

1 **Report Title:** Multi-District Advocacy Events Report, Response to Resolution 206-2024

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3 **Reference Committee Assignment:** Professional Issues and Governance

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## RESOLUTION

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8 **Resolved,** that the 2024-2025 Board of Trustees be tasked with investigating ways to empower  
9 the Council on Advocacy to a) encourage and guide collaboration of multiple districts and  
10 empower exchange of ideas with district advocacy chairs, chapter legislative liaisons, and other  
11 equivalent positions and b) help districts and chapters engage in advocacy within their local and  
12 state dental societies and allied professions, and be it further

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14 **Resolved,** that the Board be tasked with investigating the feasibility of removing terms, like  
15 "non-national events", in the bylaws that limit the Council on Advocacy's ability to plan,  
16 execute, lead, and/or support events that encompass multiple district and be it further

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18 **Resolved,** that the Board shall provide a progress report to the sponsors and the Council on  
19 Advocacy chair and members following the 2024 Fall Council Meeting. In the event that the  
20 Council on Advocacy's duties are not expanded to coordinate interdistrict events, the Board  
21 shall present alternative proposals and provide explanations to the 2025 House of Delegates.

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## REPORT BACKGROUND

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24 At their April meeting, the 2024-25 Board of Trustees approved a task force to research items  
25 included in the resolution and report back to the Board.

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27 Task Force Members:

- 28 • Parker Norman, chair, speaker of the house
- 29 • Johnny Russo, District 5 trustee
- 30 • Tyler Jenness, District 8 trustee
- 31 • Payal Patel, District 10 trustee
- 32 • Michelle Chiang, District 11 trustee
- 33 • Bree Zhang, Council on Advocacy chair
- 34 • Stephanie Follett, staff liaison

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36 The task force reviewed the following resources:

- 37 • ASDA Bylaws
- 38 • ASDA Standing Rules of the Board of Trustees
- 39 • Council on Advocacy position descriptions
- 40 • Advocacy How-to Guide
- 41 • State Dental Association How-to Guide

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## REPORT FINDINGS

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46 To empower the Council on Advocacy to a) encourage and guide collaboration of multiple  
47 districts and empower exchange of ideas with district advocacy chairs, chapter legislative  
48 liaisons, and other equivalent positions and b) help districts and chapters engage in advocacy  
49 within their local and state dental societies and allied professions, the Board recommends the  
50 following:

- 51 • Have leaders that have planned multi-district advocacy events review the How-to Guide  
52 and offer recommendations of helpful tips that could be included for planning a multi-  
53 district event should a district elect to do so.
- 54 • Direct legislative coordinators to open advocacy idea exchanges to all members.
- 55 • Link to the State Dental Association How-to Guide in the Advocacy How-to Guide.
- 56 • Ensure that District Advocacy chairs facilitate a virtual introduction between each  
57 chapter's legislative liaison and their state dental society's legislative liaison
- 58 • Task the 2025-26 Council on Advocacy with implementing an advocacy mentorship  
59 program.

60 In response to investigating the feasibility of removing terms, like "non-national events", in the  
61 bylaws that limit the Council on Advocacy's ability to plan, execute, lead, and/or support events  
62 that encompass multiple districts, the Board states the following:

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- 64 • The Board found no reference of "non-national events" in the Bylaws. They believe the  
65 recommendations presented for the first resolving clause address the concern noted in  
66 the second resolving clause and no further action is needed.

67 This report is informational, and no resolutions are presented.