

**2026 AACD Remote Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 26, 2026 – 7:30 pm CT**

Time	Description	Lead
7:15 pm	Access to the meeting opens – we will be using Zoom	
7:30 pm	Call to Order	Seay
7:31 pm	President’s Welcome, Introduction of Executive Committee, Parliamentarian, Registration Chair and Recording Secretary	Seay
7:32 pm	Announcement of quorum	TBD
7:33 pm	Approval of Agenda March 13, 2025 – 2025 Remote Annual Meeting Approved Minutes	Seay
7:35 pm	Verbal Report: Financial Update	Duncan
7:45 pm	President’s Report	Seay
	Written Reports of Boards and Committees (in packet) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry • American Board of Cosmetic and Esthetic Dentistry • AACD Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees • Awards and Recognition Subcommittee • Distance Learning Committee • Ethics Committee • Member Relations Committee • Professional Education Committee • University Relations Committee • Credentialing Committees 	
8:10 pm	Verbal Report: Nominating and Leadership Development Committee	Blanco

8:10 pm	<p>Elections – All by Acclamation</p> <p>Vice President, Board of Directors (1 open position)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debra Gray King, DDS, FAACD <p>Board of Directors – Accredited Member (1 open position)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Nabors, DDS, AAACD <p>Board of Directors – General Member (2 open positions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lance Dillon, DMD, AAACD • Devin McClintock, DDS <p>Board of Directors – Corporate Member (1 open position)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Allen <p>American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry (3 open positions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erik Haupt, FAACD • Zachary S. Sisler, DDS, AAACD • Ryan Springer, DDS, AAACD <p>American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, One-Year Special Election (1 open position)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gesica T. Horn, DDS, FAACD <p>To learn more about each candidate, please visit the AACD Remote Annual Member Meeting page on our website.</p>	Seay
8:12 pm	<p>Election of Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Member (1 Opening)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lara Locker, DDS (3-year position) • John F. Weston, DDS, FAACD (1-year position) 	
8:15 pm	New Business	Seay
8:16 pm	Exchange of Gavel and Adjournment	Seay Bhuvaneshwaran

AACD 2025 Remote Annual Meeting – Zoom
Thursday, March 13, 2025 – Approved Minutes

President Adamo Notarantonio called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm central time and introduced the members of the Executive Committee; parliamentarian Kay Allison Crews; Executive Director, Micheal DiFrisco; Registration Chair, Kathryn Hill, Recording Secretary, Maureen Braatz, Election Timer, Lisa Weber, Teller of Elections, Megan Anderson of ElectionBuddy.

Ms. Kathryn Hill, Chief Financial Officer and Registration Chair stated there were 99 members who registered for the meeting and 48 members were present at the start of the meeting. A quorum was present. Throughout the meeting, 48 Accredited Members and 13 General Members were present.

The standing rules of the meeting were adopted.

The agenda was adopted.

Dr. Notarantonio reported that the 2024 Annual Member Meeting Minutes were approved by the AACD Board of Directors and the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry. The minutes were available in the member's packets.

Dr. Notarantonio thanked the members for the opportunity to serve as President of the AACD. The president's report was enclosed in the packet.

Dr. Amanda Seay and Ms. Kathryn Hill presented the Academy's financials on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Reports from the following Boards and committees were made available in the Annual Membership Meeting packet: American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, AACD Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees, American Board of Cosmetic and Esthetic Dentistry, Awards and Recognition Subcommittee, Distance Learning Committee, Ethics Committee, Member Relations Committee, Professional Education Committee, University Relations Committee, and Credentialing Committees.

Motion: On behalf of the AACD Board of Directors and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Dr. Notarantonio moved to approve the bylaw amendments related to the composition of the Board of Directors.

Results: Yes: 50
No: 3
Abstain: 0

The bylaw amendment was adopted. The bylaws, showing the amended language, are attached to these minutes.

Dr. Gesica Horn presented the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee Report and thanked her fellow committee members, Dr. Jorge Blanco, Dr. Errin DePalma, Dr. Chiann Fan Gibson, Dr. Brenda Jennings, Dr. Debra Gray

King, Dr. Fred Peck and Dr. Greg Wright. Dr. Horn provided a description of the process the committee used to evaluate candidates for office.

President Notarantonio informed the members the following were elected by acclamation:

- Vice President: Laura Justice, DMD, FAACD, one-year term with automatic succession.
- Board of Directors Accredited Member: Saiesha Mistry, BDS, MSC, AAACD, two-year term
- Board of Directors Accredited Member: Camille Zelen, DDS, AAACD, two-year term
- Board of Directors Laboratory Member: Steve Hoofard, CDT, FAACD, two-year term
- Board of Directors General Member: Noemi Cruz-Orcutt, DDS, two-year term
- American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry: Keerti Sahasrabudhe, DDS, AAACD, three-year term
- American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry: Diana Tadros, DDS, AAACD, three-year term
- Nominating and Leadership Development Committee: Brenda Jennings, DDS, AAACD, three-year term

Dr. Adamo Notarantonio congratulated Dr. Amanda Seay on becoming President of the AACD for the 2025-2026 leadership year. Dr. Seay thanked Dr. Notarantonio for his leadership, dedication to the membership, and service to the Academy.

Dr. Seay called for new business, being there was none, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm CT.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Maureen Braatz. Minutes reviewed by Kay Allison Crews.

Bylaws of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry

(Revised 3-13-2025)

ARTICLE I - NAME AND LOCATION

1. American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, Inc.

These are the Bylaws of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry a Wisconsin non-stock corporation exempt from taxation pursuant to the United States Internal Revenue Code § 501 (c) (6). The purpose of the corporation shall be as stated in the Articles of Incorporation.

The name of this association shall be American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry, alternatively known by the acronym "AACD".

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

1. Eligibility

Membership in the Academy shall be open to any person, firm, corporation, or organization that supports the objectives, purposes, vision, and mission of the Academy.

2. Classification

A "member in good standing" is defined as a member whose dues are current. Classifications of members eligibility for and the privileges of specific classes of membership shall be as determined from time to time by the Board of Directors, except as specified elsewhere in these bylaws.

Membership classes shall be:

General Member with the right to vote for Directors and all elected officers, other than Accredited Board members and American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry Members. When the member is an entity such as a firm, corporation, or organization as mentioned under "Eligibility", the full privileges of membership would be exercised by an individual designated by that entity. Should those privileges result in election to an office, the individual initially designated to represent the entity shall serve the full term of office, unless the entity failed to maintain its membership, or the individual resigned from the board or entity or was removed for cause in which case the vacancy would be filled as provided in these bylaws.

Accredited Member with the right to nominate and vote for all officers, Directors, American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry members, and eligible to hold any office or position for which they meet the criteria as stated in these bylaws.

Student Member without the right to vote other than as specifically provided by the Board of Directors.

3. Additional Subclasses of Membership

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to determine additional designations or titles for subclasses for General Membership and the qualifications thereof, provided however, that no title or designation may imply Accreditation or be a designation or title in use by the subclass of Accredited Membership, as determined by the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry. Similarly, the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall have the authority to determine additional designations of subclasses of Accredited Membership, and the qualifications thereof.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

1. General

The elected officers of the Academy shall be the President, President-Elect, and Vice President. The Vice President shall be elected annually at-large, by a majority of the members voting. All elected officers shall be:

Accredited Members who have served for at least two years, in any combination, as a member of the Board of Directors, member of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, Accreditation Chair of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, or Fellowship Chair of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry and shall serve for one term of one year.

