

1 **Florida Dental Association**  
2 **House of Delegates**  
3 Annual Session  
4 June 2023

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6 **DRAFT MINUTES**  
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8 **FIRST SESSION**  
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10 NOTICED START OF MEETING: 1:30 p.m.  
11 DATE: Friday, June 30, 2023  
12 LOCATION: Kissimmee, FL  
13 PRESIDENT: Dr. Gerald Bird  
14 SPEAKER-OF-THE-HOUSE: Dr. Don Ilkka  
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16 **CALL TO ORDER OF FIRST SESSION**

17 Dr. Don Ilkka, Speaker of the House, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.  
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19 **OPENING REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

20 Dr. Ilkka introduced the officers, appointed and ex-officio as well as FDA staff. Dr. Bird  
21 recognized the special guests in the audience. Dr. Becky Warnken, Chair of the Committee on  
22 Conventions and Continuing Education (CCC-E) recognized those on the committee and gave an  
23 update on the meeting.  
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25 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

26 Dr. Ilkka reminded the House of the conflict of interest policy.  
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28 **REPORT OF THE FDA PRESIDENT AND PRESIDENT'S CHOICE AWARD**

29 Dr. Bird reviewed the successes of the past year and how the FDA helped its members succeed.  
30 He also thanked his wife, Jerilyn, for her support. Dr. Bird presented the President's Choice  
31 Award to FDA Executive Director, Drew Eason.  
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33 **REPORT OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT TRUSTEE**

34 Dr. Rudy Liddell gave an update on the work being done by the ADA Board of Trustees.  
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36 **TREASURER'S REPORT**

37 Dr. Rodrigo Romano presented the current financial position of the FDA. The FDA is well  
38 capitalized with reserves higher than the target reserve ratio of 35 percent and operating expenses  
39 in line with other years. He also reported that Florida's dues are less expensive than over half of  
40 the other states. All in all, he reported the FDA's overall finances are excellent.  
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42 **ADPAC & FDAPAC UPDATE**

43 Dr. Terry Buckenheimer gave a report on ADPAC activities. He asked everyone to contribute to  
44 ADPAC.  
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46 Dr. Rudy Liddell gave a report on FDAPAC activities. He encouraged involvement and

1 commitment to help develop the relationships that help get dental-friendly legislators elected.  
2 He asked everyone to be sure to join the Century Club as well as Capitol Hill Club.

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4 **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION: THE FUTURE OF DENTISTRY**

5 ADA Executive Director, Dr. Ray Cohlma, gave an update on the future of dentistry and how  
6 the ADA plans to engage members and grow its membership. He also gave an update on the  
7 implementation of Strategic Forecasting.

8 **GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

9 The Council on Ethics Bylaws and Judicial Affairs chair, Dr. Sudhir Agarwal, gave an update on  
10 the implementation of the new governance changes passed by the HOD.

11 **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

12 Dr. Ilkka polled the Credentials Committee and confirmed their attendance. Dr. Dan Crofton  
13 reported that a quorum was present.

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15 **CONSENT AGENDA AND ITEMS OF NEW BUSINESS**

16 The House unanimously approved the following items of business:

- 17 1) Minutes of January 21, 2023, Meeting  
18 2) 2022H-023 FDA Governance Manual Updates

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20 **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

21 Dr. Ilkka announced the nominations for officers. All were elected by acclimation.

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23 **OVERVIEW OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE PROCESS**

24 Dr. Ilkka reminded delegates that an overview of the reference committee process could be found  
25 in the agenda.

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27 **COMPOSITION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE**

28 Dr. Ilkka announced the schedule for the reference committee. He then verbally reviewed all  
29 matters assigned to the reference committee.

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31 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

32 Dr. Ilkka announced that the House will reconvene at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

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34 **ADJOURNMENT OF FIRST SESSION**

35 Without objection, the first session of the House was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 30,  
36 2023.

