



Governing Council Meeting
January 11th, 2026
Conference Call/Virtual Video Meeting
7:00 pm Eastern Time

The governing council annual meeting of the AADH was called to order by President Melissa Calhoun at Zoom. Members Present include: Melissa Calhoun, Danni Gomes, Susan Lopez, Millie Thaw, Nancy Barnes, Joffree Bunleang, Valoree Althoff, Julie Martin, Becky Pugh, Mary Kellerman, Kari Carter-Cherelus, and Howard Notegarnie.

Quorum was present. The minutes of the October 12, 2026, meeting were adopted by unanimous consent.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL/ CERTIFICATION OF QUORUM/ AGENDA APPROVAL

Executive Committee

President – Melissa Calhoun, MSDH, RDH 2024-2026

President-Elect – Lacy Walker, BS, RDH, CDA, FAAOSH 2024-2026

Secretary – Joffree Bunleang, BSDH, RDH 2025-2027

Treasurer – Valoree Althoff, RDH, MHA, PRP, CPP-T, FAADH, FADHA 2024-2026

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Rebecca Pugh, RDH, BS, FADHA 2024-2026

Howard Notegarnie RDH, EdD, FADHA 2024-2026

Hope Loyd, BSDH, RDH, 2026-2027

Nancy Barnes, BA, RDH, FADHA 2025-2027

Brittany Cox, BS, RDH, PG, Dip 2024-2026

Rachel Miller, RDH 2025-2027

3. Secretary – Report on file

4. Treasurer – Report and Budget on File

a. Chase Bank Balance \$18,903.26

b. Saving balance \$ 25,221.50

c. Charles Schwab balance \$ 1,889.15

Total Assets: \$44,124.76

5. President – Report on File

6. Executive Director – Report on file

7. Governing Council – Report of File

8. Committee Reports:

- a) **Annual Meeting:** no report on file
- b) **Awards:** No report on file
- c) **Bylaws & Procedures:** Report on File
 - **1 proposed bylaws amendments (Committees)**
 - **Motion to amend Article VIII Committees**
 - Motion was adopted by unanimous consent
- d) **Course Approval:** Report of File
- e) **Fellowship:** Report of File
- f) **Finance:** No report on file
- g) **Membership:** No report on file
- h) **Minutes review:** No report on file
- i) **Nominating:** No report on file
- j) **Public Relations:**
 - Facebook Custodian - Report of File
 - Webmaster - Report on file

9. Officer Reports

- a. **President Elect:** Report of File
- b. **Immediate Past President:** No report on file

10. Unfinished Business

AADH National Conference

11. New Business

12. Announcements

- Danni, Millie Thaw, and Lacy Walker attended Greater New York Dental Meeting

13. Awards & Recognition:

- Approved CE Providers
 - Lone Star Dental Hygiene Society
 - 2 pending
- Approved New Members
 - Two pending

14. Meeting Dates/Report Deadlines

- All Governing Council members and the Chair of each Committee are to attend the online quarterly meetings.
- Governing Council members please notify the President in advance of your Absence.
- If a Chair is unable to attend, please assign someone from your committee as an alternate and notify the President of your replacement.
- Email reports by the due date to the President at: melissa.calhoun@aadh.org and cc the Executive Director at admin@aadh.org for documentation.

Governing Council & Chairs Meeting Dates

Meeting Date	Time (EST)	Quarterly Reports Due Date
Sunday. October 12, 2025	4:00 pm ± 5:00 pm	September 21, 2025
Sunday. January 11, 2026	6:00 pm ± 7:00 pm	December 28, 2025
Sunday. April 26th, 2026	6:00 pm ± 7:00 pm	April 12, 2026
AADH Annual Meeting – New Jersey Date: June 5-6, 2026	Time: TBD	Annual Reports Due: TBD

