HOUSE OF DELEGATES REPORT

Report of Official Actions
MDA House of Delegates Meetings

By: Sherill Behnke, DDS, Secretary and Michelle Nichols-Cruz, Board and House Administrator

The following are the official actions of the 2007 MDA House of Delegates.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDAS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES:**

01. **(Adopted)**
   
   Resolved, that the agendas for the 2007 Michigan Dental Association House of Delegates, provided in the third House mailing, be adopted as the official order of business for this session.

**APPROVAL OF ACTIONS OF THE 2006 HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

02. **(Adopted)**
   
   Resolved, that the record of actions taken by the 2006 House of Delegates, as mailed to House members on June 21, 2006, be approved.

**APPROVAL OF 2007 MANUAL OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

03. **(Adopted)**
   

**2007 ADA DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES**

04. **(Adopted as Amended)**
   
   Resolved, that the following be elected as delegates and alternates to the 2007 American Dental Association:

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*These positions are fully funded either through the dental school or MDAIFG.
STANDING COMMITTEE PERSONNEL:

(Adopted)

Resolved, that the following be elected to serve as members of the Association’s standing committees, terms to expire in May 2009.

COMMITTEE ON CONTINUING EDUCATION:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:

Suzanne Port, Grand Rapids, ‘08
John Marshall, Sheridan, ‘09
Leslie Metzger, Farmington, ‘08
Larry Haber, Commerce Township, ‘09
Roger Mead, Midland, ‘08
Kevin Sloan, Ann Arbor, ‘08

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:

Marty Werschky, Flint, ‘08
Ghabi Kaspo, Troy, ‘09
Curt Ralstrom, Clinton Township, ‘08
Michael Dionise, Lansing, ‘07
Michael Cerminaro, Muskegon, ‘08
Raymond Gist, Flint (Dental PAC Chair), ‘07

COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:

Bonita Neighbors, Ypsilanti, ‘08
Daniel Edwards, Ann Arbor, ‘09
Alexa Vitek, St. Johns, ‘08
James Wright, Bloomfield Hills, ‘09
Jason Golnick, Taylor, ‘08
Randall Chambers, Grand Rapids, ‘09

COMMITTEE ON PEER REVIEW/DENTAL CARE:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:

Larry Duffield, Royal Oak, ‘08
Vincent Benivegna, East Lansing ‘09, oral surgeon
Jeffery Baker, Shelby Township, ‘08
Robert Shore, Eastpointe, ‘09
Danielle Ruskin, Farmington, ‘08
Carl Botvinick, Waterford, ‘09, endodontist
Colin Mayers, Hillsdale, ‘08, orthodontist
David Madorsky, Bloomfield Hills
Denise Coleman, Detroit, ‘08
Ken Stoffers, Ann Arbor, 09
J. Chris Norman, Ada, ‘08
Stephen Riedy, Livonia, ‘09, prosthodontist
Shawn Zimmer, Mt. Pleasant, ’08
James Bolt, Grand Rapids ’09, periodontist
Daniel Klein, East Lansing, ‘08, pediatric dentist
Irene Tseng, Westland, ’09
Michelle Matheson, North Muskegon, ‘08
Stephen Harris, Farmington Hills, ‘09

COMMITTEE ON PEER REVIEW DENTAL CARE/ENDODONTICS:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:

Al Giovanardi, Jackson
Jeffrey Halvorson, Grand Rapids
Mark Nearing, Gaylord
Steven Shoha, Southfield
Martha Zinderman, Livonia

COMMITTEE ON PEER REVIEW DENTAL CARE/ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:

Timothy Schmakel, Bloomfield Hills
Ravipal Bhatti, Bloomfield Hills
Wayne Olsen, Traverse City
Scott Woodbury, Saginaw
Larry Skoczylas, Midland
COMMITTEE ON PEER REVIEW DENTAL CARE/PEDIATRIC DENTISTS:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:
Robert Payne, Grand Rapids
Thomas Pink, Jackson
Claire Cullen, Novi
Kay Wilson, Ann Arbor

