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Honorary Membership – Dr. David E. Tiner

1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In recognition of Dr. David Tiner's exceptional and selfless
2 service to Tennessee as the Executive Director of the Tennessee Dental Wellness Foundation –
3 whose mission is to restore lives, preserve careers, and serve the people of Tennessee – the
4 Tennessee Dental Association Board of Trustees nominates Dr. Tiner for election as an Honorary
5 Member of the Tennessee Dental Association,
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7 therefore be it,
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9 **RESOLVED**, that David E. Tiner, DDS, LMFT be elected an honorary member of the
10 Tennessee Dental Association.

SECOND DISTRICT – 26 – 1

**CHANGE NAME OF SECOND DISTRICT DENTAL SOCIETY TO
KNOXVILLE AREA DENTAL ASSOCIATION**

1 **BACKGROUND:** The Second District Dental Society members voted on November 20, 2025,
2 to change their name to Knoxville Area Dental Association. This change was made to help more
3 easily identify the organization to the general public and to help dentists new to the area to
4 connect with the organization. Therefore, be it
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7 **RESOLVED,** that CHAPTER II • Component Societies, Section 10. Organizations, A.,
8 paragraph specific to Second District, be revised as follows:
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10 ~~Second District~~ ***Knoxville Area Dental Association***: Anderson, Blount, Campbell,
11 Claiborne, Cocke, Cumberland, Grainger, Hamblen, Hancock, Jefferson, Knox, Loudon,
12 Monroe, Morgan, Roane, Scott, Sevier and Union.
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14 and be it further
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16 **RESOLVED,** that the Tennessee Dental Association Bylaws be amended accordingly.
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18 The TDA Board of Trustees recommends adoption.
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20 **Bylaws changes require 2/3 affirmative vote for adoption.**

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Task Force on Strategic Plan 2.1 Recommendations

1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION: In 2024, the TDA Board of Trustees established a task
2 force to review Section 2.1 of the TDA Strategic Plan, which aims to “Streamline and simplify
3 governance to create a more effective business model.” Following a year of comprehensive
4 research on governance, the Task Force has identified five key areas where improvements could
5 lead to more efficient operations and stronger outcomes in achieving the goals of the
6 Association:

- 7 1. Strengthen Component Societies
- 8 2. Reimagine Committees for Engagement and Leadership Development
- 9 3. Clarify Governance Roles and Responsibilities
- 10 4. Modernize Nominations and Election with a Leadership Development Committee
- 11 5. Build a High-Performing Board

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13 With these considerations in mind, the Task Force recommends the following framework. If
14 approved by the 2026 House of Delegates, the framework would undergo further development
15 and be presented in 2027 with necessary Bylaws changes.

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17 1. Strengthen Component Societies
 - 18 a. Implement Annual Component Self-Assessment reviewed by the Board
 - 19 b. Remove time-in-membership requirement for Trustee eligibility
 - 20 c. Standardize membership qualifications across all governance documents
21 including component societies
 - 22 2. Reimagine Committees for Engagement and Leadership Development
 - 23 a. Conduct Board-led committee review: sunset, repurpose, or reaffirm
 - 24 b. Populate committees by interest and expertise
 - 25 c. Define flexible size range (4-9 members)
 - 26 d. Establish application process reviewed by the Board
 - 27 e. Integrate New Dentists across all committees and maintain subcommittee under
28 Membership
 - 29 3. Clarify Governance Roles and Responsibilities
 - 30 a. As the representative voice of the membership, the House elects the Association’s
31 elected leadership
 - 32 b. The House of Delegates establishes Association policy and, through resolutions,
33 provides strategic guidance and requests action by the Board
 - 34 c. The Board of Trustees serves as the Association’s governing body, exercising
35 fiduciary oversight in alignment with policies established by the House of
36 Delegates
 - 37 4. Modernize Nominations and Elections with a Leadership Development Committee
38 (LDC)
 - 39 a. Identify and prepare leaders year-round with opportunities for leadership
40 development
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- b. Use an annual competencies and characteristics matrix to shape the slate
 - c. Issue open application for candidates with transparent role descriptions
 - d. Components mentor and encourage applicants
 - e. Prepare a slate elected by the House of Delegates with a structured challenge process
 - f. Individuals not selected are kept in the leadership pipeline and mentored
 - g. ADA Delegation is included in the process. End geographic rotations
5. Build a High-Performing Board
- a. Competencies and characteristics, along with geography, drive Board composition
 - b. End direct component appointments and geographic seat rotations
 - c. Transition to statewide nominating process (LDC) and election process (HOD)
 - d. Reduce to a smaller, balanced Board (14 members)
 - i. 4 Officers | 8 At-large Trustees | Immediate Past President | Speaker (non-voting)
 - e. Eliminate Regional Vice President roles

Core Principles

Competency-based leadership. Inclusive pathways. Modern, nimble governance.

Therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, that the governance principles and concepts presented by the Task Force are hereby approved; and

be it further

RESOLVED, that the principles and concepts be forwarded to the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to prepare Bylaws revisions for approval at the May 2027 House of Delegates.

The TDA Board of Trustees recommends adoption.