

Opening Meeting

September 13, 2024

Dr. Chad Reedy, Speaker of the House, called the opening session of the House of Delegates of the Illinois State Dental Society to order on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 9:30 am at the Embassy Suites Riverfront Conference Center in Peoria, IL. The Speaker recognized this as the 35th meeting of the House of Delegates and the 160th Annual Meeting of the Illinois State Dental Society.

Captain Jennifer Pritts, DMD, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Speaker then introduced distinguished guests that included the officers and trustees of the Illinois State Dental Society, the ex-officio members of the Society, and the officers of the House of Delegates. All past presidents and past ADA Trustees in attendance were introduced.

The Speaker reviewed the rules for obtaining the floor to speak to any issues as well as procedures for alternate substitutions. Mr. Eric Larson, Executive Director and Secretary for the House of Delegates, gave instructions on attendance and reimbursement for the delegates and alternate delegates. Mr. Larson also introduced members of the ISDS staff and thanked them for their efforts in planning the meeting.

The Speaker introduced Dr. Jun Lim, Park Ridge, Chair of the Credentials Committee. Other members of the committee included: Drs. Bill Hamel, Katie Hanser, Frank Maggio, Renee Pappas and Maggie Schaefer Gilpin.

Dr. Lim announced substitutions made on the House floor. At the direction of the Speaker, these delegates and alternates were then credentialed without objection by the members of the House of Delegates.

Dr. Lim announced that a quorum was present.

52 **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

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54 The report of the Minutes Committee along with the approved proceedings of the 2023 House of
55 Delegates was filed with the Secretary of the House in accordance with Resolution #3-2018 and has been
56 available on the ISDS website.

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58 **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**

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60 Dr. Richard Bona began his address to the House by expressing what an amazing journey he's had with
61 the ISDS. He reflected on his involvement in the evolution of the Society over the past decade from
62 changes in the Executive Director role, the survival of a pandemic and moving the headquarters from one
63 building to another. He expressed gratitude to various individuals as he journeyed through his path to
64 presidency, starting as a trustee and moving through various officer roles.

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66 Dr. Bona then highlighted the society's organizational achievements such as stability, legislative
67 advocacy, and growth in membership, despite challenges like a pandemic.

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69 Dr. Bona acknowledged the support received from the ISDS staff, Board of Trustees, and junior officers
70 and thanked them for helping him throughout the year. He also offered encouragement for Dr. Danner,
71 emphasizing the responsibilities ahead as the new president.

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73 Finally, he introduced his family, expressing appreciation for their support during his commitment to
74 ISDS. Dr. Bona offered a final thank you to the attendees with a hopeful note for the events during the
75 rest of Annual Session.

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77 **ADDRESS OF THE ADA TRUSTEE**

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79 Dr. Randall Markarian, ADA Trustee, addressed the House. He began by emphasizing the ADA's
80 mission; "Empowering the Dental Professionals to Achieve Optimal Health for All" and the importance
81 of dental health in overall health.

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83 He then discussed the tripartite structure of the ADA, highlighting the equal importance of national, state,
84 and local components, moving away from a top-down hierarchy.

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86 Dr. Markarian updated the House on the upcoming technological transition from Aptify to
87 Fonteva/Salesforce. This new technology will result in better member engagement and personalized
88 communications.

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90 Dr. Markarian explained the ADA's pilot program for a new membership model aimed at addressing
91 concerns about high dues to increase membership. There are currently four states involved in the pilot.

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93 He announced that we have completed the first full year of Strategic Forecasting at the ADA, going on to
94 explain that it is a new budgeting approach that involves more members in setting priorities and making
95 decisions.

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97 Dr. Markarian reviewed the ADA's advocacy priorities including; focus on dental insurance reform,
98 ongoing efforts in ERISA legislation, and significant changes in dental research and science initiatives
99 through partnerships.

Dr. Markarian announced the opening of the ADA Forsyth research facility in Boston. The Forsyth Institute is the ADA's new dental research arm and the goal is to be the greatest dental research center in the world.

He also announced that the ADA is forming a credit union with plans to be active in 2025 and offer products like student loan financing, practice financing and other products for members.