COMMITTEE ON PEER REVIEW DENTAL CARE/PROSTHODONTICS:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:
Steven Bernier, Brighton
Thomas Bloem, Ann Arbor
James Braun, Saginaw
Robert Brustad, Ann Arbor
Benjamin Czerniawski, Grosse Pointe Woods
Michael Girskis, Livonia
Douglas Henke, Farmington Hills
Douglas Hock, Ypsilanti
Carl Hubinger, Hemlock
Robert Humphries, Portage
Dennis Jatkoe, Westland
Gary Johnson, Lansing
Otto Klanow, Sterling Heights
Mark Marunick, Farmington Hills
Neil Matthews, Rochester
Frederick Matvias, Troy
James Mertz, Saginaw
Marvin Novetsky, Farmington Hills
Richard Persiani, West Bloomfield
Thomas Rea, Petoskey
Stephen Riedy, Livonia
Laurence Seluk, Plymouth
Robert Stewart, Grosse Pointe
Alfred Stines, Howell
Frederick Thompson, Grand Blanc
Mark Waranowidz, Novi
Jonathan Wiens, West Bloomfield
Joel Zahler, Farmington Hills
Samuel Zwetchklenbaum, Ann Arbor

COMMITTEE ON PEER REVIEW/ETHICS:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:
Joseph C. Harris, Detroit, ’08
Steven Conlon, Grand Rapids, ’09
Leopold Klausner, Ann Arbor, ’08
Bonita Neighbors, Ypsilanti, ’09
Marilyn Lantz, Ann Arbor, ’08
Keith Konvalinka, Kalamazoo, ’09
Mark Smith, Center Line, ’08
M. David Campbell, Plymouth, ’09
Gregory Hummon, Birmingham, ’08
Michel Nasif, Lansing, ’09
Van-Anh Peters, East Lansing, ’08
Michael Maihofer, Roseville, ’09

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS:

Not Subject to Approval:

2007-2008 Recommendations:
Keith Bever, Jr., Alma, ’08
Lisa Christy, Berrien Springs, ’09
Charles Burling, Dowagiac, ’08
David Harkema, Okemos, ’09
Murray Malinoski, Three Rivers, ’08
Curles Colbert, Detroit, ’07
COMMITTEE ON RELIEF:

Not Subject to Approval:
Alan Laing, Okemos, '08
Jeffrey Halvorson, Grand Rapids, '08

2007-2008 Recommendations:
Stephen Forsyth, East Jordan, '09
Kelly Rigney, South Lyon, '09
Brian Smith, St. Joseph, '09

AN ANALYSIS OF THE MICHIGAN DENTAL MEDICAID PROGRAM: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE

06. (Adopted as Amended)
Resolved, that the document “An Analysis of the Michigan Dental Medicaid Program: Recommendations for Improving Access to Care”, dated January 2007 be approved. and be it further

Resolved, that the document “An Analysis of the Michigan Dental Medicaid Program: Recommendations for Improving Access to Care” be referred to the MDA Board of Trustees for review, with report back to the 2008 House of Delegates.

07. (Adopted)
Resolved, that Resolution 43H-03 regarding “An Analysis of the Michigan Dental Medicaid Program: Recommendations for Improving Access to Care” be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

PEER REVIEW PANELIST LISTING

08. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the MDA no longer use the MDA Peer Review Panelist listing, and be it further

Resolved, that the MDA Peer Review/Dental Care Manual be revised to read as follows (deletions are crossed-through):

6. MDA Professional Review Panel

In addition to the peer review process, the MDA acts as a resource for public entities seeking opinions relating to the standard of care for dentistry. As such, another mechanism for reviewing treatment is available from MDA Professional Review Panelists.

6.1 Functions
The MDA Professional Review Panel concept is multifaceted:

- Post-treatment/complaint: to determine the quality and/or propriety of dental treatment previously rendered, when requested by the MDA CPRV/DC.

- Post-treatment review: to review post-treatment claims upon request by a dental program insurer/administrator.

- Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Professions: to assist Michigan’s Department of Community Health, Bureau of Health Professions by providing objective, independent reviews upon the request of the department.

- Medicaid Reviews

6.2 Composition and Selection of MDA Professional Review Panel

The panel shall consist of practicing dentists representing general practice and all specialty areas. Individuals on the panel are selected at the component and specialty society levels by their governing bodies and confirmed by the CPRV/DC and MDA Board of Trustees. Component societies should base their selection process and decision on geographic distribution throughout the component and adequate representation of the specialty societies.
State specialty societies shall review the list and make decisions for deletion or addition of names of specialists within the component's boundaries. (Please refer to Guidelines for Selection of Dentists for the MDA Peer Review/Dental Care System, page 4 of this manual.)

Each name on the list returned to the MDA Central Office should include the designation of general practitioner or specialist (type) to aid the third parties in their contact of the review panel members.

