsibilities.

Areas Recommended for Evaluation

The workgroup recommends reviewing all ongoing vendor and professional service arrangements, including:

1. Landscaping and Property Maintenance Services

The current contract/agreement with our landscape provider was executed and signed in 2006. There has been a change in pricing since the execution of that contract, but there is no current documentation on file to reflect those changes.

Evaluation should include:

- Current scope of work;
- Seasonal and recurring maintenance obligations;
- Pricing structures and renewal terms;
- Documentation of completed services; and
- Verification of insurance and licensing requirements.

2. Accounting and Financial Services

The current budget for accounting services is \$20,000 for 2026. In 2025 we spent \$11,440. This appears consistent for the past few years. The invoice/statements received from the CPA do not provide clarity for what level of service we are receiving.

Evaluation should include:

- Scope of accounting, bookkeeping, audit, or consulting services;
- Clarity regarding reporting responsibilities and timelines;
- Internal controls and financial oversight procedures;
- Contract renewal and fee structures; and
- Documentation supporting work performed.

3. Legal Services and Attorney Engagements

In the first quarter of 2026, our engagement with legal counsel resulted in an expenditure that exceeded the adopted, annual budgeted amount by 700%. We have consistently under budgeted for legal fees in the past 3 years.

Evaluation should include:

- Engagement letter terms;
- Billing practices and authorization procedures;
- Defined legal responsibilities and limitations;
- Documentation of services rendered;
- Consideration of real legal costs in budget development; and
- Periodic review of ongoing legal needs and costs.

4. Additional Contracted Services

The same review principles should apply to:

- IT and technology vendors;
- Cleaning and maintenance providers;
- Marketing or communications contractors;
- Human resources consultants; and
- Any recurring professional service arrangements.

Recommendations

The workgroup respectfully recommends the following actions:

A. Conduct a Comprehensive Contract Review

The Association should inventory all current vendor and professional service agreements and determine:

- Whether written contracts exist;
- Whether agreements are current and signed;
- Whether terms remain appropriate for present operational needs; and
- Whether measurable deliverables are adequately defined.

B. Update and Standardize Service Agreements

Where appropriate, contracts should be revised to include:

- Clear scopes of work;
- Defined deliverables and timelines;
- Fee schedules and billing expectations;
- Renewal and termination provisions;
- Insurance and compliance requirements; and
- Documentation and reporting expectations.

C. Improve Documentation Standards

The Association should establish standardized procedures for documenting:

- Services provided;
- Dates of service completion;
- Vendor communications;
- Approval processes;
- Contract amendments; and
- Periodic performance evaluations.

D. Establish Periodic Review Procedures

The workgroup recommends scheduled reviews of all recurring service relationships on an annual or biennial basis to ensure continued effectiveness, competitiveness, and accountability.

Benefits of Implementation

Implementation of these recommendations may provide several organizational benefits, including:

- Increased transparency and accountability;
- Improved financial oversight;
- Better continuity of operations;
- Reduced legal and operational risk;
- More efficient vendor management; and
- Stronger governance practices consistent with nonprofit and professional association standards.

Conclusion

The workgroup believes that a structured evaluation of professional services and associated documentation practices would strengthen the operational integrity and governance framework of the Association. Updated contracts, clearly defined expectations, and improved documentation procedures will support responsible stewardship of Association resources and promote long-term organizational effectiveness.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel E Gold, DMD

REPORT NO. 13

NON-DUES REVENUE WORKGROUP – Dr. Matt Johnson

I spoke with Carlos at TSI again as a follow-up. He is eager to develop a relationship with the KDA. However, not to do a patron agreement. He isn't looking for us to give him a true "endorsement" and be the sole collection agency service that we have. He just wants to have a little bit of stature to be able to talk with dentists. I told him I would report back to the board, but he's not looking to enter a patron agreement.

I also emailed with Ashley at North. They are a credit card/payment processor. This followed very much the same path as the conversation with TSI. They aren't looking to become a patron. They actually even sent me a "leveled" structure as to how much information we give them and how often they can reach members, etc. They would give us a % in perpetuity, but nothing endorsed or sole processor. Again, they don't want to be a patron.

This brings me to my final point. We (as a work group) honestly can't imagine many businesses entering into our traditional patron agreement which is essentially an advertising contract. We don't want to farm out our membership, but there is no value of an ad and a booth at a meeting, both with continually dwindling numbers. We have talked with 3 different vendors (the above two and UofL's sterilization monitoring program), that want to do business with us but not a patron agreement.

We know the reluctance to "endorsing" products. That's not what these places are looking for. They simply want the backing of the KDA to prove to a dentist they're reaching on a cold call that they're not a scam, spammer, or just a POS trying to get money for nothing. They want help getting in the door and give us back money in perpetuity. We're proposing that we create a "APPROVED VENDOR CONTRACT" with such companies. The name and actual contract is definitely TBD, but the idea is that we put their logo on our webpage with a link. They can contact offices and say they are an approved vendor and hopefully make their pitch. We get money back and in the contract we set a floor that they have to reach or pay the difference at the end of the year. Obviously details can be worked out and each contract can be different (different floors, different %, etc). We feel like we are leaving potential money on the table by choosing to only have patron agreements.