Dr. Markarian announced that the ADA has sold its headquarters building in Chicago and is moving into the same building as the Chicago Dental Society.

Dr. Markarian closed by recognizing the efforts and contributions of members and leaders from Illinois within the ADA. He also invited questions and feedback, encouraging dialogue about the ADA's future directions and priorities.

Dr. Markarian then asked Dr. Bona to return to the stage. He stated that Dr. Bona has done a very good job over the past year and shared his pride in what he's accomplished. Dr. Markarian stated what a pleasure it has been working with Dr. Bona for many years on the ISDS board and then presented him with the ADA's President's Pin.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Drs. Douglas Chang, Treasurer, and Ronald Waryjas, ISDS Executive Committee Vice-chair, addressed the members of the House of Delegates and presented the ISDS financial report. Dr. Chang explained the budget/planning process used by ISDS staff and the officers and highlighted projected revenues and expenses for 2024. The 2025 proposed budget is balanced.

CALL FOR NEW RESOLUTIONS

The Speaker called for the presentation of new resolutions to be submitted to the House of Delegates so that they may be referred to Reference Committees. There were no new resolutions presented.

Dr. Reedy then announced that the makers of Resolution Ten (10) have requested that it be withdrawn. Without objection, the Speaker withdrew the resolution from consideration.

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

The Speaker called for the nomination of officers. The following nominations were made:

Dr. Anastasia Kozal, Homer Glen, nominated Dr. John Kozal, Summit, for the office of President-Elect. There being no additional nominations for this office, the Speaker declared Dr. Kozal elected as President-elect.

Dr. Douglas Kay, Glen Ellyn, nominated Dr. Douglas Chang, Lisle, for the office of Vice President. There being no additional nominations for this office, the Speaker declared Dr. Chang elected as Vice President.

Drs. Alice Boghosian, Glenview and Joe Hagenbruch, Harvard, nominated Dr. Paul Palliser, Cary, for the office of Treasurer. There being no additional nominations for this office, the Speaker declared Dr. Palliser elected as Treasurer.

151 Drs. Bryan Blew, Rock Island and Renee Pappas, Prospect Heights, nominated Dr. Vishruti Patel,
152 Plainfield, for the office of Secretary. There being no additional nominations for this office, the Speaker
153 declared Dr. Patel elected as Secretary.

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155 Dr. Lauren Hood-Olson, O’Fallon, nominated Dr. Chad Reedy, Freeport, for the office of Speaker of the
156 House. There being no additional nominations for this office, the Vice Speaker declared the Dr. Chad
157 Reedy elected as Speaker of the House.

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159 Drs. David Maclin, Chicago, nominated, Dr. Lawrence White, Chicago, for the office of Vice Speaker.
160 There being no further nominations for this office, the Speaker declared Dr. White elected as the Vice
161 Speaker of the House.

162 163 **INTRODUCTION OF THE TELLERS COMMITTEE**

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165 The Speaker introduced the members of the Tellers Committee as follows: Dr. Wes Neal, Chair, and Drs.
166 Denise Hale, Courtney Morgan-Michaels and Phillip Schefke.

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170 The Speaker announced that a list of resolutions and reference committee assignments can be found on
171 the ISDS website under the House of Delegates page. The Speaker recognized the members of the
172 reference committees and announced the time and location for each meeting. Reference Committee A
173 will be chaired by Dr. Gordon Barkley III with the following members: Drs. Samantha Arnold, Danny
174 Hanna, Ed March, Anna Orland and Sal Storniolo. This committee will consider issues related to
175 Resolutions #1, #2, #5, #6, and #10. Reference Committee B will be chaired by Dr. Anastasia Kozal with
176 the following members: Drs. Jonathan Faber, Jim Hardy, Joanne Oppenheim, Brian Rybicki and Astrid
177 Schroetter. This committee will consider issues related to Report #1 and Resolutions #3, #4, #7, #8 and
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179 180 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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182 The Speaker made procedural announcements regarding the remaining meetings and social events
183 occurring during the remainder of the Annual Session

184 185 **ADJOURNMENT**

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187 With no further business, the Speaker adjourned the opening meeting of the House of Delegates at 11:30am.