Every three years the MDA Central Office shall send each component and specialty society the list of its panel members. The component shall then have the opportunity to review its selections and submit a list of nominees for appointment as new members or re-appointments as continuing panel members. Final approval of the panelist list lies with the MDA CPRV/DC and MDA Board of Trustees.

6.3—Procedures

Appeal Cases
A request from the MDA CPRV/DC for a panelist's review of a case accepted for appeal shall be transmitted to the panelist in writing. The name of the treating dentist shall be omitted from all correspondence and case material and the panelist should conduct the interview and examination within thirty (30) days and return the Checklist, Mediation, and Review Worksheet to the MDA Central Office.

Post-Treatment Random Sample
• The third party selects the appropriate panelist from the MDA Professional Review Panel, considering geographic area and specialty, if involved.

• A request received from a third party during the course of a contract to conduct a random sample review and report the quality of services received by a patient group as selected

From the claim forms on file with the third party:

Each claim selected represents a patient who has received dental treatment under the program. The information contained on the claim form includes the patient's name, a list of the services completed, the date of each service and such information as may be pertinent to the review. The name of the dentist who treated the patient shall be omitted from the form.

Written notification is sent to each dentist whose patient has been selected for review.

Patients are asked by the third party to report at a designated time and place for examination in which the panelist evaluates the mouth to determine that indicated services have been performed, are appropriate and are of professional, acceptable quality.

If the panelist has any questions regarding treatment received by a patient, the panelist notes these on the review form. The panelist is encouraged to offer general or specific comments on any services reviewed.

In the event there is a difference of opinion between the dentist and the panelist, the Third party administrator should contact the treating dentist and notify him/her of the findings. The third party should suggest to the dentist one of three options:

A. The treating dentist may draft a statement responding to the questions raised by the panelist.

B. The treating dentist may appeal the panelist evaluation to the MDA CPRV/DC.

C. The treating dentist may call the patient to his/her office to perform any corrections that are necessary, and/or refund benefits paid.

Commendations or criticisms may be written into the report, such as good dentistry, excellent dentistry, etc. These shall be included in the report to the program and shall be part of the report to the third party.
If a question of adequacy or quality of care is posed by the patient, the patient should BE referred to the MDA Peer Review System.

The panelist should be reimbursed for time, travel and supportive expenses when doing random reviews for third party carriers or dental program administrators, at a fee negotiated between the panelist and the third party administrator.

The third party shall reimburse the panelist the appropriate fees for the services provided in conducting the review. Any involved party may appeal a panelist’s decision to the MDA CPRV/DC for final review.

09. *(Adopted – Consent Calendar)*

Resolved, that the MDA Peer Review/Dental Care Manual be revised to read as follows:

4.4 Urgent Reviews
The MDA CPRV/DC is authorized to select an individual(s) to conduct a review for it, in order to expedite an evaluation/review. It may form a subcommittee or use a panelist when it becomes necessary to conduct timely reviews under certain situations. The individual(s) purpose is to evaluate the situation/patient and make decisions to expedite the peer review case. This will be done in a special situation, which may be severe time limitations or some other unusual situation.

PEER REVIEW RELEASES

10. *(Adopted – Consent Calendar)*

Resolved, that Section 4.2 of the Peer Review/Dental Care Manual be amended as follows (deletions are crossed through and additions are highlighted):

Releases

| Anytime during the peer review process, but prior to a decision being published, a member may request that the patient sign a release. The MDA cannot obligate the patient to sign the requested release. The peer review process proceeds to conclusion regardless of whether or not a requested release is signed.  |
| Members have the right to request that a patient sign a release before refunding any monies to the patient, insurance company, or subsequent treating member, or writing off any balance owed by the patient. Such release request must be made prior to the component/specialty committee’s decision/mediation, to insure awareness by all parties early in the peer review process. Once a decision/mediation is published, requests for releases will not be honored. |
| When a peer review case is opened, the MDA will ask the member whether s/he wants the patient to sign a release. Should the member want the patient to sign a release, the member must provide the release to the MDA. The member may contact his/her malpractice carrier or attorney for assistance in crafting a release. MDA staff is not allowed to provide the member with sample releases. The member will be provided additional instructions regarding deadlines when the decision/mediation is published. |
| The member may opt to forego the release signing procedure by informing the MDA staff in writing prior to or at the time the refund is forwarded to the escrow account that they wish the refund be sent to the patient without first obtaining a signed release. |
| If the member wants the patient to sign a release, s/he must forward the release and the correct refund amount to the MDA within 30 days of the date of a component/specialty/state committee decision/mediation. The MDA staff representative will forward the release to the patient and, within 30 days of the date of forwarding such release, or within 30 days of the date of a decision from the MDA peer review committee, the patient will be required to sign and return the release to the MDA peer review committee. No money may be released to the patient until the signed |
release is returned to the MDA staff representative. The release is optional for the patient to sign, however, the patient will not be allowed to collect any money until the signed release is returned to the MDA staff representative. Failure of the member to submit the release within the time prescribed may result in the funds being forwarded to the patient without the release. Failure of the patient to sign and return the release within the time prescribed may result in the return of the funds to the member.

11. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)

Resolved, that Resolution 29H-02 regarding signed waivers for peer review refunds be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

ASSOCIATION POLICY MANUAL REMOVALS

12. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)

Resolved, that Resolutions 22H-01 and 21H-02 (MDHA legislative initiative) and 18H-02 (MDAA legislative initiative) be removed from the Association Policy Manual.

DENTAL BENEFIT PLANS

13. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)

Resolved, that the Michigan Dental Association adopts the following American Dental Association policy:


14. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)

Resolved, that Resolutions 05H-87 regarding Guidelines for Dental Care Contracts and 35H-87 regarding Guidelines for Dental Provider Contracts be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY FOR NON-LICENSED DOCTORS

15. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)

Resolved, that the following recommendation be forwarded to the 2007 MDA House of Delegates with a recommendation for adoption:

Resolved, that the MDA Bylaws be revised with an addition of a new membership category as follows:

Chapter I, Membership - Section 1. – Classification:…..

L. Associate Member

Chapter I., Membership – Section 2. – Qualifications:…..

L. Associate Member: An associate member shall be a person ineligible for any other type of membership in this association, who contributes to the advancement of the objectives of this association, is employed in dental-related education or research, does not hold a dental license in the United States, is an ADA associate member and has applied to and been approved by the Board of Trustees.

Chapter I., Membership – Section 4 – Privileges:…..

L. Associate Member: An associate member in good standing shall receive annually the Journal of the Michigan Dental Association, the subscription price of which shall be included in the annual dues. An associate member shall be entitled to attend any scientific session of this association and receive such other services as are authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Chapter I., Membership – Section 5. – Dues:…..

R. The dues of associate members shall be twenty-five percent (25%) of the dues of active members, due January 1 of each year.
CALENDAR YEAR JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2008 BUDGET

16. (Adopted)
Resolved, that the 2008 Michigan Dental Association budget, dated 2/15/07, be approved as the budget for calendar year January 1 to December 31, 2008.

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL REPORTS TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

17. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the MDA provide House members with the appropriate individuals to contact (treasurer and staff) to ask questions and make comments for explanation on any line item in the budget and financial reports.

18. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that Resolution 47H-03 regarding budget and financial reports to the House of Delegates be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

19. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the following guidelines and policies relating to campaign activities are to be distributed to each component dental society and all candidates:

Candidate Guidelines:

Election Commission
An Election Commission, consisting of the speaker of the house and president-elect shall oversee and adjudicate all issues of contested races for MDA offices. The speaker shall be the chair of the Election Commission. In the event the speaker is running in a contested race for office, the MDA president-elect will replace the speaker as the chair of the Election Commission and the MDA vice-president will become a member of the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall meet with all candidates to review and clarify MDA guidelines regarding campaign issues such as the level of hospitality in suites/meeting rooms, promotional activities and gifts, campaign literature, and activities related to emerging electronic communications. The Election Commission will address any concerns with candidates that violate any of the agreed upon campaign issues.

Announcing Candidacy:
Candidates shall not formally announce for office until the final day of the Annual Session immediately preceding their candidacy. Prior to this formal announcement, they may freely campaign within their own trustee region. Campaign activities outside a candidate’s own trustee region shall begin only after the official announcement at the Annual Session.

Candidates Who Wish to be Copied on MDA Board Materials:
All candidates for Vice President, Speaker of the House, Michigan candidates for Ninth District Trustee and Editor may, upon request, receive all Board of Trustees mailings; the cost to be borne by the candidate.

Campaign Mailings/Literature:
After announcing, each candidate, upon request, will be provided with physical address for the members of the House of Delegates. The House of Delegates consists of: Delegates, Alternates, Board of Trustees, MDA Executive Director, Past Presidents, ADA Council Members from Michigan, Committee Chairs, and Component Executive Directors/Secretaries. The addresses will be provided by the MDA Staff via one of the following methods: labels, printed roster, CD-ROM or other electronic media. Email addresses will not be provided. This information will be provided once per month at the request of the candidate.

