



VDHA HOD

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VDHA Strategic Plan

The mission of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association is to improve the public's total health and advance the science and practice of dental hygiene.

Core Values

Service

VDHA honors service to the dental hygiene profession and the public. Our board members are servant leaders and work with the association and its members to encourage volunteerism and find ways to increase access to dental care in Virginia.

Growth

Our core value of growth encompasses:

- 1. Ensuring sustainability for our association, including robust membership, solid infrastructure, and inspired leadership.**
- 2. A growth mindset for the organization—we aim to be proactive in serving the dental hygiene profession, and intentionally work to build leadership in our organization and develop future leaders in our field.**

Advocacy

We strive to be the unified voice of the dental hygiene profession in Virginia. We do this by advocating for a favorable regulatory climate for dental hygienists to the full extent of their education, training, and licensure and to protect the well-being of our professionals and the public we serve.

Collaboration

Our association believes collaboration is the key to success in our goals. We aim to collaborate with other organizations to provide valuable Interprofessional education, engage diverse stakeholders in our advocacy goals, and serve with other organizations as representatives of our field.

Domains

Advocacy

- 1. Focus/engage with stakeholders and utilize various communication**
- 2. Support the effort of our lobby partners.**

3. Channels to continue to build awareness of our profession.
4. on creating new partnerships and fostering existing relationships to increase our reach.

Growth

1. Support all Virginia dental hygiene programs, faculty, and students to ensure the future of our profession.
2. Provide virtual and in-person opportunities to licensed professionals for lifelong learning.
3. Reduce barriers for quality leaders to participate in leadership and volunteer roles.

Service

1. Identify gaps and investigate emerging leadership models to increase engagement.
2. Develop resources empowering dental hygiene professionals to improve their workplace environment and professional satisfaction.
3. Address barriers to care through alternative pathways and autonomy, increasing access to care and decreasing oral health disparities.

Diversity & Sustainability

1. Foster an environment of inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility in all areas of operation to sustain the association for the future.
2. Work to increase our membership both in numbers and diversity.
3. Focus on an inclusive board environment.
4. Continue to utilize and further research alternate/ non-dues revenue streams to sustain the Association's financial well-being.

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2026 House of Delegates Agenda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

10 AM-11 AM

11 AM-12:15 PM

12:30 PM-2 PM.

2:15 PM-4:00 PM

Registration

Opening Ceremonies and Legislative Update

President's Luncheon and President's Awards

First House and Reference Committee Hearings

1. Call to Order
2. Adoption of the Agenda
3. Adoption of the Credentials Committee Report
4. Adoption of the Standing Rules of the House
5. Adoption of the Program Committee Report
6. Adoption of a Timekeeper
7. Adoption of the 2025 House of Delegates Meeting Minutes
8. Appointment of the Minutes Review Committee
9. Report of the Nominations Committee
10. New Business
11. Assignment of PRs and PBYS to Reference Committees
12. Announcements
13. Recess
14. Reference Committee Hearings

4:00 PM-6:00 PM

6:00 PM

Reference Committee Meetings

Foundation Reception/Components and Students Interaction Time

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7 AM-8 AM

8 AM-9 AM

11-11:30 AM

11:30 AM-12:30 PM

Registration and Breakfast

Candidates Forum/Alice H. Williams Scholarship winner essay

Components' Caucus

Lunch

12:30-5:30 PM

Second House

1. Call to Order
2. Report of the Credentials Committee
3. Approval of the First House of Delegates' Minutes
4. Report of the Reference Committees
5. Reading of the Ballots of VDHA Officers
6. Balloting
7. Announcements
8. Recess

Third House and Installation

1. Call to Order
2. Installations of Officers and Trustees
3. Adjournment

Section I: House of Delegates Information

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Introduction to the HOD Manual

It is the responsibility of the trustee to mentor the delegates and alternates and forward any additional information to them. Please look at the manual prior to the annual House of Delegate Session. Components are to review the proposed resolutions and bylaws prior to the House of Delegates session so that delegates are prepared to submit testimony to reference committees.

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How to Prepare for the House of Delegates Meeting

A. Prior to HOD, become familiar with:

1. Component member attitudes, problems, and questions.
2. The component's activities.
3. VDHA policies and activities.

B. Prior to the First House of Delegates meeting, secure and review:

1. Transactions of previous years (consult Trustee).
2. VDHA Bylaws, Procedure Manual and Policy Manual.
3. Review Standing Rules in the House of Delegates Manual.
4. *Roberts Rules of Order*, current edition.

C. Help, Hints and Suggestions:

1. If feasible, divide the manual for close study and make careful notes for exchange of information.
2. Insert new material as you receive it.
3. Keep notes in your manual and arrange for easy reference.
4. Discuss resolutions with those submitting them.
5. Hold component caucus to review material with component members present at HOD.
6. Determine issues requiring action.
7. Inform members of the opportunity to submit testimonies to Reference Committees.
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9. Inform members of the opportunity to submit testimonies to Reference Committees.

During HOD:

1. Attend the Delegates briefing.
2. Attend all Reference Committee Hearings.
3. Submit written testimony to Reference Committees, if necessary.
4. Attend all caucus meetings (delegate and component).
6. Attend the Candidates Forum.
7. Be punctual at all meetings. Be pleasant and cooperate when discussing an issue.
8. Consult the Speaker of the House when parliamentary problems arise.

After HOD:

1. Notify your component of all issues discussed and action taken.
2. Keep all files and information for the next delegate.

Functions of the House of Delegates

DELEGATES BRIEFING

This briefing is required to allow delegates to become familiar with changes in their House of Delegates Manual. Supplemental reports are distributed, and all questions are answered. A parliamentary review is given to all delegates to explain the basic use of motions on the House floor. This will be done prior to the First HOD by the Trustees and the Speaker of the House. Attendance is mandatory for all delegates.

OPENING SESSION

The official opening of the Session is conducted by the Speaker of the House of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association (VDHA). Greetings are brought from various distinguished personalities and related organizations. A keynote address may be given. Attendance is mandatory.

FIRST HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Before a convention can transact any business, it must officially form itself into a single voting body. The official organization of the convention is brought about by the separate consideration and adoption of the reports of three committees: the Credentials Committee, the Committee on Standing Rules, and the Program Committee.

The official business of the first meeting of the House of Delegates begins with the roll call of Delegates, which is conducted by the Sergeant-at-Arms/Alternate Speaker. Delegates are seated by component and each Trustee is seated with their delegation.

The first business in order is the adoption of the Credentials Committee Report. When the report is adopted, it is thereby ratified as the official roll of voting members of the Session.

The report of the Committee on Standing Rules is presented to the House immediately after the adoption of the

report of the Credentials Committee. A two-thirds vote is required. The Standing Rules of the Session contain both parliamentary rules relating to the conduct of business and non-parliamentary rules. The Standing Rules are contained in your Delegates Manual.

Directly after the adoption of the Standing Rules, the report of the Program Committee is presented. The Program Committee submits the proposed schedule of meetings, proceedings, and special events of the Session. When the program is adopted by the delegates, with or without amendment, it becomes the order of business of the entire Session. Changing the program after its adoption requires a majority vote of all registered delegates or unanimous consent. With the adoption of these three separate reports, the Session is officially organized for conducting business.

Also, during the first meeting of the House, a report from the Nominations Committee is presented and nominations are opened from the floor. After this report is presented, all resolutions are assigned to the appropriate Reference Committee. This concludes all business addressed during the first meeting.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE HEARINGS AND EXECUTIVE SESSION

Reference Committees are appointed by the Speaker and are composed of three or more delegates, one of whom serves as Chair for the committee meeting. The purpose of the Reference Committee is to screen all original main motions (proposed resolutions). They have the power to put resolutions in proper form, eliminate duplication where similar resolutions are offered and place them in logical sequence. It is the responsibility of the Committee to hold hearings open to all Association members for the purpose of discussing the resolutions assigned to them by the House of Delegates.

Members wishing to testify should submit an electronic statement on the specific subject they wish to address. This prevents a misunderstanding by the Committee about the testimony.

Reference Committee Testimony e-Forms will be provided before the First House of Delegates sent via email by the HOD Secretary. Please utilize this form and be sure to identify the Resolution number and title. You need not be present to provide testimony, which may be presented orally, written or both.

The Reference Committee will be called to order by the Chair, who will read each proposed resolution. A secretary will be appointed by the Chair of the Reference Committee from the committee members to record the testimony. Each resolution will be reviewed separately and adequate time for testimony will be allowed. After hearing all testimonies, the Committee will go into Executive Session to discuss the testimony. This means that the Committee goes into a private meeting and does not adjourn until all resolutions have been acted on, no matter the hour.

At this time, the Committee will formulate their recommendations in a report to be presented at the Second meeting of the House of Delegates. Reference Committee recommendations are based on the majority opinion of the Committee, not necessarily the majority view expressed during the meeting. All resolutions assigned to the Committee must be acted upon. Reference Committees could recommend either adopting, rejecting, amending, postponing, or referring each resolution. Reference Committee reports are available to all delegates prior to the Second House of Delegates. Caucus time is scheduled to discuss the reports of the Reference Committee.

CAUCUS

Prior to or during a session, Delegates may need or wish to meet as a group to decide how they will act in reference to certain matters or issues that come before the House. A meeting of this kind is usually called a **caucus**.

This is the time to discuss a resolution with the “maker” of the resolution to determine the exact intent. It is the time to offer compromise or negotiate an issue without the burden of parliamentary procedure. This is also the time to secure support (from other components) for or against an issue that you believe needs the House’s action or rejection. A time to Caucus is made available to all delegates after the Reference Committee Reports are ready and prior to the Second House of Delegates. This is the time to review the reports and decide how you will vote or decide on an amendment or substitute resolution.

Delegates may wish to Caucus during the House of Delegates’ meetings to discuss a particular issue. A delegate may move to recess for a given amount of time to caucus.

CANDIDATES FORUM

The forum is conducted by the Chair of the Nominations Committee. All candidates seeking an office or position in the Association can have the opportunity to address the delegates and members of the VDHA. Each individual is allowed a maximum of five minutes to discuss their background, goals and other reasons for wanting to serve VDHA. This forum allows the delegate time to meet the candidates, ask pertinent questions of each candidate, and choose the qualified candidate. Elections are held at the Second House of Delegates.

SECOND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House of Delegates reconvenes to receive the reports of the Reference Committees. The House acts on each resolution as presented. Elections take place and unfinished and new business is conducted. New business is the consideration of any change in the current Association Policy or for the adoption of a new policy.

THIRD HOUSE OF DELEGATES

The House reconvenes to install officers and trustees. No new business can be transacted at the last or Third meeting of the House.

Nominations and Elections Schedule

Nominations for the office of the VDHA President-Elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Speaker of the House and Alternate Speaker of the House, Foundation Secretary and Foundation Treasurer. Candidates Forum, chaired by the Chair of the Nominations committee and held before the Second House of Delegates.

Balloting for the election of Officers, Speaker and Alternate Speaker of the House, and confirmation of Trustees will take place during the second meeting of the House of Delegates.

VDHA OFFICERS

Qualifications – A candidate for the office of President-Elect, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Speaker of the House, Alternate Speaker of the House, VDHA Foundation Secretary and VDHA Foundation Treasurer must be a voting member of this Association.

Terms of Office – The term of the President-Elect, Immediate Past President, Recording Secretary, Vice President and Alternate Speaker of the House shall be for one year; and the term of office of the Treasurer, Speaker of the House, VDHA Foundation Secretary and VDHA Foundation Treasurer shall be for two years; or until their successors are elected and shall begin at the close of the session at which elected.

Nominations – Whenever possible, at least one or more (2) nominations for each of the elective offices shall be presented annually to the House of Delegates. Additional nominations may be made from the floor during the First House.

Elections – The elective officers shall be elected by the House of Delegates at its Annual Session.

Voting shall be by secret ballot of the Certified Delegates or as otherwise stated in the Bylaws. The majority of ballots cast shall be elected. In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, the two (2) candidates receiving the greatest number of votes shall be balloted upon again until the majority vote is obtained.

Balloting is done electronically.

TRUSTEES

Selections will take place within the component and will be reported at the Second Meeting of the House of Delegates.

Qualifications – A candidate for the office of Trustee must be a voting member of this Association and of the component which the Trustee will represent on the Executive Board.

Term of Office – Trustees shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Selections – Component shall select their Trustee in the appropriate year as stated in VDHA Bylaws.

Rules of Conduct for HOD Reference Committees

DEFINITION: Reference Committees are appointed by the Speaker of the Association and shall consist of at least three (3) and not more than five (5) officially certified Delegates.

DUTIES: It shall be the duty of the Reference Committees to consider all reports, recommendations, and resolutions referred to them; to conduct open hearings; and to report their recommendations to the House of Delegates as the main motion.

The Chair of the Reference Committee shall preside at the open hearings and the meeting at which the report is prepared, both of which should be conducted in accordance with *Robert's Rules of Order*. The recommendations of the committee shall be formulated in the Executive Session. Committee recommendations shall be based on the majority opinion of the Committee; the Committee is not required to base its recommendations on the majority view expressed during open hearings. Minority reports are permitted at the request of the minority when the Committee is unable to reach full consensus.

PROCEDURE FOR THE CONDUCT OF HEARINGS: The Chair of the Reference Committee will guide the members of the committee through the assigned reports and resolutions. The Chair's main function will be to keep the business at hand moving, to read any testimony submitted on the issue and to designate a secretary to take minutes and assign preparation of written testimony to the various members of the committee. The Chair will report the actions of the Reference Committee at the appropriate time.

Anyone wishing to present testimony or speak to an issue in a Reference Committee Hearing other than the one on which they are serving may present written testimony to the Chair prior to the meeting of the committee or arrange with the Chair to notify you when the issue you wish to address is being considered by the committee.

PREPARATION OF REPORTS TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES: Reference Committees shall report their recommendations as the main motion. They shall recommend to the House of Delegates to adopt, reject, amend, postpone or refer all resolutions and recommendations which have been assigned.

PRESENTATION OF REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS TO THE HOD: The HOD will act on each recommendation of the Committee as it is presented. In the event of a debate, the Chair or members of the Committee should reply to any questions from the floor of the HOD. If the Committee is unable to reply, the Speaker of the HOD may refer the question.

Minutes of the 72th House of Delegates

OPENING

The opening of the 72nd House of Delegates Meeting of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association was called to order at 11:04 a.m. on September 12, 2025 at the Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa, Richmond, Virginia by the Speaker of the House, Sam Vest.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sam Vest and recited by the assembly.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Sam Vest.

INTRODUCTION & GREETINGS

The Speaker of the House introduced the President of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association, Ryan Maphis.

President Ryan Maphis welcomed all present and brought greetings on behalf of VDHA. President Maphis thanked all those who worked to organize this 72nd HOD Session.

President Ryan Maphis introduced Lobbyists Troy Garrett and Danielle Girardi, who introduced the following delegates and senators from the Commonwealth of Virginia who came to give greetings;

In Person:

- Senator Lashrecse D. Arid
- Delegate Amanda E Batten
- Delegate Rodney T Willett
- Delegate Debra D. Gardner, represented by her Chief of Staff
- Delegate Mark Early
- Delegate Wendell Walker

Virtual:

- Delegate Dan Helmer

Danielle Girardi, Derik Sven, and Marge Green gave legislative updates.