16. Adjournment Meeting adjourned ~8 pm EST

Approved by: Nancy Barnes, Danni Gomes, and Melissa Calhoun 6/2/2026



Full Meeting Summary - April 2026 Meeting

1. Call to Order & Attendance

- Meeting called to order at **5:04 PM**
 - Melissa Calhoun, Danni Gomes, Susan Lopez, Millie Thaw, Nancy Barnes, Joffree Bunleang, Valoree Althoff, Lacy Walker, Becky Pugh, Mary Kellerman, Hope Loyd, Lisa Huitron, and Howard Notegarnie.
 - Quorum confirmed
 - Full attendance achieved
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2. Agenda & Minutes

- Agenda approved with no major additions
 - **Issue identified:** Previous meeting was not recorded
 - No official minutes available
 - Plan:
 - Recreate January minutes
 - Submit for approval at next meeting
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3. Secretary Report

- No additional updates
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4. Treasurer Report

- Financials reviewed (as of April 12)
 - Investment account (Charles Schwab) showed improvement
 - Investments currently restricted from changes
 - Taxes successfully filed
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5. President Report

- Strong progress on **Annual Meeting planning**
 - 6 speakers confirmed
 - 5–6 sponsors secured
 - Recommendation:
 - Expand Annual Meeting Committee (workload too heavy for 2 people)
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6. Executive Director Report

- **34 registrations** for upcoming meeting
 - ~28 expected to finalize
 - Many registrants are **non-members** → **opportunity for growth**
 - Networking hour planned to support engagement and conversion
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7. Registration Concern

- Noted inconsistency in pricing:
 - Non-members may be paying similar or less than members
 - Needs review
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8. Annual Meeting Updates

- Diverse speaker lineup confirmed
 - Includes ergonomics-focused physical therapist
 - Suggestion:
 - Offer unused speaker applicants opportunity for **2027 event**
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9. Awards Committee

- **SHIP Award**
 - 1 application received (deadline April 29)
 - **Mentor of the Year**
 - Multiple submissions (deadline May 1)
 - Encouragement for:
 - Students and advanced degree candidates to apply
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10. Membership Committee & Bylaws Amendment

Primary Goal:

- Simplify process and increase membership

Discussion Highlights:

- Debate between:
 - **15 CE hours (growth-focused)**
 - **25 CE hours (prestige-focused)**
- Consideration of:
 - Allowing graduation as an alternative pathway
 - Aligning (or not) with Academy of General Dentistry model
- Concerns raised:
 - Complexity of tracking requirements
 - Potential barriers to new members
 - Maintaining integrity and standards

Final Decision:

- Approved amendment:
25 CE hours within 1 year prior to application
 - Simpler structure chosen over more complex alternatives
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11. CE Course Approval Committee

- All submitted CE providers reviewed and approved
 - No major issues identified
 - Suggestion raised:
 - Conduct **formal audit process** for CE providers to ensure compliance
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12. Fellowship Committee

- Need for increased applications
 - Reminder:
 - Members eligible after 3 years
 - Discussion of reinstating **press releases** for new fellows
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13. Minutes Review Committee

- No report (due to missing prior meeting minutes)
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14. Nominations Committee

- Open leadership positions:
 - President-Elect (6-year commitment total)
 - Treasurer
 - 3 Governing Council Members
 - Call for nominations and leadership engagement
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15. Public Relations Report

- Growth across platforms:
 - Increased engagement on Instagram & LinkedIn
 - Action item:
 - Resolve Facebook/Instagram integration issues
 - Continued promotion of awards and deadlines
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16. Webmaster Report

- Will implement recommendations (including audit-related considerations)
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17. New Business

- Follow-up requested regarding external partnership (Dimensions)
 - Leadership to provide update offline
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18. Announcements

- President recognized as recipient of:
 - Sunstar Award of Distinction
 - To be presented at Under One Roof in National Harbor
 - Outreach trip completed in El Salvador
 - Volunteers encouraged for future trips
 - Multiple members accepted to:
 - IFDH Conference in Milan
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19. Awards & Recognition

