



## MINUTES

### COMMISSION ON DENTAL ACCREDITATION VIRTUAL MEETING

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 (CLOSED SESSION)**

**Call to Order:** The Chair, Dr. Bruce Rotter, called a regular virtual meeting of the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) to order at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, February 10, 2022, in a virtual closed session for the purpose of reviewing educational programs by the Commission.

**Roll Call:** Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Joel Berg, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Gary Heir (substitute for Dr. Joseph Cohen), Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, Mr. Marco Gargano, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Dr. John Hellstein, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Susan Kass, Dr. James Katancik, Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Frank Licari, Dr. Sanjay Mallya (vice chair), Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Bruce Rotter (chair), Dr. Timmothy Schwartz, Dr. Marybeth Shaffer, Dr. Alan Stein, Ms. Lonni Thompson, and Dr. Marshall Titus.

Dr. Joseph Cohen was unable to attend the meeting and was substituted by Dr. Gary Heir. Dr. Joseph Giovannitti attended a portion of the meeting.

**Trustee Liaison:** Dr. James Stephens, Thirteenth District Trustee, Board of Trustees Liaison to CODA, American Dental Association (ADA).

**Commission Staff:** Dr. Sherin Tooks, *ex-officio* (director), Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, Ms. Kirsten Nadler, Ms. Jennifer Snow, and Ms. Peggy Soeldner, managers, and Ms. Marjorie Hooper, coordinator, were in attendance. Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA, was also in attendance.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

**Commissioner Fiduciary Duties and Conflict of Interest Obligations:** Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, ADA/CODA Senior Associate General Counsel, reminded the Commission of its fiduciary responsibilities and the Conflict of Interest policy.

**Policy Reminder of Confidentiality:** Dr. Sherin Tooks, CODA Director, read the Commission's Reminder of Confidentiality, noting the confidential nature of the Commission's materials and deliberations related to the accreditation of programs.

**Accreditation Mail Ballots Since Last Commission Meeting:** The Commission approved for the record, three (3) mail ballots related to program accreditation actions, which had been considered since the Summer 2021 Commission meeting.



**Consideration of Site Visitor Nominations:** Site Visitors are appointed annually for one-year terms but for no more than six (6) consecutive years. The Commission considered the names of individuals recommended by the Predoctoral (including Dental Therapy), Postdoctoral General Dentistry (including Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency), Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine, Orofacial Pain, Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Laboratory Technology, Dental Public Health, Endodontics, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, Pediatric Dentistry, Periodontics, and Prosthodontics Education Review Committees.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation approves the site visitor appointments for 2022-2023 (**Appendix 1**).

**Consideration of Matters Relating to Accreditation Actions:** The Commission reviewed site visit evaluations, progress reports, and other requested reports on predoctoral dental education programs, advanced dental education programs, and allied dental education programs.

A special appearance was made before the Commission by an educational program reviewed in the Commission's Report on the Accreditation Status of Educational Programs.

**Commission Action:** Accreditation status was granted to programs evaluated since the Summer 2021 meeting. Accreditation actions are summarized in the "Report on the Accreditation Statuses of Educational Programs." (**Appendix 2**).

**New Business:** No new business was discussed.

**Adjournment:** The Commission adjourned the closed session at 4:00 P.M.

**Executive Session:** Following adjournment of the Closed Session to review educational programs, the Commission conducted a closed Executive Session related to the petition for re-recognition with the United States Department of Education, and trends in dental education. The Commission adjourned the Executive Session at 4:47 P.M.

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**Roll Call:** Dr. Evanthia Anadioti, Dr. Victor Badner, Dr. Keith Beasley, Dr. Joel Berg, Dr. Carolyn Brown, Dr. Linda Casser, Dr. Gary Heir (substitute for Dr. Joseph Cohen), Dr. Scott DeRossi, Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. Maxine Feinberg, Mr. Marco Gargano, Dr. Joseph Giovannitti, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Dr. John Hellstein, Dr. Amid Ismail, Dr. Susan Kass, Dr. James Katancik, Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning, Dr. George Kushner, Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Frank Licari, Dr. Sanjay Mallya (vice chair), Ms. Martha McCaslin, Dr. Carol Anne Murdoch-Kinch, Dr. Garry Myers, Dr. Miriam Robbins, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Dr. Bruce Rotter (chair), Dr. Timmothy Schwartz, Dr. Marybeth Shaffer, Dr. Alan Stein, Ms. Lonni Thompson, and Dr. Marshall Titus.

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**Adoption of the Agenda:** The agenda of the meeting was adopted.

**Conflict of Interest Statement, Fiduciary Reminder, and Reminder of Professional Conduct Policy:** Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, CODA, reminded the Commissioners of their fiduciary responsibilities and the CODA Conflict of Interest policy.

**Approve the Minutes from Summer 2021 Meeting:** The minutes of the Summer 2021 Meeting were approved.

**Accreditation Mail Ballots Since Last Commission Meeting:** The Commission approved for the record one (1) mail ballot submitted by its Standing Committee on Nominations, which had been considered since the Summer 2021 Commission meeting.