GREETINGS

The Speaker recognized the following dental hygiene schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia:

- Northern Virginia Community College- Betsy DiSilvio, gave greetings
- Virginia Commonwealth University-Marion Manski gave greetings
- Old Dominion University- Emily Ludwig gave greetings
- Germanna Community College- Misty Mesimer gave greetings
- Virginia Western Community College- Lori Ellington gave greetings
- Laurel Ridge Community College-Lori Ellington gave greetings
- Danville Community College-Lori Ellington gave greetings
- Wytheville Community College

Jodi Berinato, ADHA District 3 Director, brought greetings.

VDA President, Dr. Justin Norbo brought video greetings.

The Speaker asked that all student delegates stand to be recognized and all past VDHA Presidents stand to be recognized.

RECESS

The Speaker of the House declared recess at 12:25 p.m. and the VDHA First House of Delegates will immediately begin at 2:15 p.m. following the Presidents' Luncheon.

Respectfully,

Amanda Woodland, BSDH, RDH, MS

HOD Recording Secretary

Minutes Review Committee

Chair, Maureen Thompson (09), Betsy DiSilvio (01)

Student Representatives: Laura Feldman (01), Nataly Hernandez (10)

*Minutes were approved electronically

FIRST MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES VIRGINIA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION 72nd ANNUAL SESSION September 12, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

The first business meeting of the 2025 House of Delegates of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association was called to order September 12, 2025, at 2:19 p.m. by the Speaker of the House, Sam Vest. The Speaker introduced Amanda Woodland, VDHA HOD Secretary, and Dr. Joan Pellegrini, Parliamentarian.

The Speaker introduced the student delegates as:

- Nawal Abdulkader and Laura Feldman from NVCC seated with component 01;
- Sania Pullen and Kendall Wiles from VCU seated with component 02;
- ShaVon'ce Merritte and Sarah Chase from ODU seated with component 03;
- Julia Turner and Mikayla Rooper from GCC seated with component 06;
- Jordan Reed and Erika O'Berry from WCC, seated with component 09;
- Kayla Gonzalez and Katie Van Duinen from VWCC, seated with component 07;
- Nataly Hernandez and Samantha Perea from LRCC, seated with component 10

The Speaker recognized the HOD Pages Matt Nowacki and Hennd Benadbdderrazak from VCU.

2. ADOPTION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Jessica Suedbeck, Alternate Speaker and Chair of the Credentials Committee, reported a voting strength of 18 delegates and 9 alternate delegates. A total of 18 delegates were seated as of 2:23 p.m. present and allowed to vote. It was recommended that the roll of delegates be the official roll of the voting members of the House.

The report of the Credentialing Committee was adopted.

There is a quorum and business was conducted.

3. ADOPTION OF THE STANDING RULES OF THE HOUSE.

Jessica Suedbeck, Alternate Speaker of the House, moved to adopt the Standing Rules of the House. The Standing Rules were adopted.

4. ADOPTION OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Program Committee Chair, Mimi Magyar, gave the report. The report was adopted.

5. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Speaker called for the adoption of the agenda for the HOD business. The agenda was adopted by the 72nd VDHA 2025 House of Delegates.

6. TIMEKEEPER APPOINTMENT

The Speaker appointed Megan Glago as timekeeper for this session.

7. THE 2024 ANNUAL SESSION MINUTES

The 2024 Minutes of the 71st VDHA HOD were approved by the 2024 Minutes Review Committee and have been placed in your 2025 HOD Manual.

8. APPOINTMENT OF THE MINUTES REVIEW COMMITTEE

The Speaker appointed the following to the Minutes Review Committee:

Chair: Maureen Thompson (09), Betsy DiSilvio (01)

Student Representatives- Laura Feldman (01), Nataly Hernandez (10)

Liaison: Amanda Woodland, HOD Secretary

9. REPORT OF THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Sam Vest on behalf of Kristen Robbins, Nominations Chair, read the Nominations Committee Report and called for nominations from the floor. The nominees are:

President Elect	Marlene Rhodes
Vice President	Vacant
Recording Secretary	Sarah Pham
Treasurer	Trish MacDougall
VDHA Foundation Treasurer	Marge Green
	Kristin Robbins
Speaker of the House	Melvena Talley
Alternate Speaker of the House	Riley Andrews

The report of the Nominations Committee was accepted. The nominations report will be kept open until the Second House of Delegates.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Sam Vest announced on behalf of Emilie Ellis to withdrawal PR-21.

Cathy Berard proposed a bylaw amendment for Article XII, Publication Section 1 to be reviewed during the House of Delegates, this was assigned PBY-1 to Reference Committee B.

ADHA changed their policy manual from Patient-Centered to Person-Centered; Speaker Vest has moved to make this an editorial change to also be reflected in the VDHA Policy Manual.

Marge Green on behalf of component 07, brought forward several resolutions to be considered by the House: proposed resolution regarding Policy R13-93; assigned PR 26 to Reference Committee A. Proposed resolution regarding Policy R 4-98; assigned PR 27 assigned to Reference Committee B. Proposed resolution regarding Policy 11-01; assigned PR28 assigned to Reference Committee C. Proposed resolution regarding Glossary Term R 6-09; assigned PR29 to Reference Committee D. Proposed resolution regarding Policy R 4-02; assigned PR 30 to Reference Committee E. Proposed Glossary Term R2-14/1-05/4-99; assigned PR 31 to Reference Committee A. Proposed Glossary Term, assigned PR 32 to Reference Committee B.

11. ASSIGNMENTS OF THE PRS AND PBYS TO THE REFERENCE COMMITTEES:

Reference Committee A

Assignments: Administrative Council Report, Executive Board Actions/Reports, Officer's Reports, PR's 1-5 PR 26, PR 31

Chair: Marge Green (07)

Assignments: Sarah Pham (01), Riley Andrews (03)

Student Delegates: Sarah Chase (03), Julia Turner (06), Kayla Gonzalez (07)

Liaison: Ryan Maphis (Admin Council)

Reference Committee B

Assignments: Public Health and Professional Affairs Council Report (PHEPA), VDHA Foundation Report, PR's 15-19, PR 27, PR32

Chair: Melvena Talley (02)

Assignments: Arati Singh (01), Lauren Mangum (03)

Student Delegates: Nawal Abdulkader (01), Erika O'Berry (09)

Liaison: Cathy Berard (PHEPA Council)

Reference Committee C

Planning & Development Report, PR-7, PR-21, PR-22, PR-23, PR-24, PR 28

Chair: Emily Ludwig (03)

Assignments: Kayla Orange (01), Jennifer Hellard (06)

Student Delegates: Sania Pullen (02), Samantha Perea (10)

Liaison: Mimi Magyar (Planning and Development Council)

Reference Committee D

Member Services Report, Trustees' Report, PBY-1, PR-8, PR-9, PR-10, PR-11, PR-14, PR-29

Chair: Kate Hoffman (10)

Assignments: David Wein (02), Cynthia Saxton Flowers (07)

Student Delegates: ShaVon'ce Merritte (03), Mikayla Rooper (06), Katie Van Duinen (07)

Liaison; Julie Martin (Members Services Council)

Reference Committee E

Financial Report, PR-6, PR-12, PR-13, PR-20, PR-25, PR-30

Chair: Nancy Dragovitch (06)

Assignments: Elvin Schrock (02), Lori Ellington (10)

Student Delegates: Kendal Wiles (02), Jordyn Reed (09)

Liaison: Trish MacDougall (Treasurer)

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

13. RECESS

The Speaker adjourned the meeting at 3:06 PM, and declared the HOD recessed till 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 13, 2025.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Woodland, RDH, BSDH, MS

HOD Secretary

Minutes Review Committee

Chair: Maureen Thompson (09), Betsy Disilvio (01)

Student Representatives: Laura Feldman (01), Nataly Hernandez (10)

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SECOND MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES

VIRGINIA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

72nd ANNUAL SESSION

September 13, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker of the House, Sam Vest, called the second meeting of Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association House of Delegates to order on Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 12:33 p.m. The Speaker introduced Amanda Woodland, HOD Secretary, and Dr. Joan Pellegrini, Parliamentarian. The Speaker introduced Emily Carico and Izzi Friend, serving as Pages for the Second House.

2. GREETINGS

ADHA President Lancette VanGuilder, BS, RDH, PHEDH, CEAS, FADHA brought greetings to the VDHA House of Delegates via recorded video.

3. REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Alternate Speaker, Jessica Suedbeck, reported 18 delegates seated. The report of the credentialing committee was adopted. A quorum was declared present.

4. REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Program Chair, Mimi Magyar, moved to adopt the program as written. The report of the program committee was adopted.

5. APPROVAL OF THE FIRST HOUSE OF DELEGATES' MINUTES

Maureen Thompson, Chair of the Minutes Review Committee, reported that the minutes from the 2025 VDHA House of Delegates Opening Session and the First House were reviewed, placed on file and will appear in the 2026, 73rd VDHA House of Delegates' Manual.

6. REPORT OF THE REFERENCE COMMITTEES

Reference Committee A

Committee Personnel:

Chair: Marge Green (07)

Sarah Pham (01)

Riley Andrews (03)

Student Delegates: Sarah Chase (03), Julia Turner (06), Kayla Gonzalez (07)

***Report electronically approved**

Assignments: Administrative Council Report, Executive Board Actions Report, Officers Reports

PR-1, PR-2, PR-3, PR-4, PR-5, PR-26, PR-31

The reference committee reviewed the reports of the following: Administrative Council, Executive Board Actions, and Officers Reports and recommend that they be placed on file.

RESOLUTION: That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association adopt the following:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association (VDHA) advocates that scaling procedures require advanced instrumentation, assessment and critical thinking skills to be performed exclusively by licensed dental hygienists, licensed dental therapists, and licensed dentists who have completed advanced education at a

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institution.

Policy R 3-05/12-93 ORAL PROPHYLAXIS to read:

ORAL PROPHYLAXIS: This procedure is preventive in nature and is performed for patients diagnosed with periodontal health. It combines both supragingival and subgingival scaling for stain, biofilm, and calculus removal. Only a licensed dental hygienist, licensed dental therapist or licensed dentist who have completed this advanced education at a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institution are qualified to determine the need for and perform the oral prophylaxis.

Adopt the following Glossary term: SCALING

SCALING: The supragingival and subgingival instrumentation of the crown and root to remove oral biofilm, dental calculus and extrinsic stains.

Adopt the following Glossary Term: SCALING AND ROOT PLANING (SRP)/ NONSURGICAL PERIODONTAL THERAPY

SCALING AND ROOT PLANING (SRP)/NON-SURGICAL PERIODONTAL THERAPY is a definitive procedure used to remove residual calculus deposits, bacterial plaque, and byproducts from the root surface. The objective of therapeutic SRP is to remove as little root structure as possible to return adjacent tissues to health.

Adopt the following Glossary Term: PERIODONTAL DEBRIDEMENT

PERIODONTAL DEBRIDEMENT: the removal or disruption of oral biofilm and its byproducts, biofilm retentive factors, and calculus deposits from coronal and root tooth surfaces to reestablish periodontal health, restore balance between the bacterial flora and the host's immune responses.

Rescind Policy R13-93 ORAL PROPHYLAXIS REGULATION. Proposed resolution 31 was referred to the 2026 House of Delegates

REFERENCE COMMITTEE B

Committee Personnel:

Chair: Melvena Talley (02)

Arati Singh (01)

Lauren Mangum (03)

Student Delegates: Nawal Abdulkader (01), Erika O'Berry (09)

***Report electronically approved**

Assignments:

Public Health and Professional Affairs Council Report (PHEPA) and VDHA Foundation Report

PR-15, PR-16, PR-17, PR-18, PR-19, PR-27, PR-32

The reference committee reviewed the reports of the following: Public Health and Professional Affairs Council Report (PHEPA), and the VDHA Foundation Report and recommend that they be put on file.

Amend Policy R1-17 to read:

PEDIATRIC ORAL ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

The VDHA advocates for oral health assessments and evaluations by a licensed dental hygienist, licensed dental therapist, or licensed dentist by the eruption of a child's first primary tooth (or no later than 12 months of age), and to continue bi-annually through secondary education.

Amend Policy 3-12 to read:

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Needs Assessment: A systematic process to acquire an accurate, thorough analysis of a system's strengths and weaknesses, in order to meet and improve existing and future challenges.

Adopt the following policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the unbundling/itemized disclosure of dental laboratory fees from Current Dental Terminology (CDT) codes to ensure that patients and providers can make collaborative and informed decisions about laboratory selection and materials used in dental prosthetics.

Adopt the following policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports that the appropriate selection of dental diagnostic codes (International Classification of Disease or ICD) and utilization of dental (Current Dental Terminology or CDT) and medical (Current Procedural Terminology or CPT) procedure codes by dental hygienists is essential in providing comprehensive dental care and that dental hygienists need to be knowledgeable of all procedures that can be cross-coded in an effort to elevate the healthcare of the public.

Adopt the following Policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports oral health communities adopting sustainable practices that minimize environmental impact while safeguarding patient, provider, and community health. Amend Policy R 4-98 to read:

INTERNSHIPS/EXTERNSHIPS

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports externships and internships within Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited dental hygiene programs in order for students to gain practical experience in public health and all practice settings.

Add to the Glossary term:

DENTAL HYGIENE PROCESS OF CARE

The process of assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation and documentation.

Reference Committee C

Committee personnel:

Chair: Emily Ludwig (03)

Kayla Orange (01)

Jennifer Hellard (06)

Student Delegates: Sania Pullen (02), Samantha Perea (10)

***Report electronically approved**

Assignments : Planning & Development Council Report. PR-7, PR-22, PR-23, PR-24, PR-28

The reference committee reviewed the Member Services Report, VDHA Foundation Report and the Planning & Development Report and recommends placing them on file.

Adopt the following policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association affirms that any individual seeking to practice dental hygiene in the United States must complete a dental hygiene education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and meet the clinical education, examination, and practice requirements necessary to obtain a dental hygiene license.

Adopt the following policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the American Dental Hygienists' Association being a credentialing authority for the dental hygiene profession.

Adopt the following policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advocates regulatory agencies to accept an applicant for licensure by credentials when the following minimum criteria are met:

- Graduation from a dental hygiene education program accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).
- Successful completion of the written National Board Dental Hygiene Examination (NBDHE), administered by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations (JCNDE).
- Successful completion of a Clinical State or Regional Board Examination.
- Possession of a valid dental hygiene license in another state or jurisdiction.
- Absence of pending and/or final disciplinary action in any other state/jurisdiction in which the individual had been licensed.

Add section to R 14-21:

VIPNet LIST

The VDHA VIPNet list will be made available to an active VDHA member for only the intended purpose, not

shared, given or sold to any party. The member requesting the VIPNet list for research purposes must ensure that the abstract clearly demonstrates how research contributes to the advancement of the art and science of dental hygiene or closely related. IRB (Institutional Review Board) approval is required before proceeding.

