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Report of the Council on Dental Practice

1 The Council on Dental Practice met on September 20, 2023, at NYSDA Headquarters
 2 and on March 27, 2024, by Zoom. Minutes of these meetings are on file in the NYSDA
 3 office and have been distributed to the Board of Trustees and to component presidents,
 4 presidents-elect, component executive directors and council chairs.
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6 **ADA Council on Dental Practice Report:** Dr. Payam Goudarzi, ADA Second Trustee
 7 Caucus Representative, reported on the ADA Council meetings held in 2023 and early
 8 2024. The ADA has been discussing dental workforce shortages, dental team wellness
 9 initiatives, medical loss ratio, and technology. He pointed out that in order to address
 10 the dental workforce shortage, some smaller state dental societies are funding the
 11 creation of dental assisting schools in their state. Dr. Goudarzi also reported on the
 12 ADA’s Health and Well-Being Summit held on September 8, 2023.
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14 **Advocacy Efforts/Legislative Update:** Ms. Briana McNamee, director, Government
 15 Affairs, provided an update on NYSDA-sponsored legislation, which includes scope of
 16 practice, vaccine administration and medical loss ratio. She also reported on NYSDA’s
 17 successful Advocacy Day, which took place on March 19-20.
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19 **Review of Third District Dental Society’s Proposed Resolution:** The Council was
 20 asked for its opinion on a resolution proposed by the Third District Dental Society. The
 21 resolution would amend ADA Resolution 309, titled “Policies and Recommendations on
 22 Diet and Nutrition,” by adding several new resolving clauses.
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24 The Council members expressed their support for the amendments proposed by the
 25 Third District Dental Society.
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27 **HPV Vaccination:** At the request of the NYSDA Board of Trustees, the Council
 28 discussed an updated recommendation by the Advisory Committee on Immunization
 29 Practices (ACIP), adopted by the CDC, for adolescents receiving the HPV vaccination
 30 series to begin at age 9 rather than the previous recommendation of age 12. NYSDA
 31 was asked by the New York State HPV Coalition to endorse the updated
 32 recommendation. Although the majority of Council members were in support of
 33 endorsing the recommendation, two abstained and one opposed the request.
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35 Subsequently, the NYSDA Board approved sending a letter to the New York State HPV
36 Coalition endorsing its “Start at 9” Campaign to Prevent HPV Cancers.

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38 **Nomination of Council Chair:** The Council voted unanimously to recommend Dr.
39 Mario Silvestri of the Sixth District Dental Society to incoming NYSDA President Dr.
40 Prabha Krishnan for consideration for appointment to the position of Council Chair from
41 June 2024 to June 20254. If approved, this will be Dr. Silvestri’s second and final year
42 as Chair.

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44 **NYSDA Policy Review:** The Council reviewed several policies from 1983-2005 that
45 were not previously eliminated from the NYSDA Policy Manual. Upon further review, it
46 was the decision of the Council to eliminate resolutions 33-D-83; 56-D-83; 45-D-85;
47 48a-J-88; 35-D-90; 19-N-94; 16-N-96 and 5-N-98 from the NYSDA Policy Manual. An
48 appropriate resolution follows this report.

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50 It was the decision of the Council to keep resolutions 5-M-03 and 32-N-04 as active
51 policy.

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53 **Radiation Shielding:** The Council discussed the new recommendations adopted by the
54 American Dental Association to discontinue the use of lead abdominal aprons and
55 thyroid collars on patients when conducting dental X-rays. NYS Education Law still
56 requires lead shielding.

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58 Further discussion focused on patient education, which the ADA is currently developing,
59 and NYSDA’s role in disseminating that information to patients and dentists. It was
60 pointed out that patients could still choose to have lead shielding in place.

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62 Dr. Howard Baylarian made a motion that NYSDA attempt to change NYS Education
63 Law to align with the ADA’s recommendations. Dr. Mina Kim seconded the motion. The
64 motion was adopted by unanimous consent. A related resolution follows at the end of
65 this report.

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Resolution

Resolution 10 (316)

Resolution 11 (317) | (Appendix A)