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CONSTITUTION

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BYLAWS

**Metropolitan District Dental Society
Component of the Massachusetts Dental Society
and the American Dental Association**

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CONSTITUTION of the Metropolitan District Dental Society

ARTICLE I • NAME

The name of this Society shall be the Metropolitan District Dental Society hereinafter referred to as “the Society” or “this Society” or “MDDS”.

ARTICLE II • AFFILIATION

The Metropolitan District Dental Society shall be a component district of the Massachusetts Dental Society and the American Dental Association.

ARTICLE III • MISSION STATEMENT

The Metropolitan District Dental Society, as a component district of the Massachusetts Dental Society, is dedicated to the continuing improvement of the health of the general public and the professional development of its member dentists; providing value to its membership through initiatives in education, advocacy, and promotion of the highest ethical standards.

The members of the Metropolitan District Dental Society are committed to provide access to the highest quality, compassionate dental health care, and to the education of the public regarding the value of oral health as it relates to their total well-being.

ARTICLE IV • ORGANIZATION

As a component district of the Massachusetts Dental Society this constitution and bylaws will not supersede the constitution and bylaws of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Headquarters Office: The registered administrative office of this Society shall be known as the Headquarters Office and shall be located in one of the cities or towns within the district.

The district shall be made up of the following cities and towns:

Middlesex County: Ashland, Boxborough, Carlisle, Dunstable, Framingham, Holliston, Littleton, Maynard, Natick, Newton (Auburndale, Newton Centre, Newton Highlands, Newton Upper Falls, Newton Lower Falls, Newtonville, West Newton, Waban, Chestnut Hill), Sherborn, Stow, Sudbury, Wayland and Weston.

Norfolk County: Bellingham, Brookline, Dedham, Dover, Foxboro, Franklin, Harding, Medfield, Medway, Millis, Needham, Norfolk, Norwood, Sharon, Walpole (East Walpole), Plainville, Wellesley (Wellesley Hills), Westwood and Wrentham.

ARTICLE V • MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Society shall consist of dentists and other persons whose qualifications and classifications shall be as established in Chapter I of the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI • GOVERNANCE

Legislative Body: The legislative and governing body of the Metropolitan District Dental Society shall be all members in good standing present at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting of the membership as defined in Chapter I, Section 20.

Administrative Body: The administrative body of the Metropolitan District Dental Society shall be the Executive Board as defined in Chapter V.

ARTICLE VII • ELECTIVE OFFICERS

Elective Officers: The elective officers of the Metropolitan District Dental Society shall be a Chair, Chair Elect, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Secretary, Assistant Treasurer, Editor, Assistant Editor and Trustee each of whom shall be elected by the members present at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting as provided in Chapter V, Section 30.

ARTICLE VIII • PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

The Principles of Ethics of the American Dental Association shall govern the professional conduct of all members of this Society.

ARTICLE IX • AMENDMENTS

This Constitution and Bylaws may be amended at any Metropolitan Annual Meeting of the district by a two-thirds 2/3 vote of the members present provided that the proposed amendment(s) was approved by the district's Executive Board and presented in writing to the membership at least thirty (30) days prior to the Metropolitan Annual Meeting.

CHAPTER I • MEMBERSHIP

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Section 10. Classifications

In accordance with Chapter I Section 10 of the MDS Bylaws; the members of this Society shall be classified as follows:

- A. Active Members
- B. Associate Members
- C. Life Members
- D. Retired Members
- E. Honorary Members
- F. Student Members
- G. Non-Resident Members
- H. Allied Dental Health Professional Members
- I. Community Health Members

Section 20. Qualifications

- A. **Active Members:** A dentist who is licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and who is accepted for membership in a component of this Society.
- B. **Associate Members:** An individual not eligible for any other type of membership in this Society, who contributes to the advancement of the objectives of this Society and has not met the educational requirements for licensure as a dentist anywhere in the United States, upon approval by a component of this Society.
- C. **Life Members:** A dentist who has been a member for 30 consecutive years or a total of 40 years in this and other constituent societies of the American Dental Association, who has attained the age of 65 years. Life membership shall be effective the calendar year following the year in which the requirements are fulfilled.
- D. **Retired Members:** A dentist no longer earning income from the performance of service as a member of the faculty of a dental school, as a dental administrator or consultant, or as a practitioner of dentistry, upon completion of an affidavit attesting to his or her retirement through a component of this Society.
- E. **Honorary Members:** An individual who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of the art and science of dentistry, upon nomination by the Board of Trustees and election by the House of Delegates.
- F. **Student Members:** A predoctoral student of a dental school accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of the American Dental Association or any dentist eligible for membership who is engaged full-time in (i) an advanced training course of not less than one academic year's duration in an accredited school or (ii) a residency program approved by the Commission of Accreditation of the American Dental Association upon approval of the Society.
- G. **Nonresident Members:** A dentist who (i) does not practice dentistry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, (ii) is not eligible for any other classification of membership in this Society (other than as an associate member), and (iii) holds membership in good standing in another constituent society upon approval of the Society.
- H. **Allied Dental Health Professional Members:** A hygienist, dental assistant, front office staff, technician, or other personnel working in the field of dentistry in Massachusetts upon the approval of the Society.
- I. **Community Health Members:** A dentist employed full-time by a Massachusetts community health center may be classified as a community health member upon presenting his/her employment status to the Society, once his or her status has been verified by the Society.