Amend policy 11-01 to read:

1.2 SUPPORT OF NATIONAL BOARD

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the development and administration of a national board examination for the profession of dental hygiene administered by an American Dental Hygienists' Association recognized agency. The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports recognition of a Dental Hygiene Associate, Applied Science Degree, and Baccalaureate Degree acquired through the completion of an accredited dental hygiene program.

Reference Committee D

Committee personnel:

Chair: Kate Hoffman (10)

David Wein (02)

Cynthia Saxton Flowers (07)

Student Delegates: ShaVon'ce Merritte (03), Mikayla Rooper (06), Katie Van Duinen (07)

***Report electronically approved**

Assignments : Member Services Report, Trustees' Report, PBY-1, PR-8, PR-9, PR-10, PR-11, PR-14, PR-29

The reference committee reviewed the Member Services Report and the Trustee's Report and recommends placing them on file.

Amend Article XII, Publication, Section 1. Official Publications to read:

Official Publications. The Association shall publish all news and updates via the VDHA website.

Adopt the following Glossary Term: SYNCHRONOUS

SYNCHRONOUS (real-time): Live, two-way interaction between a person (patient, caregiver, or provider) and a provider using telecommunications technology.

Adopt the following Glossary Term: ASYNCHRONOUS

ASYNCHRONOUS (store and forward): Transmission of recorded health information through a secure electronic communications system to a practitioner, who uses the information to evaluate a patient's condition, render a service, or provide recommendations outside of a real-time interaction.

Amend the VDHA Glossary Term R25-14 TELEDENTISTRY to read:

TELEDENTISTRY- The use of electronic communication technologies to deliver oral health care services remotely (synchronously or asynchronously). Teledentistry aims to expand access to dental care, improve person-centered outcomes, and enhance the efficiency of healthcare while maintaining high standards.

Amend the VDHA policy R8-16 TELEDENTISTRY to read:

TELEDENTISTRY- The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the use of Teledentistry as a safe, effective, and person-centered approach to delivering oral health care, ensuring it meets the same high standards as in-person services while expanding access for patients.

Adopt the following Policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the use of technology as a means to reduce oral health disparities.

Amend Glossary R 6-09 to read:

1.2 SCOPE OF PRACTICE

Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports oral prophylaxis, scaling, root planing, periodontal debridement, and laser bacterial reduction as services that shall be provided only by a licensed dental hygienist, licensed dental therapist or licensed dentist who have completed this advanced education at a Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) accredited institution

Reference Committee E

Committee personnel:

Chair: Nancy Dragovitch (06)

Elvin Schrock (02)

Lori Ellington (10)

Student Delegates: Kendal Wiles (02), Jordyn Reed (09)

***Report electronically approved**

Assignments : Financial Report, PR-6, PR-12, PR-13, PR-20, PR-25, PR-30

The reference committee reviewed the Financial Report and recommends placing on file.

Adopt the following Policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association (VDHA) advocates that the administration of local anesthesia requires advanced technical, assessment, and critical thinking skills. This procedure should be performed exclusively by licensed dental hygienists, licensed dental therapists, and licensed dentists who have completed advanced education at an institution accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Adopt the following Policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the role of dental hygienists in screening all patients for airway health as an integral part of comprehensive patient care, recognizing its importance in oral health and function, craniofacial growth and development, disease prevention, early detection of Upper Airway Resistance

Syndrome, Obstructive Sleep Apnea and mouth breathing.

Adopt the following Policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association (VDHA) recognizes the importance of minimally invasive care (MIC) in dentistry to promote optimal oral health outcomes. Dental hygienists are integral members of the healthcare team and play a vital role in delivering patient-centered care that prioritizes prevention, early detection, and minimally invasive treatment strategies. The VDHA supports the following principles of minimally invasive dentistry: (Addendum)

- Prevention First: Emphasizing evidence-based preventive care, including home care instructions, to reduce the risk of caries, periodontal disease, and other oral health conditions.
- Risk Assessment: Utilizing advanced diagnostic tools and techniques to identify individual risk factors and develop personalized, evidence-based care plans based on the patient's risk factors and needs.
- Biofilm Management: Perform regular and precise removal of biofilm and calculus to prevent disease progression.
- Early Intervention: Advocating for early diagnosis and treatment by the use of non- invasive or micro-invasive techniques to preserve natural tooth structure and minimize the need for restorative procedures.
- Education and Collaboration: Educating patients about oral-systemic connections and empowering them to participate in their care while collaborating with interdisciplinary teams to ensure comprehensive health management.
- Behavioral Support: Encourage habits that reduce the risk of caries and periodontal disease, such as tobacco cessation and nutritional counseling, including sugar management.
- Sustainable Practices: Supporting minimally invasive approaches that align with environmentally sustainable practices in dentistry.

Adopt the following Policy:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the Americans with Disabilities Act and affirms the rights of dental hygienists with disabilities to receive reasonable accommodations that enable them to perform their professional responsibilities effectively and safely.

Adopt the following Policy:

Only the VDHA Treasurer, President, President Elect, and Past President shall have access to the financial section of the VDHA Website.

Amend policy R 4-02 to read:

SCOPE OF PRACTICE PRESERVATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the preservation of the statutory protection of Title 54.1-2722 of the Code of Virginia and the Board of Dentistry

Regulation that polishing of natural and restored teeth using air polishers shall only be delegated to the licensed dental hygienist, licensed dental therapist, or licensed dentist.

A recess was called at 2:06 p.m. to return at 2:30 for balloting. Delegates were credentialed and 18 delegates

were present at 2:38 p.m.

7. READING THE FINAL BALLOT FOR VDHA OFFICERS.

President Elect	Marlene Rhodes
Vice President	Elvin Schrock
Speaker of the House	Melvena Talley
Alternate Speaker of the House	Riley Andrews
Recording Secretary	Sarah Pham
VDHA Foundation Treasurer	Kristin Robbins
	Marge Green
Treasurer	Trish MacDougall

8. BALLOTING

Eligible voters were given a ballot email.

9. REPORT OF THE TELLERS

Emillie Ellis announced the results of the ballot

President Elect	Marlene Rhodes
Vice President	Elvin Schrock
Speaker of the House	Malvena Talley
Alternate Speaker of the House	Riley Andrews
Recording Secretary	Sarah Pham
VDHA Foundation Treasurer	Marge Green
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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Recognition of the Trustees:

01 Rosa Tripp

02 Hajir Salee

03 Kelly Fox

06 Nancy Dragovich

07 Julie Martin

09 Kara Davis

10 Meghan Glago

Speaker Vest recognized all student delegates, delegates, Mimi Magyar for her work on planning HOD, Amanda Woodland for her work as Secretary.

Emilie Ellis encouraged registration for Rally Day.

Derik Sven requested all historical documentation for VDHA in paper format to be held until we can scan for digital records. Any leaders with paper records, please contact the executive board.

Marge Green recognizes Irene Conolly for all her hard work and contributions to coordinate the Student Delegates for the House of Delegates.

Emily Ludwig acknowledges Kelly Fox's hard work and dedication as trustee as she transitions out of the position.

Anne Guignon announced that due to raising \$800 for advocacy, Crown Seating has chosen to donate an additional saddle stool for the association to raffle.

11. RECESS

Speaker declared recess at 3:03p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Woodland, BSDH, RDH, MS

HOD Secretary

Minutes were approved via email by the 2025 Minutes Review Committee

**THIRD MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES
VIRGINIA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION
72nd ANNUAL SESSION
September 13, 2025**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The third meeting of the 2025 House of Delegates of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association was called to order at 3:04 p.m. by Speaker of the House, Sam Vest.

2. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Installation Officer Marge Green installed the newly elected 2025-2026 Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association line officers, the VDHA Foundation Treasurer, Speaker of the House, Alternate Speaker of the House, Recording Secretary and Trustees.

Installation Officer, Marge Green, presented newly elected President Derek Sven a symbolic gift of a glass mallet, from her ADHA Presidency, and direction to “break the ceiling” upon achieving his goals.

3. PRESIDENT’S SPEECH

Ryan Maphis introduced Derik Sven; Derik gave his presidential speech. His theme is: “Yes, We Can”

4. ADJOURNMENT

The Speaker adjourned the Third House of Delegates at 3:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Woodland, BSDH, RDH, MS

HOD Secretary

Minutes were approved via email by the 2025 Minutes Review Committee.

Chair: Maureen Thompson (09), Betsy Disilvio (01)

Student Representatives: Laura Feldman (01), Nataly Hernandez (10)

Section II: House Procedures

Proposed Standing Rules of the House of Delegates

Parliamentary Procedure and Motions Information

Robert's Rules of Order Motions Chart

Proposed Standing Rules of the House of Delegates:

Rule 1

- a. The Credentials Committee, directly after the opening ceremonies of the first business meeting, shall report the number of delegates and alternate delegates registered as present with proper credentials, and shall make a supplementary report after the opening exercises at the beginning of each day that business continues.
- b. A member registered as an alternate delegate can, upon proper clearance by the Credentials Committee, be transferred from alternate delegate to a delegate. Once an alternate delegate has been seated, the delegate cannot be re seated during that meeting. (Session means the entire time of doing business; meeting means each day’s portion.)

Rule 2

For admission to the assembly, and to facilitate identification and seating, members shall be required to wear the badge issued by the Credentials Committee upon registration. Official badges are not required at the Third (3rd) HOD.

The Alternate Speaker of the House shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall safeguard the rules of the House of Delegates. The responsibility of admitting certified delegates to the floor of the House of Delegates and coordinating the activities of the House of Delegates Pages are also the duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Rule 3

The House of Delegates shall be separated from the general membership while it is in session.

Rule 4

An official timekeeper shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House to ensure recess for fifteen (15) minutes each two (2) hours, recess for lunch, and for dinner if the meeting runs over the time set.

Rule 5

To ensure complete consideration of all issues, no limit will be placed on the number of times one individual may speak to a question. However, no person may speak more than once until all others have had the opportunity to speak at least once, without debate. The House may vote at any time to limit debate.

Rule 6

The Privilege of the floor of the House of Delegates is limited to the Members of the House of Delegates (VDHA Bylaws, Chapter 4, Section 1). However, individuals who are not members may speak if requested to do so by the House.

Rule 7

All reports to the House of Delegates are to be distributed to each Delegate and Trustee prior to the first meeting of the House of Delegates. Supplemental reports may be distributed until the first meeting of the House. All proposed resolutions shall be submitted 60 days before the First House of Delegates or shall require 2/3 vote of the House of Delegates in order to be considered New Business. A resolution offered by a Delegate shall be in writing and copies of the resolution shall be sent directly (after its making) to the desk of the Recording Secretary, the Speaker of the House, and all delegates.

Rule 8

It shall be the duty of the Reference Committees to consider all reports, recommendations, and resolutions referred to them; to conduct open hearings following the first HOD meeting, and to report the recommendations as the main motion of the House of Delegates.

The House, by majority vote, can suspend this Rule 9 and can immediately consider a question or can order the Reference Committee to report a question at a certain time.

Rule 9

Nominations for each office to be filled by the House of Delegates shall be submitted by the Nominations Committee to the House of Delegates at its first meeting. Further nominations may be made from the House floor during the first and second House. Those new nominees should be prepared to make a short statement stating their qualifications. After the nominations are closed, voting shall take place in the second House. Installation shall take place during the third House of Delegates.

Rule 10

The rules contained in the current *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the House in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution and Bylaws of our Association and these standing rules. The Basic Chart of Motions will be included in the Delegates Manual and should be at hand for reference during the meeting.

Rule 11

In the event of the virtual meeting of the House of Delegates the VDHA shall issue specific instructions as to the proceedings and responsibilities necessary to conduct its HOD electronically.

Parliamentary Procedure Rules and Motions Information

All business brought before the HOD is presented in the form of a motion. Members address only the Chair or address each other through the Chair. To claim the floor, a member rises at their place when no one else has the floor, faces the Chair and says, "Speaker (and says the name of the speaker)". Wait to be recognized by the Chair, "The Chair recognizes Delegate from...". Prior to speaking, state your name and component.

There are three steps by which a motion is brought before the House:

1. A delegate “makes” the motion, “I move that....”.
 2. Another delegate “seconds” the motion. This implies that this motion will be discussed; however, it does not necessarily imply agreement.
 3. The Chair “states the question on the motion”. The motion is now open for debate. NOTE: Neither the making nor the seconding of a motion places it before the assembly, only the Chair can do that by the third step (stating the question).
- When the Chair has stated the question, the motion is pending and open for debate.

The maker of the motion has the right to speak first if he wishes. Debate must be confined to the merits of the pending question.

Once a main motion has been brought before the House, there are three additional steps by which the motion is considered:

1. Delegates debate the motion
2. The chair puts the question to a vote.
3. The chair announces the result of the vote.

Only one question can be considered at a time. Once a motion is before the House it must be adopted or rejected by a vote or action must be taken to dispose of the question in some other way before any other business can be conducted.

There are four different types of motions:

1. Privileged Motion: A motion that does not relate to the pending business but are special matters of immediate importance.

Privileged motions rank highest in order of precedence and are listed in the order of precedence among themselves. There are five Privileged Motions:

Motion to fix the time to which to adjourn- set time.

Motion to adjourn- to dismiss the assembly.

Motion to recess- temporarily dismisses for a certain time and will reconvene (state length of time and reason).

Question of privilege- rights or privileges of assembly, noise, ventilation. Example: “Speaker, I rise to a question of privilege.”

Call for the orders of the day- a demand that the assembly conform to orders of business.

2. Main Motion: A motion whose introduction brings business before the House.

3. Subsidiary Motion: A motion used to assist in treating or disposing of another motion. This is used to modify a motion. Subsidiary motions assist in treating or disposing of a main motion. They always apply to another motion and also have an order of precedence.

Lay on the Table- used to lay the pending question aside temporarily when something more urgent has arisen.

This means a majority has the power to halt consideration of a question immediately without debate.

Previous Question- used to stop debate and vote immediately. (Misleading because it has nothing to do with the last question previously considered by House). “I move the previous question”. If the affirmative vote wins, then the House immediately votes on the pending motion. If not, debate continues. Requires 2/3 vote.

Limit or Extend Debate- used to exercise special control over debate on a pending question.

Postpone Definitely- used to postpone the motion to a certain time, day, or meeting that is more convenient.

Commit or Refer- used to send the pending question to a committee to be carefully investigated or to permit the entire House to consider the question with greater freedom of debate (committee of the whole). If referred to a committee, state the name of the committee and when to report.

Amend- used to modify the wording but must be germane. Only one primary amendment and one secondary amendment are permitted at a time, but any number of each can be offered in succession. There are three forms to amend: First “to insert” or “to add” words or paragraphs. Second “to strike out” words or paragraphs and

third “to strike out and insert” applies to words, “to substitute” applies to paragraphs. An amendment cannot introduce an independent question. A motion to insert words must specify the exact place of insertion by naming the word before or after which, or the words between which the insertion is to be made.

Postpone Indefinitely- used to kill the question and avoids a direct vote on the motion. Useful in disposing of a badly chosen main motion that cannot be either adopted or rejected without possibly undesirable consequences.

4. Incidental Motion: A motion that deals with the question of a procedure.

Incidental Motions deal with questions of procedure arising out of the pending motion or another motion.