**Consent Calendar:** The following mail ballot approved since the last Commission meeting was placed on the consent calendar and was adopted as received:



- Report of the Review Committee on Dental Laboratory Technology Education (**Appendix 3**)
- Report of the Review Committee on Endodontics Education (**Appendix 4**)
- Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Education (**Appendix 5**)
- Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Education (**Appendix 6**)

**Report of the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC):**

Committee Chair: Dr. Bruce Rotter. Committee Members: Dr. William Akey, Dr. Charles Berry, Mr. Drew Christianson, Dr. Chester Evans, Dr. Susan Long, Dr. Ana Karina Mascarenhas, Dr. Thomas McConnell, and Dr. Linda Wells. Guests (Open Session Only): Dr. Jeffery Stewart, senior vice president, Interprofessional and Global Collaboration, and acting chief, Office of Learning and Interprofessional Collaboration, American Dental Education Association attended the policy portion of the meeting. Mr. Mike Stein, accreditation group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education attended a portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, and Ms. Marjorie Hooper, operations coordinator, CODA, attended the meeting. Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, CODA and Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Predoctoral Dental Education (PREDOC RC) was held on January 10, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The PREDOC RC report is found in **Appendix 7**.

Report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental and Dental Therapy Education Programs: The Commission reviewed the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and Review Committee's recommendation, noting further work is planned to review the results of the Predoctoral Dental Education Validity and Reliability Study, and review of predoctoral and dental therapy Accreditation Standards related to "Should" statements, institutional accreditation, educational activity sites, and patients with special needs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental and Dental Therapy Education Programs continue its review of accreditation standards which may warrant revision, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

Consideration of Proposed Revision to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Education Programs Related to Patients with Special Needs: The Commission noted the PREDOC RC's recommendation to consider the proposed revision to Dental Standard 2-25 through the work of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental and Dental Therapy Education Programs.



**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Accreditation Standards for Dental and Dental Therapy Education Programs to consider the proposed revision to Dental Standard 2-25, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

**Report of the Standing Committee on International Accreditation:** There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

**Report of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC):**  
**Committee Chair:** Dr. Miriam Robbins. **Committee Members:** Dr. Gary Fischer, Dr. Neal Henning, Dr. Yasser Khaled, Dr. Sally Jo Placa, Dr. Frank Romano, Dr. Eric Sung, Mr. Glenn Unser, and Dr. Michelle Ziegler. **Staff Members:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Postdoctoral General Dentistry Education (PGD RC) was held on January 13-14, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The PGD RC report is found in **Appendix 8**.

**Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Related to Patients with Special Needs:** The Commission considered the PGD RC's recommendation related to revision of the Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Standards related to patients with special needs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in General Practice Residency be retained without further modification related to patients with special needs.

**Report on Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Annual Survey Curriculum Section:** The Commission considered the report on the annual survey curriculum section.

**Commission Action:** The Commission directs the Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 9**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

**Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Advanced Education in General Dentistry and General Practice Residency:** There was no discussion on this report.



**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

**Report of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC):** Committee Chair: Ms. Martha McCaslin. Committee Members: Ms. Julie Bera, Ms. Kimberly Bland, Ms. Margaret Bowman-Pensel, Ms. Dorothea Cavallucci, Ms. Nichole Finnegan, Ms. Kori Preble-Boeckler, Ms. Christy Ross, Dr. Preeti Sahasi (attended a portion of the meeting), and Dr. Debra Schneider. Guests (Open Session Only): Ms. Hannah Aronovich, chief marketing and communications officer, Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) and DALE Foundation, Ms. Lois Bell, chair, Board of Directors, DANB, Dr. Lorraine Gagliardi, president, DALE Foundation, Ms. Laura Skarnulis, chief executive officer, DANB and DALE Foundation, and Mr. Aaron White, chief operating officer, DANB attended the policy portion of the meeting. Mr. Mike Stein, accreditation group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education attended a portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, Dr. Sherin Took, director, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan, senior project assistant, Allied Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Assisting Education (DA RC) was held on January 13-14, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The DA RC report is found in **Appendix 10**.

*Informational Report on Dental Assisting Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data:* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

*New Business: Consideration of Proposed Revision of the Commission on Dental Accreditation Site Visitor Nomination Form:* The Commission considered the DA RC's recommendations related to proposed revision of the Site Visitor Nomination Form.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs Commission staff to review and revise the Site Visitor Nomination Form to include information on background in educational methodology for allied dental education site visitor nominees.

**Report of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education (DH RC):** Committee Chair: Dr. Susan Kass. Committee Members: Ms. Tami Grzesikowski, Ms. Carrie Hobbs, Dr. Lorie Holt, Dr. Tariq Javed, Ms. Betty Kabel, Dr. Barbara Krieg-Menning, Dr. Nancy Rosenthal, Ms. Laura Scully, Dr. Suzanne Thomas, and Dr. Sheila Vandebush. Guests (Open Session Only): Dr. JoAnn Gurenlian, director, Education and Research, American Dental Hygienists' Association, and Ms. Rebecca Stolberg, vice president, Allied Dental Education and Faculty Development, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Mr. Mike Stein, accreditation group, Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education attended a portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Dr. Sherin Took, director, Ms. Jamie Asher Hernandez, manager, Allied Dental Education, and Mr. Daniel Sloyan,





senior project assistant, Allied Dental Education, CODA. Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education (DH RC) was held on January 11-12, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The DH RC report is found in **Appendix 11**.

