

1 Michigan Dental Association

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3 **MDA NOMINATING COMMITTEE ZOOM VIDECONFERENCE**

4 January 12, 2022

5 Zoom Videoconference

6 Attendance

Dr. Stephen Meraw, chair
Dr. Jameel Aftab (Region VI)
Dr. Samuel Bander (Region IV)
Dr. Charles Burling (Region XII)
Dr. John DeCarolis (Region VII)
Dr. Michael Dincau (Region II)
Dr. Howard Hamerink (Region X)
Dr. Michael Peters (Region V)
Dr. Curt Ralstrom (Region VIII)
Dr. Clayton Shunk (Region I)
Dr. Marvin Sonne (Region IX)
Region III not represented

Staff

Karen Burgess, CAE, MBA, executive director
Michelle Nichols-Cruz, governance manager

Absent

Dr. Thomas Goodsell (Region XI)

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8 **Call to Order**

9 The meeting was called to order by Chair Meraw at 6:00 p.m.

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11 **Confidentiality**

12 The committee reviewed the confidentiality statement from the Nominating Committee
13 Guidelines:

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15 All discussions of the committee and between committee members regarding applicants and candidates are
16 confidential. Names of applicants and their backgrounds remain confidential until the names are formally
17 presented to the House of Delegates. There should be no discussion of applicants who were not chosen to
18 move forward to the House. Committee members may attend their region’s caucuses and explain the
19 processes used by the Nom Com to collect and winnow the applicant pool and select the candidates, but are
20 not to reveal confidential discussions held by the Nom Com, nor to sway the votes of individual HOD
21 members, components or regions with regard to candidates. Nom Com members are to remain neutral on all
22 candidates in public.

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24 An alleged breach of confidentiality is to be brought to the attention of the MDA Speaker of the House and
25 the Chair of the Nominating Committee. They will investigate the allegation, and determine whether a
26 breach has occurred. If a breach has occurred, they will determine the consequences up to and including
27 removal of the committee member by the MDA Region the individual represents. In the event it is
28 determined that a breach has occurred, the Speaker and Chair will determine whether the HOD will be
29 notified, and by what means the notification will occur.

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31 **Review Applications: Executive Session**

32 The Nominating Committee met in executive session from 6:00 pm to 6:38 pm to review
33 applications and interviews.

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35 The following candidates will move forward to the House of Delegates:

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37 *President-Elect*
38 Dr. Eric Knudsen

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40 *Secretary/Treasurer*
41 Dr. Christopher Gorecki

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43 *Editor*
44 Dr. Christopher Smiley

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46 *Trustee (3-year term) – 3 to be elected*

47 Dr. Elisa Ghezzi
48 Dr. Christopher Gorecki
49 Dr. John Hall
50 Dr. Vincent Lizzio

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52 *ADA Delegation – 3 delegate and 8 alternates to be elected*

53 Dr. Deborah Brown
54 Dr. Lisa Christy
55 Dr. Naila Farooq
56 Dr. Inge Ford
57 Dr. Margaret Gingrich
58 Dr. Graham Greenland
59 Dr. Gabriel Holdwick
60 Dr. Mark Johnston
61 Dr. Elizabeth Knudsen
62 Dr. Jason Mashni
63 Dr. Daniel Miller
64 Dr. Debra Peters
65 Dr. Riley Schaff
66 Dr. Sarah Tomaka

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68 *Candidate Notification*

69 The chair will notify the candidates that their names have been selected to move forward to the
70 House of Delegates. Once all candidates have been notified, the slate will be released to the
71 House of Delegates.

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73 **Announcement of Candidates to the HOD**

74 The Nom Com agreed that the announcement of candidates will be provided to the House of
75 Delegates via a special *Delegate Digest* and will include the following for each applicant:

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- 78 • CV
- 79 • Conflict of Interest Statement
- 80 • Application
- 81 • Photo
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84 The announcement will also be made in the Executive Director Update, e-News and the MDA
 85 *Journal*. The committee was reminded that, as a member of the committee, they are not
 86 allowed to publicly support a specific candidate. They may discuss candidates in their own
 87 caucus but not what was discussed in executive session at the Nom Com meetings.

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89 **Questions for Board Self-Evaluation**

90 It is the responsibility of the Nom Com to develop questions of substance for the Board of
 91 Trustees annual self-report to assist the House of Delegates in evaluating individual Board
 92 members. The committee is to keep in mind that the Board sets the direction for strategy and
 93 that all are expected to support MDA policy. Therefore, the questions should focus on their
 94 experience as a Board member and how they have supported the MDA’s mission, values, goals
 95 and activities. The Nom Com considered all the suggested questions and decided which
 96 questions to use this year. The questions for 2021-2022 include:

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- 98 1. Discuss the committee(s) that you have served and the impact of these committees on
 99 you and on the organization as a whole.
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 - 101 2. Have you been able to take advantage of opportunities to enhance MDA public image,
 102 such as speaking to others about the work of our organization? Please describe.
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 - 104 3. How well does the board communicate MDA’s challenges as well as its accomplishments
 105 to its members and the public? How were you able to help in this?

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107 **Nominating Committee Guidelines**

108 The committee will recommend to the 2022 House of Delegates that the current president
 109 serve as a non-voting member of the Nominating Committee. This will allow for continuity from
 110 year to year and allow the incoming chair to be familiar with the committee’s process. The
 111 committee voted by majority vote to forward a recommendation to the 2022 House of
 112 Delegates.

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114 The following was adopted to be forwarded to the 2022 House of Delegates:

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116 <u>Resolved</u> , that the Nominating Committee Guidelines, Selection	Adopted
117 of the Nominating Committee be revised as follows:	

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Selection of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is comprised of 12 voting members, one non-voting member and a chair. The 12 voting members are selected by the 12 MDA Regions, one member from each region, ~~with~~ the current MDA President serves as a non-voting member and the MDA Immediate Past President serves as the presiding ~~as~~ chair. ~~The~~ Each region's selection is communicated to the MDA before June 15 by the President(s) of the component dental societies comprising the region. Positions on the nominating committee are an excellent spot for volunteer members who have been identified by their region as strong, visionary leaders, but who are unable to or do not wish to serve as an MDA trustee, officer or delegation member to the ADA House of Delegates. The members of the committee have a tremendous influence on the future of the MDA and should be carefully selected.

Editor Requirements

The committee discussed the current requirement on the editor application to provide two peer-reviewed articles. It believes that this requirement limits the number of qualified candidates. The committee requested that the next committee consider requesting two published articles and remove the words "peer-reviewed" to make the qualifications less restrictive in order to allow for more qualified candidates.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Stephen Meraw, DDS
Chair