Any elected officer who serves six (6) or more months shall not thereafter be eligible for election to the same office.

2. President

The President shall preside at all membership meetings. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, action groups, task forces or other subdivisions created within the Academy, except the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee. The President shall vote only when necessary to break a tie, except as a member of the Executive Committee. This provision shall not prohibit the President from voting as a member on matters presented to the membership for vote by ballot.

3. President-Elect

In the absence or inability or willful refusal to act of the President, the President-Elect shall perform the duties of President, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the President. The President-Elect shall serve as chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and perform such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or the Board of Directors.

4. Vice President

The Vice President shall serve as a member of the Finance Committee and perform such other duties assigned by the Board of Directors. The Vice President shall preside at a meeting if the President and President-Elect are both absent.

5. Ascension of Officers

Upon completion of their term of office, the President-Elect shall automatically become President and the Vice President shall become President-Elect.

6. Executive Director

The Executive Director shall be responsible for day-to-day operations and implementing the policies and programs of the Academy as established by the Board of Directors and the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry. The Executive Director shall be considered an employee of the Board of Directors and shall report to the President. The Executive Director shall also serve as Corporate Secretary and shall designate, subject to the approval of the respective governing board, a person to perform the duties normally performed by a Secretary for that board as described in the parliamentary authority designated in Article XIII. The person designated to serve as secretary of the Board of Directors shall serve as secretary for all meetings of the members.

7. Officers of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry

The officers of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall be the Chair and such other officers as the ABCD members shall from time to time determine. Officers of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall be chosen annually by the ABCD members from among the ABCD members. Officers shall be eligible to serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive one-year terms.

8. Removal

Any officer may be removed from office for cause by affirmative vote of a majority of members casting votes on the issue at a regular scheduled or special membership meeting. Valid reasons for removal are:

- a. Continued gross or willful neglect of the duties of the office
- b. Violation of the Standards of Conduct
- c. Failure or refusal to disclose necessary information on matters of Academy business
- d. Unauthorized expenditures or misuse of Academy funds
- e. Misrepresentation of organization and its officers to outside persons
- f. Conviction of a felony

Prior to removal, an officer must be provided adequate notice, a fair hearing, the right to confront and question any accusers, the right to counsel and a reasonable opportunity to present a defense.

ARTICLE IV - ORGANIZATIONAL SUB-UNITS

1. Authority to Establish

To achieve the objectives and purposes of the Academy, the Board of Directors may establish organizational subunits such as, for example, non-profit subsidiaries, regions, chapters, councils, colleges, academies sections, or divisions.

2. Oversight

The Board of Directors shall exercise authority over policies, services, programs, and budgets of all organizational units, including qualification for membership and jurisdiction to ensure conformity with the mission of the AACD and consistent operation within all subunits.

ARTICLE V – REMOTE ANNUAL MEETING

1. Remote Annual Meeting

The remote annual meeting elections and bylaws amendment voting (if needed) of the members of the Academy shall be held at such date and time as determined by the Board of Directors and the team of the AACD Executive Office.

2. Special Meetings

Special Meetings of the members may be called by the President, or by resolution of a majority of the Board of Directors and shall be called upon petition of ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing as of the date of filing the petition. Such petition shall be filed with the Corporate Secretary. Only those matters that are within the purpose described in the meeting notice may be conducted at this special meeting.

3. Notice

Notice of the date and time of the Remote Annual Meeting to members, shall be published in the official publication of record of the Academy or sent by email or by any other electronic means no less than thirty (30) days prior to the date thereof.

4. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of ten percent (10%) of the members in good standing registered to attend any officially called Remote Annual Meeting. In the absence of a quorum, any meeting of the members may be adjourned from time to time by a majority of the members in good standing present at the meeting.

5. Voting

All motions, resolutions and elections shall be decided by a majority of the legal votes cast by the members present in good standing in the membership class applicable to the motions/resolutions or election if class voting is required by the bylaws.

In case there are more than two candidates for a position with no one receiving a majority of the votes, re-balloting would be required until one receives a majority of the votes. The process could be expedited by dropping the candidate with the lowest vote total and then re-voting until one candidate receives a majority.

In the event that an election is incomplete (i.e., no candidate receives a majority of the votes allowed) by the adjournment of the Remote Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors at their next meeting shall fill the position by majority roll call vote from among the final candidates. A quorum of the Board of Directors must be present for this vote.

6. Elections and Eligibility

The election of the Vice President, members of the (AACD) Board of Directors, members of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry and elected members of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall take place at the Remote Annual Meeting. The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall develop all the necessary application materials. All board member candidates must submit the application materials on or before the application deadline and be interviewed, including candidates that are considering running from the floor. After the interviewing process, the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall present a slate of candidates, with one candidate nominated for each open position to be filled.

Any candidate who has applied and interviewed but was not nominated, may choose to run from the floor for any one position for which he/she is qualified and must notify the Executive Office, in writing, 35 days prior to the Remote Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Requirement

To be eligible for election to the Board of Directors, a person must have been a member in good standing of the Academy for two years and have attended two AACD annual scientific sessions by the time of the election.

2. Composition

The power of the Corporation shall be vested in its Board of Directors, which shall have eleven (11) individual members in good standing as follows:

- One (1) Director shall be a Corporate Member.
- Three (3) Directors shall be Accredited Members.

Four (4) Directors shall be General Members with two (2) being, but not limited to, a University Representative and a Laboratory Representative.

Three (3) Directors shall be the President, President-Elect and Vice President.

Corporate Representative:

The corporate representative must be an owner or employee of a corporation that provides products or services directly to the dental profession.

Laboratory Representative:

The laboratory representative must be an owner or employee of a dental laboratory.

University Representative:

The university representative must be a current individual member and must be a full-time faculty member or administrator in an accredited dental school. The individual must have been a member for one year by the time of the election and must have attended two AACD annual scientific sessions by the time of the election.

3. ABCED Liaison

In addition, the American Board of Cosmetic and Esthetic Dentistry (ABCED), as described in Article [VIII] herein, shall appoint a Liaison to the Board of Directors, who shall be invited to attend and participate in all meetings of the Board of Directors (except those held in executive session), without vote.

4. Election and Term

Voting for the Accredited Member directors shall be by the Accredited Members. All other directors, other than the President, President-Elect and Vice President, shall be elected at-large by all members in good standing. Directors other than President, President-Elect and Vice President directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors have been elected and assume office at the end of the Remote Annual Meeting. In every odd numbered election year, two (2) Accredited Members, two (2) General Members, (may be a laboratory representative) shall be elected. In every even numbered election year, one (1) Accredited Member, one (1) Corporate Member, and one (1) General Member, (may be university representative) shall be elected.

Elected Directors shall be eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms. However, no member of the board who has served continuously for forty-two (42) or more months shall be eligible for reelection until at least one (1) year has elapsed. Any General Member elected as a director on the Board of Directors whether in the General Member or one of the three (3) representative seats, who then becomes Accredited during his or her term will serve out the remainder of that term in the seat to which he/she was elected.

5. Vacancies due to resignation, removal, incapacity to serve or death

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the President-Elect shall assume the office. If the remaining term of the Presidency assumed is less than 240 days, the new President shall also complete the term as President to which he or she was elected. If the remaining term of the Presidency assumed is greater than 240 days, then the officer shall step down as President at the conclusion of that term.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of President-Elect, the Vice President shall assume the office. If the remaining term of the President-Elect's assumed term is less than 240 days, the new President-Elect

shall also complete the term as President-Elect to which he or she was elected. If the remaining term of the office of President-Elect assumed is greater than 240 days, then the President-Elect shall become President when the term expires.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of Vice President, the Board of Directors shall appoint an eligible Accredited Member to assume that office. Prior to making such appointment, the Board shall ask the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee for a recommendation but shall not be bound by the recommendation. The appointed Vice President shall serve until the next Remote Annual Meeting. when a Vice President and, a President-Elect shall be elected by the membership.

