

**Council on Ethics, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs  
Unofficial Report of Major Actions  
April 27-28, 2023 Meeting**

The Council met in person on Thursday and Friday, April 27-28, 2023, during which it considered and discussed the following matters and took the following major actions:

1. In preparation for consideration of the ethical aspects of the use of artificial and augmented intelligence (AI) in providing clinical dental care, the Council received a presentation on AI from Dr. Robert A. Faiella, past president of the ADA. Following the presentation, the Council engaged in a robust question and answer and discussion period with Dr. Faiella.
2. Building on the information provided by and the discussions with Dr. Faiella, the Council engaged in a lengthy discussion designed to identify potential ethical issues that might arise incidental to using AI to augment clinical dental treatment. Council members were then requested to identify and select particular issues that will form topics for possible Ethical Moment articles.
3. Dr. Peters, Council vice chair, facilitated a council workshop on leadership and members being CEBJA ambassadors to the component and constituent dental societies in their respective trustee districts.
4. The Council received a status report from the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee regarding the secondary reviews that have been conducted on recissions of policies proposed by the Council on Communications, the Council on Scientific Affairs and the Council on Dental Education and Licensure.
5. Pursuant to Chapter VIII., Section K.6.b.ii. of the *Governance Manual*, the Council reviewed and unanimously approved the revisions recommended by the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee, the Bylaws subcommittee and the Ethics and Continuing Education subcommittee to grammar, spelling and syntax, gender references, punctuation, cross references and the deletion of moot and redundant language in the Association's *Bylaws*, *Governance Manual*, *Manual of the House of Delegates*, *Principles of Ethics* and *Code of Professional Conduct* and *Current Policies* after confirming that the recommended revisions do not alter the material's context or meaning of the affected material. In connection with those approvals, Council staff were directed to report the amendments to the 2023 House of Delegates pursuant to Chapter VIII., Section K.6.b.iii. of the *Governance Manual*.

6. Pursuant to Chapter VIII., Section K.6.b.ii. of the *Governance Manual*, the Council reviewed and unanimously approved the recommended revisions to the Association's *Bylaws*, *Governance Manual* and *Manual of the House of Delegates* to implement the amendments to those documents adopted by the 2022 House of Delegates. In connection with those approvals, Council staff were directed to report the amendments to the 2023 House of Delegates pursuant to Chapter VIII., Section K.6.b.iii. of the *Governance Manual*.
7. At the request of the ADA Department of Board and House Matters and pursuant to Chapter VIII., Section K.6.b.ii. of the *Governance Manual*, the Council reviewed and unanimously approved the recommended revision of six (6) gender references in the minutes of the meetings of the 2022 House of Delegates to conform the minutes to the diversity, equity and inclusion policies of the Association. In connection with those approvals, Council staff were directed to report the approved amendments to the 2023 House of Delegates pursuant to Chapter VIII., Section K.6.b.iii. of the *Governance Manual*.
8. Dr. Karen D. Foster reported on the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee's recommended revision to the Mission and Vision Statements of the Council and the recommendation replacement of the Council's Statement of Guiding Principles with a Statement of Core Values. Following discussion, it was moved and duly seconded that the revision to the Mission and Vision Statements of the Council be adopted. Following discussion, it was moved and duly seconded that the proposed replacement of the Council's Statement of Guiding Principles with a Statement of Core Values be returned to the subcommittee for consideration of the comments made by the Council and that a further report on the recommendation of adopting a Core Values Statement be made at the Council's July 2023 meeting.
9. A report was presented to the Council regarding the Administrative and Policy Review subcommittee's review of potential logos for the Council. The Council approved the development of a logo and requested that any further logos to be considered be submitted by May 15, 2023 and that the subcommittee forward its recommendation on a Council logo in time for the Council's July 2023 meeting.
10. The Council was reminded that the Council's self-assessment required by the ADA policy entitled Council, Commission and Committee Self-Assessments (*Trans.*2013:336, 339) is due in 2024; the subcommittee advised that it would be reviewing the mechanism for collecting data for the self-assessment in the coming months.
11. A report was provided to the Council concerning the adjudication of a Member Conduct

Policy complaint. Because of issues that arose during that process, the Bylaws subcommittee recommended revisions to the way that Member Conduct Policy complaints are processed pursuant to Chapter XI., Sections C. and D. of the *Governance Manual*. The Council engaged in a lengthy discussion of the recommendations of the subcommittee as well as other suggestions for revisions that surfaced during the discussion, concluding in a motion that was duly seconded that the proposed revisions to Chapter XI. of the *Governance Manual* be returned to the Bylaws subcommittee for further discussion and a report thereon to the Council in July 2023.

12. A status report was presented by the Ethics and Continuing Education subcommittee concerning discussions with ADA staff regarding presenting continuing education presentations at SmileCon® 2023. Two courses have been identified for development for the SmileCon meeting involving the ethical issues that arise during the treatment of geriatric and pediatric patients. Course proposals have been submitted to the Council on Annual Meeting continuing education subcommittee for approval.
13. The Ethics and Continuing Education subcommittee also advised the Council on the ongoing development of continuing education toolkits to be offered free of charge to constituent and component dental societies and other interested agencies. On motion duly seconded, the Council approved that the name Ethics Toolkit be used to describe the material and directed the subcommittee to meet with representatives of the ADA Department of Continuing Education and the Advisory Committee on Annual Meetings regarding the Ethics Toolkit and how best to promote the availability of the completed editions of the Ethics Toolkit to potentially interested societies and agencies.
14. The Ethical Moment and Podcast subcommittee reported the status of Ethical Moment submissions to The Journal of the American Dental Association (JADA) and development of episodes for the second season of the Dental Dilemmas™ podcast.
15. Dr. Deb West, CEBJA liaison to the CE committee of Council on Dental Education and Licensure reported on the activities of the committee.
16. A status report on the 2023 Student Ethics Video Contest was given, including the announcement that the Student Professionalism and Ethics Association in Dentistry has agreed to assist the Council in the promotion and administration of the contest.
17. The Council received a presentation from the Executive Director, Dr. Raymond A. Cohlmlia, concerning the structural changes being made at the ADA pursuant to implement the strategic forecasting decisions made by the 2020 House of Delegates. Further details of

those changes and the role of the Council as a part of the Professional / Public customer group were provided by remarks given by Robert Quashie, ADA COO and Dr. David Preble, ADA Chief Strategy Officer.