*Informational Report on Dental Hygiene Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Data:* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

*Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs Related to Standards 2-14 and 3-7:* The Commission considered the DH RC's report. The Dental Hygiene Commissioner identified a concern related to the proposed revision to Standard 3-6, namely that the revision would exempt all full-time and part-time dental hygiene faculty appointed prior to January 1, 2023 from the degree requirement. As such, the Dental Hygiene Commissioner requested that the proposed revisions be returned to the Dental Hygiene Review Committee for further consideration at the Summer 2022 meeting. Through discussion, the Commission noted that there is a significant faculty shortage and that this type of standard does not exist in the predoctoral dental education Standards document. Following discussion, the Commission referred this matter back to the DH RC.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that the Dental Hygiene Review Committee further consider the proposed revisions to Standards 2-14 and 3-6 of the Accreditation Standards for Dental Hygiene Education Programs found in **Appendix 11**.

*New Business: Request for Addition of a Dental Hygiene Educator on the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education:* The Commission learned that the DH RC would benefit from an additional dental hygiene educator on the Review Committee to help address the workload of the Committee. Additionally, the Commission noted the request of the DH RC to extend the Review Committee meeting by one-half day, as needed, to ensure appropriate time to address the Committee's workload. The Commission discussed its policies related to the addition of a Review Committee member, noting that a non-content expert should be added to the Review Committee when a content expert is added to retain a balance on the Committee. The Commission also noted the financial impact related to this request and the addition of two (2) members on the DH RC, one (1) content expert and one (1) non-content participant. Following discussion, the Commission modified and acted upon the DH RC's recommendations.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the appointment of one (1) dental hygiene educator, and one (1) non-content participant, through self-nomination of qualified nominees, to the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education, effective Winter 2023.



The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Review Committee on Dental Hygiene Education meetings be extended by one-half day, as needed, based upon the Committee's workload needs, effective immediately.

*New Business: Consideration of the Commission on Dental Accreditation Biosketch for Allied Dental Education Programs:* The Commission considered the recommendation of the DH RC to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to review the Allied Biosketch template to ensure clarity and submission of current, complete and accurate information by programs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee of dental hygiene and dental assisting Review Committee members to review the Allied Biosketch template, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

**Report of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC):**

Committee Chair: Dr. Victor Badner. Committee Members: Dr. Bruce Dye, Dr. Maya Popova, Dr. Shannon Smith-Stephens, and Dr. Robert Weyant. Dr. Linda Kaste substituted as needed for a discipline-specific program review. Guests (Open Session Only): Ms. Judith Jones, executive director, American Board of Dental Public Health, and Dr. Frances Kim, executive director, American Association of Public Health Dentistry, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Kirsten Nadler, manager, Advanced Dental Education, Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Public Health Education (DPH RC) was held on January 14, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The DPH RC report is found in **Appendix 12**.

*Report on Dental Public Health Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section:* The Commission considered the report of the DPH RC related to its Annual Survey Curriculum Section.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Dental Public Health Annual Survey Curriculum Section for dental public health programs (**Appendix 13**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

*Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health:* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.





*New Business: Consideration of Proposed Revision to Standard 2-4 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health related Use of the Term “Calibration”:* The Commission considered the DPH RC’s recommendation to revise Standard 2-4 of the Accreditation Standards for dental public health. The Commission noted that the DPH RC also recommended that all Review Committees of the Commission review the Standards within their purview to consider replacing the word “calibration” with the word “training” in the context of Standards related to faculty calibration/training, as appropriate.

Regarding the DPH RC’s recommendation that all Standards be reviewed and potentially revised, several Commissioners noted that training and calibration are not the same. There is wide confusion related to calibration within dental education; there is both qualitative and quantitative calibration, and this concept should be considered. Calibration is specific to the defined standards and is intended to ensure intra- and inter-reviewer reliability. It was further noted that “training” assures delivery of the content, while “calibration” ensures a level of consistency. Several Commissioners believed that the revision would be a step backwards with regard to CODA’s expectation for faculty calibration. However, it was noted that within dental public health education, students/residents are taught the concept of scientific calibration techniques, which may differ from how faculty calibration is viewed and may cause confusion and concern among the dental public health education community.

Following lengthy discussion, the Commission directed further modification of the proposed language for Dental Public Health Standard 2-4, to clarify that “training” is “to a standard.” The final proposed revision is as follows (Underline indicated addition; Strikethrough indicates deletion):

Dental Public Health Standard 2-4:

All faculty, including those at major and minor educational activity sites, must be ~~calibrated~~trained to a standard to ensure consistency in training and evaluation of students/residents that supports the goals and objectives of the program.

*Intent: Faculty ~~calibration~~training may consist of outcomes based on the use of evaluation forms, tools, metrics and/or minutes of faculty ~~calibration~~ training sessions showing consistency across all sites.*

In a separate action, the Commission defeated the DPH RC’s recommendation that all Review Committees of the Commission consider replacing “calibration” with “training” as it relates to faculty calibration Standards.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 2-4 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Public Health, noted above, to the communities of interest for review and comment, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the March 2022 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and the October 2022



American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting, with comments reviewed at the Commission's Winter 2023 meetings.