In the event of a vacancy in any other Director position, the Board of Directors shall appoint a qualified and eligible member to serve until the next Remote Annual Meeting. If a vacancy exists at the end of the scheduled elections at the Remote Annual Meeting, the Board of Directors assuming office shall appoint a qualified and eligible member to serve until the next Remote Annual Meeting. In each case, the Board shall ask the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee for a recommendation but shall not be bound by the recommendation. If one or more years are left in the term of a Director who vacated his or her position, a special election will be held at the next Remote Annual Meeting to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the term. The Accredited Members on the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Accredited Members only. All other Directors other than the President, President-Elect and Vice President Directors, shall be elected by the members at large.

6. Authority and Responsibility

The Board of Directors may retain and compensate such staff and legal counsel as it deems necessary to carry out the functions of the Academy. Except for the authority and responsibility hereafter designated to the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, the Board of Directors shall:

- Have supervision, direction and control of the affairs of the Academy
- Determine its policies, and be accountable for Academy assets
- Have authority to contract on behalf of the Academy
- Adopt such rules, policies and procedures for the conduct of business of the Academy as it shall deem advisable.
- Have oversight of the Executive Committee
- Have authority to establish committees, task forces, commissions and other ad hoc work groups
- Have authority to indemnify Directors, officers, employees and agents in accordance with law.

The Board of Directors shall have and exercise all other powers necessary or convenient to affect any or all of the purposes for which the Academy is formed. The Board of Directors may delegate any of its authority and responsibility unless specifically prohibited by these bylaws or by law.

7. Adoption of Policies

Policies and procedures for the conduct of the business of the Academy shall be adopted by majority vote of the Directors. All policies shall be in conformance with the Bylaws and Mission of the Academy. Policies shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Board. All policies and procedures shall be reviewed annually. Proposed new policies or modifications of existing policies shall be presented in written or electronic form to all members of the board not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the vote. This paragraph shall not apply to policies and procedures that pertain only to administrative matters. Administrative policies and procedures shall be promulgated by the Executive

Director subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

8. Duties

Pursuant to the precept that education and credentialing in the science of cosmetic dentistry are the highest priorities of the Academy, the duties of the Board of Directors shall be to (i) approve the outcomes to be accomplished, (ii) assure that the desired outcomes are being achieved, and (iii) ensure that the resources necessary for achievement are available and used efficiently.

9. Removal

An elected Director may be removed from office for cause by majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors voting on the issue. An appointed Director or member of a committee or ad hoc work group may be removed by the authority that made the appointment.

10. Standing Committees

The AACD shall have the following standing committees, and the AACD shall have such additional standing committees, and ad hoc committees as the AACD may determine are needed.

Executive Committee consisting of the President, President-Elect and Vice President. Pursuant only to delegation of authority by the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee may act for the Board in managing the day-to-day operations of the Academy, in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors. Any two (2) members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum. The President shall call such meetings of the Executive Committee as the business of the Academy may require. A meeting may be called at any time at the request of any two (2) members of the Executive Committee.

Budget and Finance, which shall have responsibility for submitting an annual budget to the Boards of Directors and the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry for approval, review of the annual audit and general oversight of financial affairs, including investment of any reserve funds. The Committee shall have six (6) voting members: two (2) members from the Board of Directors, two (2) members from the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, the Vice President and the President-elect, who shall chair the committee. The Budget and Finance Committee members who are not officers shall serve alternating two-year terms with one member appointed each year by the Board of Directors and one by the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry. There shall be an annual external financial audit, and the report shall go directly to the board of directors.

Nominating and Leadership Development, which shall have responsibility for seeking out and encouraging future leaders for the Academy and for presenting a slate of one (1) nominee for each national elective position. To be eligible for election to the Nominating and Leadership Development, a person must have been a member in good standing of the Academy for two years and have attended two AACD annual scientific sessions by the time of election. The Committee shall have seven (7) members plus an alternate, six (6) voting members will each serve three-year terms. Each year, one (1) member shall be elected at the Remote Annual Meeting for a three-year term, and each year one (1) member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a three-year term. The Immediate Past President of the Academy who has completed his/her term and remains a member in good standing shall serve as the seventh member of the committee for one year after his/her presidency. Each year the Board of Directors shall also appoint an alternate for a one-year term. The alternate may be an Accredited or General Member in good standing. The alternate can vote when filling the seat of a missing

member. The alternate can fill any open seat that occurs on the committee for the remainder of that year. Additional vacancies during the year shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors to serve until the next Remote Annual Meeting provided that the vacancy is from an originally elected position. In the event that one or more years of that term remain, a special election will be held at the next Remote Annual Meeting to fill the remainder of the original term. That replacement position shall be elected by Accredited Members only. In the event that the vacancy was originally an appointed position, the Board of Directors shall fill that vacancy by appointment for the remainder of the original term.

The Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall elect its own chair from among the seven (7) voting members. A member of the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee shall serve no more than one consecutive three-year term. The alternate and the Immediate Past President can be elected to a full three-year term immediately following their one-year term of service.

Past President Advisory Council, which shall consist of all Past Presidents of the Academy who are members in good standing. The chair shall be the most recent Past President who has completed his/her term and remains a member in good standing. The current President and the Executive Director shall be non-voting members, in order to facilitate communication between the Council and the current leadership. The council's duties shall be to advise the Board of Directors and officers by providing a historical perspective to current issues, to maintain the history of the Academy and to perform such other services as the Board may request.

Past President Bylaws Review Subcommittee which shall make recommendations on the wording of proposed bylaws amendments and forward such recommendations to both the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry and the Board of Directors (see also Article XIV, Amendments, Proposals and Review)

For all committees that do not specify otherwise in the bylaws, the President shall appoint the chair of all committees and ad hoc work groups subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VII - AMERICAN BOARD OF COSMETIC DENTISTRY

1. Requirement

To be eligible for election to the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, a person must be Accredited and have been a member in good standing of the Academy for two years preceding the election and have attended two AACD annual scientific sessions by the time of the election.

2. Composition

There shall be an American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry consisting of seven (7) members, all of whom shall be Accredited Members of the Academy.

3. Election and Term

American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry (ABCD) members shall be elected at-large by all Accredited Members in good standing. ABCD members shall serve for a term of three (3) years or until their successors have been elected and assume office, at the end of the Remote Annual Meeting. One-third, or the nearest practicable fraction, of the ABCD members shall be elected each year, except as provided hereafter. ABCD members shall be eligible to serve two (2) consecutive terms.

4. Vacancies

In the event of a vacancy on the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall appoint an eligible Accredited Member to serve until the next regularly scheduled election from among the Accredited Members of the Academy eligible to serve. If a vacancy exists at the end of the scheduled elections at the Remote Annual Meeting, the ABCD Directors assuming office shall appoint a qualified and eligible Accredited Member to serve until the next Remote Annual Meeting. In each case, the ABCD shall ask the Nominating and Leadership Development Committee for a recommendation but shall not be bound by the recommendation. If one or more years are left in the term of a Director who vacated his or her position, a special election will be held at the next Remote Annual Meeting to fill the vacated position for the remainder of the term. The Accredited Members on the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall be elected by Accredited Members only.

