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BYLAWS CHANGE

At the ACDDA Annual Winter Meeting on Friday, February 26, 2010 there will be a proposed Bylaws change to be voted on by the general membership. There was a motion set forth at the September 26, 2009 ACDDA Executive Council Meeting to change the bylaws concerning Chapter XIII Nominations for Secretary of the Florida Dental Association. The motion was passed by the Executive Council. See the original bylaws and the proposed changes below. Proposed bylaws changes will also appear on the ACDDA website at www.acddda.org and full copies are available to members by contacting the ACDDA office.

Existing Bylaws

Chapter XIII Nominations for Secretary of the Florida Dental Association

Section 1. Rotation: When it is incumbent upon the Atlantic Coast District Dental Association to nominate a Voting member for the office of Secretary of the Florida Dental Association, the nomination shall be by rotation through the Affiliate Associations. The order of rotation shall be PALM BEACH, BROWARD, TREASURE COAST. Any Affiliate may voluntarily allow its position in the rotation to be passed over, or exchanged with another Affiliate society.

Proposed Bylaws Change

Chapter XIII Nominations for Secretary of the Florida Dental Association

Section 1. Rotation: When it is incumbent upon the Atlantic Coast District Dental Association to nominate a member for the office of Secretary of the Florida Dental Association, the nominee shall be selected in the following manner:

Each affiliate area of the Atlantic Coast District Dental Association (Broward, Palm Beach and Treasure Coast) may offer a candidate (or not), to the Executive Council. The Executive Council will vote upon one individual for nomination for the FDA Secretary position.

The nominee's name will be published with proper advance notice in the Atlantic Coast official newsletter and on the Atlantic Coast's official web- site. The general membership will officially vote upon the nomination set forth by the Executive Council at the annual meeting. Additional nominations will be allowed from the floor at that meeting.

BYLAWS CHANGE AND DUES INCREASE

At the ACDDA Annual Winter Meeting on Friday, February 26, 2010 there will be a proposed dues increase of \$13.55 for the 2011 dues year. The dental association is currently in a membership crisis and as such, the association has lost \$17,000 in dues revenue due to retirements and non-renewals over the past year. The budget committee recommended an annual Cost of Living Increase – COLA based on the current rate outside of any other increase. The COLA is currently 5% which amounts to \$6, as well as an increase of \$7.55 to compensate for a loss of membership. The committee decided that it was important to keep the association strong and active and that failure to act would be fiscal irresponsibility. If the increase is passed, monies from this increase would not be realized until January of 2011. The Executive Council approved this motion and the budget as a whole at the December 9, 2009 Executive Council Meeting and the increase will be voted on at the Annual Winter Meeting. Bylaws change and the slate of 2010-2011 officers will also be voted on.

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