**Report of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC):**

**Committee Chair:** Dr. George Kushner. **Committee Members:** Dr. Vasiliki Karlis, Dr. Pushkar Mehra, Dr. Faisal Quereshy, Dr. Philip Rinaudo, and Ms. Cindy Stergar. **Guests (Open Session Only):** Ms. Mary Allaire-Schnitzer, associate executive director, American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS); Dr. Mark Egbert, vice president, AAOMS; Dr. James Johnson, president, AAOMS; Ms. Erin Killeen, executive vice president, American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (ABOMS); Ms. Laurie Oddo, manager, Advanced Education and Resident Affairs, AAOMS; Dr. Vincent Perciaccante, president, ABOMS; Dr. Paul Schwartz, president-elect, AAOMS; Dr. Jeffery Stewart, senior vice president, Interprofessional and Global Collaboration and acting chief, Office of Learning and Interprofessional Collaboration, American Dental Education Association; and Dr. B.D. Tiner, immediate past president, AAOMS, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education and Mr. Christopher Castaneda, senior project assistant, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Education (OMS RC) was held on January 22, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The OMS RC report is found in **Appendix 14**.

**Report on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Sections:** The Commission considered the report of the OMS RC related to the annual survey curriculum sections for residency and fellowship programs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery residency programs (**Appendix 15**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Annual Survey Curriculum Section for oral and maxillofacial surgery fellowship programs (**Appendix 16**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

**New Business: Elimination of the Term “Proficiency” Within the Definition of Terms in the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery:** The Commission considered the proposed elimination of the word “proficiency” from the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, noting that this change does not create an inconsistency among other standards and is an editorial change based upon the removal of the term “proficiency” by the Commission a number of years ago.



**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the deletion of the definition of “proficiency” as noted above within the Definition of Terms in the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, with immediate implementation.

**Report of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC):** Committee Chair: Dr. Brent Larson. Committee Members: Mr. David Cushing, Dr. Sarandeep Huja, Dr. Howard Lieb, Dr. Steven Lindauer, and Dr. Emile Rossouw. Guest (Open Session Only): Dr. Norman Nagel, president-elect, American Association of Orthodontists, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education and Mr. Christopher Castaneda, senior project assistant, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Dr. Sherin Tooks, director, CODA, and Ms. Cathryn Albrecht, senior associate general counsel, CODA, attended a portion of the meeting.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education (ORTHO RC) was held on January 14, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The ORTHO RC report is found in **Appendix 17**.

*Informational Report on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Programs (Residency and Fellowship) Annual Survey Curriculum Sections:* The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the ORTHO RC’s report on the annual survey curriculum section for residency and fellowship programs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics residency programs noted in **Appendix 17** and direct implementation of the revised Annual Survey Curriculum Section in Fall 2022.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further adopts the proposed revisions to the Clinical Fellowship in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics Annual Survey Curriculum Section for craniofacial and special care orthodontics fellowship programs noted in **Appendix 17** and direct implementation of the revised Annual Survey Curriculum Section in Fall 2022.

*Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics:* The Commission considered the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics. The Commission noted a correction to the ORTHO RC’s Appendix 3, at the time of the meeting, and approved adoption of the proposed revisions and corrections, as presented.



**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Clinical Fellowship Training Programs in Craniofacial and Special Care Orthodontics found in **Appendix 18**, with an implementation date of January 1, 2023.

**Report of the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC):** **Committee Chair:** Dr. Joel Berg. **Committee Members:** Dr. James Boynton, Dr. Kevin Haubrick, Dr. Tad Mabry, Dr. Joseph Morales, and Dr. Anupama Rao Tate. **Guests (Open Session Only):** Ms. Leola Royston, education development and academic support manager, American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry; and Dr. Leila Younger, executive director, American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Members:** Ms. Kirsten Nadler, manager, Advanced Dental Education; Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education; and Ms. Bridget Blackwood, senior project assistant, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Education (PED RC) was held on January 11, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The PED RC report is found in **Appendix 19**.

**Report on Pediatric Dentistry Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the report of the PED RC, and proposed revisions, related to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section. The Commission adopted the revisions found in the PED RC report.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section for pediatric dentistry education programs (**Appendix 19**) and direct implementation of the revised Annual Survey Curriculum Section in Fall 2022.

**Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Anesthesia Standards:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered the report of the PED RC, noting several recommendations related to the ongoing work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Anesthesia Standards.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed definition of “Sole Primary Operator” within the Definition of Terms, and the proposed intent statement within Standard 4-7, of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry found in **Appendix 20**, with immediate implementation.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs Commission staff to invite the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry’s Chair of the Council on Clinical Affairs, Committee on Sedation and Anesthesia to join the Ad Hoc Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Anesthesia Standards as an additional member to provide a perspective on the



potential revision to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Pediatric Dentistry related to anesthesia education for pediatric dentistry.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Ad Hoc Committee on Pediatric Dentistry Anesthesia Standards to continue its review of pediatric dentistry Accreditation Standards which may warrant revision, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

**Report of the Review Committee on Periodontics Education (PERIO RC):** Committee Chair: Dr. James Katancik. Committee Members: Dr. Georgia Johnson, Dr. Paul Luepke, Dr. Angela Palaiologou-Gallis, Dr. Vishal Shah, and Dr. Jaqueline Sobota. Staff Members: Ms. Jennifer Snow, manager, Advanced Dental Education and Mr. Christopher Castaneda, senior project assistant, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Periodontics Education (PERIO RC) was held on January 13, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The PERIO RC report is found in **Appendix 21**.