- New CE Provider approved: Casey Sanchez

- Additional CE provider pending
 - New Members:
 - Lisa (confirmed)
 - Lynn Penick (confirmed)
 - Norma (pending)
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20. Upcoming Dates

- **Next Meeting:**
 - June 6 (in person + Zoom)
 - The Patterson at Totowa
 - **Quarterly Reports Due:**
 - May 23
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21. Closing Remarks

- Encouragement to:
 - Attend annual meeting
 - Promote organization and membership
 - Celebration of member achievements and international involvement
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22. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn approved
 - Meeting concluded successfully
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Key Takeaways

- Organization is actively growing and planning a strong annual event
- Membership strategy is evolving (leaning toward maintaining standards)
- Opportunities exist to:
 - Improve processes (membership, CE tracking)
 - Increase engagement and recruitment
- Strong culture of recognition, leadership, and professional development



**Governing Council Annual Meeting
June 6, 2026
AADH National Conference/Virtual Video Meeting
8:00 am EST**

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3. Secretary – No report on file

4. Treasurer – Report on file

Checking balance 5/21/2026	\$23,867.73
Savings balance 5/21/2026	\$25,222.53
Charles Schwab balance 5/21/2026	\$ 2,393.15
Total of assets	\$51,483.41

5. President – Report on file

To make a motion to increase Danni Gomes pay from \$48/ day to \$56/per day, which would be an increase her monthly pay to \$1700 instead of \$1440

6. Executive Director – Report on file

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12. Awards & Recognition:

- Approved CE Providers
- Approved new members:
 - Shelly Brown
 - Laura Webb (Retired Membership)
 - Courtney Buswell
 - Christopher Matija-Flores
 - Lisa Huitron
 - Lynn Penek
 - Norma Gonzalez
 - Joseline Herrera
 - Briana Bonney
 - Kirsten Pena
- Appreciation Award to Lacy Walker
- Appreciation Award to Rebecca Pugh
- Appreciation Award to Valoree Althoff
- Appreciation Award to Brittany Cox
- Appreciation Award to Howard Notgarnie

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Treasurer Report

Date: May 21, 2026

Name: Valoree Althoff, MHA, RDH, CPP-T, PRP, FADHA, FAADH

Position/Committee Members: Treasurer, AADH

Assets:

2026:	Checking balance 5/21/2026	\$23,867.73
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	Charles Schwab balance 5/21/2026	\$ 2,393.15
	Total of assets	\$51,483.41
2025:	Checking balance 7/11/2025	\$15,166.31
	Savings balance 7/11/2025	\$25,220.47
	Charles Schwab balance 7/11/2025	\$ 2,003.81
	Total of assets	\$41,784.24
	Difference	\$9,699.17*

* Before expenses for conference and annual meeting expenses.

Accomplishments:

- Responded to various communications
- Posted all financial transactions from PayPal and Chase
- Attended AADH financial review meeting
- Filed tax form

In Progress:

- Close annual year/meeting expenses



Presidents Quarterly Report

Melissa Calhoun, MSDH, RDH

May 23, 2026

Charge: Act as the liaison for a two-year term between members and the Governing Council, represents the academy at meetings and guides the business of AADH.

Accomplishments:

- Presidential email correspondence with IPP, PE, ED, and Treasurer
- Review and voting of new membership candidates
- Reviewed and voted of new fellowship candidates
- Approved financial payments to 2026 National Conference Speakers
- Finalized quarterly meetings for 2025-26 year
- Sent new members a welcome letter and certificate through Danni
- February 2026: Recommended Julie Martin provided a welcome message from the AADH at Texas Dental Hygienist Association's Annual Meeting.
- Voted to approve 11 new AADH members.
- Voted to approve 2 fellows.
- Continued our collaboration with Dimensions of Dental Hygiene

