

**CONSTITUTION OF THE
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN DENTISTS**

Preamble: Official name of the organization: American Association of Women Dentists (AAWD)

Date: Revised September, 2002

ARTICLE I

Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote good fellowship and cooperation among its members and to aid in the advancement and recognition of women in dentistry. It will allow the opportunity to further knowledge by providing programs of interest as well as providing a communication link with the faculty, staff, and administration of the College of Dentistry. It will serve as a local student branch of the American Association of Women Dentists.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section I: In no aspect of its programs shall there be any difference in the treatment of persons because of race, national origin, color, creed, religion, sex, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or associational preference, or any other classification which would deprive the person of consideration as an individual. The organization will guarantee that equal opportunity and equal access to membership, programming, facilities, and benefits shall be open to all persons.

Section II: The membership of this organization shall consist of any dental student, faculty, or staff interested in supporting the above objectives.

Section III: Active membership is dependent upon payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE III

Officers, Elections and Duties

Section I: The officers of this organization shall consist of an executive council containing co-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer (the governing council), and one representative from each dental class: freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior. The senior representative will be a position shared by two people, one serving each semester. The co-presidents shall plan, schedule, and run the meetings, draft correspondence, and organize programs and activities. The secretary shall take minutes at the meetings, copy, post, and/or distribute information to the representatives, and type drafted correspondence. The treasurer shall collect dues, distribute funds, prepare, present, and monitor the budget. The representatives shall distribute and obtain information to and from their respective class.

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Section II: The governing council shall be elected by all current members. The governing council shall be elected by ballot in April for the following academic year. Each representative shall be elected by respective classmates who are members. All representatives shall be elected by ballot in the fall and serve for that academic year. Each officer of the executive council shall have one vote.

Section III: Any current member is qualified to hold office. Vacant offices may be filled by volunteering current members.

ARTICLE IV

Advisor

The advisor of this organization will be someone within the College of Dentistry that is willing to spend time as an advisor. Their role will be to advise the chapter on National issues. There is no compensation for this position.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Meetings will be held at the discretion of the co-presidents, with a recommended minimum of once per month general meeting and twice per month executive council meeting. Meetings will be announced via posters and emails at least one week in advance. Quorum is determined as a simple majority of those persons in attendance at the meeting. Any member of the executive council may call meetings.

ARTICLE VI

Elections

Elections will occur during April of each school year for the following school year. Elections will be announced via posters and email at least one week in advance.

ARTICLE VII

Finances

Section I: Dues are determined by and may be paid directly to the National Organization.

Section II: The treasurer is in charge of financial affairs including, but not limited to, the following: collection of dues, disbursement of funds, and authoritative responsibilities.

Section III: Upon dissolution state money and mandatory students fees revert back to the granting organization.

Group fees should be divided as stated in the constitution and carried out by the dissolving group's members and officers.

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If group has dissolved and group fees have not been divided as stated in constitution by 5 years from last account activity monies in group's 00 account will revert to an account specified for this purpose within UISG. These funds will then be available for distribution through SABAC guidelines in compliance with University of Iowa policy.

ARTICLE VIII Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting by a two-thirds vote of current membership. Eligible members will be notified through their class representatives.

ARTICLE IX Ratification

Ratification of this Constitution must occur if changes to the Constitution are to be made.