Informational Report on Periodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the recommendations of the PERIO RC related to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section for periodontics programs (**Appendix 21**) and directs implementation of the revised Annual Survey Curriculum Section in Fall 2022.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics: The Commission reviewed and adopted the proposed revisions to the periodontics Accreditation Standards.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics found in **Appendix 21**, with an implementation date of January 1, 2023.

Consideration of Proposed Revisions to the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics Related to Patients with Special Needs: The Commission considered the recommendation of the PERIO RC on the proposed revisions related to patients with special needs within the periodontics Accreditation Standards, and concurred that there be no modification at this time.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Periodontics be retained without further modification related to patients with special needs.



**Report of the Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education (PROS RC):** Committee Chair: Dr. Evanthia Anadioti. Committee Members: Dr. Scott DeVito, Dr. David Felton, Dr. Joseph Hagenbruch, Dr. Kent Knoernschild, and Dr. Sang Lee. Dr. Hiroshi Hirayama substituted as needed for a discipline-specific program review. Guests (Open Session Only): Mr. Adam Reshan, director, Member Services and Academic Relations, American College of Prosthodontics, and Dr. Jeffery Stewart, senior vice president, Interprofessional and Global Collaboration and acting chief, Office of Learning and Interprofessional Collaboration, American Dental Education Association, attended some of the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Members: Ms. Kirsten Nadler, manager, Advanced Dental Education, and Ms. Jennifer Snow manager, Advanced Dental Education, Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

The meeting of the Review Committee on Prosthodontics Education (PROS RC) was held on January 12, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The PROS RC report is found in **Appendix 22**.

Report on Prosthodontics Programs Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission reviewed and adopted the proposed revisions to the prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics Annual Survey Curriculum Section.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section for prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics programs, found in **Appendix 22**, and direct implementation of the revised Annual Survey Curriculum Section in Fall 2022.

Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Prosthodontics: There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

**Report of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC):** Committee Chair: Dr. Joseph Giovannitti. Committee Members: Dr. Gerard Kugel, Dr. Mana Saraghi, Dr. Shashi Unnithan, and Dr. Philip Yen. Guest (Open Session Only): Ms. Erin Baker, executive director, American Society of Dentists Anesthesiologists, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Member: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Dental Anesthesiology Education (DENTANES RC) was held on January 12, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The DENTANES RC report is found in **Appendix 23**.

Progress Report on the 2021 Validity and Reliability Study of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology: The Commission reviewed the report and recommendations on the dental anesthesiology Validity and Reliability Study.





**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs circulation of the proposed revisions to Standard 2-2 and 2-6 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology found in **Appendix 23**, to the communities of interest for review and comment, with Hearings conducted in conjunction with the March 2022 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and the October 2022 American Dental Association (ADA) Annual Meeting, with comments reviewed at the Commission's Winter 2023 meetings.

*Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology Related to Patients with Special Needs:* The Commission considered the report of the DENTANES RC and concurred that there be no modification to the Standards related to patients with special needs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Dental Anesthesiology be retained without further modification related to patients with special needs.

*Report on Dental Anesthesiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section:* The Commission considered the report of, and concurred with, the DENTANES RC, that there be no changes to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Dental Anesthesiology Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 24**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

**Report of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC):** **Committee Chair:** Dr. Scott DeRossi. **Committee Members:** Dr. Michael Brennan, Dr. Michael DeBellis, Ms. Jennifer Barber, and Dr. Thomas Sollecito. **Guest (Open Session Only):** Dr. Jeffery Stewart, senior vice president, Interprofessional and Global Collaboration and acting chief, Office of Learning and Interprofessional Collaboration, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. **Staff Member:** Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Oral Medicine Education (OM RC) was held on January 11, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The OM RC report is found in **Appendix 25**.

*Consideration of Proposed Revision to Standard 3-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine:* The Commission considered and discussed the proposed revision to Standard 3-1 of the Accreditation Standards for oral medicine. The Commission discussed and concluded that the disciplines' board is the organization that determines who is eligible for board certification, not the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission concurred that there be no revision to the Standards at this time.



**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that Standard 3-1 of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine be retained without further modification.

*Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine Related to Patients with Special Needs:* The Commission considered the report of the OM RC in regard to the Standards that relate to patients with special needs.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Oral Medicine be retained without further modification related to patients with special needs.

*Report on Oral Medicine Annual Survey Curriculum Section:* The Commission noted that the OM RC recommended no changes to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section for Fall 2022.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Oral Medicine Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 26**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

**Report of the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC):** Committee Chair: Dr. Joseph Cohen. Committee Members: Dr. Reny de Leeuw, Dr. Gary Heir, Dr. Bessie Katsilometes, and Dr. Robert Windsor. Guest (Open Session Only): Dr. Jeffery Stewart, senior vice president, Interprofessional and Global Collaboration and acting chief, Office of Learning and Interprofessional Collaboration, American Dental Education Association, attended the policy portion of the meeting. Staff Member: Ms. Peggy Soeldner, manager, Advanced Dental Education, CODA.