Point of order- if the Chair fails to follow procedure.

Appeal Ruling of Chair- needs two members, one to move and another to second the appeal to a decision of the Chair.

Division of Assembly- whenever a member doubts the result of a voice vote or a vote by show of hands, they should call for Division. This requires the Chair to retake the vote by rising. No second is required for this motion.

Division of Question- when a motion relating to a single subject contains several parts, each of which is capable of standing as a complete proposition if the others are removed, the parts can be separated to be considered and voted on as if they were distinct questions. State clearly the manner in which the question is to be divided.

Parliamentary Inquiries- directed to the Chair to obtain information on a matter of parliamentary law. In making an inquiry, the inquirer rises and without obtaining the floor addresses the Chair, “Speaker .., I rise to a parliamentary inquiry.”

Point of Information- a request directed to the Chair or through the Chair to another member. The request must be relevant to the business at hand but not related to parliamentary procedure. Example: “Speaker.., I rise to a point of information.” Chair: “The member will state his point.” “This motion calls for a large expenditure, will the Treasurer state the present balance.”

Permission to withdraw or modify a motion- the maker of the motion can withdraw the motion before it is stated by the Chair. Note: A delegate should never interrupt a member speaking unless he is sure that urgency justifies it.

Point of Order- used when one’s rights are being infringed upon or when a member thinks that the rules of the House are being violated. This is not to be used for minor irregularities of technical character.

Suspend the Rules- used when the House wishes to do something that it cannot do without violating a standing rule. It cannot be in conflict with the Constitution or Bylaws.

Objection to Consideration- used to enable the House to avoid a particular original main motion altogether when it believes it would be strongly undesirable for the motion even to come before the House. Example: “Speaker.., I object to the consideration of the question...” Chair: “The consideration of the question is objected to (no second required). Shall the question be considered? Those in favor? (2/3 vote required)

Consideration by Paragraph or Seriatim- consider items one at a time (used for Constitution and Bylaws).

Certain Other Main Motions- There are four of these and they have no precedence over each other.

Reconsider- used to change your vote if you have changed your mind. There are two restrictions. You must have voted on the prevailing side and you must request this on the same day or the next succeeding day after the original vote. If this motion to reconsider carries, debate is reopened as if no vote had been taken on the issue.

Take from the Table- used to bring a question back before the assembly which was temporarily laid aside and should be done at the same session it was tabled. If not, removed within these limits of time, the question dies.

Rescind- used to strike an entire motion, rule or Bylaw that has been adopted at some previous time.

Ratify- used to confirm or make valid an action already taken that cannot become legally valid until approved by the House.

Robert's Rules of Order Motion Chart

<u>Motion</u>	<u>Interrupt Speaker?</u>	<u>Second required?</u>	<u>Debatable?</u>	<u>Amendable?</u>	<u>Vote requires?</u>	<u>Considerable?</u>
<u>Privileged Motions</u>						
Fix Time to which to adjourn	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	Yes
Adjourn	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
Question of privilege	Yes	No	No	Yes	M	No
Call for order of the day	Yes	No	No	No	Chair	No
<u>Main Motions</u>						
Reconsider	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	M	No
Rescind/Repeal	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	2/3	Yes (N)
Take from the table	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
Ratify	No	Yes	No	No	M	Yes
<u>Subsidiary Motions</u>						
Lay on the table	No	Yes	No	No	M	No
Previous question (end debate)	No	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes
Limit or extend debate	No	Yes	No	Yes	2/3	Yes
Postpone to definite time	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes
Refer to committee	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes
Amend amendment	No	Yes	Yes	No	M	Yes
Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	M	Yes
Postpone Indefinitely	No	Yes	Yes	No	M	Yes (A)
<u>Incidental Motion</u>						

Appeal (from Chair's decision)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	M	Yes
Division of Assembly	Yes	No	No	No	Chair	No
Division of question (a)	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No
Parliamentary & other inquiries	Yes	No	No	No	Chair	No
Withdraw a motion	No (b)	No (b)	No	No	M	Yes (N)
Point of order	Yes	No	No	No	Chair	No
Suspend rules	No	Yes	No	No	2/3 (c)	No
Object to consideration	Yes	No	No	No	2/3	Yes (A)
Consider seriatim	No	Yes	No	Yes	M	No

- (a) Members can demand a separate vote on each part of motion having two or more independent resolutions. No second, no vote on demand.
- (b) Yes...If motion is made by another while the maker has the floor.
- (c) As applied to Parliamentary Rules of Order. Majority to suspend Ordinary Standing Rules

Section III: House Operations

Reference Committee Report Guidelines

Proposed Resolutions and Bylaw amendments

Reference Committee Report Guidelines:

All Reference committees are to be held in Executive Session. No outside discussion is to take place until this report is presented at the House of Delegates.

1. The Chair of the Reference Committee will appoint a secretary.
2. The secretary is responsible for recording committee actions and reviewing these actions with the HOD Recording Secretary.
3. The Chair of the Reference Committee MAY ONLY vote if that vote may determine the outcome.

FORMAT FOR REFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report of a Reference Committee:

1. Committee Personnel and Chair

Committee Personnel: list all committee members. Make sure names are spelled clearly.

2. Reports of: list assigned reports (i.e. President, Vice President, etc.)

You are to review the assigned reports and see if there is a need for changes. Please write as follows:

Example: Reference Committee A has reviewed the President's Report and recommends that this report be placed on file. Or...be placed on file with the following changes... You will then list the changes.

(Do not waste committee time correcting spelling, punctuation and grammar. This is the responsibility of the officer to submit a report requiring no editorial changes.)

3. Proposed resolutions: (list assigned PR's)

Proposed Resolutions and Proposed Bylaw Amendments: Begin with the original proposed PR or PB, consider any written or oral testimonies given to the Reference Committee.

4. Proposed Bylaw amendments: (list assigned PB's)

Consider any Executive Board recommendations. Remember the Executive Board can make recommendations, but not changes to the original proposed resolution. The reference committee has the authority to make their own recommendations. Only the final resolution and action recommended by the reference committee is to go to the HOD Secretary and to the House floor.

Each Reference Committee Secretary will submit the reports to the HOD Recording Secretary. Once the HOD Secretary has the reports typed, the chair member is responsible for committee members reviewing and signing reports in a timely manner. The reference committee's PRs and PBs are now open for discussion on the Second House of Delegates floor.

Proposed Bylaw and Resolution Amendments

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 1

Submitted by: Rosa Tripp, Northern Virginia Dental Hygienists' Component Trustee

RESOLUTION: That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R 6-15:

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports accreditation standards that prepare entry level dental hygienists to assume all the professional roles of a dental hygienist in a variety of settings to meet the oral and overall health care needs of the public.

TO READ:

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports accreditation standards by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) that prepare entry-level dental hygienists to assume all the professional roles of a dental hygienist in a variety of settings to meet the oral and overall health care needs of the public.

JUSTIFICATION: In the current climate in Virginia, where OPAs are being trained by dentists, it is important to specify the source of accreditation.

THE VDHA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDS _____

THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS _____

ADOPTION

ADOPTION AS AMENDED

REJECTION

POSTPONEMENT

REFERRAL

FINAL ACTION OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES _____

PROPOSED RESOLUTION 2

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R14-92:

PRECEPTOR TRAINING

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association is opposed to the recognition of preceptor training or other mechanisms for alternative education or training programs, which undermine existing minimum educational requirements for the dental hygiene scope of practice.

TO READ:

PRECEPTOR TRAINING

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association is opposed to the recognition of preceptor training or other mechanisms for alternative educational or training programs, which bypass existing CODA-accredited minimum educational requirements for the dental hygiene scope of practice and licensure.

JUSTIFICATION:

This updates the policy to reflect the current concerns with on-the-job training and legislative challenges being encountered.

THE VDHA EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDS _____

THE REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS _____

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 3

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R5-98:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advocates that dental hygiene educational programs be administered or directed only by a licensed dental hygienist with a foundation in higher education and program administration.

TO READ:

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advocates that a dental hygiene education program director should be a licensed dental hygienist who has graduated from an accredited dental hygiene program and has the formal education and professional experience necessary to fulfill program goals.

JUSTIFICATION:

This aligns with ADHA policy which emphasizes the importance of dental hygiene education and elevating readiness for leadership.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 4

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R1-94:

MISREPRESENTATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association opposes the provision of dental hygiene services by unlicensed personnel that results in misrepresentation of these services to both consumers or third-party payers.

TO READ:

MISREPRESENTATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association opposes the provision of dental hygiene services by unlicensed/unregulated personnel or clinicians that results in misrepresentation of these services or treatments to patients, consumers and third-party payers.

JUSTIFICATION:

This updates the policy to reflect the current concerns with on-the-job training and legislative challenges being encountered.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 5

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R12-20:

AUTONOMY OF DENTAL HYGIENE

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports autonomy of dental hygiene education, licensure, and practice and accepts the responsibility for serving as the recognized authority for the profession of dental hygiene.

TO READ:

AUTONOMY OF DENTAL HYGIENE

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advocates for the pursuit of professional autonomy and affirms the profession has the responsibility to have full authority for its own professional standards of education, practice, legislation, licensure, and discipline.

JUSTIFICATION:

Amending this policy more accurately represents the long-term goals that the profession of dental hygiene seeks to achieve.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 6

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R1-74:

INTRAORAL PROCEDURE REGULATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the distinction between the dental hygienist and the dental assistant in reference to the reassignment of additional expanded services. The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the performance of intra-oral procedures by regulated dental personnel.

TO READ:

INTRAORAL PROCEDURE REGULATION

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advocates for a distinct separation between professional scope of practice of dental hygienists and dental assistants, particularly concerning the delegation or assignment of expanded functions. The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the performance of intraoral procedures by regulated and licensed dental personnel.

JUSTIFICATION:

With the current legislative changes and lack of guidance/regulation from the Board of Dentistry, this creates a more finite stance for the association.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 7

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R4-91:

RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association advocates that dental hygienists be the primary professionals to develop, co-ordinate and evaluate dental hygiene career recruitment programs that include entry, retention, and

re-entry into the dental hygiene profession.

TO READ:

RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports licensed, and student dental hygienists participate in dental hygiene career recruitment.

JUSTIFICATION:

This is a more concise statement, and often times dental hygiene students are actively included in recruitment efforts by going into settings to educate on the opportunity for advancement in the dental hygiene career.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 8

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R6-94:

SAFETY METHODS: The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association recommends that safety methods, including monitoring, be used in settings where known or potential occupational hazards exist.

TO READ:

SAFETY METHODS

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards relating to workplace safety and training.

JUSTIFICATION:

This updates the policy to reflect current standards utilized in the workplace.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 9

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R5-04

BIO-TERRORISM AND CATASTROPHE

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the inclusion and utilization of dental hygienists in response to events of bio-terrorism and catastrophe.

TO READ:

TERRORISM AND CATASTROPHE

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the inclusion and utilization of dental hygienists in response to local, state, national and global crises.

JUSTIFICATION:

This updates the policy to better reflect utilization of dental hygienists in all settings for all emergency situations.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 10

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R10-94:

NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports nutrition guidelines and programs that promote total health and encourages media advertising and public education that promote health eating habits and wellness.

TO READ:

NUTRITIONAL GUIDELINES

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports nutritional guidelines and programs that promote oral and systemic health.

JUSTIFICATION:

This makes for a more concise and direct policy, and keeps it focused on specific intent rather than advertising, etc.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 11

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend R2-14/1-05/4-99:

DENTAL HYGIENE

- a. The science and practice of the recognition, prevention and treatment of oral diseases and conditions. This process includes assessments, diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation.
- b. The profession of *dental hygienists*.
- c. Dental hygiene procedures include but are not limited to: supra and subgingival scaling, root debridement, polishing as appropriate and any other services corresponding with dental hygiene.

TO READ:

DENTAL HYGIENE

- a. The science and practice of the recognition, prevention and treatment of oral disease and conditions. This process includes assessments, diagnosis, planning, implementation, evaluation, and documentation.
- b. The profession of *dental hygienists*.

JUSTIFICATION:

This removes the description of clinical care/treatment which are better defined and outlined in other glossary terms.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 12

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association adopt the following:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association encourages public education and media initiatives that promote healthy eating habits and wellness to support oral and systemic health.

JUSTIFICATION:

This policy promotes public health initiatives that support oral health and community.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 13

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws:

RESOLUTION:

That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association adopt the following:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association supports the authority of the dental hygienists to initiate and submit dental hygiene laboratory work orders for medicament carriers, including but not limited to fluoride trays and periodontal trays, when within the dental hygiene scope of practice.

JUSTIFICATION:

This aligns with dental hygienists being able to expand scope of practice and aid in patient care.

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION 14

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

RESOLUTION: That the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association adopt the following:

The Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association asserts that the dental hygiene standard of care includes the current guidelines from the American Academy of Periodontology for Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions to diagnose periodontal disease.

JUSTIFICATION: This creates a standard documentation of what is utilized in clinical care and education as part of the dental hygiene process of care for patients.

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PROPOSED BYLAW 1

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association strike/remove Article XIII and all its sections from the bylaws:

Section 1. District Trustee- This Association, along with such other designated Constituents named by the American Dental Hygienists' Association, shall compose of District III of the American Dental Hygienists' Association. The qualifications, nominations, elections, installations, vacancies, and duties of the District Trustee shall be those determined by the Bylaws of the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

Section 2. House of Delegates -This Association shall be represented by Delegates and Alternate Delegates as provided in the Bylaws of the American Dental Hygienists' Association.

2.1 Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall have, within the last five years, served on an ADHA constituent or VDHA Board or a council or committee 13 of the Board or specified component committee for at least two (2) years. In addition, they shall have served a minimum term of one year as a professional or student member of an ADHA national or constituent House of Delegates.

2.2 The Immediate Past President and President shall serve as the first two Association Delegates to the American Dental Hygienists' Association. If more than two Delegates are certified by the American Dental Hygienists' Association the additional Delegates shall be elected from the membership of this Association, one year prior to their term by the House of Delegates.

2.3 The President-Elect shall serve as the first Alternate Delegate to the American Dental Hygienists' Association House of Delegates. The additional Alternate Delegates shall be elected from the general membership of this Association. In the event that a Delegate or Alternate is unable to attend, the individual having the highest number of votes (at the VDHA House of Delegates) for the position of Delegate/Alternate Delegate shall be given an opportunity to participate. If it is determined that all individuals who ran for this position are unable to attend, the VDHA President shall appoint an Alternate Delegate(s) with the approval of the Executive Board.

2.4 These Delegates and Alternate Delegates shall serve for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 3. Duties- The duties of these officers shall include but not be limited to:

3.1 Represent the Association at all sessions of District III and the American Dental Hygienists' Association House of Delegates.

3.2 Keep this Association's membership informed of American Dental Hygienists' Association's activities.

3.3 Assist the American Dental Hygienists' Association's officers and the Central Office Staff as requested.

3.4 Required to attend 75% of VDHA Executive Board meetings and are required to serve on a Committee/Council/Board of their interest and/or expertise to remain current and active in the development and succession of leadership.