Section 30. Election

The Metropolitan District Dental Society shall have the power to elect its active members in accordance with Chapter I, Section 20 of the Bylaws of the Massachusetts Dental Society. After receipt of the membership application by the district secretary or the district executive director, if the application is acceptable and complete within 30 days of the receipt of the application the district executive board must act on the application to membership by mail or other forms of communications. Upon the election of a new member the district secretary or the district executive director shall forward the accepted application to the secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

Section 40. Multiple Jurisdictions

Members of a District of the Massachusetts Dental Society who wish to hold dual membership and/or change district membership should refer to the Massachusetts Dental Society Bylaws Chapter II, Sections 150 and 160.

Section 50. Member in Good Standing

A member of the Metropolitan District Dental Society shall be considered in Good Standing if they conform to Chapter 1,

1 Section 30 of the Massachusetts Dental Society's bylaws: A member of this Society shall be in good standing only when (i)
 2 all dues and any special assessments for the current year have been paid, (ii) the member abides by the requests and final
 3 determinations of peer review bodies, if the member has agreed to enter into the peer review process, and (iii) the member
 4 cooperates with this Society's ethics committees and abides by their findings.
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6 **Section 60. Membership Dues**

7 **A. Annual Dues:**

8 The total annual dues of this district shall be determined by the district society. An amendment effecting a change in the
 9 dues of its members must be introduced at a regular Metropolitan executive board meeting and must pass by 2/3 of the
 10 executive board present. It must then be published in the next newsletter or a least thirty (30) days prior to voting and
 11 voted upon by a 2/3 vote of the membership present at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting and Election.
 12

13 **B. Billing and Payment:**

14 The structure of these Metropolitan District Dental Society dues according to membership category shall be in
 15 conformity with Chapter I, Section 60 of the Massachusetts Dental Society Bylaws.

16 All dues bills shall be sent out by the Secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society, and all dues shall be paid to the
 17 secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society.
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19 **Section 70. Resignation**

20 Any member may resign upon forwarding a written statement of resignation to the Secretary of the Metropolitan District
 21 Dental Society. The resignation shall be accepted by the Executive Board and constitute resignation from the Massachusetts
 22 Dental Society and the American Dental Association.
 23

24 **Section 80. Privileges**

25 All Active and Life members shall be entitled to all the privileges of this district society.. Non-resident members shall be
 26 entitled to all the privileges of Active members except that of holding office and voting in this district society. All members
 27 of the Metropolitan District shall conform to the privileges as outlined in Chapter I, Section 40 of the bylaws of the
 28 Massachusetts Dental Society.
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30 **Section 90. Discipline**

31 The district shall have the power to discipline any of its members subject to the provisions in Chapter VII of the bylaws of
 32 the Massachusetts Dental Society.
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36 **CHAPTER II • MEETINGS OF THE DISTRICT**

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 38 **Section 10. Meetings**

39 The Metropolitan District Dental Society shall hold at least two (2) meetings in one year, one of which shall be the
 40 Metropolitan Annual Meeting.
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42 **A. Annual Meeting:**

43 The Society must hold its annual meeting for elections sometime during the months of February or March of each year.
 44 The notification for the Metropolitan Annual Meeting shall direct that the meeting is for the transaction of the
 45 Metropolitan Annual Meeting, budget approval and the election of officers. It shall include a proposed budget and a list
 46 of at least one nominee for each elective office. The nominees shall be presented by the nominating committee. The
 47 programs of all district meetings other than Executive Board meetings, shall be determined by the Program Chair/Chair
 48 Elect, approved by the Chair of the district and announced during the month of August or September.
 49

50 **B. Special Meetings:**

51 Special meetings may be called by a three-quarters (3/4) vote of the Executive Core Committee or by a petition signed
 52 by twenty five (25) members in good standing, or by the Chair of the district society. Notices of special meetings will be
 53 published to all members a minimum of ten (10) days before the said meeting.
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1 **C. Emergency Meeting:**

2 An "emergency" is defined as circumstances that could not have been reasonably foreseen which require immediate
3 attention and possible action by the executive board and which of necessity make it impracticable to provide notice to the
4 membership.