The meeting of the Review Committee on Orofacial Pain Education (OFP RC) was held on January 10, 2022 via a virtual meeting. The OFP RC report is found in **Appendix 27**.

*Consideration of Proposed Revision to Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain Related to Patients with Special Needs:* The Commission considered the report of the OFP RC related to its review of Standards for patients with special needs. The Commission noted that the OFP RC discussed the topic, specifically that patients with special needs are entitled to the same type of care as all other patients. A general comment was made by one Commissioner indicating that, throughout all of dental education, there are not enough patients with special needs seeking care in dental education programs; thus, without a sufficient number of patients it is difficult to train all students to competence. Following discussion, the Commission concurred with the recommendation of the OFP RC.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs further study of the request from the Council on Dental Education and Licensure related to patients with special needs considered at the time of review of the results of the Validity and



Reliability Study for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

Report on Orofacial Pain Annual Survey Curriculum Section: The Commission considered the report of the OFP RC related to the Annual Survey Curriculum Section.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Orofacial Pain Annual Survey Curriculum Section (**Appendix 28**) be retained with no changes for use in Fall 2022.

Informational Report on the Conduct of a Validity and Reliability Study for the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Orofacial Pain: There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

### **Miscellaneous Affairs- Consideration of Matters Relating to More than One Review Committee**

**Informational Report of Review Committee and Commission Meeting Dates:** The Commission reviewed meeting dates through Summer 2023, noting corrections to the Endodontics Education Review Committee meeting dates.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the revision of the scheduled Winter 2023 meeting date for the Endodontics Education Review Committee from Wednesday, January 11, 2023 to Monday, January 9, 2023, as noted above.

**Reminder of Professional Conduct Policy and Prohibition Against Harassment:** The Commission was reminded of the Policy on Professional Conduct and Prohibition Against Harassment.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

**Consideration of Resolutions Adopted by the ADA House of Delegates and the ADA Board of Trustees Related to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and Dental Education:** The Commission considered the resolutions adopted by the ADA House of Delegates and ADA Board of Trustees.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.



## **Miscellaneous Affairs-Matters for the Commission as a Whole**

**Report of the Standing Committee on Finance:** The report of the Standing Committee on Finance can be found in **Appendix 29**. Below are actions taken by the Commission related to the Report of the Standing Committee on Finance.

*Review of CODA Administrative Fund (Administrative Fund):* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

*Review of ADA-CODA Shared Services Agreement:* The Commission reviewed the Finance Committee's recommendations related to the Shared Services Agreement.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs Commission members of the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup to pursue changes in the Shared Services agreement related to the Administrative Fund cap.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs Commission members of the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup to alert the Workgroup to the Commission's expectations related to the Commission's electronic accreditation software tool.

### **Consideration of Ongoing Business and CODA Directives:**

*Timeline (Long-Term Plan) to Assume Total Expenses and Authority to Determine and Manage Annual Operating Budget:* The Commission considered the Finance Committee's recommendations on CODA's long-term goal that it assume authority to determine and manage its annual operating budget.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs Commission members of the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup to alert the Workgroup to the Commission's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, goals and strategies related to the Commission assuming full authority to determine and manage its annual operating budget.

*Consideration of CODA Proposed 2023 Operating Budget and Fees:* The Commission considered its 2023 operating budget and fees and took the following actions.

*Annual Fees and Application Fees:* The Commission concurred with the Finance Committee's recommendations related to staffing and the annual budget.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs that its 2023 budget include the addition of three (3) full-time equivalent (FTE) staff positions dedicated solely to the Commission.



The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs:

- Adoption of a 2% increase in annual fees for all disciplines in 2023; \$8,380 for predoctoral dental education programs, \$2,100 for dental assisting, dental hygiene, dental therapy, and advanced dental education programs, and \$1,490 for dental laboratory technology programs.
- Affirmation that during the year a program is due for a regular accreditation site visit, the annual fee will be doubled.
- Maintaining the application fees of \$67,400 for predoctoral dental education programs and \$16,850 for allied and advanced education programs.

*International Fees (For CODA Accreditation Process):* The Commission considered international fees and took the following actions.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs:

- Maintaining the international predoctoral dental education application fee of \$76,660 in 2023.
- Adopting a 2% increase in the international predoctoral dental education annual accreditation fee of \$19,670 in 2023.
- Affirming that in 2023 international predoctoral dental education programs pay all site visit expenses (actual expenses) for all site visits during the application and regular site visit schedule.
- Affirming that in 2023 international predoctoral dental education programs pay an administrative fee of 25% of the total site visit cost for coordination of each site visit.
- Maintaining the International Consulting Fee (outside of PACV process) of \$5,000.
- Affirming that all international fees must be paid in U.S. Dollars.

*Other Accreditation Fees:* The Commission considered other fees and acted upon the Finance Committee's recommendations.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs:

- Maintaining the Special Focused Site Visit Administrative Fee of \$5,000.
- Maintaining the CODA Fee for Non-Compliance with CODA Policy on Privacy and Data Security (HIPAA) of \$4,000 per program per submission.
- Maintaining the Email/Contact Distribution List Fee of a \$200 minimum.
- Assessing the CODA Administrative Fund fee of \$25 per program in 2023.

*International Fees (For International Consultation and Accreditation PACV Process):* The Commission considered the Finance Committee's recommendations related to the international consultation and accreditation process.