Continuing work:

- Work with PE Lacy Walker on responsibilities as PE
- Assign Members for Committees or volunteer
- Continue to highlight members and fellows on AADH social media
- Continue to provide AADH face-time and promote the organization's mission at all conferences through greetings and information
- Planning the 2026 Annual Meeting in New Jersey

Recommendations:

- To make a motion to increase Danni Gomes pay from \$48/ day to \$56/per day, which would be an increase her monthly pay to \$1700 instead of \$1440

Respectfully Submitted,

Melissa E Calhoun, MSDH, RDH



Date: July 1, 2025

Name: Lacy Walker, RDH, BS, FAADH, FAAOSH

Position: Office of the President-Elect

- Performs duties and carries out responsibilities as delegated by the Bylaws, President, Governing Council, and/or policies and procedures
- Participates as an elected officer of AADH
- Participates as required in meetings of the Executive Committee and Governing Council
- Follows all Administrative Policies
- Promotes membership
- Submits reports to the President and Governing Council in a timely manner

Accomplishments/ Recommendations

- Collaborated with GC about the Mentor of the Year Award
- Collaborated with President and Executive Director regarding the AADH National Conference
- Developed a spreadsheet for social media and a tracker of sponsors for our Annual Meeting
- Continuous promotion of membership
- Communicated with EC/GC about AADH Annual meeting in NJ and bylaw changes
- Responded to emails in a timely manner.
- Promoted AADH on all social media platforms we are affiliated with
- Promoted AADH with other RDH friends
- Updated spreadsheets for Speakers for AADH National Conference
- Use/Scan QR code of every visitor at NJ Conference



Annual Report Executive Director

Date: May 25, 2026

Name: Danni Gomes BSDH, FAADH, RDH

Position: Executive Director

Opportunities (Charge): Perform the administrative operations of AADH Inc.

Accomplishments:

- Ordered supplies for Annual Event
- Shopped for food for event
- Ordered awards
- Picked up awards
- Printed certificates for awardees
- Purchased gifts for speakers
- Registered our sponsors to the event
- Created a things to do list for event attendees
- Sent email to notify SHIP & Fellowship recipients
- Visited Hotel & Venue prior to event
- Organized happy hour event
- Scheduled delivery of tables for event
- Communicated with sponsors
- Added Member category column to the members spreadsheet
- Created a folder with sponsor logos & shared with President & President-elect
- Mailed certificates and pins to New Members
- Created agreements for all speakers
- Assisted GC Chair with voting form

- Emailed registrations with non-payment
- Emailed Members & CE Providers regarding renewals
- Responded to email inquiries
- Emailed expired CE Providers & Members
- Created Annual Conference flyer
- Created 2 QR codes for the flyer
- Emailed Patterson Dental Owner to schedule a tour
- Secured a booth at the Greater NY Dental Meeting
- Exhibited 3 days at the Greater NY Dental Meeting (GNYDM)
- Distributed flyers to potential sponsors at the GNYDM
- Created Speaker Abstract form
- Created a sponsorship form
- Update roster of EC, GC, & Committee Members
- Created a draft agenda for 2026 Annual Meeting Seminar
- Submitted Sunshine Fund donation on behalf of AADH to Hospice of Buffalo in Memory of Susan Burzynski
- Reserved a table for sponsorship at the IAOM convention
- Promoted our CE Provider program to the IAOM
- Created a slideshow for IAOM convention
- Attended the IAOM convention in Utah with President Melissa Calhoun
- Spoke with the Senior Manager & Regional Professional Education Manager from Colgate regarding partnership opportunities who was referred to us
- Emailed information on the origin of the SHIP award to Anna Franek to be featured on the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry's website
- Added student membership application to website homepage and Menu bar
- Added website link to Midwest Dental
- Responded to emails
- Answered calls
- Attended meetings
- Promoted the organization
- Recruited volunteers for event
- Reach out for nominees to run for positions
- Communicated with Officers & Committees and assisted them when needed
- Responded to all inquiries
- Mailed certificates and pins to New Members & Past Secretary
- Emailed new members welcome letter
- Texted the committees to notify of new applicants
- Emailed new member applications to Membership Committee
- Imported all Subscribers from RDH UOR