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7 *Section 20. Quorum*

8 **A. Executive Board Meetings:**

9 Ten members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at Executive Board meetings. The
10 Executive Board shall be allowed to vote via email prior to the next scheduled Board meeting if an important issue arises
11 that needs immediate attention. The vote will be processed through the district office unless otherwise noted, and passed
12 or defeated by a majority rule.

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14 **B. Annual or Special Meetings:**

15 Fifteen members present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at Metropolitan Annual or special
16 meetings.

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18 **C. Emergency Meeting:**

19 Ten members of the executive board present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at an emergency
20 meeting. In the absence of a quorum any action taken during the emergency meeting must be ratified at the next called
21 meeting of the executive board.

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23 *Section 30. Order of Business*

24 The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure shall govern the deliberations of this District. The order of
25 business at all Executive Board meetings shall be as follows:

- 26 1. Call to order by the Chair
- 27 2. Opening remarks
- 28 3. Special guests or speakers
- 29 4. Secretary presents minutes of the previous meeting
- 30 5. Treasurer's report
- 31 6. Program Chair (chair-elect) report
- 32 7. Vice-Chair -Seminar Series report
- 33 8. Membership - election of new members
- 34 9. Regular (elected) Committee reports
- 35 10. Standing Committee reports
- 36 11. Special Committee reports
- 37 12. Old Business
- 38 13. New Business
- 39 14. Good and Welfare
- 40 15. Adjournment

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42 The order of business at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting shall be as follows:

- 43 1. Call to order by the Chair
 - 44 a. Opening remarks
- 45 2. Report of the records of the previous Metropolitan Annual Meeting
- 46 3. Reports of Officers and Committees in their order
- 47 4. Old business
- 48 5. New business
 - 49 a. Election of officers
 - 50 b. Budget
 - 51 c. Election of new members
- 52 6. Discussion
- 53 7. Adjournment

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CHAPTER III • FINANCES

The Metropolitan District Dental Society shall have an operating capital fund herein known as the General Fund and a Reserve Fund, within the office of the Treasurer.

Section 10. General Fund

The General Fund shall consist of all monies received other than those specifically allocated to other funds by these bylaws or by vote of the Executive Board. This General Fund shall be used for defraying all expenses of this Society not otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Section 20. Reserve Fund

To insure continued operations of the Metropolitan District Dental Society, a reserve fund shall be available to offset any unforeseen events that may reduce the revenues of the society and to assist the society with meeting its financial obligations. This fund shall be invested with the primary goal of preserving the principal balance. The balance of this fund shall not be less than 75% of the annual operating budget for the society. The Reserve Fund shall be invested separately from the General Fund and furthermore that all (year-end) residual funds be allocated to the Reserve Fund. The Reserve Fund monies cannot go below the amount specified except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those present and voting at a general membership meeting provided notice be given thirty (30) days prior to said meeting.

Section 30. Reserve Fund Withdrawals

The Executive Core Committee is empowered to direct the overseers of the Reserve Fund to transfer from the Reserve Fund of the district to the General Fund such sums as it deems necessary. The Overseers of the Reserve Fund consists of the district's current chair, chair elect and immediate past chair. The Reserve Fund shall not be drawn upon except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Core Committee present and voting provided a seven (7) day notice of the meeting has been given.

Section 40. General Fund Expenditures

- A. All checks issued for the payment of district expenses must be approved by two (2) of the following officers: Treasurer, Secretary, and Chair.
- B. District bills and vendors may also be paid by Electronic Bill Pay up to \$1000.00 using the same method of record keeping and reporting used in check signing.
- C. No money shall be paid from the treasury without a voucher signed by the individual authorized to make the expenditure.

Section 50. Bonding

All officers and employees entrusted with the handling of funds of the Metropolitan District shall be bonded in an amount determined by the Bonding Company.

CHAPTER IV • EMPLOYEES

The Metropolitan District Dental Society may employ an Executive Director who shall be responsible for the administration of the district office and shall report directly to the secretary of the district. The weekly salary of the Executive Director may be disbursed through direct deposit. The salary of the administrative personnel shall be reviewed annually by the Executive Core Committee, and presented to the Executive Board for inclusion in the annual budget.

CHAPTER V • EXECUTIVE BOARD and EXECUTIVE CORE COMMITTEE

Section 10. Composition

A. Executive Board

The Executive Board consists of the Executive Core, the regular elected committees, the regular appointed committees, and the special committees.