The number of mailings sent in advance of the election and the type of campaign literature are to be determined by the candidates in consultation with the Election Commission.

Footnote: The campaign guidelines should be followed and if a full roster of MDA member addresses or labels is requested, the policy for all members applies (See Resolution 12H-04 on page 340 of this manual).
Region Caucuses:
Region caucuses (or component societies as appropriate) issuing invitations to candidates are requested to provide an appropriate and equal opportunity for the candidates to meet with their delegation members. All official candidate visits to speak with component delegation members shall be coordinated by the MDA, working with the candidates and campaign chairs to arrange a mutually agreeable visitation schedule. The MDA Election Commission will oversee this process. If there is more than one contested office, every effort will be made for all candidates for the different offices to visit on the same day to minimize the amount of time that components need to have delegates attend their meetings. It is recommended that such forum be structured to allow caucuses’ freedom to assess candidates any way they deem appropriate and to allow each candidate to respond to the questions without the other candidates present. Or, the candidates may agree to participate in a structured campaign forum. Aside from the agreed upon candidate visitation schedule, candidates may not attend meetings outside of their own component to make campaign presentations; however, they may attend as guests.

Campaign Functions:
Candidates will be limited to only one campaign social event on one day at the MDA Annual Session. The campaign function will be restricted to the candidate’s officially designated hospitality suite/function room; said hospitality suite/function room to be selected by the candidate in cooperation with MDA staff and Election Commission. Luncheons or other meal receptions provided by candidates for the House of Delegates members will be considered as campaign social events. In years where there is a candidate forum, candidates are strongly encouraged to provide a lunch for the House of Delegates as their social function. The House of Delegates consists of delegates, alternates, board of trustees, committee chairs, past presidents, ADA council members and component executive directors/secretaries). If the candidates choose to not sponsor the luncheon, it will be funded by the MDA; funding to be determined by the Board of Trustees. Candidates must agree to follow MDA contracts to not bring outside food or beverage into hotels or other MDA contracted facilities. When there is more than one announced candidate for one or more elective offices, a single campaign reception for the candidates will be held at the MDA Annual Session, when, in the opinion of the election commission, the meeting facilities can accommodate a single large reception. The election commission, in consultation with the candidates, will determine a budget and plans for the joint reception, with the expenses to be shared equally by the respective candidates.

Campaign Signs/Posters:
Candidates shall limit the display of campaign signs and posters to one in the immediate area of their respective hospitality suites/function rooms. (The MDA will provide a prominent directory of all candidates’ hospitality suites/function rooms in the hotel near the elevators, in the exhibit area and House of Delegates registration areas.)

Distributing Material on the Floor of the House:
No material may be distributed to any delegates during a session of the House of Delegates without obtaining permission from the chair of the Election Commission. Materials to be distributed in the House of Delegates on behalf of any member’s candidacy for office shall be limited to printed material on paper. (A single distribution per candidate will be made. However, this distribution could consist of more than one piece of printed matter as long as the materials are secured together.)

MDA Staff Resources:
The Election Commission, along with the candidates will work out the details of the above. Staff involvement will be kept to a minimum.

Campaign Guidelines Questions:
Any questions regarding the guidelines should be directed to the chair of the Election Commission for clarification. Any questions regarding the campaign forum are to be directed to the MDA president-elect.

Candidate Forum Guidelines:
When there are contested elections for the offices of vice-president, speaker of the house, ADA ninth district trustee and editor, an open candidate forum will be held during the MDA Annual Session. The following guidelines will be adhered to:
Date/Time/Place of Forum:
This forum will be held following the first meeting of the House of Delegates where both MDA delegates and
alternate delegates will be assembled, along with any other interested parties. Exact times will be announced by the
speaker annually.

Forum Moderator:
The MDA president-elect will act as moderator. The sitting vice-president will assume the responsibilities of
moderator should the president-elect be unable to perform the duties. The moderator shall have authority over the
candidate forum.

Forum Structure:
The format structure will be town hall, question and answer.

MDA members-at-large will submit questions via their trustee region. Each trustee region will then submit, at least
14 business days in advance, two questions per office of current topics of interest. Each question should stand alone.
The moderator will review all submitted questions, and using the most prevailing topics as a guide, craft two to four
questions per office. The content of the questions will remain confidential until the forum.

Each candidate will answer two to four questions within a 5-minute time limit per question. The chief sergeant-at-
arms will serve as the timekeeper.