- Communicated with Treasurer regarding income/expenses and reimbursement form submitted
- Embedded CE Course Spreadsheet in the application
- Uploaded 2025 Annual Report, Operations Manual & Administrative Policies on website
- Created form for Directory
- Emailed Emailed President-elect & CE Chair regards to planning annual meeting
- Scanned Retired Membership docs & emailed to GC & Membership Committee
- Created a digital application for Retired Member/Fellow and added it to the website
- Directed subscribers to our email list
- Sent Public Relations Chair content to post to social media
- Created a folder in google drive for 2025-2026 receipts & shared it with the treasurer
- Added meeting dates to calendar on website
- Emailed meeting dates to Secretary
- Emailed all Continuing Education Providers the renewal form
- Emailed new logo to those CE providers who have renewed
- Reviewed minutes from Annual Meeting
- Emailed invoice to CE Provider
- Reviewed reimbursement request
- Files annual report

On the horizon: Growth of AADH Membership through targeted outreach and member-value initiatives.

American Academy of Dental Hygiene Report for 6.5.26 Annual Meeting

Governing Council, Report drafted 5.19.26

Name: Rebecca Welch Pugh, RDH, BS, FADHA, GC Vice Chair

Governing Council Members:

All AADH Officers

Nancy Barnes, RDH, BA, MAADH 2025-2027

Rachel Miller, RDH 2025-2027

Brittany Cox, RDH, BS, PG Dip 2024-2026

Hope Lloyd, RDH, BSDH 2025-2027

Howard Notgarnie, RDH, EdD 2024-2026

Rebecca Pugh, RDH, BS, FADHA 2024-2026

The year kicked off to a great start with the Annual Meeting held on 7.18.25. This meeting included:

- Adoption of Bylaws amendments on dues and establishing the GSC Vice Chair
- Adoption of Administrative Policy on voters' guidelines
- Adoption of the revised Operations Manual
- Presentation of the 1st Winnie Funari Mentor of the Year Award to Nancy Barnes
- Recognition of the SHIP Award winner, Anna Lloyd
- Confer Fellowship to Lacy Walker
- Appreciation for the many AADH volunteers
- Election of AADH Secretary as well as three Governing Council Members.

GC Accomplishments:

GC Meetings were held 10.12.25, 1.11.26, & 4.26.26; will attend 6.6.26 Annual Meeting.

Approved new member Christy Davis

Approved new member Erika Hammond

Approved new member Lisa Bahr

Approved retired member Laura Webb

Approved new member Shelley Brown

Approved new member Courtney Buswell

Approved new member Christopher Martija-Flores

Approved new member Melanie Boyd

Approved new member Lisa Huitron

Approved new member Lynn Pencek

Approved new member Norma Gonzalez

Approved new member Joseline Herrera

Considered Fellowship for Alyssa Delgado

Considered Fellowship for Derik Sven

Considered SHIP Award nominee Brittany Wragg

Approved elimination of application discounts.

Approved speakers for National Conference

Approved referral of Proposed Bylaws Amendments to General Membership which address updated terminology for members with disabilities, clarification of applications for change of membership status, revised committee structure, and initial requirements for membership.