Members of the Executive Board:

- 1. Chair
- 2. Chair-Elect

- 1 3. Vice-Chair
- 2 4. Treasurer
- 3 5. Secretary
- 4 6. Trustee
- 5 7. Immediate Past Chair
- 6 8. Assistant Secretary
- 7 9. Assistant Treasurer
- 8 10. Editor
- 9 11. Assistant Editor
- 10 12. Chairmen of the Regular [Elected] Committees
- 11 13. Chairmen of the Regular Appointed Committees
- 12 14. Special Committee Chairs
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14 **B. Executive Core**

15 Members of the Executive Core Committee:

- 16 1. Chair
- 17 2. Chair-Elect
- 18 3. Vice Chair
- 19 4. Immediate Past Chair
- 20 5. Secretary,
- 21 6. Treasurer
- 22 6. Trustee
- 23 7. Assistant Secretary
- 24 8. Assistant Treasurer
- 25 9. Editor
- 26 10. Assistant editor
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28 **Section 20. Duties of the Executive Board**

- 29 A. The Executive Board shall meet as often as necessary to transact business of the district. The dates are to be determined
- 30 by the Program Chair and Chair of the district. The Executive Core Committee shall meet when interim business of the
- 31 district should need immediate attention.
- 32 B. To conduct the affairs of the district, subject to the approval of the district and to make certain policies of this district
- 33 shall not be in conflict with adopted policies of the state society.
- 34 C. To provide a suitable place for all meetings.
- 35 D. To appoint subcommittees to expedite the business of the district.
- 36 E. when necessary to hire an executive director and annually review the salary of the executive director presented by the
- 37 Executive Core Committee.
- 38 F. To carry out any other functions as outlined in these bylaws.
- 39 G. To approve appointments made by the Chair.
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41 **Section 30. Executive Core Committee**

- 42 A. At the Metropolitan District Annual Meeting the general membership shall elect the following:
- 43 1. Vice-Chair
- 44 2. Secretary
- 45 3. Assistant Secretary
- 46 4. Treasurer
- 47 5. Assistant Treasurer
- 48 6. Editor
- 49 7. Assistant Editor
- 50 8. Trustee of the District

51 **B. Term of Office**

52 See Appendix 1

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- 54 **Section 40. Duties of Elective Officers**

1 **A. Duties of the Chair**

- 2 1. To preside at all meetings of the district.
 3 2. To conduct the meetings according to parliamentary procedure, and the rules adopted by the district.
 4 3. To call special meetings.
 5 4. To annually appoint all district standing committees, special committees and their Chairs subject to the approval of
 6 the Executive Core Committee, at the next scheduled core meeting.
 7 5. To be an advisory member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
 8 6. To serve as one of three officers (including secretary and treasurer) to approve the checks and official contracts of
 9 the district.
 10 7. To serve as overseer of the Reserve Fund.
 11 8. To serve as an Ex-Officio delegate to the annual House of Delegates of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

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 13 **B. Duties of the Chair-Elect:**

- 14 1. To serve as the Program Chair with responsibility to coordinate the current year's program of dinner meetings and
 15 executive meetings.
 16 2. To assist the Chair in the performance of requested duties.
 17 3. To perform all duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair.
 18 4. To succeed to the office of Chair after the next session of the Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates.
 19 5. To serve as an overseer of the Reserve Fund.
 20 6. To serve on the district's Peer Review Committee

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 22 **C. Duties of the Vice-Chair**

- 23 1. To serve as the Chair of any seminar or special lecture series for the current year's program.
 24 2. To act as hospitality host at all functions of the district.
 25 3. To serve as Chair in absence of the Chair-Elect.

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 27 **D. Duties of the Secretary**

- 28 1. To keep accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the District, including Executive Core Committee
 29 meetings and the Executive Board meetings and to present those minutes for approval at each meeting.
 30 2. To keep an ongoing archive file of the activity of each committee and council position for the purpose of keeping a
 31 history and giving continuity to each committee and council.
 32 3. To notify all new members of their election and to sign all applications of newly elected members.
 33 4. To notify all district officers and committees of their election or appointment.
 34 5. To mail to each member of the district, and to the officers and members of the Executive Board of this society due
 35 notices of all meetings of the district.
 36 6. To serve as one of three officers (to include the Chair and Treasurer) to approve checks and official contracts and
 37 documents of the district.
 38 7. To conduct the correspondence of the district.
 39 8. To keep properly filed all official communications to the district, and copies of all official letters he or she may
 40 write.
 41 9. To submit for publication in the Massachusetts Dental Society compilation before the annual session of the
 42 Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates, on a special form provided for the purpose make an annual report
 43 to the secretary of the state society, which shall in a general way describe the work of the district during the year,
 44 giving the subjects of papers read before the district, and other matters of interest to this society, and shall include
 45 any changes in the rules of the district which have been made during the year.
 46 10. To immediately following the Metropolitan Annual Meeting, and on a special form provided for the purpose,
 47 furnish the secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society with the names and addresses of the elected officers of the
 48 district, the delegates and alternate delegates, the Trustee, and the district representatives at the Massachusetts
 49 Dental Society level who are eligible for the year ensuing, together with the dates of the expiration of their terms of
 50 office.
 51 11. To upon receipt of dues from the Treasurer of the state society, make a proper entry on the records.
 52 12. At the Metropolitan Annual Meeting of the district make a detailed report in writing of the condition and activities
 53 of this district.
 54 13. To supervise and be responsible for the official acts of the assistant secretary and executive director.