Respectfully,
Dr. Matt Johnson

REPORT NO. 14
WELL BEING WORKGROUP – Dr. Kate von Lackum

NO REPORT

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kate von Lackum

REPORT NO. 15
GOVERNANCE WORK GROUP OF THE KDA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Report from the 2025 HOD Governance Work Group

The Governance Work Group was established following the 2025 House of Delegates after a motion by Delegate Darren Greenwell to dissolve the House of Delegates was defeated. President Sam Shaver appointed Ansley Depp as Chair, with Delegates Darren Greenwell, Jonathon Rich, and Matt Johnson serving as members of the work group.

The work group met on two occasions, and the minutes from the April 20 and May 11 meetings are included for review.

Following extensive discussion and evaluation, the work group concluded that the duties of the General Assembly could be effectively assimilated into the House of Delegates. This transition would move the election of officers and other ceremonial functions into the House of Delegates while continuing to preserve member participation in KDA governance through the delegate structure.

A significant focus of the discussion centered on the concept of a one-day House of Delegates. After Dr. Robertson and Dr. Depp met with the Executive Director of the New Mexico Dental Association to better understand their governance model, a proposal for a virtual first House of Delegates session and virtual Reference Committee meetings was presented to the Governance Work Group. Under this proposal, the second House of Delegates session would continue to be held during the Kentucky Meeting. This structure would allow greater member participation by reducing the need for delegates to sacrifice two full days of their weekend commitments. Additionally, it would provide delegates the opportunity to participate in Sunday continuing education programs, which historically has not been possible due to House of Delegates obligations.

The removal of the General Assembly requires a constitutional amendment and therefore must receive a unanimous vote for passage in 2026. Should the resolution to dissolve the General Assembly fail this year, it may be reintroduced at the 2027 House of Delegates, where it would require a two-thirds vote for adoption. Please note that any subsequent resolutions transferring General Assembly responsibilities to the House of Delegates would become moot if the constitutional amendment does not pass, though those resolutions could likewise be reconsidered in 2027.

With this background and recommendation, the Governance Work Group respectfully presents the following resolutions to the 2026 House of Delegates.

RESOLUTION 2026-102

(This will require a unanimous vote to pass this year)

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ELIMINATE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

ORIGINATOR: Governance Work Group

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And further resolved, that all references to “General Assembly” throughout the Constitution be replaced with “House of Delegates” where applicable.

RESOLUTION 2026-103 (2/3 after passage of resolution 1)
BYLAWS AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER GENERAL ASSEMBLY DUTIES TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ORIGINATOR: Governance Work Group
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And further resolved, that the House of Delegates shall assume and perform all duties formerly assigned to the General Assembly, including but not limited to the election of officers and delegates to the American Dental Association, the William Marcus Randall event, and any ceremonial reports.
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RESOLVED, that the language in the Bylaws stating:
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be amended to read:

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ORIGINATOR: Governance Work Group

BACKGROUND: Since the adoption of the current Constitution and Bylaws, the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine has become an accredited dental institution within the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The Kentucky Dental Association recognizes the importance of ensuring that all Kentucky dental schools are appropriately represented throughout the Association’s governing documents. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that all references within the Constitution and Bylaws to the University of Louisville School of Dentistry and the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry be amended, where applicable, to additionally include the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine.

And further resolved, that any section of the Constitution or Bylaws referencing the dental schools of the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be interpreted to include the University of Louisville School of Dentistry, the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, and the University of Pikeville Tanner College of Dental Medicine.

RESOLUTION 2026-106 (resolution 2026-1 must be voted on first to delete General Assembly. This takes place of chapter IV)

ORIGINATOR: Governance Work Group

BACKGROUND: The Kentucky Dental Association recognizes the importance of encouraging open communication and member engagement in the governance process of the Association. Establishing a Membership Forum prior to the Annual Meeting will provide members with an opportunity to discuss matters affecting the Association and the profession before formal business is conducted by the House of Delegates. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that a new Chapter IV entitled “Membership Forum” be added to the Bylaws.

And further resolved, that Chapter IV shall read as follows:

MEMBERSHIP FORUM

SECTION 1. PURPOSE.

The Membership Forum shall serve as an opportunity for the general membership of the Association to discuss matters affecting the Association and the profession.

SECTION 2. FORMAT.

The Membership Forum may be conducted in-person, virtually, or in a format as determined by the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. TIME OF MEETING.

The Executive Board shall determine the date and time of the Membership Forum, provided that the Forum shall be conducted no fewer than four (4) months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Respectfully submitted

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