Provided input for promotional relationship with Dimensions of Dental Hygiene

Recommendations: None at this time

**American Academy of Dental Hygiene Report for 6.5.26 Annual Meeting:
Bylaws Committee, Report Drafted 5.22.26**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Rebecca Welch Pugh, RDH, BS, FADHA, Chair
Kristy Menage Bernie, RDH, BS, MS, RYT
Melissa Calhoun, RDH, BASDH, MS, President
Danni Gomes, BSDH, RDH, FAADH, Executive Director

CHARGE:

Standing Committee to review and update AADH Bylaws, as well as Administrative Policy and Procedures Manuals.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the current versions of these documents.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS VOTE

A vote on Bylaws amendments was submitted to all voting members on 5.8.26. **36%** of voting members took advantage of voting, with all proposed amendments approved by at least **84.6%** of votes cast. Amendments require approval of at least 2/3 of the votes cast, or 66% of the votes cast. Thus, all amendments were approved. The Bylaws Committee completed the new draft of the Bylaws on 5.19.26.

[Click here](#) to see Bylaws as amended on May 2026

Outcome of Votes:

Article III, Section 2 Membership Dues: Extend dues discounts to Governing Council members and Executive Director, as well as modernize terminology for Members with Disabilities.

84.6% Adopt

15.4% Reject

___ Other

Article III, Section 2 Members with Disabilities: Update Terminology for members with Disabilities.

92.3% Adopt

3.8% Reject

3.8% Other: Supportive of the intent, but the wording is unclear and unintentionally segregates disability status from existing membership categories. Recommend revision.

Article III, Section 2 Voting Member Requirements: Update Initial Membership requirements.

84.6% Adopt

15.4% Reject

___ Other

Article III, Section 2.E. Voting Member Requirements: Update Terminology for members with Disabilities.

92.3% Adopt

3.8% Reject

3.8% Other: make an alternative to physicians letter: documentation that the person seeking MEMBER WITH DISABILITY status is receiving social securities benefits due to disability.

Article III, Section 4. Maintenance of Membership/Fellowship Voting Member Requirements: Clarify requirements and Update Terminology for members with Disabilities.

92.3% Adopt

7.7% Reject

___ Other

Article IV, Section 1 and Article VII, Section 2 Vice Chair: Identify Vice Chair of Governing Council

92.3% Adopt

3.8% Reject

3.8% Other: Make the position elected rather than appointed

Article VII Committees: Streamline Committees

100% Adopt

Reject

Other



Annual Report Continuing Education Providers

Date: June 3, 2026

Committee Name: AADH Course Approval Committee

Members: Cynthia Koons, Rebecca Pugh, Joy Void-Holmes, Shawna Greer

Chair: Nancy R. Barnes

Committee Charge: The AADH has developed Standards for Continuing Education. Those seeking to become sponsors as individual AADH Member providers, individual non-member providers, National Corporate, Academic, State/ Component Associations, sponsors submit the necessary Provider Applications, they are reviewed. These applications are evaluated relative to content, depth, accuracy and outcome. The process has been used to approve Courses for Continuing Education credit and is similar to the AGD model.

The following providers have completed renewal:

National/International Associations:

- 4-Current

ADHA	Expires 12/26
European Association of RDH	Expires 12/26
International Association of Airway Hygienists'	Expires 12/26
International Federation of Dental Hygienists'	Expires 12/26

Corporate:

- 26-Current

AndyRDH's Dental Hygiene Academy	Expires 12/27
Apex Dental Partners	Expires 12/26
Belmont Business Media	Expires 12/26
Beyond the Prophy LLC	Expires 12/26
Clinicians Platform	Expires 12/26
Dental Hygiene Seminars	Expires 12/26
Dental Hygiene Solutions	Expires 12/27
Dental Innovations Study Club	Expires 12/26
Dr Joy RDH	Expires 12/26
Educators Platform	Expires 12/27
Endeavor Business Media	Expires 12/26
Hygiene Edge	Expires 12/26
Hygiene edgeUCATORS LLC	Expires 12/27
L' Diamante	Expires 12/26