**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the maintenance of the current Preliminary Accreditation and Consultation Visit (PACV) International Consultation and Accreditation Fees (**Appendix 29**).

*Commission Policies Related to Fees:* The Commission concurred with the revision to the policy on Invoicing Process for Special Focused Site Visits, as follows (~~Strikethrough indicates deletion~~):

**Invoicing Process for Special Focused Site Visits**

In advance of the special focused site visit, the program must remit payment for the Administrative Fee (\$5,000 ~~in 2020 and 2021~~) plus \$1,500 per site visitor/staff attending visits up to two (2) days in length. Site visits that are three (3) or more days will be billed an additional \$500 per site visitor/staff for each additional day; further, if additional airfare or transportation expenses are incurred, these will be assessed to the program. Failure to submit the special focused site visit fee in advance of the visit may result in a delay of the visit and additional rescheduling cost to the program, and may impact the program's accreditation status. See Program Fee Policy.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs revision to the policy on Invoicing Process for Special Focused Site Visits, within the Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures, effective immediately.

**Report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning (QASP):**

The report of the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning can be found in **Appendix 30**.

*Consideration of 2022-2026 CODA Strategic Plan Tracking Sheet and Operational Effectiveness Tracking Sheet:* The Commission considered and adopted the new strategic plan tracking sheet and operational effectiveness tracking sheet, in alignment with the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Progress Tracking Sheet (**Appendix 30**), and the 2022-2026 Operational Effectiveness Tracking Sheet (**Appendix 30**), with immediate implementation and annual reporting on progress through the Standing Committee on Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning, and the Commission.

*Consideration of Ongoing Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Activities*

*Discussion on CODA Administrative Fund and the Shared Services Agreement between the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) and the American Dental Association (ADA):* The Commission considered the QASP recommendations related to the Administrative Fund and Shared Services Agreement.





**Commission Action:** The Commission directs the CODA members of the ADA-CODA Relationship Workgroup to engage in an in-depth discussion with the ADA Board of Trustees members of the Workgroup related to CODA's Administrative Fund cap, Shared Services Agreement, and the financial and operational relationship between CODA and the ADA in relation to CODA's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan.

*Additional Quality Assurance and Strategic Planning Items for Discussion*

*Discussion on Trends in Dental Education, Practice, Research and Higher Education (Update on Ad Hoc Committees):* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

*Update on United States Department of Education, General Accreditation Matters, and CODA Timeline for Re-Recognition:* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action was taken.

**Report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review:** The report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review can be found in **Appendix 31**. Below are actions taken by the Commission related to the Report of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy Review.

*Consideration of Accreditation Standards Related to Institutional Accreditation:* The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee and concurred with its recommendation.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Review Committees on Dental Assisting, Dental Hygiene, Dental Laboratory Technology, and Predoctoral Dental Education to review the Accreditation Standards within their purview and confirm the language and names of accrediting agencies included is accurate, complete and current, and to review and replace, where appropriate, regional/national accreditation with institutional accreditation, with a report to the Commission at its Summer 2022 meeting.

*Consideration of Policies Related to the Commission's Structure and Function:* The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee and concurred with its recommendation that CODA monitor its structure and function.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation continues to monitor the adequate number of volunteers, including discipline-specific volunteers, to serve on all levels of the Commission including review committees and the Board of Commissioners and consider modifications, as necessary, in the future.



*Consideration of Proposed Revisions to Miscellaneous Policies:* The Commission reviewed the report of the Standing Committee and concurred with its recommendations related to revision of Commission policies and procedures found in the Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures (EOPP) manual.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts and implements immediately the proposed revisions to policies found in **Appendix 31**, including the revision of policies in the Commission's EOPP and in all appropriate Commission documents.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs staff to further review and propose changes to the Criteria for Granting Accreditation for consideration at the Summer 2022 meetings of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy and the Commission.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs staff to further review and propose changes to the Policy on Interruption of Education for consideration at the Summer 2022 meetings of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy and the Commission.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the Review Committees on Postdoctoral General Dentistry, Dental Anesthesiology, Oral Medicine and Orofacial Pain to review the Policy on Enrollment Increases in Advanced Dental Education Programs and consider the implementation of authorized enrollment for programs in these disciplines, for consideration at the Winter 2023 meeting of the Standing Committee on Documentation and Policy and the Commission.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs the deadlines for submitting reports to CODA found in **Appendix 31** be revised to a new deadline of May 1 and November 1, with immediate implementation, and that the Commission's EOPP and all appropriate Commission documents be updated, as applicable.

**Report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology:** The report of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology can be found in **Appendix 32**. While the report was informational, a summary of activity was provided by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Communication and Technology.

*CODA Website Analytics:* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

*2019-2023 Communication Plan:* There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action is required.



Electronic Accreditation Platform: There was no discussion on this report.