JUSTIFICATION:

The American Dental Hygienists' Association no longer has an annual House of Delegates business meeting that allows for elected representation from Virginia; therefore, this section is no longer relevant and needs to be removed. The American Dental Hygienists' Association no longer divides its constituents into districts nor assigns directors (formerly known as trustees) to said districts.

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PROPOSED BYLAW 2

Submitted by: Committee on Policy and Bylaws

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association strike/remove the following section from the bylaws:

ARTICLE XIV

Liaison to the ADHA Institute for Oral Health

Section 1. Executive Board Recommendation for Appointment Upon approval of the Executive Board, the President shall recommend a liaison to the District III Trustee, for possible inclusion in the Trustee's recommendation to the ADHA Immediate Past President.

JUSTIFICATION:

The selection process for this is no longer the same at the ADHA level, and this position needs to be removed from the VDHA bylaws.

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PROPOSED BYLAW 3

Submitted by: Trish MacDougall, VDHA Treasurer

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association amend Article V, Section 9:

Section 9. Rights and Duties of an Incorporated or Unincorporated Component. The rights and duties of each Incorporated or Unincorporated Component shall include, but not be limited to:

9.1. Must continue to have at least two (2) Continuing Education meetings a year and regularly communicate with members.

9.2. Adopt, maintain and uphold a Code of Ethics of the Component, which shall not be in conflict with that of this Association or of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, with a current copy on file with this Association.

9.3. The right to assess Component dues.

9.4. The duty to select Delegates and Alternate Delegates, according to the Constituent Bylaws, to represent said Incorporated or Unincorporated component at the House of Delegates.

9.5. To select an Incorporated or Unincorporated component Trustee, according to the Constituent Bylaws and to represent said Incorporated or Unincorporated component at the Executive Board meetings.

9.6. The duty to notify the Recording Secretary of this Association within 48 hours of the selection of a new Trustee.

TO READ:

Section 9. Rights and Duties of an Incorporated or Unincorporated Component. The rights and duties of each Incorporated or Unincorporated Component shall include, but not be limited to:

9.1. Adopt, maintain and uphold a Code of Ethics of the Component, which shall not be in conflict with that of this Association or of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, with a current copy on file with this Association.

9.2. The right to assess Component dues.

9.3. The duty to select Delegates and Alternate Delegates, according to the Constituent Bylaws, to represent said Incorporated or Unincorporated component at the House of Delegates.

9.4. To select an Incorporated or Unincorporated component Trustee, according to the Constituent Bylaws and to represent said Incorporated or Unincorporated component at the Executive Board

9.5. The duty to notify the Recording Secretary of this Association within 48 hours of the selection of a new Trustee.

JUSTIFICATION:

When this bylaw was passed, virtual continuing education (CE) meetings were not available from VDHA components. VDHA components now offer virtual CE classes each year, providing significant value and ample opportunities for our members to choose from numerous topics to complete their continuing education requirements.

Because members can now choose from numerous virtual options, the existing parameter for individual components is no longer necessary.

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Section IV: Reference Materials

2026 Component Membership Roster
2026 Trustee, Delegates and Student Delegates

2026 Components' Membership Roster

01: 140 members- 5 delegates and 5 alternates

02: 82 members- 4 delegates and 4 alternates

03: 102 members- 4 delegates and 4 alternates

05: 2 delegates and 2 alternates

06: 26 members- 2 delegates and 2 alternates

07: 32 members- 2 delegates and 2 alternates

09: 22 members- 2 delegates and 2 alternates

10: 27 members- 2 delegates and 2 alternates

2026 Trustees, Delegates and Student Delegates

01 NOVA

Rosa Tripp, Trustee

Delegates:

Elizabeth Di Silvio, Griselda Lopez, Cathy Berard, Kayla Orange, Arati Singh,

Alternates: Sarah Pham, Darya Churikova,

Student delegates:

02 Greater Richmond

Hagir Saleh, Trustee

Delegates: Elvin Schrock, David Wein, Emilie Ellis, Patricia Bonwell

Alternates: Emily Comia

Student Delegates:

03 Tidewater

Sam Vest, Trustee

Delegates: Jessica Suedbeck, Emily Ludwig, Adaira Howell, Emily Teates,

Alternates: Cynthia Flowers, Trish Garza, Sarah Chase, ShaVonce Merritte,

Student Delegates:

05 Piedmont

Kristy Peters, Trustee

Delegates: Jamie Murrell, Tina Gauldin

Student Delegates:

06 Monticello

Nancy Dragovich, Trustee

Delegate: Jennifer Hellard

Student Delegates:

07 Peninsula

Julie Martin, Trustee

Delegates: Dr. Denise McKinney, Amber Krause

Alternates: Marge Green

09 Southwest

Kara Davis, Trustee

Delegate: Maureen Thompson

No Alternate

Student Delegates:

10 Northwest

Meghan Glago, Trustee

Delegates: Nataly Hernandez, Lori Ellington,

Alternates: Kate Hoffman, Karen Avey

Student Delegates:

Section V: Officers' Reports

Annual Report of the President

Annual Report of the President Elect

Annual Report of the Vice President

Annual Trustee reports

President Annual/HOD Report

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Report Date: July 21st, 2026

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan

- VDHA continued to strengthen its role as an independent professional voice for dental hygienists in Virginia and nationally.
- Legislative and regulatory developments surrounding the Oral Preventive Assistant (OPA) model reinforced the need for sustained, year-round advocacy, public education, and clear professional messaging.

- VDHA's advocacy efforts intersected with national conversations on workforce models, professional autonomy, access to care, and ethical practice.
- National engagement with ADHA leaders, advocacy coalitions, and oral health stakeholders advanced awareness of the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework and profession-led solutions.
- Media, publications, webinars, and task force participation expanded VDHA's visibility and positioned the association as a leading voice on autonomy, ethics, and evidence-based workforce reform.
- Legislative outcomes reflect a shifting political and economic landscape, including corporate consolidation and private equity influence in healthcare.
- Organized dentistry appears to be executing a long-term strategy to restructure the workforce, including reducing reliance on licensed hygienists.
- VDHA's limited lobbying infrastructure and delayed strategic positioning reduced its ability to influence outcomes.
- Grassroots advocacy reached unprecedented levels (over 30,000 VoterVoice messages and record Lobby Day participation) but was insufficient without sustained political relationship-building.
- Future opportunities may emerge to advance autonomy if current workforce models fail to improve access to care.

Advocacy

- Coordinated with ADHA advocacy leaders regarding response to the Board of Dentistry actions in OPA implementation, and strategies to protect the public and profession.
- Participated in the ADHA Advocacy Advisory Committee and regional meetings, including all regional advocacy meetings.
- Advanced the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework through leadership on the National Oral Health Leadership Task Force.
- Participated in the VDHA Town Halls on the OPA to inform members, address concerns, and support a coordinated response.
- Continued national thought leadership through RDH Magazine publications and ADHA white paper development addressing ethical, professional, and workforce implications.
- Identified the need for continuous, year-round lobbying infrastructure rather than session-based advocacy.
- Recommended and fulfilled negotiations to retain full-time lobbying support to build sustained legislative relationships.
- Ongoing collaboration with ADHA on ethical guidance and messaging related to OPA engagement.

Alliances and Collaboration

- Participated in the Delta Dental Foundation Retention Task Force with ADHA leaders to advance ethical, evidence-based solutions and explore endorsement of the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework.

- Met with the American Mobile and Teledentistry Association to identify shared priorities and potential alignment.
- Continued engagement with ADHA leaders and strategists on state and national advocacy and modernization efforts.
- Accepted participation as VDHA President in the Mid-Atlantic webinar scheduled for August 18.
- Engaged in national and regional discussions advancing modernization and workforce pathway models.
- Relationship with VDA requires reassessment; current positioning is adversarial, not collaborative.
- Need to expand partnerships with broader healthcare organizations (e.g., nursing associations, AGD).
- Continued emphasis on establishing VDHA as an independent professional voice distinct from organized dentistry.

Education and Professional Development

- Completed Parts I and II of the RDH Magazine series *Seismic Strains: Surveying the Ethical Fault Lines in Dentistry*, addressing OPA-related concerns and ethical practice.
- Completed the ADHA white paper on dental hygiene self-governance (pending publication).
- Participated in public and professional education through media interviews, podcasts, webinars, and national task force discussions.
- Identified gaps in public understanding of dental hygienists' education and licensure.
- Need for public education to clearly differentiate licensed hygienists from auxiliary personnel.
- Internal need to strengthen professional standards and reduce tolerance for substandard practices.

Infrastructure and Operations

- Assumed the role of VDHA Chair following the leadership transition.
- Continued coordination with the President-Elect and membership leadership.
- Participated in PHEPA Council activities supporting advocacy and professional affairs.
- Ongoing efforts to align VDHA's operations, advocacy, and communications with long-term strategic priorities.
- Absence of sustained lobbying infrastructure identified as a critical weakness.
- Prior lobbying efforts were largely passive and required restructuring.
- Need for sustained internal and external communication strategies.
- Creation of a Nominations Committee to identify future leadership (President-Elect and other gaps).

Items for Board Decision

- Determine VDHA's response to Board of Dentistry actions and OPA implementation concerns.

- Evaluate and establish long-term advocacy infrastructure and sustained legislative engagement.
- Identify additional member-facing communication and public education needs related to OPA concerns and ethical practice.
- Determine VDHA's formal strategic positioning relative to VDA.
- Approve development of a long-term strategic advocacy plan.

Informational Items (No Discussion Needed)

- VDHA's national visibility continues to grow through advocacy, task force leadership, media, webinars, and publications.
- The Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework continues advancing in national workforce and policy discussions.
- RDH Magazine articles and ADHA white paperwork are elevating ethical and structural concerns related to OPA implementation.
- External engagement may create future strategic alliance opportunities.
- Legislative outcomes were driven more by political alignment than scientific evidence.
- Despite unprecedented grassroots engagement, outcomes were not significantly altered.
- Workforce model changes are unlikely to resolve access-to-care issues based on historical trends.
- Future legislative opportunities may emerge if current policies fail to meet expectations.

Items for Newsletter (If Applicable)

- Summary of legislative session outcomes and next steps (previously distributed April 3, 2026 via mass email).
- Recognition of member advocacy efforts and historic engagement.
- Educational messaging on the role and value of licensed dental hygienists.
- Forward-looking strategy emphasizing long-term advocacy and professional autonomy.
- Summary of the VDHA Town Hall on the OPA and member next steps.
- Updates on national advocacy and the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework.
- Recognition of VDHA's national leadership in advocacy, ethics, and autonomy.
- Member education on OPA implementation concerns and the importance of ethical, evidence-based practice.

Key Meetings, Events, and Presentations

September 2025

- 9/15/25 -- Loren King, RDH (AI implications for dental hygiene)
- 9/16/25 -- JoAnn Gurenlian and Katherine Williamson -- Ongoing collaboration

- 9/17 -- Post-HOD Executive Board Meeting
- 9/20/25 -- Stephen Quimby, RDH (ODHA)
- 9/23 -- ADHA Annual Legislative Webinar (Panelist)
- 9/24 -- "Demystifying Dental Hygienists' Autonomy" Webinar (Component presentation)
- 9/26 -- Website Management Meeting

October 2025

- 10/3 -- Meeting with Shelly Hammond (Pre--Annual Session Presentation)
- 10/4--10/6 -- ADHA Annual Session (Panelist: Dental Hygiene Modernization Act)
- 10/7 -- Legislative Meetings with Senator Salim and Delegate Simon (with lobbyist Dani Girardi)
- 10/10 -- 3 P's Meeting
- 10/14 -- Foundation Meeting
- 10/15 -- Legislative Meeting with Irene Shin's Office
- 10/15 -- Podcast with Brit Glauz
- 10/15 -- Meeting with Potential New Lobbyist
- 10/17 -- Virginia Health Care (VHC) Summit (In-person)
- 10/20 -- Meeting with Past President Emilie Ellis
- 10/21--10/22 -- Access to Care Summit (In-person; advocated for ADHA priorities)
- 10/23 -- VIP Net List Meeting
- 10/27 -- Meeting with Kyle Sadewhite
- 10/29 -- Meeting with Barrett Hardiman
- 10/29 -- COHM Meeting
- 10/30 -- Presidents, Presidents-Elect, and Membership Meetings
- 10/30 -- Advocacy Advisory Committee

November 2025

- 11/1 -- COHM Meeting
- 11/4 -- Meeting with Hardiman and PHEPA Council Chair
- 11/5 -- Meeting with Senator Favola
- 11/6 -- PHEPA Council Meeting
- 11/11 -- Meeting with Kathy Forbes

- 11/12 -- ADHA Meeting on OHAP
- 11/13 -- Podcast Interview
- 11/14 -- Meeting with Paul Dominique, DDS
- 11/19 -- Meeting with Lisandra Masionette, RDH
- 11/21 -- RDH UOR Webinar Planning (Dental Hygiene Autonomy)
- 11/23 -- 3 P's Meeting

December 2025

- 12/1 -- ADHA/VDHA Meeting
- 12/2 -- PHEPA Council Meeting
- 12/9 -- ADHA Lobbyist Meeting
- 12/10 -- VDHA Town Hall Dry Run
- 12/11 -- VDHA Town Hall Meeting
- 12/11 -- Advocacy Advisory Meeting
- 12/19 -- Meeting with Kyle (ABC)

January 2026

- 1/11 -- 3 P's Meeting
- 1/13 -- Advocacy Huddle
- 1/14 -- ADHA Meeting on OPAs
- 1/14 -- Executive Board Meeting
- 1/15 -- Panelist: "Navigating OPA: Tools & Tips for Dental Hygienists" Webinar
- 1/18 -- Podcast Interview with Sade Morel, RDH
- 1/22 -- Foundation Meeting
- 1/23 -- Lobby Day at the Capitol
- 1/23 -- Meeting with AZDHA Leader
- 1/26 -- Advocacy Debrief
- 1/27 -- Local News Interview
- 1/29 -- "Demystifying Dental Hygiene Autonomy" Webinar (Lone Star Dental Society)
- 1/31 -- Panelist: RDH-AP Webinar

February 2026

- 2/1 -- VDHA Strategy Session
- 2/2 -- ADHA/VDHA Advocacy Meeting
- 2/3 -- Emergency Legislative Meeting
- 2/3 -- Advocacy Advisory Committee
- 2/6 -- Advocacy Debrief
- 2/9 -- Interview with HealthNews.com
- 2/10 -- Retention Task Force Kickoff
- 2/10 -- Emergency Board Meeting
- 2/12 -- Pacific/Western Region Advocacy Meeting
- 2/13 -- Podcast: *A Tale of Two Hygienists*
- 2/24 -- Midwestern Region Advocacy Meeting
- 2/25 -- NBC Interview
- 2/25 -- Current Issues Lecture (San Antonio Dental Hygiene Program)
- 2/27--3/1 -- Dissertation Work: Determinants of Dental Hygiene Autonomy

March 2026

- 3/6 -- Meeting with ADHA Staff (Upcoming Webinar)
- 3/10 -- Advocacy Advisory Committee
- 3/11 -- Retention Task Force (Monthly)
- 3/11 -- "Demystifying Dental Hygiene Autonomy" Webinar
- 3/13 -- Meeting with President-Elect