- 1 14. To serve as a member of the district Peer Review Committee in all matters of complaint and shall serve as Chair in
 2 the absence of the Chair of the Peer Review committee.
 3 15. To serve as an Ex-Officio delegate to the Massachusetts Dental Society Annual House of Delegates.
 4 16. To notify in writing all Delegates and Alternate Delegates of their responsibility to attend the upcoming annual
 5 session of the Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates and District Caucus shall coordinate the filling of
 6 all delegate positions to assure a full delegation.
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8 **E. Duties of the Assistant Secretary:**

- 9 1. To coordinate and contact all committee chair and request reports to be given at the Executive Board meetings.
 10 2. To act as recording and corresponding secretary at the discretion and under the direction of the secretary.
 11 3. To perform duties as prescribed by the secretary.
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13 **F. Duties of the Treasurer:**

- 14 1. To be custodian of all monies, securities and deeds belonging to the district and all valuable papers, which may
 15 come into his/her possession, and to hold, invest and disburse same as provided in these bylaws.
 16 2. To approve and make authorized expenditures as provided in Chapter III of these Bylaws.
 17 3. To oversee account of all receipts and expenditures.
 18 4. At the Metropolitan Annual Meeting make a full and detailed report in writing of the financial affairs of the
 19 district.
 20 5. To oversee records and statistics which shall show at all times the names of members of the district who are
 21 in good standing and for whom the dues of the Massachusetts Dental Society have been paid.
 22 6. To serve as one of three officers (to include the Chair and Secretary) to approve checks and official contracts and
 23 documents of the district.
 24 7. To serve as an Ex-Officio delegate to the annual Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates.
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26 **G. Duties of the Assistant Treasurer:**

- 27 1. To assist when necessary in the duties of the Treasurer and act on his/her behalf.
 28 2. To serve as budget chair and prepare the next district's budget for approval of the Executive Board.
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30 **H. Duties of the Editor:**

- 31 1. To cooperate with the Editor of the state society in editing material presented to the membership.
 32 2. To oversee and edit for publication the district newsletter "The MDDS News" and to report in the district
 33 publications the activities of the district.
 34 3. To submit to the Treasurer and Executive Director a report of accounts receivable pertaining to the district
 35 newsletter.
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37 **I. Duties of the Assistant Editor**

- 38 1. To serve to oversee all commercial advertising as a means of generating revenue for the publication of
 39 the district newsletter.
 40 2. To assist when necessary in the duties of the editor, and act on his/her behalf.
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42 **J. Duties of the Immediate Past Chair:**

- 43 1. To act as advisor and counsel to the district Executive Board.
 44 2. To be a member and chair of the district Nominating Committee and to provide, as outlined in this document, a list
 45 of nominations for election by the membership at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting.
 46 3. To serve as an overseer of the Reserve Fund.
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48 **Section 50. Officer Vacancies**

49 The Chair of the district shall appoint with the approval of the Executive Board persons to fill a vacancy in office pending the
 50 next Metropolitan Annual Meeting.
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52 **Section 60. Officer Removal**

53 Any officer may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Executive Board present and voting whenever, in
 54 its judgment, the best interest of the district would be served. The officer to be removed shall have an opportunity to be heard

1 by the members present at the Executive meeting and be represented by counsel or other representative at the accused
 2 officer's expense. In all such actions, the decision of the members present at the meeting shall be final.
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4 **Chapter VI • REGULAR AND APPOINTED COMMITTEES**

5 *Section 10. Committees*

6 **A. Regular Elected Committees**

7 Metropolitan District shall elect the following Committees, whose terms of office shall commence with the close of the
 8 Annual Session of The Massachusetts Dental Society. In accordance with Chapter II Section 70 of the MDS Bylaws.

