

DIG ADA 2025 House of Delegates Resolutions Summary

Bloom Resolutions

1Bloom2025 – Reinforcing Editorial Integrity by Empowering the Council on Communications

Problem: ADA communication platforms have published non-scientific content that misrepresents member-adopted policies—promoting corporate dentistry and value-based care without oversight. Members have raised serious concerns about transparency and bias.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To give the Council on Communications editorial authority over ADA News, JADA News, emails, and social media, ensuring all official ADA content aligns with policy, maintains neutrality, and includes room for counterpoint when needed.

2Bloom2025 – Transparency in Dental Practice Ownership and Corporate Investment

Problem: Patients often don't know whether their dental office is owned and operated by a licensed dentist or controlled by private equity or DSOs. This lack of transparency can conceal conflicts of interest and undermine patient trust.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To require visible and consistent disclosure of ownership and financial control—so patients can know whether their provider is truly accountable and whether clinical decisions may be influenced by outside investors.

3Bloom2025 – Universal Ownership and Management Disclosure for All Dental Offices

Problem: Dental groups frequently operate multiple brands or locations under shared corporate control, without disclosing that patients are seeing the same owner or management. This misleads patients and creates confusion about provider accountability.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To require every dental office to disclose the legal owner and any affiliated management company through signage and online listings, promoting transparency regardless of business model.

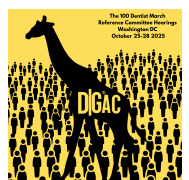
4Bloom2025 – Oversight of ADA External Advocacy to Protect State Autonomy

Problem: ADA staff have promoted policies like licensure compacts and DLR models in states without House of Delegates approval, and in some cases against the wishes of state dental societies. This undermines member representation and constituent trust.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To require all legislative partnerships, compacts, or advocacy campaigns involving outside groups to go through formal House review and approval—preserving the authority of state societies and the House.

5Bloom2025 – Addressing Food Insecurity Among Dental Students (The Abdulwaheed Resolution)

Problem: One in four dental students faces food insecurity, which harms their academic performance and mental health. There is currently no national ADA initiative to directly address this growing problem.



Why This Resolution Was Written: To create a national Food Insecurity Task Force, modeled after Massachusetts' success, to support school-based food assistance programs and engage in partnerships that ease the burden on students.

6Bloom2025 – Formal Withdrawal from the NADP/NCOIL DLR Model Agreement

Problem: The ADA joined with insurers to create a Dental Loss Ratio model (NCOIL DLR) that inflates reported ratios and undercuts state-level legislation designed to protect patients. This model contradicts House policy and is now being weaponized against member advocacy.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To officially withdraw from the NCOIL agreement and prevent ADA staff from supporting policies that conflict with House-adopted definitions or harm state efforts to enact meaningful DLR legislation.

7Bloom2025 – Supporting Tribal Sovereignty in Workforce Decisions

Problem: A federal clause blocks tribal nations (outside Alaska) from independently launching their own dental workforce models unless approved by the state—limiting care access and undermining self-governance.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To affirm tribal nations' right to license and manage their own dental providers within their sovereign systems and to ask the ADA to support efforts to remove this federal barrier when requested by tribes.

8Bloom2025 – Growing ADA Membership Through Transparent and Accessible Governance

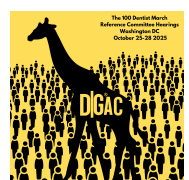
Problem: ADA membership has declined sharply, partly due to long leadership tracks, lack of open opportunities, and secrecy around governance materials. Many early-career dentists feel excluded or disillusioned.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To pilot modern, inclusive leadership pathways, open access to key governance documents, limit excessive use of executive session, and restore transparency to build trust and grow membership.

9Bloom2025 – Modernizing Campaign Rules and Protecting Nonprofit Status

Problem: Current ADA Election Commission rules prevent candidates from speaking at district caucuses, engaging in interviews, or publicly sharing their candidacy unless all opponents agree to participate. This allows a single candidate to block access, unfairly benefits incumbents, and violates the spirit of open democratic governance. It may also risk the ADA's 501(c)(6) nonprofit compliance by obstructing member oversight of leadership selection.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To update ADA campaign rules so that all declared candidates may attend district events and appear in interviews, provided equal opportunity is offered to opponents. The resolution affirms member rights to hear from candidates and brings ADA practices in line with those of other national associations like the AMA and ABA, ensuring legal compliance and restoring trust in ADA elections.