5. Authority and Responsibility

The American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- Establishing and monitoring the curriculum for credentialing
- Establishing the protocol standards, and requirements for credentialing, provided, however, that the development of alternative standards for becoming credentialed whether of an honorary nature, or based on experience or accomplishments in the profession, shall require the concurrence of two-thirds of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry and two-thirds of the Board of Directors.
- Credentialing examination
- Establishing and monitoring education programs and speaker training related to credentialing
- Content and faculty for Credentialing Workshops
- Membership, qualification, selection and monitoring of all boards of examiners for credentialing
- Privileges of Accredited Members
- Materials in The Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry and official publications of the Academy specific to credentialing
- Approval of all general communications specific to credentialing
- Providing to the Finance Committee in a timely manner the proposed annual budget for credentialing activities
- Sole authority for the actual use of funds allocated to credentialing activities.

6. Removal

An ABCD member may be removed from office for cause by majority vote of the members of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry voting on the issue. An appointed ABCD member or member of the committee or ad hoc work group may be removed by the authority that made the appointment.

7. Committees

The American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry will create and administer committees as needed. Chairmen and compositions of committees of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry are appointed solely by the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry.

The composition and specific responsibilities of each committee shall be specified by the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry.

ARTICLE VIII- AMERICAN BOARD OF COSMETIC AND ESTHETIC DENTISTRY

1. Sponsorship and Purpose

The American Board of Cosmetic and Esthetic Dentistry (ABCED), a national dental specialty board, has been established to promote the advancement of cosmetic and esthetic dentistry, the dental science focused on enhancing the overall

smile and appearance while improving oral health and function, through the following principal activities:

- (a) Establishing minimum standards for those individuals who seek certification in cosmetic and esthetic dentistry;
- (b) Reviewing and evaluating individual candidates' education and practice experience to determine their eligibility to sit for the cosmetic and esthetic dentistry certification examination;
- (c) Conducting a valid and comprehensive formal examination process for qualified candidates;
- (d) Granting and issuing certificates to candidates who voluntarily apply and meet the ABCED's requirements for cosmetic and esthetic dentistry certification;
- (e) Providing and administering a program for the recertification of certified cosmetic and esthetic dentists;
- (f) Maintaining a registry of individuals holding active and lapsed certificates issued by the ABCED; and
- (g) Encouraging and, as appropriate, working to improve the standards for training of cosmetic and esthetic dentists.

In keeping with its purpose to achieve national recognition of cosmetic and esthetic dentistry as a dental science specialty, AACD serves as the sponsoring organization of the ABCED.

2. AACD Liaison

The Board of Directors shall appoint an individual to serve as a Liaison to the Board of Directors of the ABCED, who shall: (i) be invited to attend and participate in all meetings of the ABCED Board of Directors (except those held in executive session), without vote; and (ii) work with the ABCED Liaison to coordinate the efforts of the AACD and ABCED to provide financial and management support for the ABCED.

ARTICLE IX - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry shall maintain a Charitable Foundation known as the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation (AACDCF) currently organized as a 501(c)3 Corporation. The affairs of the Charitable Foundation shall be directed by a Board of Trustees in accordance with the Bylaws of the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry Charitable Foundation, the most current copy approved by the Board of Directors to become an attachment to these bylaws.

The number of Trustees, their election or appointment, terms, authorities and responsibilities, removal, standing committees, adoption of policies, budgets, meetings and all organizational matters shall be governed by the most current AACDCF Bylaws attached to these bylaws.

ARTICLE X - GOVERNANCE MEETINGS, QUORUMS, AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

1. Regular Meetings

The Board of Directors and American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall each hold meetings at such time and place as shall be designated by the President or Chair, respectively. Attendance may be in person, or by telephone or other electronic means, provided that all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other in real time.

2. Special Meetings

Special meetings may, from time to time, be necessary to consider some business of an urgent nature, which cannot be delayed until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Special meetings of Directors may be held on twenty-four-hour notice at the call of the President, or in the absence or incapacity of the President, the President-Elect, or at the call of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

Special meetings of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry may be held on twenty-four-hour notice at the call of the Chair, or in the absence or incapacity of the Chair, the President, or at the call of a majority of the ABCD members. Every reasonable effort will be made to notify all members of the respective Board as to the date, place and time of special meetings as early as possible after the decision to call such a meeting.

The President or ABCD Chair, respectively, or on their failure to act, the Corporate Secretary, is empowered to set the time and place of the Board of Directors and ABCD special meetings.

3. Notice

Except as provided for Special Meetings, notice stating the time and place of meetings shall be delivered to each Director or ABCD member, not less than five (5) days before the date of the meeting, either electronically, or by mail. Notice may be waived with the written or electronic consent of all the members of the affected Board.

4. Attendance and Quorum

A majority of the members of a board shall constitute a quorum to conduct business, and the act of a majority present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of that board, except as may be otherwise provided by statute, by the Articles of Incorporation, or the bylaws. If a quorum shall not be present at any meeting of a Board, those present may receive and review any reports which do not require board action and/or they may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum shall be present.

5. Written Consent

Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of either board may be taken without a meeting if two-thirds (2/3) of the members of that board consent thereto in writing, whether done before or after the action so taken, and the writing or writings shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the relevant board. Any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of a committee or ad hoc work group likewise may be taken without a meeting if all members of the committee or work group consent thereto in writing, whether done before or after the action so taken; and the writing shall be filed with the minutes of proceedings of the committee or work group. Written consent shall include electronically recorded consent.

6. Absence

Any elected Director or ABCD member who shall have been absent from two (2) consecutive regular meetings of their respective board during a single administrative year shall automatically vacate the seat on the board and the vacancy shall be filled by the respective board. However, the respective board shall consider each absence as a separate circumstance and may expressly waive such absence by affirmative vote of a majority of its members.

7. Standards of Conduct

No Director or ABCD member shall realize economic gain from an action of the Board of Directors or American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, respectively, in which that member participated. Whenever the Board of Directors or American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry is considering any action that would have a direct bearing on the business or professional interest of a Director or ABCD member, or the firm or corporation of which the member is an officer, director, employee or owner, that Director or ABCD member shall be required to advise both the Board of Directors and the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry of the pertinent facts.

8. Dual Service

Holding the offices of Director and ABCD member at the same time is prohibited.

9. Vacancies

Vacancies on the Board of Directors or American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall be filled by appointment by the Board of Directors, or American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, respectively. Such appointed Director or ABCD member

shall serve only until the next regularly scheduled election. If one or more years are left in a vacated term, a special election will be held at the next Remote Annual Meeting to fill the vacated position. Replacement members of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry and Accredited Members on the Board of Directors shall be elected by Accredited Members only. All other vacated positions shall be elected by the members at large. A vacancy may occur by the resignation, death, incapacity, or removal of an incumbent, or when there is no candidate for election to a position.

ARTICLE XI- FINANCES

1. Accounts

The Academy may maintain such bank and investment accounts as the Board of Directors shall determine.

2. Authority to Budget and to Expend Reserve Funds

Education and credentialing in the science of cosmetic dentistry are the highest priorities of the Academy. Accordingly, approval of the annual budget, and the expenditure of funds from the Reserve Account shall require the concurrence of both the Board of Directors and the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry, provided however, that in the event of a fiscal emergency or other event, as determined by the Executive Committee, that threatens to injure the long-term, financial well-being or to halt day-to-day activities of the AACD, the Executive Committee shall be authorized, by a majority vote of the members of the Committee, to expend funds from the Reserve Account for purposes of continuing AACD operations. Such expenditure shall be reported to the Boards within 24 hours.