- 9 1. Ethics Committee as specified in Chapter II Section 100 of the MDS Bylaws.
- 10 2. Nominations Committee as specified in Chapter II Section 110 of the MDS Bylaws.
- 11 3. Peer Review Committee as specified in Chapter II Section 120 of the MDS Bylaws.

12 **B. Regular Appointed Committees**

13 The Chair of the district shall appoint committees to conduct the general business of the district which will then be
 14 approved by the Executive Core Committee.

15 The Regular Appointed Committees shall be:

- 16 1. Budget
- 17 2. Finance
- 18 3. Bylaws
- 19 4. Allied Dental Health Professionals
- 20 5. Public Relations
- 21 6. Credentials
- 22 7. Resolutions
- 23 8. Membership
- 24 9. Governmental Affairs
- 25 10. Long Range Planning

26 Section 20. Duties of the Regular Elected Committees

- 27 A. To attend the scheduled meetings of the Metropolitan District Dental Society Executive Board .
- 28 B. To report as requested the activities of the committee.
- 29 C. To select as needed members of the Metropolitan District Dental Society to serve as committee members.
- 30 D. To conduct the business and carry out the goals of his/her committee.
- 31 E. To submit articles and reports of his/her committee activity to the Editor for publication in the district newsletter.

32 Section 30. Ethics Committee:

- 33 A. **Composition:** The Ethics Committee of the district shall be composed of at least three members.
- 34 B. **Duties:** The duties of the District Ethics Committee shall be to hold hearings, make written decisions, and transmit such
 35 decisions to the Ethics Committee of The Massachusetts Dental Society, all in accordance with the provisions of Chapter
 36 VII of the MDS Bylaws.

37 Section 40. Peer Review Committee

- 38 A. **Composition:** The district Peer Review Committee shall be composed of a minimum seven (7) members. Peer Review
 39 Committee Chair, the district Chair-Elect, the district Secretary and four (4) members elected at the Metropolitan Annual
 40 Meeting.
- 41 B. **Duties:** The duties of the Peer Review Committee shall be: to conduct the duties of the district Peer Review Committee
 42 as outlined under current guidelines or manuals of operation and shall at all times conform to the Massachusetts Dental
 43 Society and the American Dental Association policies.

44 Section 50. Nominating Committee

- 45 A. **Composition:** The Nominating Committee of the district shall be composed of at least three (3) members including the
 46 immediate past chair of the district who shall serve as chair of the nominating committee. No member shall serve two (2)
 47 consecutive years.
- 48 B. **Duties:** The duties of the Nominations Committee shall be to prepare a list of nominees for District Officer and District
 49 Representative positions, this list shall be distributed to the District members at least 30 days prior to the Annual
 50 Meeting.

1 Meeting.

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3 **Section 60. Duties of the Regular Appointed Committees**

4 The duties of the regular committee members are to attend the scheduled meetings of the Metropolitan District Dental
5 Society Executive Board to report as requested the activities of the committee, to select as needed members of the
6 Metropolitan District Dental Society to serve as committee members, to conduct the business and carry out the goals of
7 his/her committee, to submit budget line item requests in January each year to the Budget Chair to meet the financial needs of
8 the committee, to submit articles and reports of his/her committee activity to the Editor for publication in the district
9 newsletter.

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11 **Section 70. Budget Committee**

12 The Assistant Treasurer as Chair of the Budget Committee shall at the appropriate time designated each year prepare and
13 project the district's annual operating budget for the coming year. In addition, he/she shall present the district's annual
14 budget to the district's Executive Board for approval. The approved budget will then be presented to the general membership
15 at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting, to be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the voting members present.

16
17 **Section 80. Finance Committee**

18 The Chair shall appoint a finance committee and designate a Chair of the Finance Committee. The committee shall oversee
19 the district's reserve funds and the committee shall make appropriate reports and administrative suggestions to the Executive
20 Board.

21
22 **Section 90. Bylaws Committee**

23 The Chair shall appoint a Bylaws Committee and designate a Chair of the Bylaws Committee. The committee shall
24 periodically as necessary update and revise the bylaws of the district to meet the needs of the district and to incorporate the
25 bylaws changes of the Massachusetts Dental Society.

26
27 **Section 100. Allied Dental Health Professionals Liaison Committee**

28 The Chair shall act as a representative and on behalf of the district in all matters and projects pertaining to recruitment and
29 retention of dental auxiliaries.

30
31 **Section 110. Public Relations**

32 The Chair shall act as a representative and on behalf of the district in all matters of publicity and public relations through the
33 use of all forms of media; with regard to the promotion of dental health and the public image of dentistry as a profession.

34
35 **Section 120. Credentials**

36 The Chair shall be an elected member of the Ethics Committee and shall act on behalf of the district, to have full charge of
37 the investigation of all applications for membership as outlined under ETHICS in these bylaws.