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

**Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visit Methods:** The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visit Methods (**Appendix 33**). The Commission discussed the approach and recommendations related to the sites that require an on-site follow-up within a “reasonable” amount of time. It was noted that the United States Department of Education’s language allowed flexibility to the accrediting agency. The Commission noted that virtual visits began in March 2021 and will require an on-site follow-up. There are approximately 80 programs that will require a follow-up visit, including some “special focused” visits that are facilitated like a “regular” site visit.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation adopts the proposed revisions to the Policy on Temporary Use of Alternative Site Visit Methods (**Appendix 33**) to include protocols for in-person follow-up site visits following virtual site visits, with immediate implementation.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs staff to initiate the follow-up on-site visit planning, and to develop and disseminate to programs and CODA site visitors a template Site Visit Schedule and template Site Visitor Evaluation Report specific to the on-site visit process following a virtual site visit.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs staff to gather data to facilitate the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visit Method’s study of alternative site visit methods to identify whether any changes in processes or procedures for the conduct of site visits using alternative methods could be implemented long-term.

**Report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Volunteerism:** The Commission considered the report and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Alternative Site Visit Methods (**Appendix 34**).

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the Standing Committee on Finance to review the Commission’s funding model to determine the impact of a stipend and honorarium on the Commission’s operational budget, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs a survey of past and current site visitors and current Review Committee members to determine barriers to service, perceptions and attitudes toward volunteering, and links of volunteerism to service, promotion and tenure, with further consideration by the Ad Hoc Committee on Volunteerism and Commission in Summer 2022.



The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs that term limits for all Commission volunteers be retained, as dictated by current Commission policy.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation further directs that a single public member may serve as a member of more than one (1) Review Committee during their tenure as a Review Committee Public Member, effective immediately, with revision to the Commission's Evaluation and Operational Policies and Procedures as noted in **Appendix 34**.

**Consideration of a Request to Establish a Process of Accreditation for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Geriatric Dentistry:** The Commission considered the request from the Special Care Dentistry Association (SCDA), requesting that the Commission establish a process of accreditation for advanced dental education programs in geriatric dentistry (**Appendix 35**).

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the request that the Commission establish a process of accreditation for Advanced Dental Education Programs in Geriatric Dentistry, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

**Report of the Standing Committee on International Accreditation:** There was no discussion on this report (**Appendix 36**).

**Commission Action:** This report is informational in nature and no action is required.

**Update on United States Department of Education (USDE)/Update on Higher Education Accreditation:** Dr. Sherin Tooks, Director, CODA provided a brief update on the Commission's re-recognition petition with the United States Department of Education.

**Survey of Meeting:** Commissioners were reminded to complete the electronic post-meeting survey following the meeting. The survey is important for determining whether the Commission is achieving its goals for the year and how the virtual meeting technology performed for this meeting.

**New Business:** *Changing Landscape of Healthcare Delivery Centers that May Sponsor Advanced Dental Education Programs and the Increased Interest in Creation and Potential Accreditation of Combined Advanced Dental Education Programs in Two Disciplines:* The Commission on Dental Accreditation considered a new business item related to advanced dental education programs, including: 1) the changing landscape of healthcare delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs, and 2) increased interest in creation of combined educational programs in two (2) advanced disciplines.

First, the Commission noted that the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides federal grants to dental education programs and, through CODA's United States Department of Education (USDE) recognition, dental education programs accredited by CODA



have access to these federal funds. The Commission learned that the academic environment in which dental education programs may be developed could include facilities that may not directly be classified as a “hospital” or “educational institution,” which are the terms used in nine (9) of the 12 advanced dental education Accreditation Standards. Conversely, five (5) of the 12 advanced dental education Accreditation Standards state that a sponsor of a dental education program may be an “educational institution, hospital, or health care organization.” As new institutional sponsorship models for dental education programs develop, it was noted that the Commission may want to revisit the advanced dental education Standards to ensure they address the changing landscape of healthcare delivery centers that could sponsor advanced dental education programs.

Second, the Commission noted that there appeared to be an increase in interest to create combined advanced dental education programs in two (2) discipline areas. These programs can be independently accredited with advanced standing and/or part-time tracks for a co-enrolled student/resident as they progress from one (1) program to another. Alternately, an institution may contact the Commission office and request submission of an application for a combined (two discipline) program. Currently the Commission accredits only one (1) combined program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics/Periodontics. The Commission may wish to study the process by which it would create an application for an institution that requests accreditation of a combined program. For example, should the Commission’s staff create a combined Standards and related documents upon request for any two (2) combined disciplines, or should CODA first consider the topic and request for Standards and documents to create a combined discipline program to determine whether it will dedicate resources to permit accreditation of a particular combined discipline program.

The Commission considered both of these topics, and a motion was made to form an Ad Hoc Committee of all 14 advanced dental education Commissioners to study the two issues presented, with input from each Review Committee in Summer 2022, and a report to CODA at the Summer 2022 meeting. A friendly amendment was made to remove the reference to the 14 advanced education disciplines to allow staff and CODA’s chair to determine who should be involved in the Ad Hoc Committee. It was believed by some that the first step in reviewing the dual-program issue would be to first survey programs to determine if there is an interest in dual-program training. Following discussion, the Commission directed formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to further consider these matters.

**Commission Action:** The Commission on Dental Accreditation directs the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to consider the changing landscape of healthcare delivery centers that may sponsor advanced dental education programs and the increased interest in creation and potential accreditation of combined advanced dental education programs in two (2) discipline areas, with a report to the Commission in Summer 2022.

**Adjourn:** The Commission adjourned the open session at 1:52 P.M.

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