3. Authority to Execute Instruments of Obligate

The Board of Directors may authorize any office, agent or employee to enter into any contract or to execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Academy. Except as so authorized, no officer, employee, or agent shall have any power or authority to bind or obligate the Academy by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or in any amount.

4. Audit

The accounts of the Academy shall be audited annually by an independent Certified Public Accountant.

5. No Private Benefit

The Corporation shall not pay dividends or distribute any part of its income or profit to its members, Directors, ABCD members or officer. By resolution of the Board, reasonable compensation and expenses of attendance may be paid for attendance at each regular or special meeting of the Boards or any committee or ad hoc work group of either Board. Reasonable compensation may be paid to members, Directors, ABCD members, officers or staff for services rendered.

ARTICLE XII- INDEMNIFICATION

To the fullest extent permitted or required by the applicable sections of the Wisconsin Nonstock Corporation Law, each Director, ABCD member, officer or employee of the corporation, including the heirs, executors and administrators of each Director, ABCD member, officer or employee shall be indemnified by the corporation (which shall include advancement of funds), against all costs, expenses and amounts of liability therefore, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by or imposed upon him or her;

- a. In connection with or resulting from any action suit, proceeding or claim to which he or she may be made a party, or in which he or she may be or become involved by reason of his or her acts of omission or commission, or alleged acts of omission or commission, as such director, ABCD member, officer or employee.

OR;

b. Subject to the provision hereof, any settlement thereof, whether or not he or she continues to be such director, ABCD member, officer or employee at the time of incurring such costs, expenses or amounts, and whether or not the action or omission of act on the part of such director, ABCD member, officer, or employee which is the basis of such suit, action, proceeding or claim, occurred before or after the adoption of these bylaws.

Provided, however, that such indemnification shall not apply with respect to any matter as to which such director, ABCD member, officer or employee shall be finally adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding to have been individually guilty of negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duty as such director, ABCD member, officer or employee.

Provided however, that the indemnification herein provided shall, with respect to any settlement of any such suit, action, proceeding or claim, include reimbursement of any amounts paid and expenses reasonably incurred in settling any such suit, action, proceeding or claim, when the judgment of the Board of Directors of the Corporation, such settlement and reimbursement appear to be for the best interests of the Corporation.

The foregoing right of indemnification shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any and all other rights as to which any such director, ABCD member, officer or employee may be entitled under any insurance, agreement, resolution of the members or Board of Directors or otherwise.

ARTICLE XIII- PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of the Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (The American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure) shall govern this organization in all parliamentary situations that are not provided for in law, or in its bylaws or adopted rules.

ARTICLE XIV- AMENDMENTS

1. General

These bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the legal votes cast on the issue at Remote Annual Meeting of the Academy, or special meeting called for that purpose, provided that the essence and intent of the proposed amendment shall have been provided to all members by written or electronic mail or by publication in the official publication of record of the Academy, at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of voting on the proposed amendment.

2. Proposal and Review

Amendments may be proposed by the Board of Directors. Amendments may also be proposed by any member in good standing provided the proposed amendments have the support of twenty-five (25) members, as indicated by their signatures affixed to the proposed amendment.

Except as provided otherwise in these bylaws, amendments proposed by a member in good standing shall be submitted in writing with the required twenty-five (25) signatures to the President at the Academy's central office. The President must refer all proposed amendments to the Past Presidents Advisory Council Bylaws Review Sub-Committee which shall review the proposed amendment for clarity of wording and consideration of what provisions of the existing bylaws would be affected.

Within sixty (60) days of receipt of the proposed amendment by the central office, the Past President Advisory Council

Bylaws Review Sub-Committee must submit to the Board of Directors its report indicating any changes in wording made for purposed of clarification and enumerating all provisions of the existing bylaws that it believes would be affected and what the effect would be. Any proposed bylaw change that the Past President Advisory Council Bylaws Review Sub-Committee determines will affect the finances of the Academy must be reviewed by the Budget and Finance Committee for a report on its fiscal impact before being presented to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall schedule a vote on the proposed amendment(s) by the members of the Academy at the next of the Academy Remote Annual Meeting.

3. Accredited Member Privileges

Any amendment that would materially affect the privileges of Accredited Members must be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the Accredited Members voting on the issue. The American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry shall have exclusive authority to determine what would materially affect the privileges of Accredited Members.

4. Emergency Amendment

In the event of an emergency, as determined only by the Board of Directors, requiring amendment of these bylaws, amendments may be considered with the only notice being that given at an earlier meeting of the same session. In such event approval of any amendment shall require the affirmative vote of ninety percent (90%) of the votes cast.

ARTICLE XV- DISSOLUTION

The Academy may be dissolved pursuant to the procedures prescribed in the Wisconsin Nonstock Academy Corporation Law. In the event of dissolution, all funds and property of the AACD shall be distributed to such other not-for-profit organizations as the AACD Board of Directors shall determine to have purposes and activities most nearly consistent with those of the AACD.

2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: AACD American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry (ABCD)

Submitted By: Zach Sisler, DDS, AAACD, ABCD Chair

Board Members: Zach Sisler, DDS, AAACD (Chair), Steven B. Andreaus, DDS, AAACD, Erik Haupt, FAACD, Keerti Sahasrabudhe, DDS, FAACD, Ryan Springer, DDS, AAACD, Diana Tadros, DDS, FAACD, Christopher Weber, DDS, AAACD, Salvatore Lotardo, DDS, FAACD (Accreditation Chair), Adamo Notarantonio, DDS, FAACD (Fellowship Chair)

Board Charge: The American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry is committed to protecting and preserving the validity of the AACD Accreditation and Fellowship examinations while maintaining the standard of excellence the credentials have come to represent. We will ensure that the rights and privileges of the Accredited dental professionals are honored while allowing the opportunity for dentists and laboratory technicians to achieve their full potential in cosmetic dentistry.

Date: March 5, 2026

How has the Board fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

- **Credentialing:** We are proud to welcome 12 newly Accredited and five new Accredited Fellows to the Class of 2026. Congratulations to all! We look forward to celebrating these individuals at the 2026 Annual AACD Scientific Session in Aventura.
- **Written Examination:** The end of December closed out another year of written exam administration at Measure Learning Testing Centers. We had a steady number of examinees make their way to centers both nationally and internationally in between August and December. The results were successful with a good number of members beginning their own Accreditation journey. The next written examination is being administered during the Annual AACD Scientific Session in Aventura.
- **Exams:** Written, clinical, and oral examinations are evaluated by our psychometricians yearly to ensure processes and administration that are psychometrically sound and secure.
- **Dental Dojo Cohort:** We continue with our third year of educational excellence. The Dental Dojo offers member participants the opportunity to be part of an intense mentoring and collaborative learning community, with direct access to AACD credentialing examiners. The program provides guidance to members interested in engaging in the Accreditation process as well as any AACD member who wishes to advance their skillset and dental knowledge. The curriculum is designed specifically to offer advanced cosmetic dental education and provides CE credits as convenient online education. The fourth Dojo cohort will kick off on May 1, 2026, and will conclude during the 2027 Annual AACD Scientific Session.
- **Dojo/ESS Collaboration:** These two outstanding study clubs have joined forces to offer reduced enrollment to any member wishing to broaden their education scope by signing up for both study clubs this year.