38
39 **Section 130. Resolutions**

40 The Chair shall be responsible for the submission of all resolutions authored by the Metropolitan District as they are
41 introduced to the Massachusetts Dental Society at their annual House of Delegates. He/She shall serve to assist the district in
42 the editing and writing to incorporate the appropriate language and to follow the protocol as required by the Massachusetts
43 Dental Society in the submission of resolutions.

44
45 **Section 140. Membership**

46 The Chair shall call all newly elected members and personally welcomes them into the district. Seminars and workshops can
47 be planned throughout the year geared towards the recruitment and retention of members

48
49 **Section 150. Governmental Affairs**

50 The Chair shall serve as a representative and liaison for the district in all matters regarding governmental affairs.

51
52 **Section 160. Long Range Planning**

53 The Co-Chairs shall be the district Trustee and the immediate Past Chair. The composition of the committee shall be the
54 incoming chairs, the Trustee, immediate two past chairs and any other interested past chairs. The committee will provide

1 guidance to the upcoming chairs, provide continuity of thought and direction, assist with problem identification and
 2 solutions, and re-evaluate the long-term goals of the district. The committee shall meet as necessary but not less than once a
 3 year.

4 5 **Chapter VII • SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

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7 Section 10. Appointment - Special committees of the district may be created at any time by the current chair for the purpose
 8 of performing duties not otherwise assigned by these Bylaws.
 9

10 11 **Chapter VIII • CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATIVES**

12 13 Section 10. Trustee

14 **A. Composition:**

15 The district shall elect a trustee for a term of three years, as provided in Chapter IV, Section 20, of the MDS Bylaws.

16 **B. Duties:**

- 17 1. To submit Council nominations from the Executive Core Committee to the Board of
- 18 Trustees at the Massachusetts Dental Society.
- 19 2. To attend the Massachusetts Dental Society Trustee meetings on behalf of the district society and report back to the
- 20 Executive Board of the district. In the event that the Trustee is not able to attend a Board of Trustees meeting of the
- 21 Massachusetts Dental Society, the Chair of the district (or the next available officer in sequence) will be notified by
- 22 the Trustee and attend in his/her place. The Trustee shall also notify the Massachusetts Dental Society secretary of
- 23 the alternate member's attendance.
- 24 3. To submit a Trustee's report of all meetings attended to the district editor for publication in the newsletter to the
- 25 general membership and to give any other reports as outlined by these bylaws.
 26

27 Section 20. Representative to the Nominations Committee

28 **A. Composition:**

29 The out-going Immediate Past-Chair, having fulfilled his/her term as Chair of the District Nominating Committee, shall
 30 have his/her name placed in nomination as representative to the Nominations Committee. In the event the past chair is
 31 not able to serve, a representative will be appointed by the chair of the district as specified in these bylaws and in
 32 accordance with the bylaws of the Massachusetts Dental Society. He/She shall not serve two (2) consecutive years.

33 **B. Duties of the Nomination Committee:**

- 34 1. To solicit, contact, and encourage prospective candidates to serve.
- 35 2. To invite candidates to apply whose experience and qualifications meet the requirements of the Bylaws for that
- 36 position and who can obtain support from the District for the position sought.
- 37 3. To interview candidates for current and future vacancies.
- 38 4. To submit a report of one or more nominees, for each Officer position to be filled at the Annual Session of the
- 39 House of Delegates, to the Speaker of the House at least one month prior to such Annual Session.
 40

41 ****Nominations for all Massachusetts Dental Society Councils shall be submitted by the district through its Trustee to the**
 42 **Massachusetts Dental Society Board of Trustees meeting immediately before the annual session of the Massachusetts**
 43 **Dental Society House of Delegates. These nominees shall be presented to the Massachusetts Dental Society House of**
 44 **Delegates for election and shall follow the general outlines as set down by the Massachusetts Dental Society.**
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 46

47 **Chapter IX • MASSACHUSETTS DENTAL SOCIETY** 48 **HOUSE OF DELEGATES**

49 50 Section 10. Delegates and Alternate Delegates

51 **A. Composition:**

52 The Metropolitan District Dental Society shall be represented by five (5) duly elected delegates, four (4) Ex-Officio
 53 delegates and one (1) awarded delegate for every 100 active members over 200 active members with voting power.