Midwest Dental Management Inc.	Expires 12/26
OraBio Inc.	Expires 12/27
P1 dental Partners	Expires 12/26
Perio Management Consultants LLC	Expires 12/26
Procter and Gamble Company	Expires 12/27
Professional Learning Services	Expires 12/26
Signature Dental Partners	Expires 12/26
Teacher Tina RDH	Expires 12/27
The Lazy Hygienist LLC	Expires 12/25
Today's RDH	Expires 12/25
Tribune Group GmbH	Expires 12/27
Willo 32, Inc.	Expires 12/26

State/Component Association:

- **2-current**

Hawaii Dental Hygienists' Association	Expires 12/26
New Jersey Dental Hygienists' Association	Expires 12/26

Academic:

- **4-current**

Dona Ana Community College	Expires 12/26
Farmingdale State College	Expires 12/26
Houston Community College	Expires 12/26
New York University College of Dentistry/Dental Hygiene & Dental Assisting	Expires 12/26

Individual/ADHA Members:

- **13-current**

Lisa Bahr	Expires 12/26
Kimberly K. Benkert	Expires 12/26
Lisa Curbow	Expires 12/26
Alyssa Delgado	Expires 12/26
Ann-Marie DePalma	Expires 12/26
Marianne Dryer	Expires 12/26
Sherri Lukes	Expires 12/26
Rachel Miller	Expires 12/26
Howard Notgarnie	Expires 12/26
Tammy Marshall-Paquin	Expires 12/26
Pamela Graboso-Saul	Expires 12/26
Lynette Weber	Expires 12/26
Amanda Zubricki	Expires 12/26

Study Clubs:

- **(2) Current**

Airway Circle	Expires 12/26
Stairway to Perio	Expires 12/26

Societies

- **2-Current**

Social Six Thirty	Expires 12/26
Lone Star Dental Hygiene Society	Expires 12/26

Individual/Non-AADH Members:

- **4-Current**

John Besharse	Expires 12/26
Chuck Jiardina	Expires 12/26
Cassie Sanchez	Expires 12/26
Charlesetta Scott	Expires 12/26

Total Continuing Education Providers:57

Pending Applicants: 2

Accomplishments:

I would like to thank the members of the Committee for all their hard work.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Ryan Barnes, RDH, BA

Chair Course Approval Committee



American Academy of Dental Hygiene Report

Date: June 6, 2026

Committee Name: Fellowship Committee

Members:

Christel Autuori, MA, RDH, FAADH

Mary Kellerman, MSDPH, RDH, FAADH

Chair:

Susan Lopez, BSDH, RDH, FAADH

Committee Charge:

- Recommend qualified candidates to the Governing Committee
- Continue to reach out to our members for recommendations

Accomplishments for the Year:

- Recommendation for approval of Alyssa Delgado MSDH, RDH, FAADH, to Governing Council
- Recommendation for approval of Derik Sven MBA, MPH, RDH, CDT FADHA to Governing Council

Recommendations:

- Fellowship Committee invites nominations from members
- Reinstate the use of press releases for new Fellows.
 - See example of past press release offered to new Fellow



PRESS RELEASE

May 2023

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF DENTAL HYGIENE (AADH)
13 HAMILTON AVENUE STAMFORD, CT 06902-3021

The AADH is pleased to announce that, Carolyn Zeitz, RDH, RDA, MA has been inducted as a Fellow of the American Academy of Dental Hygiene (AADH).

The AADH is an organization that fosters the continuing pursuit of education and research in the art and science of dental hygiene and provides formal recognition for those who have achieved excellence in the practice of dental hygiene.

Carolyn distinguishes herself as a leader and mentor to her fellow professionals at the local, state and national level. Preeminent in her profession as an educator, author, and researcher in pediatric dentistry. AADH is honored to recognize her as a Fellow of the Academy.

The American Academy of Dental Hygiene welcomes Ms. Zeitz as a fellow member and knows that she will continue to serve the Profession of Dental Hygiene in an exemplary manner.