- **Dental Dojo & Credentialing Educator Collaboration:** As an added benefit to our Dojo enrollees and to showcase our brilliant, credentialed educators, we've allowed any credentialed dental professional to provide discounted course offerings to our Dojo enrollees. This is an education win-win.
- **Credentialing Retreat:** The ABCD is exploring the feasibility of conducting a credentialed dental professional retreat in the fall.
- **Partnering for a Cause:** The ABCD and the BOT have joined forces to offer credentialing wear and other logoed items that showcase the achievements of Accredited and Accredited Fellows while supporting the Give Back a Smile Program. For each credentialing goods voucher purchased to use toward swag, a percentage of that sale goes back to benefit the survivors of physical and sexual violence.
- **Credentialing Education:** The ABCD continues to focus on providing top-notch credentialing education targeted at the annual scientific session. We will continue to expand credentialing offerings via our online education in CEntal.



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2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: American Board of Cosmetic & Esthetic Dentistry

Submitted By: Fred Peck, DDS, FAACD, President

Date: February 25, 2026

Board Members: Fred Peck, DDS, FAACD
Saiesha Mistry, BDS, AAACD
Salvatore Lotardo, DDS, FAACD
William Rowe, Jr. DDS, FAACD
John Weston, DDS, FAACD

The American Board of Cosmetic and Esthetic Dentistry (ABCED) recognizes that there are divergent opinions to our initiatives in achieving specialty status. We trust your confidentiality with this sensitive information.

Receiving specialty status has been an ongoing challenge with many barriers from the American Board of Dentist Specialties. We will provide you with information if something new becomes available, and we thank you for your patience and confidentiality.

We look forward to seeing you in Miami, Florida.



GIVE BACK A SMILE™
AACD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INC.

2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: AACD Charitable Foundation Board of Trustees

Submitted By: Jeffrey Lineberry, DDS, AAACD, Chair

Date: 3/2/2026

Board of Trustees (BOT) Members: Chair, Jeffrey W. Lineberry, DDS, AAACD, Douglas S. Milner, DDS, AAACD, Bobbi A. Stanley, DDS, Priya S. Tirumalasetty, DDS, AAACD, & Alexandra Urbana, DMD

Charge: To manage the affairs of the AACD Charitable Foundation

Progress on the AACD Charitable Foundation's Strategic Priorities to Drive Mission Forward:

The AACD Charitable Foundation assists in rebuilding the damaged smiles and lives of adult survivors of domestic and sexual violence. We do this through our Give Back a Smile (GBAS) program. When survivors apply to GBAS, many haven't smiled fully in years. They avoid mirrors, photos, and jobs. Until they find us, because surviving violence isn't the end of their story. Thriving is, and sometimes, the first step toward thriving is being able to smile without shame.

This past year, GBAS surpassed the milestone of providing \$20 million in doated services since the program began!

Three strategic priorities guide the Foundation's work: 1) Position Give Back a Smile as "Dentistry's" Charity of Choice 2) Increase Net Revenue, & 3) Maintain Charitable Momentum

Goal 1) Position Give Back a Smile as Dentistry's Charity of Choice

Give Back a Smile is the only national dental program of its kind addressing this unmet need for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. To amplify our impact, the AACD Charitable Foundation is working towards expanding our reach within the broader dental community and sharing the life-changing stories of the patients we serve. By doing so, we will strengthen our position as a leader in transforming lives through dentistry for those in need. We also aim to increase general awareness and inspire future involvement among dental students.

Goal 2) Increase Net Revenue

We extend our sincerest gratitude to our financial supporters! Give Back a Smile is committed to being there for survivors of domestic and sexual violence who desperately need our lifechanging smile restoration services. Financial support builds the bridge between survivors and the care that restores their smiles and lives. Behind every case is a very small professional team handling rigorous prescreening, ongoing patient support, and dentist coordination.

Every donated dollar is leveraged more than 30 times in donated dental services. Your tax-deductible financial gift helps restore confidence, dignity, and the courage to walk into job interviews, or a new life without fear and shame. More specifically your financial support:

- Ensures GBAS patients connect with volunteer dentists to restore their damaged smiles.
- Assists GBAS patients with gas expenses to help them travel to their dental appointments, as most patients need to travel at least 120 miles round-trip for each visit.
- Assists with dental laboratory costs and specialist fees often required to complete dental treatment.

We are committed to maintaining diverse funding sources:

- Corporate Partnerships & Gifts
 - The Foundation is grateful to have received significant financial support from [Professional Transition Strategies](#) (PTS). For several years, PTS has donated a total of more than \$400,000.
- Grant Funding
 - GBAS thanks the [Patterson Foundation](#) for their continued partnership and investment in the work of GBAS.
- Individual Cash Donations
 - We rely on generous cash donations from individuals. It costs \$500 to restore one smile. [Please consider donating here](#) or conveniently donate during your AACD dues renewal. Thank you to all who have already contributed this year!
- New and Exclusive for AACD Accredited Dental Professionals!
 - Accredited and Accredited Fellows who donate \$200 to GBAS will receive access and a \$50 voucher to shop the AACD Charitable Foundation's custom Lands' End store front where they can choose from a wide variety of apparel to proudly display their Accredited badges.
- Fundraising during the Annual AACD Scientific Session
 - The [GBAS charity auction](#), annual fundraising event, and other fundraising initiatives at the annual conference account for more than 30% of the Foundation's annual funding.
 - Our annual Give Back a Smile Fundraising Event is happening on Friday, April 17. A rooftop, Latin Carnival-inspired event featuring cocktails, food, Latin beats, and a Hora Loca with live drummers, samba dancers and stilt walker. Tickets are available for AACD 2026 Attendees within the [conference registration system](#).
 - Get great deals on top dental products, services and CE, or be the highest bidder on a trip to Fiji! Mobile bidding opens for the GBAS Charity Auction on March 15 and ends April 17 at 5:30 pm ET. [View auction items here](#).
 - Back with new styles! AACD 2026 attendees will have the opportunity to score some exclusive AACD-Branded apparel by donating to Give Back a Smile during the conference!
- October Whitening
 - October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and dental offices are encouraged to offer whitening treatments to their patients with their fees directly supporting GBAS. October 2025 participants raised more than \$10,000 for GBAS through whitening proceeds!
- Legacy Gifts
 - We have implemented a [planned giving initiative](#). Consider investing in a long-term commitment to helping survivors of domestic violence smile again, through your estate.

Goal 3) Maintain Charitable Momentum

Thank you to our GBAS volunteer dentists and labs who make the mission of GBAS possible!

In the last 12 months, the GBAS professional team reviewed and processed 199 submitted applications from people seeking help through GBAS. Of those, 47% of submitted applications were initially eligible for services. Our goal is to have a volunteer dentist available for at least 80% of initially eligible GBAS applicants. A volunteer was available for 65% of applicants based on the applicant's (often limited) travel ability. We need additional volunteer dentists and labs to fulfill the need! If you are a current volunteer, thank you! If you're located within the United States and are available to accept a GBAS patient referral, please [sign up to volunteer here](#).

We especially need more volunteer dentists in:

- Arizona
- San Francisco Area
- Florida
- Georgia
- Texas
- Missouri

GBAS Services Snapshot:

- There are 184 survivors of domestic/sexual violence currently receiving GBAS treatment from across 40 different states in the U.S.
- Since last report, 71 survivors of domestic/sexual violence were newly connected with volunteers for smile restorations.
- Since last report, 35 GBAS cases were reported complete amounting to more than \$557,000 in donated dental services.

For many of our patients, GBAS volunteers and their teams are the first professional who treat them without judgement. Not as a charity case but as a human being worthy of dignity and care. GBAS is more than a program. It's a pathway for survivors to regain confidence, dignity, and hope.

