

**Central Florida District Dental Association**  
**House of Delegates Minutes - Thursday, January 11, 2024**  
**Marriott Courtyard Downtown Orlando**

The semi-annual meeting of the House of Delegates of the Central Florida District Dental Association was held on Thursday, January 12, 2024, at the Marriott Courtyard Downtown Orlando and was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by CFDDA President, Dr. Roderick MacIntyre.

Dr. MacIntyre recognized Dr. Don Ilkka, FDA Speaker of the House, Dr. Gerald Bird, FDA Immediate Past President, and asked the new delegates, alternate delegates, and other guests to introduce themselves. There were none present.

Dr. MacIntyre directed everyone to review the Conflict of Interest Reminder.

Call for additional agenda items.

A. FDA Search Committee – Dr. Suzi Thiems-Heflin

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Annual Session House of Delegates, June 22, 2024. Motion made to accept the minutes. Seconded. **Passed.**

**Treasurer’s Report** - Dr. Bernard Kahn reviewed the Treasurer’s Report as printed. He stated the CFDDA is doing well and has financially grown due to the Morgan Stanley investment account. He shared the CFDDA will be transferring more funds into the Morgan Stanley account soon. At this time, spending is within reason and CFDDA signed check today for FLA MOM. He explained one of his responsibilities is to review dues waivers, there have been many this year. Motion to approve the treasurer’s report. The motion received a second. **Passed.**

**Credentials Committee Report** – Quorum present.

**Reports**

The following reports from CFDDA Representatives to the FDA were accepted as printed:

- Convention and Continuing Education Committee      Dr. James Flatley
- Leadership Development Committee                      Dr. Mathew Sheldon
- CFDDA Communications/Editor                              Dr. Vrinda Shah
- CFDDA Program Committee                                  Dr. Oscar Morejon

**Trustee Report** – Dr. John Cordoba and Dr. Bertram Hughes reported on the Board of Trustees meeting in December. FDA Services (FDAS) contributed over 16M to organized dentistry. They encouraged everyone to get insurance through FDAS and since workman’s comp is no longer the same across the board, FDAS has lower fees. FDA membership is 6200, down to 51% market share. They said to not focus on market share, but on numbers that are increasing. The legislature this year will be focusing on healthcare issues, the increasing population, and wanting more dentists licensed in the state, which means they will be looking at licensure options. Some include compacts between states, licensure by credential. Dentists’ Day on the Hill has hot button issues, and they asked everyone to try and attend. The FDA is working on an easier path for new members to join and for renewals. FDA Governance includes many elections in June. Dr. Cordoba will be running for at large trustee. Dr. Dan Crofton, CFDDA’s FDA PAC rep addressed the group. He announced a DDOH conference call the next day and that there are now 14 senate and house bills pertaining to dentistry, (money for FLA MOM...Medicaid for dental) dental therapy, licensure by endorsement (2 bills), and live healthy at this time. Access to healthcare is a top priority this session.

**Old Business**

A. Florida Mission of Mercy – Dr. Bert Hughes and Dr. Joe Richardson, 2025 FLA MOM Chairs, announced the 2025 FLA MOM, will be at Embry-Riddle University, Daytona Beach. They are encouraged by the space available and believe volunteers will enjoy being there at the student center. The focus for this event will be on more complex treatment, i.e., single tooth vs. quadrant. There are many

hotels in the area and quite a bit of parking. Dr. Morejon will be doing fundraising, please contact him with any financial leads to raise money. Date: March 28-29, 2025. The 2024 FLA MOM is in Lakeland, May 31-June 1.

B. UF Event – Dr. John Cordoba and Dr. Joseph Richardson shared the upcoming event on January 25, 2024, for D3s and D4s. A panel has been selected and Greg Gruber, FDA COO/CFO is moderating. A social will follow at Swamp Head Brewery. This event is held in conjunction with the ACD Ethics Day, which is on Friday. They invited all to attend.

### **New Business**

A. CFDDA Bylaws Revisions – Dr. Elizabeth Nixon and Dr. Suzi Thiems-Heflin, shared Casey Stoutamire had reviewed the bylaws. Motion to approve revised bylaws passed. Motion made to approve the amended CFDDA Bylaws. Seconded. **Motion passed.**

B. Dr. Howard L. Pranikoff Leadership/Memorial Scholarship – Dr. Bernard Kahn explained the committee set parameters. It was suggested to make the offer statewide, with preference given to CFDDA. Motion to amend the document to make statewide and give preferential consideration towards CFDDA members. Discussion. Motion to approve the document as amended. Seconded. **Motion passed.**

C. FDA Board of Trustees – information only

D. FDA Delegation to the ADA

1. 2022 List of Florida Delegation to the ADA – Discussion on those running for at-large trustee, if they are not elected can then run for at-large alternate trustee.
2. Component Designated at Large Delegate – Motion made to accept Dr. Monique Belin as Designated Component Delegate to the ADA Delegation. Seconded. **Motion passed.**

E. Resolutions for the FDA HOD – Dr. ArNelle Wright addressed the delegation and presented a resolution concerning new dentists role in leadership at the state level (FDA). The purpose of resolution is to develop a task force at the FDA level and to create a pathway into leadership. She is asking CFDDA to support this resolution at the FDA HOD. There was discussion on the FDA's communities of interest opportunities as well as the Council on New Dentist (which is no longer active). Motion made to amend this resolution and send to the FDA for review. Seconded. **Motion passed.**

F. FDA HOD Meeting Schedule - information only.

### **Additional Agenda Items.**

FDA Search Committee - Dr. Suzi Thiems-Heflin discussed the most current meeting of the FDA Search Committee. Applications will be available for leadership positions, i.e., at large trustee. The committee will vet applications. There will be no majority representation from each component. The application form will go live soon.

### **Announcements:**

2024 Annual Meeting – Dr. Rod MacIntyre announced the speakers at the 2024 and you can register now – the information was in the CFDDA Winter Newsletter. The brochure will be sent soon.

2025 Annual Meeting – Dr. Joseph Richardson reported there is a program committee established and they will begin to work on this meeting.

The next CFDDA HOD will be on Thursday, June 13, 2024.

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Second. **Motion passed.** The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

The delegation at this time went into caucus for the upcoming FDA HOD.