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**Florida Dental Association**  
**House of Delegates**  
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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**SECOND SESSION**

10 NOTICED START OF MEETING: 9:00 a.m.  
11 DATE: Saturday, July 1, 2023  
12 LOCATION: Kissimmee, FL  
13 PRESIDENT: Dr. Gerald Bird  
14 SPEAKER-OF-THE-HOUSE: Dr. Don Ilkka

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17 **CALL TO ORDER OF SECOND SESSION**

18 Dr. Ilkka called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

20 **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

21 Dr. Crofton reported that a quorum was present.

23 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

24 Dr. Ilkka reminded the House of the conflict of interest policy.

26 **FDA FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

27 Dr. Rick Stevenson and Ms. R. Jai Gillum gave an update from the FDA Foundation. They  
28 encouraged everyone to become an Emerald Club member. Dr. Stevenson reported on the  
29 success of the recent FLA-MOM held in West Palm Beach and Ms. Gillum encouraged everyone  
30 to volunteer for the 2024 FLA-MOM which will be held in Lakeland.

32 **NECROLOGY REPORT**

33 Dr. Dan Gesek introduced a presentation honoring the members who have passed away since the  
34 previous session and the House of Delegates honored them with a moment of silence.

36 **ADA RECOGNITION OF FDA PRESIDENT**

37 Dr. George Shepley, ADA President, presented Dr. Gerald Bird with the ADA Past President's  
38 pin.

40 **INSTALLATION OF FDA OFFICERS**

41 Dr. Bird installed the officers, component presidents and trustees for FY 2023-2024. Dr. Dave  
42 Boden presented the Past President's pin to Dr. Bird and Dr. Bird gave the President's pin to Dr.  
43 Beatriz Terry.

45 **REPORT OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED FDA PRESIDENT**

1 Dr. Beatriz Terry gave the Presidential address. She thanked her family, dental staff, and close  
2 friends for their support as she rose through the ranks of the FDA and organized dentistry. She  
3 looks forward to a great year as FDA president and continuing to empower members to be  
4 leaders.

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6 **CONSIDERATION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
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8 🗳️ The House APPROVED the following resolutions:  
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- 10 1. 2022H-021 Resolved, that the FDA Bylaws are hereby approved as amended.  
11 a. An amendment was adopted to clarify that a student from each of Florida’s dental  
12 schools would be a delegate to the HOD. The bylaws previously specified a  
13 student from each of Florida’s “3” dental schools, but with the proposal for a new  
14 dental school at Florida Atlantic University, the bylaws were amended to  
15 recognize this change.
- 16 2. 2022H-022 Resolved that the Search Committee manual is hereby approved.  
17 a. An amendment was adopted to state that a component can have no more than four  
18 (4) voting members on the Board of Trustees at a time.
- 19 3. 2022H-027 Resolved, that the HOD reaffirm and ratify that the ADA Code of Ethics (and  
20 subsequent amendments) that was adopted as the FDA Code of Ethics in 1999, with an  
21 addendum for peer review which was also adopted in 1999.
- 22 4. 2022H-024 Resolved that the FDA Board of Trustees Manual is hereby approved as  
23 amended.  
24 a. An amendment was adopted on line 43 on page 50 that states:  
25 Attendance: Board members and officers are expected to attend all regularly  
26 scheduled meetings as indicated in the Florida Dental Association Board of  
27 Trustees manual in Appendix 1: FDA board of trustees’ job  
28 description meetings. Board members are allowed ~~three (3)~~ **one (1)** absence  
29 per **year**. Officers are allowed one (1) absence per **year**. For impromptu or  
30 short noticed meetings, while attendance is expected, absences will not count against  
31 board members or officers.
- 32 5. 2022H-025 The HOD approved the following substitute resolution:  
33 a. Resolved, that the policy of the Florida Dental Association is to oppose the  
34 policies of dental insurance companies unilaterally down coding appropriately  
35 coded procedures. And be it further,  
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37 RESOLVED, that the FDA’s Governmental Action Committee actively lobby to  
38 address dental insurance companies unilaterally down coding appropriately coded  
39 procedures.  
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41 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST MATTERS**

42 Mr. Dylan Rivers instructed the House of Delegates on how to complete the conflict-of-interest  
43 disclosure form and FDA staff collected completed forms.  
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1 **DATE OF NEXT HOUSE OF DELEGATES MEETING**

2 Dr. Ilkka announced the next meeting would be held on January 20, 2024, in Orlando, FL.

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4 **ADJOURNMENT**

5 Without objection, Dr. Ilkka declared the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.