

2025 Constitution & Bylaws Proposed Change Summary

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Summary Review of Proposed Changes:

- **“Definition of Life Member”** Chapter 1: Membership, Section 20. Qualification
 - **B. Life Member:** ~~A member who has maintained their active and/or retired membership status for thirty (30) consecutive years or a total of forty (40) years, or however many years the ADA determines, may become a life member.~~ A dentist who meets the qualifications for life membership in the Indiana Dental Association and the American Dental Association may become a life member of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society.

- **“Clerical Membership”** Chapter I: Membership, Section 30. In Good Standing
 - An active, life, or retired member of this Society who is not under final sentence of suspension or expulsion and whose dues have not been paid by ~~March 1~~ the deadline as set by the Indiana Dental Association ~~or for~~ that year shall cease to be a member in good standing of this Society. Said non-paying member must make re-application upon the prescribed form furnished by the Indiana Dental Association. Once the application is completed, it will be submitted to the ~~IDA~~ Indiana Dental Association membership services to be processed. A member whose written application for retired membership status is on file in the Central Office of the Indiana Dental Association shall be in good standing until final action by the ~~House of Delegates~~ Indiana Dental Association is completed. A member of this Society, while receiving assistance from the relief fund of the Indiana Dental Association, shall be exempt from payment of dues and shall be considered in good standing during the period of assistance.
 - Candidates for membership shall make application upon the prescribed form furnished by the Indiana Dental Association. Once applications are completed, they will be submitted to the ~~IDA~~ Indiana Dental Association membership services to be processed. A new member will be considered a fully privileged member once the appropriate dues are paid (according to the structure defined in Chapter VII). No further action will be required of membership candidates. A candidate is encouraged to attend a regularly scheduled membership meeting. A transfer member from another component will be subject to review by the ~~IDA~~ Indiana Dental Association membership services to ensure a candidate meets professional and ethical requirements prior to becoming a member of the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society.

- **“Board Action Override”** Chapter II, Elective Officers, Section 70. Duties
 - **F. Board of Directors:**

The Board shall be comprised of the elective officers of the Society and up to nine at large elected members. It shall be the duty of the Board to govern and transact business of this Society between regular meetings. The Board shall report all of its official acts to the members of the Society at the Society’s next regular meeting. Any act of the Board may be overridden by a majority vote of the fully privileged membership present at a regular or special meeting upon a motion to override

- **“Election of Delegates/Alternate Delegates to IDA”** Chapter V: Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Indiana Dental Association, Sections 10-40
 - **Section 10. Number:** The number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Indiana Dental Association shall be determined in accordance with the formula set up by the Bylaws of the Indiana Dental Association.
 - **Section 20. Election and Term of Office:** Election of ~~Delegates and Alternate Delegates~~ members of the Delegation to the Indiana Dental Association shall be made at a business meeting of the membership at least sixty days prior to the first day of the annual session of the Indiana Dental Association’s House of Delegates meeting. Members of the Delegation shall be installed immediately upon their election. The term of office shall be two (2) years and each year a sufficient number of Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall be elected to fill the required quota. The first year of service shall be as an Alternate Delegate, and the second year shall be as a Delegate.
 - **Section 30. Duties:** Delegates and Alternate Delegates are tasked with representing the interests of this Society at the Annual Session of the Indiana Dental Association’s House of Delegates. To that end, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall:
 - A. Familiarize themselves with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Indiana Dental Association.
 - B. Attend at least one caucus meeting organized by the Trustee prior to the Annual Session.
 - C. Attend the Annual Session of the House of Delegates and its concurrent caucus meetings.
 - D. When unable to attend any of the above meetings, Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall coordinate with the Trustee to ensure full exercise of this Society’s voting privileges at the House of Delegates.
 - **Section 40. Attendance and Vacancy:** If any Delegate or Alternate Delegate shall absent themselves from two (2) consecutive meetings without an acceptable excuse, the Delegate or Alternate Delegate will have vacated their office. ~~Upon such declaration of vacancy, the President Trustee shall appoint a replacement with the advice of the Trustee and the consent of the Board of Directors. If the requirements for timely certification of Delegates prohibit this action for an upcoming Annual Session, the position shall be left vacant for that Session and filled the following year according to~~



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~~the direction of Section 20 of this Chapter. In the event of a vacancy in the position of Delegate, the Trustee or their designee shall appoint a current Alternate Delegate to assume the role of Delegate for the remainder of the term. If there is a vacancy in the position of Alternate Delegate, the Trustee or their designee may appoint any member in good standing to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.~~

- **“Clerical: Procedure”** Chapter VI: Meetings, Section 60. Procedure
 - The most current edition of the *American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure* shall govern the deliberations of this Society unless otherwise provided in these Bylaws.
- **“Resolutions to the IDA”** Chapter VI: Meetings, Section 70. Resolutions
 - ~~No resolution or request for action from the Isaac Knapp District Dental Society, Inc. shall be transmitted to the House of Delegates of the Indiana Dental Association, American Dental Association, or any official action taken by the Society unless it has been favorably passed by the membership of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society, Inc. present at a regular or special meeting.~~ approved by a majority vote of the membership of Isaac Knapp District Dental Society present at a regular or special meeting, the Board of Directors, or the members of the Delegation elected to represent Isaac Knapp District Dental Society at the Indiana Dental Association.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Constitution & Bylaws Committee, Approved by IKDDS Board of Directors on January 8, 2025