54 Elections shall be so arranged that one-fifth (1/5) of the delegates will be elected each year. A delegate shall be elected

1 for one (1) five year term. The Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee shall be the officers to serve Ex-Officio. At the
 2 time of the election, twenty (20) alternate delegates will be elected who may serve in the absence of the duly elected
 3 delegates at the next Massachusetts Dental Society Annual House of Delegates. The Vice-Chair shall be elected as a
 4 delegate to serve five consecutive years. The Editor shall serve as one of the elected delegates during his/her term of
 5 office. All elected or appointed Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the Massachusetts Dental Society House of
 6 Delegates shall be required to be members in good standing of the Metropolitan District Dental Society.
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8 **B. Delegate Term of Office:**

9 Each Delegate shall be elected for one (1) term of five (5) years. Each Alternate shall be elected for a term of one (1)
 10 year. The alternate delegates shall serve until a new delegate is elected to fill an unexpired term. In the event the district
 11 does not have a sufficient number of elected delegates and elected alternates to fill its quota at any meeting of the
 12 Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates, the Executive Board present may appoint members of the District to
 13 fill its quota for that meeting.
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15 **C. Duties and Responsibilities:**

16 It is the responsibility of each delegate to attend the Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates annual session
 17 held each year in early June. If a delegate is not able to attend the Massachusetts Dental Society House of Delegates, it
 18 is the delegate's responsibility to contact an elected alternate as his/her replacement. The delegate must also notify the
 19 district secretary and/or the district Executive Director of the change. It is also the responsibility of each delegate to
 20 make every effort to attend the district caucus held approximately one week prior to the annual session.
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22 **Chapter X • PUBLICATIONS**

23 The district shall publish a newsletter and email it to its membership no less than 30 days prior to a district dinner/lecture
 24 meeting announcing the continuing education seminar and all newly elected members. This newsletter shall also publish the
 25 Slate of Officers to be voted on at the Metropolitan Annual Meeting. The district Editor shall be the Editor-in-Chief of the
 26 MDDS News and shall exercise full editorial control. He/she shall oversee the production of the newsletter.
 27

28 **Chapter XI • PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS**

29 The principles of ethics of the American Dental Association as adopted by the Massachusetts Dental Society shall govern the
 30 professional conduct of the members of this district.
 31

32 **Chapter XII • INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS**

33 All elected or appointed members of this district society shall be indemnified by the Massachusetts Dental Society in
 34 accordance with Chapter X, Sections 10-20 of the Massachusetts Dental Society bylaws.
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36 **Chapter XIII • AMENDMENTS**

37 The rules of this district may be changed at any meeting of the district by a majority vote of the members voting, providing
 38 the proposed changes have been published thirty (30) days prior to date of voting.
 39

40 **Chapter XIV • ENACTMENTS**

41 1. Resolved: That these bylaws shall take effect and be in force from and after passage, and all previous
 42 bylaws are hereby repealed.
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44 2. Resolved: The **pricing differential** for meetings, products and/or services between members and nonmembers be at the
 45 maximum the law will allow in order to increase the tangible benefits of being a member of the Metropolitan District Dental
 46 Society. 2/3/99.
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48 A copy of these rules shall be filed with the secretary of the Massachusetts Dental Society.
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Appendix I • TERM OF OFFICERS CHART

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3	<u>EXECUTIVE CORE</u>		
4	CHAIR	1 YEAR	
5	CHAIR ELECT	1 YEAR	
6	VICE CHAIR	1 YEAR	
7	SECRETARY	1 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 3 CONSECUTIVE TERMS
8	TREASURER	1 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 3 CONSECUTIVE TERMS
9	TRUSTEE	3 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 2 CONSECUTIVE TERMS
10	IMM.PAST CHAIR	1 YEAR	
11	ASSISTANT SECRETARY	1 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
12	ASSISTANT TREASURER	1 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 3 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
13	EDITOR	1 YEAR	NO TERM LIMIT
14	ASSISTANT EDITOR	1 YEAR	NO TERM LIMIT
15	NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE	1 YEAR	
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17	<u>REGULAR ELECTED COMMITTEES</u>		
18	PEER REVIEW CHAIR	1 YEAR	NO TERM LIMIT
19	ETHICS CHAIR	1 YEAR	NO TERM LIMIT
20	MDDS NOMINATIONS CHAIR	1 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 1 CONSECUTIVE TERM
21	COMM/TRIAL	3 YEAR	NOT TO EXCEED 2 CONSECUTIVE TERMS
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23	<u>DELEGATES (12)</u>		
24	Four (4) are to be elected for a five (5) year term every year.		
25	Vice Chair and Editor are automatically elected delegates.		
26	Secretary, Treasurer, Chair and Trustee are automatically elected delegates.		
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28	<u>ALTERNATE DELEGATES (20)</u>		
29	Elected every year with no consecutive limit		
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31	ALL OF THE ABOVE MUST BE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE American Dental Association, the		
32	Massachusetts Dental Society and the Metropolitan District Dental Society.		