Each candidate will answer the same questions and the order of responding will be rotated so the same candidate is
not always answering first. The moderator will randomly determine which candidate goes first per office.

An example of the process for rotating questions for three candidates is as follows:

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Each candidate will be allowed a two-minute summation following the question/answer period.

The candidates for the particular office will all be in the room. The candidates for other offices will not be in the
room unless they have already presented.

Cost of Forum:
Microphones are present in the room and provided by the MDA. No additional requests (i.e., audio visuals) are
allowed due to the forum structure.

20. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that Resolutions 10H-05 and 18H-06 regarding campaign guidelines be rescinded and removed from the
COMPUTER GENERATED IMAGES AT MDA SPONSORED CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

21. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the Michigan Dental Association requires the full disclosure by any presenter at one of its sponsored continuing education programs of any computer generated image that has been edited in any way to alter its diagnostic or outcome appearance, and be it further
Resolved, that this resolution be carried by the MDA Delegation to the 1997 ADA House of Delegates for its consideration.

22. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that Resolution 23H-97 regarding computer generated images be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

HEPATITIS B VACCINE

23. (Adopted as Amended)
Resolved, that the Michigan Dental Association supports the ADA Council on Dental Therapeutics in recommending [ADA position on the use of] Hepatitis B vaccine for all dental personnel and students having patient contact, including dentists, hygienists, dental assistants, clinical research personnel and dental laboratory technicians. All of the above personnel should consult with a physician before receiving the vaccine.

24. (Adopted)
Resolved, that Resolution 04H-86 regarding Hepatitis B vaccine be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

NATIONAL CHILDREN’S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

25. (Adopted as Amended)
Resolved, that the National Children’s Dental Health Month should be a joint project, closely coordinated between the American Dental Association, Michigan Dental Association, Alliance to the MDA, Michigan Dental Foundation, component dental societies and allied dental professional personnel.

26. (Adopted)
Resolved, that Resolution 12H-93 regarding Children’s Dental Health Month be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

USE OF OFFICER TITLES

27. (Adopted)
Resolved, that current and past officers, board members, committee personnel and other MDA titled volunteers may use their titles when communicating on behalf of the Michigan Dental Association, and be it further
Resolved, that titles may be used in curricula vitae, and be it further
Resolved, that the use of titles is prohibited when advancing a personal opinion or non-MDA sanctioned communication, and be it further
Resolved, that the use of titles is prohibited in personal [and professional] advertisements, [for example] letterhead or business cards [and professional and personal web sites: excluding curricula vitae].

27RC (Not Adopted)
Resolved, that current and past officers, board members, committee personnel and other MDA titled volunteers may use their titles when communicating on behalf of the Michigan Dental Association, and be it further
Resolved, that titles may be used in curricula vitae, and be it further
Resolved, that the use of titles is prohibited when advancing a personal opinion or non-MDA sanctioned communication, and be it further

Resolved, that the use of titles is allowed only in professional dental advertisements (for example: letterheads, business cards and professional web sites), and be it further

Resolved, that questions concerning the application of this policy will be referred to the MDA Board of Trustees.

28. (Adopted)
Resolved, that Resolution 08H-02 regarding use of official MDA titles be rescinded and removed from the Association Policy Manual.

MEMBERSHIP REINSTATEMENT PROCESS

29. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the MDA Bylaws be revised as follows:

Chapter II, Component Societies – Section 5. - Membership:

B. A dentist desiring active or provisional membership shall submit an application to this association’s central office. The entire application process is outlined in the MDA Association Policy Manual. The names of applicants for active or provisional membership shall be published in the Journal of the Michigan Dental Association. If within thirty (30) days of publication in the Journal, no member requests further investigation, the application is accepted. If an investigation is requested, it shall be on the grounds that the applicant has, at sometime, violated the standards of ethics of the society. If the application is for active membership, the component’s membership committee and/or Committee on Peer Review/Ethics shall investigate and report to the governing body of the component. If the application is for provisional membership, the association’s Board of Trustees shall investigate. A vote on the membership of the applicant shall be taken by the governing body of the component, or the association’s Board of Trustees in the case of provisional membership. A majority vote of those present and voting shall prevail.

New graduate of dental schools shall be awarded active or provisional membership in this association for the remainder of their graduation year without application or additional dues. The requirement for an application and publication of names is not applicable for these individuals. The executive director shall notify dentists in this category of their acceptance into membership upon being notified of the successful completion of their educational program.

30. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the MDA Bylaws be revised as follows:

Chapter I, Membership – Section 6. – Loss of Membership and Reinstatement

a. Loss of Membership:

b. Disciplinary Action or Loss of Licensure:

1) If any member’s license to practice is suspended or revoked as the result of disciplinary action taken by any licensing authority, membership in this association shall be terminated without further proceedings. Membership may be terminated, also, by disciplinary action taken by this association. Dues paid are not refundable should membership be terminated due to disciplinary action or loss of license (for additional provisions on this topic, refer to Chapter I, Section 3, and Chapter VII).

2) If terminated due to disciplinary action by a licensing authority, restoration of membership must be by application to the component society having jurisdiction and, if accepted by the component society, must be approved by the appropriate MDA peer review committee and ratified by the Michigan Dental Association Board of Trustees.
Chapter VII, Standards of Ethics and Judicial Procedure, Section 8. – Committee on Peer Review/Dental Care:

C. Should suspension or expulsion be the penalty with regard to a complaint issued under Section 9 of Chapter VII, the suspended or expelled member shall be eligible for reinstatement. Upon approval of the component having jurisdiction and the Michigan Dental Association Board of Trustees, when remedial action has been completed to the satisfaction of this association’s Committee on Peer Review/Ethics, Applications/requests for reinstatement by the dentist are sent to the appropriate MDA peer review committee for membership approval as described in the Association Policy Manual.

Chapter VII, Standards of Ethics and Judicial Procedure, Section 9. – Committee on Peer Review/Ethics:

C. Should suspension or expulsion be the penalty with regard to a complaint issued under Section 9 of Chapter VII, the suspended or expelled member shall be eligible for reinstatement. Upon approval of the component having jurisdiction and the Michigan Dental Association Board of Trustees, when remedial action has been completed to the satisfaction of this association’s Committee on Peer Review/Ethics, Applications/requests for reinstatement by the dentist are sent to the appropriate MDA peer review committee for membership approval as described in the Association Policy Manual.

31. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)

Resolved, that the MDA membership application reinstatement process be as follows:

Membership Application and Reinstatement Process
Dated: December 1, 2006

I. Dentists applying who have never lost their license due to disciplinary action or been removed from membership due to disciplinary action:

1. A dentist applies for membership.
2. If the dentist has no disciplinary history, the applicant may pay MDA dues and begin receiving benefits.
3. The name of the applicant shall be published in the MDA Journal. If within thirty (30) days of publication in the Journal, no member requests further investigation, the application is accepted. If an investigation is requested, it shall be on the grounds that the applicant has, at some time, violated the standards of ethics of the society. If the application is for active membership, the component’s membership committee and/or Committee on Peer Review/Ethics shall investigate and report to the governing body of the component. If the application is for provisional membership, the association’s Board of Trustees shall investigate. A vote on the membership of the applicant shall be taken by the governing body of the component, or the association’s Board of Trustees in the case of provisional membership. A majority vote of those present and voting shall prevail. If membership is denied, the applicant must wait three one years to reapply.

II. New Graduate Applicants

Dental school graduates shall be awarded active or provisional membership in this association for the remainder of their graduation year without application or additional dues. The requirement for an application and publication of names in the MDA Journal is not applicable for these individuals. The executive director shall notify dentists in this category of their acceptance into membership upon being notified of the successful completion of their educational program.

III. Loss of Membership Sequence and Reinstatement Process for a Member who Loses Then Regains His/Her License:

1. A member’s license is suspended by the state.
2. The dentist’s membership in MDA is terminated as a result of license suspension.
3. The dentist’s license is restored.
4. The dentist reapply for membership.
5. The name of the applicant shall be published in the MDA Journal and any feedback received within thirty (30) days of publication will be forwarded to the appropriate peer review committee.
6. The doctor’s application is sent to the component. If the component denies the application, the doctor’s membership is denied. If the applicant is approved – go to step 7.
7. The component’s decision is forwarded to the MDA peer review committee (i.e. lost license due to standard of care issue, CPRV/DC; all others would be CPRV/E.) The peer review chair will place the membership application on the next MDA peer review committee meeting agenda and information will be sent to the MDA Board so any feedback a board member may have will be heard prior to the peer review meeting. The peer review chair and/or the committee will decide if the applicant is to be invited to meet with the committee. If membership is approved by the peer review committee, a recommendation is sent to the MDA Board of Trustees to be ratified. The peer review chair or representative of the committee is encouraged to attend the Board meeting at which ratification takes place. If the applicant is denied by the peer review committee, the membership is denied without further review/ratification by the MDA Board of Trustees.
8. If membership is denied, the applicant must wait three years to reapply.