April 2026

- 4/3 -- Letter to VDHA members sent informing them on the outcomes of legislation
- 4/6 -- ADHA Annual Meeting of Voting Members
- 4/7 -- Advocacy DC Trip Logistics
- 4/8 -- Lobbyist Contract Meeting
- 4/8 -- Retention Task Force (Monthly)
- 4/11 -- VDHA Engagement Discussion
- 4/11 -- Lobbyist Meeting
- 4/15--4/17 -- ADHA Lobbying Trip (Washington, DC; meetings with staff for Senators Kaine and Warner)

- 4/19 -- Executive Board Meeting Preparation
- 4/22 -- Richmond Magazine interview

May 2026

- 5/2 -- VDHA meeting as Chair; immediate transition into Chair role needed following Ryan Maphis's abdication of duties
- 5/5 -- ADHA Advocacy Advisory Committee meeting
- 5/6 -- ADHA Southern Advocacy Meeting as member of the ADHA Advocacy Advisory Committee
- 5/8 -- Retention Task Force under the coalition of Delta Dental Foundation with other key ADHA leaders, moving ethical, evidence-based solutions forward and discussing potential endorsement of the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework
- 5/8 -- Meeting with American Mobile and Tele Dentistry Association
- 5/8 -- President-Elect and Membership Meeting
- 5/15 -- Completed Part I for RDH Magazine of *Seismic Strains: Surveying the Ethical Fault Lines in Dentistry*, covering areas relevant to the OPA and ethical practice while deepening the RDH community's awareness of these issues
- 5/20 -- Podcast interview with Kelly Tanner
- 5/27 -- VDHA Town Hall on the OPA

June 2026

- 6/1 -- Acceptance for the Mid-Atlantic webinar scheduled for 8/18 as VDHA President
- 6/2 -- National Oral Health Leadership Task Force; moved the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework forward as task force leader
- 6/6 -- Completed the white paper for ADHA on self-governance; now pending publication
- 6/8 -- Completed Part II for RDH Magazine of *Seismic Strains: Surveying the Ethical Fault Lines in Dentistry*, covering areas relevant to the OPA and ethical practice while deepening the RDH community's awareness of these issues
- 6/10 -- National Oral Health Leadership Task Force
- 6/24 -- PHEPA Council Meeting
- 6/25 -- National Oral Health Leadership Task Force Pathways Discussion
- 6/30 Admin Council Meeting

July 2026

- 7/1 -- Meeting with ADHA strategist regarding the Board of Dentistry and possible actions related to the OPA

- 7/3 Meeting with outgoing P&D Council Chair
- 7/8 -- National Oral Health Leadership Task Force
- 7/8 Podcast on the OPA from the lens of Law and Ethics with Stephanie Botts
- 7/8 Meeting with Andrew Lee of UOP
- 7/8 Contract Committee Meeting
- 7/14 -- Advocacy Advisory Committee meeting
- 7/15 -- Executive Board meeting
- 7/16--7/19 -- RDH Under One Roof in Washington, DC (multiple meetings with collaborative dentists and hygienists)
- 7/20 Meeting with Pam Zarkowski, JD, MPH, RDH
- 7/21 Advocacy Advisory Committee Meeting for Western States

Major Activities

- Continued to represent VDHA in state and national advocacy efforts related to the OPA, professional ethics, and dental hygiene modernization.
- Advanced the Dental Hygiene Modernization Act framework through national task force leadership and strategic discussions with ADHA-aligned leaders.
- Completed a major ADHA white paper on dental hygiene self-governance.
- Continued national publication work through RDH Magazine to address ethical fault lines in dentistry and issues directly relevant to the OPA.
- Participated in media, podcast, webinar, and professional education activities representing VDHA's position and elevating dental hygiene autonomy.
- Assumed additional leadership responsibilities within VDHA following a sudden leadership vacancy.
- Maintained engagement with ADHA, membership leadership, and external coalition partners.
- Continued to position VDHA as a leading voice in evidence-based, ethical, and profession-led dental workforce reform.

President Elect HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: 7-21-26

Committee Member: Marlene Rhodes RDH, BSDH, CDA

Committee Charge: None at this time

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: Working on possible PR and PBY submissions for HOD

Advocacy: Assisting PHEPA council members and legislative personnel to implement grass roots efforts with concentration on legislative submissions

Alliances/Collaboration: Work with President Dr Sven and ADHA in order to advise of the current legislative and member concerns

Education/Professional Development: Attended all courses at Scientific Session and VDHA Town Halls. Facilitate several meetings as needed.

Infrastructure/Operations:

Participated in numerous internal meetings:
Administrative Council Meetings
Membership Services Council
D3 Leaders, District III Workshop until it was dissolved
Lobby Day Debrief
Attended ADHA Presidents' Meeting (May 5)
Spoke at VCU graduation

Items for board decision: none at this time

Respectfully submitted,
Marlene Rhodes, RDH, BSDH, CDA

Vice President HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: 7/22/26

Committee Members: Elvin Schrock, RDH

Committee Charge: Procedure manual edits, sending invitations for HOD

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan:

Proposed procedure manual edits for 2026/2027
Proposed PM edits submitted by Emilie Ellis
Proposed PM edits submitted by Rosa Tripp

Advocacy:

January 23, 2026--Rally day

Alliances/Collaboration:

Connected Richmond Magazine journalist with president for interview regarding dental hygienist shortage

Education/Professional Development:

September 13, 2025--Great Leaders are Made not Born: How Clinical Dental Hygiene Practice Prepares our Profession for Autonomy--in person at HOD-2 CE
September 23, 2025--mentorship meeting via Zoom
October 7, 2025--Step Away From the Antibiotics: Embracing Antibiotic Stewardship CE via Zoom--1 CE
October 15, 2025--VDHA Executive Board onboarding
October 21, 2025--VDHA Executive Board onboarding
November 13, 2025--Crucial Conversations on the OPA via zoom 1.5 CE
November 17, 2025--mentorship meeting via Zoom
November 19, 2025-- VDHA Executive Board onboarding
January 15, 2026--Navigating OPA: Tools and Tips for Dental Hygienists via Zoom--1 CE
March 17, 2026--Ready to Lead? Your Guide to Volunteering for the ADHA board via Zoom

April 8, 2026--VDHA Scientific Session: Local Anesthesia refresher via Zoom--2 CE

May 12, 2026--The Dental Connection to GLP-1 Injections

May 27, 2026--VDHA Town Hall RDH exclusive via Zoom

June 10, 2026--Building Your Personal Brand: Authenticity, Authority, and Opportunity via Zoom--1 CE

July 14, 2026--Demystifying Dental Hygiene Autonomy--on demand 2 CE
July 16, 2026--Updating Your Knowledge of Dental Caries: Causes, Concerns, and Consideration-- 1 CE

Items for board decision: none

Infrastructure/Operations:

November 10, 2025--Greater Richmond executive board meeting via Zoom

January 14, 2026--Executive board meeting via Zoom

January 19, 2026--Rally Day orientation via Zoom

January 23, 2026--Rally Day

February 2, 2026 Greater Richmond exec board meeting, Short Pump, VA

March 16, 2026--Greater Richmond exec board via Zoom

March 29, 2026-- Admin council meeting via Zoom

April 20, 2026--Ad hoc website management meeting via Zoom

April 22, 2026--Executive board meeting Zoom

May 4, 2026--Ad hoc website management meeting via Zoom

May 18, 2026--Ad hoc website management meeting via Zoom

June 2, 2026--Greater Richmond exec board via Zoom

June 22, 2026 Greater Richmond exec board via Zoom

June 30, 2026 Admin council meeting via zoom

July 15, 2026 Executive board meeting

Items for board decision: none

Informational items (no discussion needed): Requesting any additional procedure manual edits to be submitted by September 22, 2026 for Admin council review prior to next EB meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Elvin Schrock, RDH, VDHA Vice President

01 NOVA Component Annual Report

Report Date: 07/12/2026

Committee Members:

Co-Chair: Betsy Di Silvio

Co-Chair: Arati Singh

Chair-elect position open

Trustee: Rosa Tripp

Financial Liaison: Julie Simms

SCADHA Liaison: Betsy Di Silvio

Legislation Chair: Cathy Berard

Employment Referral: Sheila Sheets

Membership: Stephanie Gardner

Continuing Education: Betsy Di Silvio

Newsletter Editor: Kayla Orange

Community Health Outreach: Sherry Basham

NVDS Liaison: Mavish Iqval

Media Management: Griselda Lopez

Committee Charge: Northern Virginia Area

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: Not many graduates becoming members.

Advocacy:

- August 2025: NOVA Students encouraged to go to Rally Day
- Jan: 100% participation by NOVA students at Rally Day
- Jan-March: Members were kept updated regarding OPA and Foreign Dentist Bills and encouraged to write to their legislators
- March - Component 01 voted unanimously to give 1k to VDHA to boost social media advocacy posts
- June 2026: Members were told to report any illegal OPA sightings

Alliances/Collaboration:

- August 2025 - Betsy has reached out to Germanna Community College via Misty to include them more in the component. Kayla Orange has also reached out more recently regarding their inclusion in our quarterly newsletter. We have not been successful, but we will continue trying to become more integrated.
- Sept 20, 2025 - Booth for Diabetes Walk in DC included Sherry and NOVA students
- Oct 2025 - Moss Clinic in Fredericksburg closed so Component 01 is no longer making donations there. Voted unanimously to make a 1k donation to Loudon Dental Clinic.
- April 17th - Sherry Basham acquired almost 6K in donations for NVDC. Component 01 donated ultrasonics to NVDC.
- April 30th - Component 01 sponsored pinning ceremony for NOVA graduating class
- May 13th - Component 01 sponsored Sherry and NOVA students holding Oral and Dental Health Seminar at the Lake Ridge Fellowship House for Seniors.

Education/Professional Development:

- September 24th - “Demystifying Dental Hygiene Autonomy” by Derik J Sven, MBA, MPH, RDH, CDT, FADHA
- October 22nd - “Infection Control, OSHA Update, and Bloodborne Pathogens” by Louis DePaola, DDS, MS
- November 20th - “Breathology: Breathing Techniques to Transform Your Wellbeing” by Ayo Handy-Kendi
- January 15th - “The Dental Hygienists’ Role in Risk-based Periodontal Therapy” by Carol Jahn, RDH, MS
- February 11th - “Do the Right Thing: Ethics, Jurisprudence and Is Your Practice Truly HIPAA Compliant?” by Mary Govoni, MBA, RDH, CDA
- March 24 - “Facing the Consequences: Unmasking the Impact of Nutritional & Airway Deficiencies” by Lacy Walker, RDH, BS, FAADH, FAAOSH
- April - Sherry Basham presented a course at VDHA Scientific Session on Alzheimer’s, Dementia, and Parkinson’s disease.

Infrastructure/Operations:

Component meetings:

- 08/13/2025
- 10/01/2025
- 12/10/2025
- 03/10/2026
- 05/20/2026

Items for board decision: None at this time.

Informational items (no discussion needed):

- Our quarterly newsletters made by Kayla Orange are emailed to the component and placed on social media by Griselda Lopez; after website management is in place they will also be in our component section
- New Facebook made for Component 01 by Griselda Lopez because we did not have full access to previous one
- Arati Singh is the new co-chair; Janis Slezak has stepped down
- All 2026 HOD Delegates and 2 Alternates secured
- Catherine Johnson (Previous NVDS Liaison) is retiring and leaving the state.
- Taking a break for the Summer until Aug 26, 6:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rosa Lya Tripp, RDH

VDHA Component 01 Trustee

02 Greater Richmond Component HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: 7/19/2026

Committee Members:

Chair/Membership Chair/Secretary: Emily Comia

Financial Liaison: Elvin Schrock

Trustee/Legislative Chair: Hagir Saleh

Continuing Education Chair: Melvena Peace

SCADHA Liaison: David Wein

Committee Charge: Represent and support dental hygienists and dental hygiene students in the Greater Richmond component.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: Current 2024-2025 VDHA Strategic Plan reviewed and implemented at the component level.

Advocacy: Component members and students in VCU's Dental Hygiene Program have been encouraged to stay informed about the legislations recently passed and taking effect July 1st. Members are encouraged to continue educating patients about the impact of these changes and advocating to help ensure patient's oral health and access to care are supported.

The VDHA reaffirmed its commitment to professional autonomy for dental hygienists in Virginia and encouraged members to stay informed through the association's website and social media platforms.

Alliances/Collaboration:

The Greater Richmond component celebrated the VCU senior dental hygiene students at the Byrd park picnic shelter on May 3rd, 2026.

Members and VCU dental hygiene students volunteered at the 2026 Give Kids a Smile Day on February 20th and the 2026 Special Olympics Mission of Mercy (MOM) Project on June 6th.
At the start of the fall semester, Greater Richmond Component leaders will present to VCU Dental Hygiene students on the value of association membership, leadership, and advocacy. The session will conclude with an interactive quiz and prizes to reinforce key concepts and encourage engagement.

Education/Professional Development:

Greater Richmond component members attended Rally Day – January 23rd, 2026
Component members attended the VDHA Spring Scientific Session via Zoom – April 8th and 10th-11th, 2026
The component hosted a CE course, “Building Your Personal Brand: Authenticity, Authority, and Opportunity,” presented by Doug Perry via Zoom - June 10, 2026
Partnering with VCU faculty to recruit, appoint, and train student delegates for the October 2026 House of Delegates.

Infrastructure/Operations:

Component Meetings: February 2nd 2026, March 16th 2026, June 22nd 2026, October 19th 2026

Items for board decision: None

Respectfully submitted by,
Hagir Saleh RDH, BSDH
Trustee and Legislative Chair

03 Tidewater Component HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: June 30th, 2026

Committee Members:

Co-Chairs: Jessica Suedbeck, MSDH, RDH, PhD(c) and Emily Ludwig, MSDH, RDH, PhD(c)

Trustee: Sam Vest MSDH, RDH

Social Media: vacant

Membership: vacant

Financial Liaison: Vacant

VDHA HOD Delegates: Jessica Suedbeck, Emily Ludwig, Adaira Howell, Lauren Mangum

Alternate Delegate: Trish Garza, Cindy Flowers

Committee Charge: Continue to provide Tidewater dental hygienists leadership and support on current professional and oral healthcare issues. To continue to uphold the beliefs of ADHA and VDHA’s mission statement and core values to support dental hygienist and dental hygiene students and move our profession forward.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan:

Advocacy:

- TDHA Legislative Q&A Zoom February 11th, 2026
- Rally Day attendance in January 2026 at the Capitol in Richmond. Virginia

Alliances/Collaboration:

- ODU SODH White Coat & Pinning Ceremony April 28th, 2026

Professional Development:

- ODU SODH SADHA & TDHA “Beyond the Classroom” April 22nd, 2026, included: panelist discussion on roles of the dental hygienist, exhibit hall featuring local dental offices and loupe/instrument companies.
- ODU SODH SADHA & TDHA Fall Job Fair November 19th 2025 included: over 20 local, state, and traveling dental offices/companies.

Infrastructure/Operations:

- Quarterly Zoom Meetings

Items for board decision: None

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Vest MSDH, RDH
Trustee

05 Piedmont HOD Report

The Component was reactivated in the Spring of 2026 and they did not have any activities by the time of reporting.