From the words of a GBAS smile recipient: *"This program didn't just restore my smile—it gave me back happiness, self-worth, and the ability to truly thrive. I am healthier, happier, and so deeply thankful. I will never forget what this gift has done for me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart."*

Thank you for your dedication to the AACD Charitable Foundation. The life-changing impact of Give Back a Smile would not be possible without you.

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee

Submitted By: Cappy Sinclair, DDS, AAACD

Committee Members: Jorge Blanco DDS, AAACD, Courtney L. Lavigne, DMD, AAACD, Cappy Sinclair, DDS, AAACD

Committee Charge: The AACD Awards Subcommittee will recommend a recipient for each Evy award category for approval by the Executive Committee. There shall only be one award given for each Evy award category.

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

The committee worked to identify worthy award candidates and after thorough discussion and careful consideration, recommended Evy Award recipients for the following Evy Awards. Recipients will be announced at the Annual Scientific Session:

- Lifetime Achievement Award
- Excellence In Cosmetic Dentistry Education Award
- Humanitarian Award
- Outstanding Service and Mentoring Award
- Dr. Nathaniel Hill Rising Star Award
- jCD Award

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: Distance Learning Committee

Submitted By: Augusto Robles, DMD, MS, Committee Chair

Committee Members: Augusto Robles, DMD, MS, Committee Chair, Keerti Sahasrabudhe, DDS, FAACD, Rocksand Grogan, Megan Shelton, DDS, AAACD, Eric Wang, DDS, AAACD, Richard I. Coates, BDS, AAACD.

Committee Charge: Responsible for online continuing education and oversight of all online education.

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

In 2025, the Distance Learning Committee evaluated several new courses and reviewed existing courses as part of the three-year relevance review required by CERP guidelines.

The committee played a pivotal role in identifying content gaps, recommending timely and relevant topics, and suggesting engaging speakers to enhance AACD's online education offerings.

Thanks to the committee's dedicated efforts, AACD continued to:

- Attract members eager to expand their skills through high-quality online education.
- Connect best-fit members with Accreditation resources available in CEntal.
- Provide cutting-edge, 24/7/365 access to education delivered by world-class educators.
- Enhance the overall value of AACD membership.

The Distance Learning Committee's work has been instrumental in maintaining the excellence and relevance of AACD's online educational offerings.

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: Ethics Committee

Submitted By: Daniel King, JD Committee Chair

Committee Members: Aikaterini G. Papathanasiou, DDS, DMD; Lauren Shanard, DDS, AAACD

Committee Charge: The Ethics Committee's charge is to address ethics concerns of members of AACD's three boards (BOD, ABCD, BOT) and addressing ethics concerns of members (for example, advertising the credential improperly).

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

- Evaluated Ethics complaints as they have arisen, provided written ethics opinions, and worked with officers, board members, and home office as needed to resolve.
- Continued monitoring and protection of the AACD name and logo use by non-members and members.
- Assistance in correct advertising usage as needed.

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: Member Relations Committee

Submitted By: Co-Chairs Ramon Duran, DMD, AAACD & Noemi Cruz-Orcutt, DDS, AAACD, FAGD

Liaison: Davis Brinkmann

Committee Members: Sep Pouresa, DMD, FAGD; Marianella Marin, DDS, AAACD; Joy Brauer, DDS, AAACD; Laura Maroto Esteve, DDS; Priyanka Seekand, DMD; Hemanth Rudraraju, DDS; Grace Jun, DDS; Aparna Sadineni, DDS, FAACD, MAGD, FICOI; Muriel Law, DDS, FAGD

Committee Charge:

Laser focus on connecting with new and rejoining members

- MRC members contact new (and rejoining) members to welcome them to the Academy, typically by phone, with email used for international members. These calls ensure members feel welcomed, supported, and aware of the full range of AACD benefits. Call lists are provided by the liaison solely for this purpose.
- Lead discussion (or provide support) during 1–2 quarterly virtual New Member Mixers. At least one co-chair is present for each session.
- Onsite participation at the Scientific Session may include:
 - Attending the New Member/First-Time Attendee Breakfast
 - Sitting at designated lunch tables to engage with new members
 - Serving as an approachable resource during networking and social events
- Assist with additional outreach or engagement initiatives that support member onboarding and ongoing engagement.
- Participate in quarterly MRC meetings with the liaison to discuss member engagement strategies, bring forward ideas, and identify opportunities to strengthen member acquisition, retention, and overall experience.

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

- In 2025, the MRC significantly improved participation in monthly welcome calls. Nearly all members contributed, and those unable to call supported other initiatives, such as leading mixers, assisting at the Scientific Session, or contributing ideas in meetings. Approximately 90% of 2025 new member calls were completed (as of 3/12/26), with the remaining 10% in progress.
- Volunteer participation in New Member Mixers remained strong. Many sessions featured multiple volunteers on a single topic, enhancing discussion and perspective. The committee developed a structured plan for presenting mixer topics around AACD membership benefits, improving attendee understanding and engagement.

- At the 2025 Scientific Session, committee members supported the breakfast and lunch tables, welcoming new members, answering questions, and facilitating connections. Participation was consistent, and the committee continues to explore ways to enhance onsite experiences for new members.
- The MRC completed follow-up outreach to approximately 70 members who participated in the 2026 Scientific Session survey, providing information and encouragement regarding conference registration.
- For the upcoming Scientific Session, several initiatives are in place to enhance committee visibility and approachability, including larger breakfast and lunch table signage and committee ribbons for easy identification.
- In place of the “Know Before You Go” virtual mixer, first-time attendees will receive personal outreach calls from MRC members, a pre-conference informational email, and access to a WhatsApp group chat and supplemental email list for questions and networking.
- Additional first-time attendee initiatives include a personalized room drop with AACD materials and support for a first-time attendee line, which the committee endorsed and will assist with as needed.
- During quarterly meetings, MRC members contributed ideas to improve member acquisition, engagement, and retention, including guidance on renewal email content and structure, benefit communications (Dental Purchasing Group, Align, and AACD Study Clubs), early-career outreach, and international member engagement strategies.

KPI's for 2025-2026:

- Approximately 90% of new member welcome calls completed, with remaining calls in progress.
- Strong volunteer participation across New Member Mixers, with expanded topic development and improved presentation of membership benefits.
- Enhanced first-time attendee support at the Scientific Session, including outreach calls, improved signage, committee ribbons, and new communication channels.
- Member-driven engagement improvements, including input on renewal communications, benefit awareness, and strategies for acquisition and retention.
- Active collaboration during quarterly meetings, resulting in multiple new initiatives aimed at strengthening the AACD member experience.

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: Professional Education Committee

Submitted By: Nelson Rego, CDT, AAACD, PEC Committee Chair

Committee Members: Nelson Rego, CDT, AAACD, PEC Committee Chair; Adamo Notarantonio, DDS, FAACD; Diana Tadros, DDS, FAACD; Ryan Springer, DDS, AAACD; Executive Committee (Non-voting members) Amanda Seay, DDS, FAACD; Mohan Bhuvaneshwaran, MDS, FAACD; Laura Justice, DMD, FAACD

Committee Charge:

- A. Select program direction and program specifics for AACD's Scientific Session
- B. Select topics and speakers

Strategic Goals for 2025-2026

- To create a culture of attraction
- To attract and retain "best-fit" members who have the potential to start the credentialing process
- To provide cutting edge esthetic education
- To increase revenue

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

Over the past year, the Professional Education Committee has remained focused on strengthening the Academy's educational programming while enhancing the overall experience of the AACD Scientific Session. Our goal has been to create meaningful learning opportunities that support both Accredited Members and the broader membership while continuing to elevate the value of the annual meeting.