IV. Membership Application Process for a Non-Member Who Has Lost His/Her License at Some Point in the Past.

1. In the event the nonmember applying for membership lost his/her license at some point in the past, the nonmember will go through the same process as members who reapply after losing their membership (III above).

V. Membership Reinstatement Process for an Individual Who Has Been Expelled or Suspended from Membership in the MDA:

1. A member is expelled or suspended due to a peer review decision.
2. The member reapply (s) suspension period expires.
3. The name of the applicant shall be published in the MDA Journal and any feedback received within thirty (30) days of publication will be forwarded to the appropriate peer review committee.
4. An application/request for reinstatement by the dentist is sent to the appropriate MDA peer review committee for membership approval. The peer review chair of the MDA peer review committee is empowered to approve (not deny) the application/ reinstatement after consulting with the MDA Board and the chair’s committee via an email ballot and attached documentation.
5. If the peer review chair chooses, or if it is a denial of membership, s/he can place it on the agenda of the next MDA peer review committee meeting, with a report to the MDA Board via email or at its next meeting. The peer review chair and/or the committee will decide if the applicant is to be invited to meet with the committee.
6. If the applicant is denied by MDA peer review – membership is denied and the decision is final.
7. If the applicant is approved, the application is forwarded to the local dental society for its approval.
8. If the applicant is approved locally, it must go before the MDA Board of Trustees for ratification. If not approved, membership is denied and the decision is final.
9. If membership is denied, the applicant must wait three years to reapply.

“IN GOOD STANDING”: BYLAWS CHANGE

32. (Adopted – Consent Calendar)
Resolved, that the MDA Bylaws be changed to read as follows:

Chapter I, Section 3. - Definition of "In Good Standing": A member of this association whose dues and special assessments for the current year have been paid or waived and whose professional conduct conforms to the Standards of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct and Bylaws of this association shall be in good standing; provided, however, that a member in good standing who is under disciplinary sentence of suspension or probation shall be designated as a “member in good standing temporarily under suspension (probation)” until the member’s disciplinary sentence has terminated and provided further that a member, to remain in good standing, may be required, under the Bylaws of the member’s component society, to meet standards of continuing education, pay special assessments, or cooperate with peer review bodies or committees on ethics or attend, if a newly admitted active member, a stated number of membership meetings between the date of admission and the completion of the first calendar year of active membership.
The requirement of paying current dues does not apply to retired life members of this association for the purpose of determining their good standing.

**MDA BYLAWS**

**33.** *(Adopted – Consent Calendar)*

**Resolved,** that the MDA Bylaws, dated May 2007 be approved.

**PATIENT CARE AFTER HOURS: CHANGE TO CODE OF ETHICS**

**34.** *(Referred to the MDA Board of Trustees (Committee on Peer Review/Ethics) with a report back to the 2008 House of Delegates)*

**Resolved,** that the following Advisory Opinion be added to the MDA Code of Ethics:

**MDA Advisory Opinion 4.B.1 Meaning of “Reasonable Arrangements”**

Patients are dependent upon their treating dentist to provide arrangements in the event of a dental emergency occurring outside the dentist’s published hours. Reasonable arrangements should include a telephone number where the treating dentist or his/her covering dentist may be reached, and be it further

**Resolved,** that the MDA seek a similar addition to the ADA Code.

**PURCHASING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES FROM DENTAL SUPPLY HOUSES**

**35 RC.** *(Adopted as Substituted)*

**Resolved,** that the MDA Committee on Governmental Affairs investigate guidelines and/or legislation for tracking and reporting the ordering and dispensing of controlled substances from dental supply houses with a report back to the 2008 House of Delegates.

**35.** *(Substituted by 35RC)*

**Resolved,** that the MDA Committee on Governmental Affairs investigate guidelines and/or legislation for tracking and reporting the ordering and dispensing of controlled substances from dental supply houses.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITUS**

**36.** *(Adopted)*

**Resolved,** that Mrs. Gerri Cherney, CAE, be awarded executive director emeritus of the Michigan Dental Association.

**REFERENCE COMMITTEE PERSONNEL:**

The following dentists studied 30 resolutions before the 2007 House of Delegates:

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- Charles Burling, Lakeland Valley, chair
- Robert Richards, Copper Country
- Douglas Henke, Oakland
- Bruce Weny, West Michigan
- Patrick Gadola, Central
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- Denise Polk, Genesee
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