Saxe Resolutions

1Saxe2025 – Restoring Budgetary Oversight to the House of Delegates

Problem: The ADA Board of Trustees has taken over budget authority from the House, approving major expenditures without member input, including the sale of ADA's headquarters.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To return full budget control to the House, require review for high-value financial decisions, and reestablish delegate oversight.

2Saxe2025 – Minimum Hands-On Standards for Safe Dental Practice (CODA)

Problem: Some dental schools graduate students with minimal clinical experience in core areas, risking public safety and professional standards.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To urge CODA to require hands-on clinical training for graduation and improve transparency, governance, and student protection.

3Saxe2025 – Fiscal Responsibility and Modernization of ADA Governance Operations

Problem: ADA governance meetings incur high costs for limited business and lack modern efficiency.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To shift governance to a remote-first model, review spending, and ensure decisions reflect financial accountability.

4Saxe2025 – Dental School Educational Value Index (DEVI)

Problem: Dental applicants lack objective data to evaluate school cost, clinical training, and support.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To develop a public index to guide applicants and promote educational transparency and value.

5Saxe2025 – Rebuilding the Strategic Forecasting Committee (SFC)

Problem: The SFC lacks access and authority to ensure ADA programs align with House priorities.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To empower the SFC with oversight, data access, and reporting responsibilities to better serve the House.

6Saxe2025 – Establishing the National Union of ADA Employed Dentists (NUAED)

Problem: Employed dentists have no formal structure within the ADA to advocate for their rights.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To create a voluntary union providing legal, ethical, and workplace support for ADA-member employees.

7Saxe2025 – Optimizing House of Delegates Structure and Operations

Problem: The House is too large and ceremony-heavy relative to current membership and needs.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To modernize operations by reducing House size, transitioning to digital-first practices, and shortening the in-person session.

8Saxe2025 – Strengthening Financial Oversight and Accountability of the ADA Board of Trustees

Problem: Trustees have engaged in expensive, unreviewed travel and spending practices.



Why This Resolution Was Written: To limit trustee expenses, enforce transparency, and require a forensic audit of past financial decisions.

9Saxe2025 – ADA Certification Program for Dental Software and Imaging Platforms

Problem: Dentists lack a trusted way to evaluate the security, ownership, and compliance of dental tech platforms.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To launch a voluntary ADA certification that identifies platforms with open data, strong security, and regulatory approval.

10Saxe2025 – Enhancing Trustee Accountability and Expanding Member Access to Policy Making

Problem: Trustees can campaign while in office, and members lack basic access to propose policy.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To restrict campaigning, allow any three members to submit resolutions, and ensure public visibility of trustee votes and candidate platforms.

11Saxe2025 – Ending Unproductive Spending on FDI

Problem: The ADA spends over \$450,000 per year on FDI participation with minimal benefit to U.S. members.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To end funding for FDI and redirect resources toward programs that directly support ADA member priorities.

12Saxe2025 – Supporting Dr. Ayer’s Lawsuit to Promote Fair Reimbursement and Transparency

Problem: Insurers are accused of using shared algorithms to suppress out-of-network reimbursements in violation of antitrust law.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To support the Ayer lawsuit with ADA data and advocacy as a step toward fairer insurance markets and stronger enforcement.

13Saxe2025 – Ensuring Fair and Equitable ADA Elections Through Campaign Finance Reform

Problem: ADA national office campaigns currently have no contribution limits, allowing well-funded candidates to receive tens of thousands of dollars from state societies and special interests. This creates financial imbalance, favors candidates from high-resource states, and risks public perception of impropriety—potentially undermining nonprofit compliance and trust.

Why This Resolution Was Written: To establish clear contribution caps for ADA national campaigns, require transparent public reporting, and implement equity safeguards such as donor-matching programs. These reforms aim to restore fairness, protect ADA’s nonprofit integrity, and ensure all members—regardless of geographic or financial backing—can compete on a level playing field.

