

PROPOSED MERGER OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE MONTANA DENTAL ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1—This organization shall be known as the "Montana Dental Association."

Section 2—This organization is a constituent of the American Dental Association, having declared its allegiance to said American Dental Association, and having agreed to the formation and perpetuation of its House of Delegates.

Section 3—This organization shall recognize local district dental societies within the State of Montana, and function as part of a Tripartite Organization—National, state, and local. Membership is required in all three organizations.

ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Montana Dental Association is to represent the interests of the members of the dental profession and promote the art and science of dentistry to improve the health of Montanans.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this association shall consist of dentists and other persons whose qualifications and classifications are as established in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IV – COMPONENT SOCIETIES

Component Societies are those local district dental societies who are organized independently from this organization and have agreed to participate in the Tripartite Organization. The State of Montana shall be divided into component dental societies as described in the Bylaws. Each component dental society of this Association shall determine the eligibility of dentists within its jurisdiction for membership in this Association and the American Dental Association.

ARTICLE V – GOVERNANCE

Section 1—LEGISLATIVE—The legislative body of this association shall be the General Assembly of Members which shall meet once a year at the Annual Meeting of the Association.

Section 2—ADMINISTRATIVE—The administration and management of the Association shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee as described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE I – NAME AND ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - This organization shall be known as the "Montana Dental Association" (hereinafter, "MDA").

Section 2 – The MDA is a constituent of the American Dental Association (hereinafter, "ADA"), having declared its allegiance to said ADA and having agreed to the formation and perpetuation of its House of Delegates.

Section 3 – The MDA shall recognize local component district dental societies (hereinafter, "district" or "districts") within the State of Montana, and function as part of a Tripartite – national, state, and local. Membership is required in all three organizations.

ARTICLE II – MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Montana Dental Association is to represent the interests of the members of the dental profession and promote the art and science of dentistry to improve the oral health of Montanans.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the MDA shall consist of dentists and other persons whose qualifications and classifications are as follows:

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(Further changes to MEMBERSHIP are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE IV – COMPONENT SOCIETIES DISTRICTS

Section 1 – Component societies are those local district dental societies. Districts are organized independently and separately from this organization the MDA and have agreed to participate in and be recognized as part of the Tripartite Organization.

Each district of the MDA shall determine the eligibility of dentists within its jurisdiction for membership in the Tripartite. They each have their own Constitution and Bylaws; elect their own officers and generally conduct business independently from this association the MDA. They each handle their own financial affairs; however, Component society district dues are billed, and collected, and remitted by this association the MDA as part of the Tripartite Organization.

Section 2 -The State of Montana shall be divided into component dental societies districts as follows:

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(Further changes to DISTRICTS are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE V – GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Section 1 – The legislative body of this association the MDA shall be the General Assembly of members which shall meet at least once a year as provided in Article V of the Constitution at the MDA Annual Meeting.

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(Further changes to ASSEMBLY are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE VI – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 - The administration and management of this Association the MDA shall be vested in and the responsibility of a Board of Directors and all other duties not otherwise provided for shall be performed by it.

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(Further changes to BOARD are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE IV ~~VII~~ – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1 - The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Immediate Past President, and the Delegates to the ~~American Dental Association~~ ADA House of Delegates.

Section 2 – The President shall serve as chairperson of the committee.

Section 3 – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee shall act in the capacity of the Board of Directors when that body is not in session, except as otherwise specifically provided in the Bylaws section on Duties of the Board of Directors.

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(Further changes to EXECUTIVE are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE VI ~~VIII~~ – OFFICERS AND THE SECRETARY

Section 1 – The officers of ~~this association~~ the MDA shall be as defined in the Constitution President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Immediate Past President. The Officers (except the Immediate Past President) shall be elected by the General Assembly at the MDA Annual Meeting. The qualifications, terms and duties of Officers shall be as described below:

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(Further changes to OFFICERS are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE VII ~~IX~~ – DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION ADA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates is determined by the ADA House of Delegates and the Bylaws of the ADA. The terms, election, and duties of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be as follows:

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(Further changes to DELEGATES are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE VII ~~X~~ – STANDING COMMITTEES AND PANEL

Standing Committees, Panels, and Special Committees (or Task Forces) may be formed to assist with the management of the MDA. The composition and duties of Committees are as following:

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(Further changes to COMMITTEES are addressed separately.)

ARTICLE XII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – All motions to amend these Bylaws shall be considered by the General Assembly after being submitted to the membership in writing at least thirty (30) days before ~~the Annual Meeting~~ that General Assembly, at which time a Section 2 – A two-thirds (2/3) favorable vote of those present shall be necessary to adopt; such amendments may be adopted at the session when so offered.

ARTICLE XVI ~~XV~~ – ENACTMENT

These Bylaws shall take effect and be in force from and after passage, and all Bylaws previously in force are hereby revoked.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be a President, a President Elect, a Vice President, and Immediate Past President. The Vice President shall serve as the Secretary when needed. The Officers shall be elected by the General Assembly at the Annual Meeting of the Association. The terms and duties of Officers shall be as described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII – DELEGATES AND ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

The number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the American Dental Association is determined by the ADA House of Delegates and the Bylaws of the ADA. The duties, terms, and selection of Delegates and Alternates shall be as described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII – COMMITTEES

Standing Committees, and Special Committees (or Task Forces) may be formed to assist with the management of the Association. The composition and duties of Standing Committees are described in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS

Section 1 – Motions to amend this Constitution shall be considered by the General Assembly at the Annual meeting.
Section 2 – All motions to amend this Constitution shall be submitted to the membership in writing at least thirty (30) days before the Annual Meeting.
Section 3 – A two thirds (2/3) favorable vote of those present shall be necessary to adopt; such amendments may be adopted at the session when so offered.

ARTICLE X – ENACTMENT

The Constitution shall take effect and be in force from and after passage, and all constitutions previously in force are hereby revoked.