Committee Members:

Chair: Tina Gauldin

Financial Liaison: Jamie Murrel

Trustee: Kristy Peters

06 Monticello Component HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: July 19,2026

Committee Members:

Trustee – Nancy Dragovich

Chair – Christina Morris

Delegates: Jennifer Hellard, Nancy Dragovich

Financial Administrator – Christina Morris

Membership – Betsey Soulsby

Secretary – Paula Knight

Website Coordinator- Nicole Fischer Wells

Committee Charge: Represent and support dental hygienists in the Monticello component.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: none

Advocacy: Advocate to fellow hygienists about legislation for VDHA to support the future of our profession.

Alliances/Collaboration: Volunteer with Fridays After Five on August 21,2026 to raise money for various ministries and distribute hygiene care packages.

Education/Professional Development: CE -February 11,2026 with Dr. Grover, a local endodontist, the topic was “Present Day Endodontics” location at the Charlottesville Free Dental Clinic

Infrastructure/Operations: Meetings held September 24, 2025, January 20,2026 and April 29,2026.

Members: 29 members. 6 are graduates

Items for board decision: none

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy K Dragovich, BSDH, RDH

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Component 06 Trustee

07 Peninsula Trustee HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: July 18, 2026

Committee Members:

Chair: OPEN

Financial Liaison: Marge Green

Trustee: Julie A. Martin

Appointed Positions:

Membership: VACANT

Continuing Education Events: VACANT

Continuing Education Sponsorship:

Legislation: Marge Green

Facebook: Julie Martin

SC-ADHA Liaisons: ODU, SODH Advisory Board: Julie A. Martin

Committee Charge:

Represent and support dental hygienists and student dental hygienists in the Hampton Roads area.

Provide continuing education courses in person and online for RDH's in the area and state.

Responsible for having a delegation team representing Component 07 at House of Delegates each year.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan:

Limited volunteers to provide more services to our region.

Advocacy:

Representatives from Component 07 participated in VDHA's Annual Legislative Day in January. Julie A. Martin attended ODU's Advisory Board meeting on April, 30, 2026

Alliances/Collaboration:

Education/Professional Development:

2 hr, virtual CE Unlocking Hygiene Coding. December 4, 2025, presented by Kathy Forbes, RDH, BS, FADHA

Infrastructure/Operations:

Continue to promote members to take on volunteer roles in our component and grow membership.

Provide continuing courses via Zoom and in person.

Items for board decision: None currently

Respectfully submitted by,

Julie A. Martin, BSDH, RDH

Component 07 Trustee

09 Southwest HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: July 1, 2026

Committee Members:

President/Chair – Kara Davis

Trustee – Kara Davis

Financial liaison – Margaret Martin

Vice President/CE – Vacant

Legislation – Rita Phillips

Membership – Vacant

Secretary – Margaret Martin

Delegates – Maureen Thompson

Alternate Delegate – Vacant

Committee Charge: Represent and support dental hygienists and student dental hygienists in the Southwest Virginia area.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: Lack of volunteers and having representation for component roles.

Advocacy: Reached out to local delegates on recent bills to further information on dental hygiene profession.

Alliances/Collaboration:

Education/Professional Development:

Infrastructure/Operations:

Continue to recruit members to take on volunteer roles in our component and grow membership

Executive Board Component Zoom meetings:

March 2, 2026

Executive Board in-person meetings

May 1, 2026

Items for board decision: None

Informational items: SWVDHA made our annual donations to the Foundation and ADHA IOH. SWVDHA has voted not to support and fund student delegates for our component due to lack of funds.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Davis, CDA, RDH, Trustee 09

10 Northwest Component HOD/Annual Report

Report Date: July 19, 2026

Committee Members:

Chair: Kate Hoffman

Co Chair: Sue Daugherty

Trustee: Meghan Glago

Financial Liaison: Karen Avey

Delegates: Lori Ellington, Nataly Hernandez

Alternate Delegates: Karen Avey, Kate Hoffman

Membership: Kate Hoffman

Continuing Education: Sue Daugherty

Regulation & Practice Liaison: Maureen Sawin

Facebook: Ryan Maphis

Student Chapter Liaisons: Kate Hoffman

Committee Charge:

Represent VDHA and support dental hygienists and student dental hygienists in the Shenandoah Valley from Harrisonburg to Winchester.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan:

None at this time.

Advocacy:

Participated in VDHA's Annual Rally Day Friday January 23, 2026.

Alliances/Collaboration:

Work with Laurel Ridge Community College to support its Hygiene Program through Virginia Western.

Educate and navigate student delegates from LRCC at HOD.

Education/Professional Development:

- CE October 7, 2025 "Step Away From The Antibiotics, Embracing Antibiotic Stewardship" presented by Amanda Hill, RDH
- CE November 6, 2025 "Airway Health in the Dental Chair: Recognizing Symptomatology and Elevating the RDH" presented by Angela Richwine, RDH, BASc, QOM, COM
- CE December 2, 2025 "Beyond the Probe: Integrating Holistic Wellness for Oral Health and Hygienist Resilience" presented by Dabney Vaccaro, BS, RDH
- CE January 8, 2026 "Supporting Austistic Patients: Communication, Safety, and Sensory-Informed Care for the Dental Professional" present by Jenna Smith, M.A.T., CNP
- CE February 12, 2026 "Part Two: From Awareness to Action – Advancing the RDH's Clinical Role in Airway Health" presented by Angela Richwine, RDH, BASc, QOM,COM
- CE March 12, 2026 "The Assessment Advantage: Transforming Routine Visits into True Preventative Care" presented by Marie Sanders, PhD, CRDH, CDIPC
- CE May 12, 2026 "The Dental Connection to GLP-1 Injection" presented by Kelly Divito, MS, BSDH, RDH
- Toothbrushes were purchased and given to the Laurel Ridge Community College dental hygiene students to give out at the Valley Wellness Health Fair at the Apple Blossom Mall in Winchester, VA in February

Infrastructure/Operations:

Continuously work on reaching out to new members in our area.

Component meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

Respectfully submitted,

Meghan Glago, RDH

Component 10 Trustee

Section VI: Council Reports

Administrative Council

Public Health and Professional Affairs Council

Planning and Development Council

Members Services Council

Administrative Council Annual Report

Report Date: 7-21-26

Committee Members:

Marlene Rhodes, Chair, President Elect

Derik Sven, President

Immediate Past President (vacant),

Recording Secretary (vacant),

Patricia MacDougall, Treasurer,

Melvena Talley, Speaker of the House,

Riley Andrews, Alternate Speaker of the House

Committee Chairs: Patricia MacDougall, Budget and Finance; Bylaws, Emilie Ellis, Resolution and Policy Committee; Lauren Mangum, Alice Hinchcliffe Williams Scholarship Fund; Elvin Schrock, Vice President and Procedure Manual

Committee Charge: Establish long range of goals and operatives for VDHA. Address policy, budget, and leadership development. Meet after the installation of new HOD officers to develop specific plans for the coming year. The VDHA Strategic Plan assigns goals to each Council and gives direction to the committees.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: Plans to submit rewrites to sections of the procedure manual.

Advocacy: President's report in Dropbox explains various activities on the advocacy agenda. Interviews and meetings on various platforms are to be or have recently been recorded. Lobbyist Barrett Hardiman is working on the possible upcoming legislation from VDHA.

Alliances/Collaboration: none at this time

Education/Professional Development: : Working with President, Council Chairs; and Bylaws, Resolution and Policy Committee to streamline Procedure Manual.

Infrastructure/Operations: see Items for decision

Items for board decision: brought forward by reports

- 1.) Adhoc Committee for finding new Management for the association
 - a. Contract signed with Emilie Ellis for Website Services
 - b. In negotiations with WorkSmartRDH for Association Management
- 2.) Discussed future sites for Scientific Session and other in-person and online meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Rhodes, RDH, BSDH, CDA

Public Health and Professional Affairs Council Annual Report

Council Chair: Cathy Berard

Council Members:

- VDHA Lobbyist: Barrett Hardiman
- Board of Dentistry (VBOD) Liaison: Tracey Martin
- Advocacy and Legislative Committee: Co-Chairs- Tracey Martin and Kristen Robbins, Members: Tracey Martin, Marlene Rhodes, Hagir Saleh, Cathy Berard, Kristen Greene Robbins, Derik Sven, Christina Morris, Marge Green, Kara Davis, Adaira Howell, Maureen Sawin, Stephany Gardner, Marion Manski, Becky Jones, Kristy Peters
- Education Committee and DH Consortium chair: Dr. Misty Mesimer, Member: Tara Newcomb
- Public Health Committee Chair: Chair-Kristen Robbins
 - Dr. Denise Claiborne McKinney, Virginia Health Catalyst committee member
 - Dr. Melissa Sullivan, Virginia Health Catalyst Liaison
 - Sherry Basham, Virginia Association of Free and Charitable Clinics liaison
 - Dr. Rita Phillips, Virginia Rural Health Association liaison/AHEC Liaison
 - Vacant position, Virginia Head Start Association liaison
 - Vacant position, Virginia Department of Health liaison

Council Charge:

Establish education, advocacy, and alliance goals for VDHA; protect and advance standards of dental hygiene education, licensure and practice. Increase the public awareness of the profession of dental hygiene. Develop plans for the annual Lobby Day.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan

Advocacy:

- Lobby Day: Friday, January 23, 2026 over 300 hygienists, students and stakeholders took to the capitol in our purple scarves and white lab coats. Excellent weather blessed us, please see the photos that have been posted on social media and were uploaded onto our website
- Despite the excellent efforts of our members led by our Lobbyist Barrett Hardiman; VDA's bills (that had been 3 years in the making) to allow foreign trained dentists to obtain a dental hygiene license and permit on the job trained dental assistants use ultrasonic and hand instruments were successful. Members attended and testified at Senate and House subcommittee and committee meetings over the course of session.
- Video Legislative Updates that were weekly during session, resumed, June 26, 2026.
- Bi-Weekly Advocacy/Legislative Committee meetings (virtual).
- Continuous communication with members and the public via emails, social media campaigns.
- Crafted new informational one-pager about RDH for use with legislators in addition to VDHA Fact Card.
- Foreign Trained Dentist Bills (SB 282/HB 1036)
 - Board of Dentistry will begin drafting regulations in the next 6 months. NO regulations have been drafted yet; NO dental hygiene licenses have been awarded to foreign trained dentists yet.
- OPA bills (SB 178/HB 970)
 - **Virginia Board of Dentistry (BOD)- Dental Assistant Regulation Decision at their June meeting:** The Board of Dentistry has decided **not** to write regulations for dental assistants

performing scaling procedures, despite previous promises from the Virginia Dental Association that regulations would be developed.

- VDHA is reaching out to BOD members and legislators to address this decision and advocate for regulatory oversight.
- Possible pursuit of FTC advocacy on our behalf will be sought.
- License Portability (HB 570)
Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact; criminal background check. Establishes the procedure by which the Board of Dentistry shall fulfill the criminal background check requirement of the Dentist and Dental Hygienist Compact.

Status: Failed

Due to this legislature failure, Virginia is the only state in non-compliance with the DDH Compact.

- Three legislative proposals being developed by VDHA for 2027 session, include:
 - Hygienists administer local anesthesia in any setting including General and Remote Supervision
 - Create a board of dental hygiene
 - Enable hygienists to provide preventive care in schools to children
- Social media campaign (with boosting) has been launched to address public awareness about the OPA law taking effect July 1st, with educational materials and launch of a public awareness campaign to alert the public. The first 20 “scalings” performed by dental assistants MUST be accomplished only with a signed letter of consent from the patient.
- Legislative co-chair Tracey Martin is pursuing creation of a professionally created PSA video explaining who a dental hygienist and what we do to share with Virginia Legislators; seeking if there is funding in VDHA budget and if not to write a grant to the VDHA Foundation to support this. A similar video was posted on YouTube by Lisandra Maisonette.
- VDHA nominated Dr. Marina McGraw for the RDH Board of Dentistry position that opened June 30, 2026. Governor Spanberger has not made appointments to date.
- VDHA House of Delegate invitations to legislators are being drafted and will be sent to all 20 Delegates who voted against the OPA bill as well as Secretary of Health, and key committee members of both houses.

Alliances /Collaboration:

- VDHA members continue to participate in meetings with Virginia Catalyst, Board of People with Disabilities, BOD committees, the National Oral Health Leadership Task Force and more.

Professional Development:

- Demystifying Dental Hygiene Autonomy, 2 hour CE presented by VDHA President Derik Sven is available at no charge on our website
- ADHA White Paper on Self Regulation is posted on our website
- December 11, 2025 VDHA Town Hall panelists presented advocacy resources
- May 6, 2026 ADHA sponsored Southern Region Advocacy Meeting
- May 26, 2026 VDHA Town Hall addressed General Assembly actions/outcomes and action needed, NPI enrollment, new One Pager developed (see attached)
- VDHA President participation in the Mid Atlantic Leadership Webinar “State of the Profession”, Tuesday, August 18, 2026 7:00-8:30 pm virtual; free registration.

Education Development:

- Germanna CC has signed MOUs with Piedmont CC and Eastern Shore CC for distance site DH programs to open in December 2027
 - This will increase their total enrollment to 15 RDH graduates per year
- VCCS is looking at awarding credit for prior learning from the military, eg. Paramedic to nurse
- Virginia Peninsula CC program is still “on pause”.

Infrastructure/Operations: no activity

Items for Board Information (no action required):

- VDHA Lobby Day date: January 29, 2027 with select VDHA representatives and leaders attending 1/15/27; additional members attending on 1/22/27 (VDA’s lobby day)
- Potential “coffee” sponsored by VDHA with VCU dental students to raise their awareness and knowledge of RDH and business models
- Senator Kaine interest in healthcare policy was noted and ADA 6/23/26 letter to him expanding dental team training was posted in ADA News

Activities that should be referred to the President and Executive Board for action or referral:

- Additional members needed to attend General Assembly every day they are in session
- Initiate member calls and visits legislators now- share who you are and what you do as a hygienist and what we do to help the public.
- Continue to solicit and mentor VDHA members to serve on the Board of Dentistry (ongoing)

Report signed and submitted electronically

Catherine Berard, PHEPA Council Chair

HEALTHY SMILES. *Bright Futures.*

DENTAL HYGIENISTS DESERVE OUR RESPECT

Dental hygienists are oral health professionals who help people of all ages prevent disease, maintain healthy mouths, and feel confident about their smiles. Dental Hygienists often spend the most time with patients and are the first line of defense in oral health. Their education and training provide unique skills that are critical in every dental practice.



EDUCATION & TRAINING TO BECOME A DENTAL HYGIENIST

1



To become a dental hygienist you must complete a CODA accredited program. Accreditation ensures the program meets national standards for quality education.

2



A CODA program is two academic years and can result in a bachelor's degree or an associate degree. Programs are offered at colleges and universities in Virginia.

3



CODA accredited course work includes anatomy, physiology, biochemistry, and pathology.

4



Course work also includes histology, periodontology, dental materials, pharmacology, nutrition, and pain management.

5



Dental Hygiene students are also required to gain in-depth, hands-on clinical experience treating real patients. Clinical training builds the skills and confidence needed for success in practice.

