

## ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION

**Background:** In accord with the *Rules* of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and the *Governance and Organizational Manual* of the American Dental Association (ADA), the Commission shall elect its own chair.

### ADA Governance Manual, Chapter IX. Commissions

D. Chairs. Commissions shall elect their own chairs. To be eligible to serve as chair of a commission, the commission member must be an active, life or retired member of this Association.

### CODA Rules, Article V. OFFICERS

Section 1. OFFICERS: The officers of the Commission shall be a Chair, Vice-chair, a Director and such other officers as the Board of Commissioners may authorize. The Chair and Vice-chair shall be elected by the Board of Commissioners.

Section 2. ELIGIBILITY: The Chair and Vice-chair shall be dentists who are members of the Board of Commissioners. The Chair and Vice-chair shall be active, life or retired members of the American Dental Association.

Section 3. ELECTION AND TERM: The Chair and Vice-chair of the Commission shall be elected annually by the Board of Commissioners. The term of the Chair and Vice-chair shall be one (1) year beginning and ending with adjournment of the closing session of the annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.

Section 4: DUTIES: The duties of the officers are as follows:

#### A. CHAIR:

1. Appoint members and chairs of such committees as are necessary for the orderly conduct of business except as otherwise provided in these *Rules*.
2. Circulate or cause to be circulated an announcement and an agenda for each regular or special meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
3. Preside during meetings of the Board of Commissioners.
4. Prepare or supervise the preparation of an annual report of the Commission.
5. Prepare or supervise the preparation of an annual budget of the Commission.
6. Represent the Commission during sessions of the House of Delegates of the American Dental Association.

- B. VICE-CHAIR: The Vice-chair of the Commission shall assist the Chair in the performance of his or her duties. If the Chair is unable to attend any given meeting of the Board of Commissioners, the Vice-chair shall preside at the meeting. If the Vice-chair also is unable to attend the meeting, the other members of the Board of Commissioners present and voting shall elect by majority vote an acting chair for the purpose of presiding at that meeting only.

- C. VACANCIES: In the event the vacancy involves the Chair, the Vice-chair shall immediately assume all duties of the Chair. In the event the vacancy involves the Vice-chair, a meeting of the Commission shall be convened to select a new Vice-chair.

Section 5. DIRECTOR:

- A. Appointment: The Director of the Commission shall be an employee of the American Dental Association selected by the Executive Director of that Association.
- B. Duties: The Director of the Commission shall:
1. Prepare an agenda and keep minutes of meetings of the Board of Commissioners.
  2. See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these *Rules* or as required by law.
  3. Be the custodian of records of the Commission.
  4. Manage the office and staff of the Commission.
  5. In general shall perform all duties incident to the office of Director.

Dr. Frank Licari will complete his one-year term as Chair of the Commission at the close of the October 2025 ADA Meeting. Dr. Cataldo Leone will also complete his one-year term as Vice-Chair of the Commission at the close of the October 2025 ADA Meeting. Dr. Licari's term with CODA will end in October 2025 and Dr. Leone's term with CODA will end in October 2026.

The Commission is requested to elect a Chair for a one-year term that will begin immediately following the 2025 ADA Meeting. In addition, the Commission is requested to elect a Vice-Chair for a one-year term whose term will also begin immediately following the 2025 ADA Meeting.

**Appendix 1** provides a listing of current Commissioners. Commissioners' appointing organizations and their appointment terms are noted.

**Commission Action:**

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**2024-2025 CODA MEMBERSHIP ROSTER**

Licari, Frank, D.D.S., 2025 (ADEA), *chair*  
Anadioti, Evanthia, D.D.S., 2025 (ACP)  
Bhattacharyya, Indraneel., D.D.S., M.S.D., B.D.S., 2026 (AAOMP)  
Bowman-Pensel, Margaret, M.S., 2026 (Public)  
Brown, Carolyn, D.M.D., 2025 (AADB)  
Chu, Ngoc Quang, D.D.S., 2026 (AADB)  
Cohen, Joseph, D.D.S. 2025 (AAOP)  
Day, Jill, B.G.S., 2028 (ADAA)  
DeRossi, Scott, D.M.D., 2025 (AAOM)  
Giovannitti, Joseph, D.M.D., 2025 (ASDA)  
Gonzales, Theresa, D.M.D., M.S., M.S.S., COL (RET), USA., 2027 (ADEA)  
Hayes, Catherine, D.M.D., S.M., D.M.Sc., 2028 (AAPHD)  
James, LaShun, M.S., 2027 (Public)  
Kushner, George, D.M.D., 2025 (AAOMS)  
Lee, Jessica, Y., DDS, MPH, PhD., 2027 (AAPD)  
Leone, Cataldo., D.M.D., D.M.S., 2026 (ADEA), *vice-chair*  
Luepke, Paul., D.D.S., M.S., 2026 (AAP)  
Mayer, Lisa., J.D., 2026 (Public)  
Mays, Keith, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.S., 2024 (ADEA)  
McCoy-Collins, Renee, D.D.S., F.A.C.D., F.I.C.D., 2028 (AADB)  
Nenad, Monica, M.Ed., D.H.Ed., 2027 (ADHA)  
Nowlin, Lisa, D.D.S., 2027 (AADB)  
Pits, Cornelius, Pharm.D., 2027 (Public)  
Price, Jeffery, DDS, MS, 2027 (AAOMR)  
Ragunathan, Kanthasamy, D.D.S., M.S., 2028 (ADA)  
Robbins, Miriam, D.D.S., 2025 (ADEA/SCDA)  
Rosenthal, Nancy R., D.D.S., 2025 (ADA)  
Sadler, Kenneth M., D.D.S., M.P.A., 2027 (ADA)  
Sameshima, Glenn, D.D.S., 2027 (AAO)  
Teixeira, Fabricio, D.D.S., Ph.D., 2028 (AAE)  
Thompson, Lonni, B.S., 2025 (NADL)  
Weisfuse, Deborah., D.M.D., M.S., 2026 (ADA)  
Williams, Noah., B.S., 2025 (ASDA/ADEA)