Master Esthetic Lecture Series

A major focus of the committee this year has been the continued development of the **Master Esthetic Lecture Series**, an educational initiative designed to deliver high-value content in a focused and efficient format. Using the programming wireframe originally proposed by **Scott Finlay**, the committee implemented a structured lecture format that provides meaningful educational programming in a dynamic and accessible setting.

The concept centers on a dedicated lecture room featuring a rotating series of speakers scheduled in **90-minute intervals**, allowing attendees to experience multiple high-level presentations throughout the day while maintaining a consistent learning environment. The goal of the series is to provide content that appeals both to **Accredited Members seeking advanced clinical insight** and to **general members interested in exposure to elevated esthetic concepts and treatment philosophies**. This structure creates an educational track that complements the hands-on workshops while expanding the overall range of learning opportunities available during the meeting.

Enhancements for the 2026 Scientific Session

In addition to strengthening the educational programming, the committee has focused on enhancing the **overall attendee experience for the 2026 Scientific Session in Miami**. Through careful budget management, additional

resources have been identified and allocated toward several improvements designed to strengthen the sense of arrival, increase sponsor visibility, and create a more engaging environment for both members and exhibitors.

Registration Experience

To enhance the arrival process, the committee is exploring several improvements to the registration area, including:

- **Welcome Packets** distributed at AACD registration for all speakers and accredited members. Each packet will include a welcome letter from Amanda, along with their ribbons and name tag.
- **Dedicated Registration Lines** will be available for accredited members, speakers, and first-time attendees to streamline the check-in process.
- **Custom luggage tags for Accredited Members**, providing both a practical item for attendees and an additional opportunity to celebrate AACD accreditation

Exhibit Hall Enhancements

Additional improvements are planned to increase visibility and traffic flow within the exhibit areas while providing greater value for sponsors:

- **Entryway arch leading into the exhibit hall** with sponsor recognition
- **Secondary entryway arch leading into the Majestic Ballroom exhibit space**, along with enhanced lighting

Welcome Reception

In addition to the food, beverage, and décor already budgeted for the Welcome Reception, the committee is exploring enhancements to the culinary offerings, including the potential addition of **fresh jumbo shrimp**, further elevating the hospitality experience for attendees and guests.

Long-Term Programming Momentum

The collective efforts of the **Professional Education Committee, the Board of Directors, and the exceptional AACD home team** have positioned us well ahead of schedule. In fact, we have already secured the majority of our speakers for the **2027 Miami meeting**, allowing us to begin building excitement well in advance.

We plan to formally announce the 2027 lineup during the **2026 Scientific Session**. Confirmed speakers include **Brandon Mack, Galip Gürel, Dean Kois**, and several other distinguished presenters who will bring tremendous value to our members.

The committee's efforts this year reflect a broader shift toward more strategic, long-term planning for the Academy's educational programming. By securing speakers earlier, strengthening the structure of our educational tracks, and



enhancing the overall meeting experience, the PEC is helping to build sustainable momentum for future Scientific Sessions while reinforcing the Academy's reputation as a leader in esthetic dental education

I am extremely proud of the dedication and collaboration demonstrated by the members of the Professional Education Committee, the Board of Directors, and the incredible AACD home team. Their commitment, creativity, and willingness to embrace new ideas have built meaningful momentum for the Academy's annual meeting and educational programming.

Together, we are creating a stronger foundation for future Scientific Sessions while continuing to deliver exceptional value to our members. **The progress we are seeing today reflects the collective commitment of many dedicated individuals who care deeply about the future of the Academy and the profession we serve.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Rego

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: University Relations Committee

Submitted By: Aikaterini Papathanasiou, DMD, DDS, MBA, FICD

Committee Members: Aikaterini Papathanasiou (URC Chair), Juliana Ryan, Reuben Kim, Liliana Mosquera, Lance Dillon

AACD Team Representative: Brad Olson, Interim Executive Director

The charge of the University Relations Committee is to:

Further AACD's strategic goals to advance cosmetic dental education and to increase membership by interfacing with the university community. For this leadership year, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors asked this committee to focus on the following **objectives and key results (OKRs)**:

- Actively engage the university community in collaborative programs that will motivate students to eventually become members of the Academy.
- Work to identify which dental schools have student-led esthetic study clubs in order to lay the foundation for continued outreach.

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

- The AACD URC webinars continued this year, with one held in July 2025 and another in October 2025. These webinars targeted US dental school members (students and faculty) to actively involve the university community in collaborative programs that will motivate students and faculty to eventually become AACD members.
 1. **All Ceramics: Mastering clinical indications and execution beyond just "esthetics"** by Gustavo Mahn Arteaga on July 23rd.
 2. **Techniques to Master Anterior Composites by Dr. Corky Willhite on October 2, 2025.**
- The URC Committee organized a virtual AACD Faculty Members' Meeting to strengthen collaboration on outreach initiatives and student esthetic clubs, as well as to brainstorm strategies for increasing faculty engagement in collaborative programs that encourage both students and faculty to become AACD members. An updated list of U.S. dental schools with student esthetic clubs will be compiled through future AACD Faculty Members' Meetings.
- Based on last year's URC recommendation, the *JCD* 'open article' is now emailed to all students, faculty, and webinar registrants. This initiative promotes the Academy within dental academia, sustains year-round engagement with AACD, and encourages both students and faculty to consider publishing in the *Journal of Cosmetic Dentistry*.
- Based on discussions held during the URC and AACD Faculty Members' Meetings, a set of recommendations to support recruitment and engagement has been prepared and submitted to the BOD for consideration at the next meeting. These recommendations include reinstating Student Day, reintroducing the Student Poster Competition (virtual or in-person), revising student and faculty membership and registration fees, adjusting early-bird registration timelines, exploring tiered membership models, and implementing additional low- or no-cost initiatives.

AACD 2026 Remote Annual Meeting Report: Credentialing Committees

Submitted By: Adamo Notarantonio, DDS, FAACD, Fellowship Chairman
Salvatore Lotardo, DDS, FAACD, Accreditation Chairman

Committee Members:

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Accreditation: Salvatore Lotardo, DDS, FAACD, Steve Hoofard, CDT, FAACD, Adamo Notarantonio, DDS, FAACD, Keerti Sahasrabudhe, DDS, FAACD, Lauren Shanard, DDS, AAACD

Committees Charge: To work in tandem with the ABCD and credentialing department to recommend policies, guidelines, and rules for successfully completing the Accreditation and Fellowship processes in the AACD.

How has the committee fulfilled its charge and contributed to the strategic plan?

Accreditation and Fellowship

- Congratulations to the newest class of 2026 Accredited and Accredited Fellows who will be recognized during AACD 2026 Aventura!
- The Dental Dojo continues with educational offerings that assist our enrollees in a series of live webinars, group discussions, mentorship, case review seminars, and knowledge in the Accreditation process to foster individual growth and evolution.
- Continues to ensure compliance with the mission and vision statements of the American Board of Cosmetic Dentistry.
- The Accreditation and Fellowship Chairs work with the AACD Credentialing Department to plan, schedule and organize the Accreditation, Fellowship, and credentialing courses at the annual scientific session.
- The Accreditation and Fellowship Chairs attend the ABCD meetings and take part in monthly ABCD Zoom meetings when scheduled and in person when needed.
- Continue to respect, promote, and advocate for the AACD credentials.