

Nominations Council

Action Plan

Purpose

The purpose of the Nominations Council is to identify and nominate candidates for key leadership positions within the New Jersey Dental Association, including the offices of President (when necessary), President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and ADA Delegates-at-Large, if any. This Council ensures a thorough and fair nomination process.

Duties

- The duty of this council shall be to nominate candidates for the offices of President (when necessary), President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Speaker of the House of Delegates, and ADA Delegates-at-Large, if any, whose election shall take place at the Annual Session.
- At least one (1) candidate shall be nominated for each office to be filled.

Composition

The Nominations Council shall be composed of:

- Component trustees, one (1) additional member from each component except the student component at RSDM. The Elective Officers shall serve as the additional members from their respective components. In the event more than two or more Elective Officers are from the same component, the officer present whose duties are listed first in Article V of these Bylaws shall serve. When a component does not have a serving Elective Officer, the member will be designated by the component society. The Immediate Past President of this Association shall be the Chairperson without the right to vote. In the absence of the Immediate Past President, the Editor of the Journal shall be the chairperson without the right to vote. The CEO/ Executive Director of this Association shall serve as secretary without the right to vote.
- The call for the meeting shall include a list of the offices for which candidates are to be nominated. Nominations shall be made in writing either by a component society or by a member of the Council on Nominations. In the event there is only one nominee for each office and the nominations are received at the Office of the New Jersey Dental Association at least seven (7) days before the scheduled meeting, the meeting of the Council shall be cancelled and the nominees shall be deemed to be nominated, provided, however, the meeting shall not be cancelled in the event there is a vacancy in the office of President-Elect.
- The Chair cannot serve more than five (5) consecutive one (1) year terms.

Time Commitment

The council meets approximately once per year via in-person. The duration of the meeting is approximately 0.5 – 1 hour.

Participation Expectations

Terms: The term of office of members of councils shall be one (1) year except as otherwise provided in the Bylaws.

Attendance: The tenure of office of a member of a council can be terminated by the Board of Trustees in accordance with Article IV if the member has been absent from three consecutive regularly called meetings of the council.

Engagement: The Nominations Council is committed to ensuring strong leadership within the dental profession by identifying and recommending dedicated and visionary individuals for key roles. By fostering a transparent and inclusive nomination process, we aim to elevate leaders who will advance the profession, advocate for our members, and promote excellence in oral health care.

Conduct: The Association is committed to the principle that all individuals should be treated with dignity and respect. The Association strongly disapproves of any action or conduct by members or employees which constitutes harassment of an individual on account of race, sex, sexual orientation, disability, age, religion, national origin or any other characteristic protected by law.

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