



ALASKA STATE DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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ARTICLE I NAME

Sec. 1 Name. The name of this association shall be Alaska State Dental Hygienists' Association hereinafter referred to as ASDHA.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND MISSION

Sec. 1 Purpose. The purposes of ASDHA shall be to serve as the professional resource for dental hygiene, to improve the health of the public, to advance the art and science of dental hygiene by promoting the highest standards of dental hygiene and practice, to foster research in oral health, and to represent and protect the interests of dental hygienists.

Sec. 2. Mission. The mission of ASDHA is to improve public health by increasing the awareness of and access to quality oral health care, and to represent and protect the interests of licensed dental hygienists through a viable professional organization.

Sec. 3. ASDHA Goals. ASDHA endorses the goals established by the American Dental Hygienists' Association:

- A. To promote public awareness of the profession of dental hygiene and the licensed dental hygienist.
- B. To support the highest standards of dental hygiene, licensure, and practice.
- C. To promote the professional interests of licensed dental hygienists.
- D. To maintain a viable professional association.

ARTICLE III **MEMBERS**

Sec. 1. Membership. The membership of ASDHA is composed of members of the American Dental Hygienists' Association, hereinafter referred to as ADHA, who are licensed, practicing or residing in Alaska, together with such other members as are authorized in the Bylaws of ASDHA.

Sec. 2. Classifications of Members. Members shall meet the following requirements and such other uniform requirements as may be established by the executive board.

A. Voting Members

1. **Active Members:** Any dental hygienist who holds a certificate or degree in Dental hygiene pursuant to a dental hygiene program accredited by the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation or other such accrediting agency as previously approved by ADHA or who is licensed to practice dental hygiene in the United States under the provision of a "grandfather clause"; who is licensed to practice in Alaska ; who agrees to adhere to the Bylaws and Principles of Ethics of ASDHA; and who agrees to hold membership in ADHA and a Component of ASDHA if such exist where a member is licensed, practicing or residing; shall be eligible for Active Membership in ASDHA upon application to this Constituent or the Executive Director.

2. **Life Members:** Any Active Member who has made outstanding contributions to dental hygiene and to ASDHA shall be eligible for Life Membership upon nomination and election by the executive board.

3. **Retired Members:** Any Active Member who has reached the age of sixty-two (62) years or because of disability has retired from the practice of dental hygiene and has been an Active Member for at least (1) 25 years, (2) 20 consecutive years, or (3) continuously from the date of eligibility shall be eligible for Retired Membership upon application to the ADHA Executive- Director, submitted through and verified by the member's Constituent and Component, and accompanied by proof of qualification.

B. Non-Voting Members

1. **Associate Members:** Any dental hygienist practicing outside the United States under a current license or certificate and who holds membership in the national dental hygiene professional organization of that country, if either or both exist, and agrees to adhere to the Bylaws and Principles of Ethics of ASDHA shall be eligible for Associate Membership upon application to the ADHA Executive Director.

2. **Student Members:** Any full-time student in an accredited dental hygiene program or a graduate of an accredited dental hygiene program who is a full-time student in an academic discipline working toward a baccalaureate or graduate degree complementary to a career in dental hygiene, who has been recommended by the Director or a duly appointed representative of the Institution, shall be eligible for Student Membership upon application to the ADHA Executive Director.