6



After graduating from a CODA accredited program individuals must pass the National Boards administered by the ADA and a clinical competency exam. Once all requirements are met, you can apply for licensure in Virginia.

WHAT DENTAL HYGIENISTS DO



Dental hygienists work with patients and the dental team to promote oral health and overall well-being.



PROVIDE PREVENTIVE AND THERAPEUTIC SERVICES

Remove bacterial film from teeth and root surfaces to prevent cavities and gum disease.



EXAMINE & ASSESS

Examine teeth and gums, take measurements, and check for signs of oral disease. Report findings to the dentist.



TAKE X-RAYS

Take and develop digital X-rays to detect problems that are not visible to the eye.



EDUCATE PATIENTS

Teach patients how to care for their teeth and gums, including brushing, flossing, nutrition, and other healthy habits.



PREVENT DISEASE

Apply sealants, fluoride treatments, and other preventive therapies as appropriate.



There are over
6,000 Dental Hygienists
licensed in Virginia



For more information visit
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VIRGINIA DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION

Planning and Development Council Annual Report 2026

Report Date: July 5, 2026

Committee Members:

Council Chair:	Mimi Magyar
Continuing Education:	Emilie Ellis
Ways and Means:	Vacant
Foundation Liaison:	Irene Connolly
VDHA Treasurer:	Trish MacDougall
Budget and Finance Chair:	Trish MacDougall
HOD Chair:	Mimi Magyar
Speaker of the House:	Melvina Peace
Alt. Speaker of the House:	Riley Andrews
HOD Secretary:	Amanda Woodland

Committee Charge: Planning high quality and affordable continuing education courses, the annual House of Delegates meeting, and an annual leadership development workshop.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan: organizing an annual House of Delegates Meeting and the VDHA Leadership Development Workshop (formerly known as “Ignite!”) to provide leadership development to our potential future leaders.

Advocacy: I reached out to my VA State Delegate and Senators and voiced my opposition to legislation affecting our profession. Attended the VA House Health and Human Services committee hearing/public comments on Feb. 5, 2026.

Alliances/Collaboration: I have been continuously working with members of my council, the VP, and the VDHA Foundation to organize 2026 HOD, 2027 SS and 2027 HOD. In progress: working with the Hilton on the Banquet and Event Order, floor plans, AV, etc, for 2026 HOD, and working with the Glen Allean Cultural Arts Center on 2027 SS.

Education/Professional Development:

The VDHA Leadership Development Workshop was held on October 3, 2025, 9-11 AM. Speaker was Anne Guignon.

Infrastructure/Operations:

Council meetings: 9/10/2025, 10/28/2025, 01/27/2026, 03/11/2026, 04/27/2026, 06/23/2026.

2025 HOD and Leadership Development Workshop

Thank you to the HOD committee: Speaker of the House Sam Vest, Alt. Speaker Jessica Flaig, HOD Secretary Amanda Woodland, Treasurer Trish MacDougall, Emily Ludwig CE Chair, and Foundation Liaison Irene Connolly for a successful HOD and LDW! Thank you, Derik Sven, for securing Anne Guignon as speaker.

Expense report

Income

Registration	\$10,620
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Expenses:

Food and Beverages:	\$6,065.36
AV:	\$3188.18
Meeting rooms:	\$2000
Bank fees:	\$13.74
Name tags:	\$104

Total expenses: \$11,371.27

Profit/Loss: (\$751.27)

AHW Scholarship winner essay reading- The winner, Skylar Kritzman read her essay.

Leadership Development Workshop: speaker was Anne Guignon. The workshop was not advertised to RDH schools and attendance was lower than in previous years.

2026 SS

It was all virtual. 146 registered. The speakers received discounts, and they could register for \$100. Courses and speakers were highlighted on social media.

A lot of mailers were returned.

Final profit: \$16,000

2026 HOD and Leadership Development Workshop

- Date: Oct. 2-3, 2026.
- Location: Hilton Richmond Hotel and Spa, Short Pump.
- Minimum food and beverage requirement is \$6000, and hotel room rental minimum is 37 rooms. Room rate \$179. Deadline for hotel room reservation is Sept. 9, 2026.
- New on the schedule: The VDHA Foundation Reception will be held on Friday, October 2 at 6 PM.
- **Annual/HOD reports due date: July 19, 2026**
- **Registration will open on Aug 1, 2026.** Upon registration, attendees will receive the HOD Manual, Bylaws and Policy Manual. LDW registration will be on the same website.
- Dr. Tom Ellington agreed to be parliamentarian.
- Junior students will be invited to the First House and Senior students will be invited to attend the Second House as guests.
- Testimony to a Reference Committee and PRs/PBYs forms will be electronic again, and the Reference Committee reports as well.
- **Leadership Development Workshop:** Saturday, October 3, 9-11 AM. Speaker will be Emilie Ellis, topic: "Mentorship"

2027 Scientific Session

- **Dates:** April 7, 9-10, 2027. Virtual 2 CE on Wednesday April 7, and 6 CEs on Saturday, April 10.
- In person: April 9, 2027; 7 CEs.
Registration: 8-9 AM
9-12 AM CE
12 AM-1:30 PM lunch and exhibits-1 CE

1:30-4:30 PM CE

- CE fees: \$20/CE hour members 3 hours \$60; \$40/CE hour non members- 3hours \$120
Full package: \$15/ CE hour- members and \$25/CE hour- non -members.
We will add the meal cost to the fees if a meal is included with the CE, such as a full day package.
No early bird registration, and we'll not charge a registration fee.
- **In-person location:** Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center. Contract was signed in March.
- I forwarded 2 proposals from potential caterers to the B&F Committee
- I contacted the Avid Hotel in Glen Allen for room blocks.
- Anticipating about 150 registrants. The exhibitors and CEs will be in the Cardinal ballroom. Registration and food service in the Dogwood Salon. The exhibits will be during lunch on Friday.

2027 HOD

- I asked for a contract proposal from the Hilton for October 2027. October 1-2 is available, No other dates were available in October, nor the last weekend of September. Meeting room rental: \$1250/day (up from \$1000); Minimum Food&Beverage requirement is \$5000/day (up from \$3000/day), AV: \$3500. For 2 days the total cost would be: \$16000. Hotel room \$189 (up from (\$179). The hotel would not negotiate fees.
- Other potential location: Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens. Emilie and Marlene went on July 3 to check out the Massey Conference Center. The rental fee is \$2090/day, and it includes AV and there is a 30% discount for non-profit organizations. There's no minimum F&B requirement, but we must use their own catering.

Informational items: A big thank you goes to everyone on my council for their hard work!

Respectfully submitted:

Mimi Magyar, RDH

Member Services Council Annual Report

Report Date: July 18, 2026

Committee Members:

Chair: Julie A. Martin

Membership: Julie A. Martin

Awards: Meghan Glago

IOH Liaison: Cathy Berard

Mentorship Chair: Emilie Ellis

Historian: Julie A. Martin

Website/Directory: Emilie Ellis

Social Media: Jessica Flaig

SCADHA liaison: *VACANT*

Student Members: *VACANT*

Committee Charge:

To develop and implement plans to retain and increase membership annually for the Association. To highlight activities within the Association through emails, the website, and social media. To recognize outstanding members and students with awards and certificates and to expand and reinforce recognition of the ADHA Institute of Oral Health. To increase revenues through career postings on the VDHA Web site and advertising on the Web site. We are also charged with working with student chapters of Dental Hygiene Programs in VA to educate students on the tripartite structure of ADHA, VDHA, and local components and assist students in transitioning from student members to professional members. Provide mentorship to current and potential leaders and volunteers within the Association.

Outcomes Impacting Strategic Plan:

SCADHA Liaison and student members are currently vacant.

Advocacy:

Alliances/Collaboration:

Old Dominion Winter Weekend HYG Alumni Event February 28, 2026. Free table to promote legislation and membership. (normally \$500)

NPRO 35 % discount on new grad membership rates for 2 years after graduation. 60 New graduates have taken advantage of this discount since September of 2024.

Collaborated with PDT instruments monthly to provide new members with 3 new instruments. 215 New and renewing (after a few years, not months) members have received new instruments since February of 2025.

Education/Professional Development:

Infrastructure/Operations:

Contract Emilie Ellis as the new website manager.

Discontinuation of the Curet digital newsletter

Combining directory responsibilities with website management.

Award - Meghan Glago:

Worked with Trustees, Executive Board, and Dental Hygiene Programs in VA to recognize Outstanding Members, Future Leaders, DH Students, and CE presenters with certificates and awards at the President's luncheon at HOD, DH Students' pinning ceremonies, and at Scientific Session.

Website Management- Emilie Ellis:

Management of the VDHA website and working with components to update pages.

Monitor and work with the treasurer on job postings on the web page.

Historian - Julie A. Martin:

House historical items such as printed Curet, photos, and awards to display at in-person events.

Institute of Oral Health- Cathy Berard:

Promote IOH contributions through emails, social media, Zoom, and in-person events.

Membership- Julie A. Martin

Membership as of July 1, 2026, is 442

Work with component membership chairs to increase membership.

Meet with ADHA to strategize on how to increase and retain membership.

Promote membership at SS.

Provide current monthly rosters with the 3P's and component Trustees.

Social Media- Jessica Flaig

Continue to post content on social media at the request of ADHA, VDHA, and Components pertinent to the Association

Curet- Discontinued at this time due to limited volunteers and interest in publication.

SCADHA Liaison- VACANT**Student Members-VACANT****Items for board decision:**

SCADHA Liaison and student membership volunteers.

Respectively Submitted,

Julie A. Martin, BSDH, RDH

MSC Chair

Section VII: Executive Board Reports**2025-2026 Executive Board Actions****2025 September Pre-HOD Meeting**

PR 1: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 2: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 3: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 4: VDHA Board Adopts PR 5: VDHA Board Adopts PR 6: VDHA Board Adopts PR 7: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 8: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 9: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 10: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 11: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 12: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 13: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

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PR 17: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 18: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 19: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 20: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 21: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 22: VDHA Board Adopts

PR 23: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 24: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended

PR 25: VDHA Board Adopts as Amended (ask parliamentarian)

2025 October

- Approved the Agenda and the minutes of the pre-HOD meeting.
- 2025-2026 Budget was approved.
- Approved appointed positions.
- Approved HOD actions.
- Approved motion to post the advocacy resources on the VDHA website.
- Approved motion to add the “Donate to Advocacy” button on the VDHA website if it is possible via Starchapter.
- Approved motion to have biweekly videos posted the President Sven on the VDHA website in a members only page.

2026 January

- Approved the Agenda and the Minutes of the October post-HOD meeting.
- Approved motion to form an ad hoc committee to explore VDHA management company options (internal and external).

- Approved motion to amend banking authorization. Add Marlene Rhodes to the Bank of America checking account and remove Emily Bonovich Ellis.
- Approved motion to amend 2026 budget.
- Approved motion to hold the 2027 Scientific Session in a hybrid format.
- Failed motion: 2027 House of Delegates to be fully virtual.

2026 April

- Approved the minutes of the previous EB meeting and the agenda.
- Approved motion to nominate Marina McGraw to the Board of Dentistry.
- Approved motion of the Nomination Committee members: Marge Green, Cathy Berard, Jessica Flaig and Julie Simms.

2026 July

- Approved the agenda as amended. Approved the minutes from the April meeting.
- Approved motion to allocate \$2,400 from the AHW (Morgan Stanley) fund for President and President-Elect travel expenses (\$1,000 Derik Sven / \$1,400 Marlene Rhodes).
- Approved the two Procedure Manual edits presented by Elvin Schrock.

Email vote on July 22, 2026

Approved motion to appoint Stephanie Bettis as interim Recording Secretary and other appointed positions.

Section VIII: Miscellaneous Reports

VDHA Financial Report

Nominations Report

VDHA Foundation Report

2026 Financial Report

Statement of VDHA fund balances: VDHA Summary Balance Sheet as of July 16, 2026

ASSETS

Checking Bank of America	\$87, 842.71
Investments Morgan Stanley	\$862,215.95
Checking Morgan Stanley	<u>\$ 55,799.77</u>
 Total Current Assets	 \$918,015.72

Respectfully Submitted,
Patricia A. MacDougall, RDH
VDHA Treasurer

Nomination Committee Report 2026

President Elect:	Jessica Suedbeck, RDH, BS, MS, PhD (c)
Vice President:	April Prest, CDA, RDH, BSDH
Recording Secretary:	Stephanie Bettis, BSDH, RDH, CDA
Alternate Speaker of House:	Vacant
VDHA Foundation Secretary:	Catherine A. Berard, RDH, BSDH, FADHA

The Committee designed two informative survey tools: (1.) *VDHA Service and Leadership Interest Survey* and (2.) *VDHA Interest and Skills Survey* as the mechanisms for soliciting, statewide, potential servant leaders inspired to contribute to the operation and advancement of VDHA. Sixteen respondents revealed volunteers able and willing to serve in both elected positions and presidential appointments for Council and Committee work.

2026 VDHA Foundation Report to the VDHA House of Delegates



Board of Directors: Chair: Derik Sven, VDHA President, Treasurer: Marge Green, Secretary: Cathy Berard, Directors: Irene Connolly, VDHA Liaison, Emilie Ellis, VDHA CE Chair, Trish MacDougall, VDHA Treasurer, Mimi Magyar, P & D Council Chair

Mission: Perform the charitable, educational, research and scientific activities of the Virginia Dental Hygienists' Association.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

- Fully funded 16 student delegates and 2 pages for the VDHA 72nd HOD. (Meals, hotel, gifts, manuals) \$8510
- Gifted graduating students with RDH cloisonne pins as requested by ODU and NVCC \$800
- Matched VCU Student Chapter fundraising for attending ADHA Annual Conference in NOLA \$2000
- Matched SCADHA fundraising of ODU to attend Lobby Day \$2000 (transportation)

ADVOCACY:

- Students and Dental Hygienists Registrants: Funded Lobby Day activities at the VA State Capital (name tags, purple scarves, gift bags, handouts, beverages etc.) \$4041
- Printing and broadcasting advocacy messages and Fact Cards \$865
- FB Campaigns (2) Consumer Alert of the Dental Assisting Scaling Legislation \$954.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO VDHA:

Completely funded the VDHA 2026 Scientific Session:

- 2026 Scientific Session Bulk Mailing (5163 RDHs) \$3290.
- Scientific Session Registration Mailer \$2338
- Speakers' (5) Honorarium \$4250
- VDHA/ADHA Alice Hinchcliffe Williams Post Licensure, Merit Scholarship Recipient, Lily Salazor Cabrejos, ODU \$2,300
- Hardiman Advisors, LLC/lobbyist \$30,000
- LSG Advocacy Training \$12,125
- VDHA as Sponsor and Exhibitor at the Virginia Health Catalyst's Annual Summit \$1500

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

- VDHA Professional Development Workshop \$2000 est.

VDHAF ONGOING ACTIVITIES:

- Support VDHA whenever possible, keeping within the mission of the Foundation.
- Continue to support Lobby Day, VDHA EB training, Advocacy Representatives, etc.
- Continue to support and encourage student involvement in VDHA and ADHA.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Connolly, RDH, MS

VDHAF Director, VDHA Liaison