Membership Committee **Annual Report**

Date: MAY 1, 2026

Name: Millie E. Thaw BSc, RDH

Position: Membership Committee Chair

Committee Members: Kristy Menage, Sherri Lukes & Millie E. Thaw

Charge: The Membership Committee charge is recruitment and retention of members, review and disposition of membership application submissions for GC final approval, development and review of membership materials, Governing Council participation as a standing committee, and other functions as deemed appropriate by the President and Governing Council of the AADH.

Accomplishments: 11 New members

Shelley Brown
Laura Webb (Retired Membership)
Courtney Buswell
Christopher Martija-Flores
Melanie Boyd

Lisa Huitron
Lynn Pencek
Norma Gonzalez
Joseline Herrera
Briana Bonney
Kirsten Pena

On the horizon: 2 pending members

CHANGES to Membership at least **twenty-five (25)** hours of Academy sponsored or approved continuing education courses within **the year** prior to application for membership. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total hours can be courses given by applicant.

Respectfully,

Millie E. Thaw



Webmaster Annual Report

Date: May 25, 2026

Name: Danni Gomes BSDH, FAADH, RDH

Position: Webmaster

Charge:

The Webmaster is part of the Public Relations Committee which is an AADH committee consisting of at least three (3) members, appointed by the President. Responsible for developing methods and updates to provide the public with information and promote membership on our official website aadh.org.

Accomplishments:

- Continuously added new sponsor logos to the home page, events page and our partners page and linked them to their website
- Added Hotel Booking Section on National Conference Page
- Updated Date in footer to 2026
- Created a dedicated page for membership advertisement under “advertise with us”
- Added the value of becoming an AADH member to membership page
- Added a donation page
- Connected Site to Bing Webmaster Tools
- Completed Site SEO optimization
- Updated Approved CE providers Page for accuracy
- Updated National Conference Flyer and added a link to download it
- Added leave a google review as a page in the menu
- Added a page for National Conference Featured Speaker under Events tab
- Added updated Bylaws to the site in the footer

- Welcomed new members
- Added Directory Form to the site in the menu bar
- Added Member Directory page
- Added new Secretary & GC Members to the “Our Leaders” page
- Added Member News
- Welcomed new members
- Added student membership application to website homepage and Menu bar
- Added website URL to Midwest Dental
- Added Retired Member/Fellow application to the website
- Change background color on welcome screen on mobile view
- Edited the menu on mobile view
- Added Operations Manual & Administrative Policies in footer
- Monitored & responded to messages in the inbox

Recommendations: All members to complete the Directory Form found in the menu bar on our website. Whenever you want to make edits or additions just complete it again.



Public Relations Committee Annual Report

Date: May 23, 2026

Name: Lacy Walker, RDH, BS, CDA, FAADH, FAAOSH

Members: Danni Gomes, RDH, BSDH, FAADH (Webmaster),
Lacy Walker, RDH, BS, CDA, FAADH, FAAOSH (Public Relations Chair,
President-Elect)

Charge: To manage the Academy's social presence and promote the purpose of the AADH.

- Promoted Call for Abstracts for AADH Conference in NJ
- Promoted Speakers for AADH conference
- Promoted AADH with other RDH friends, co-workers
- Communicated with RDH UOR about the potential booth and the Annual meeting
- Collaborated with Melissa and Danni regarding the AADH National Conference
- Promoted Sponsors for the AADH National Conference in NJ
- Collaborated with the hotel manager at Double Tree by Hilton for a contract for 20 rooms at a special rate for attendees.
- Promoted available positions (Treasurer, PE, and GC)

- **LinkedIn -**
 - 943 total followers (222 - New followers in the last 365 days)
 - 11129 impressions
 - 480 reactions
 - 17 reposts
 - 39 comments
 - 134 Unique visitors
 - 262 Page views
 - Top 3 Visitor demographics for the past 12 months:

- New York
 - Boston
 - DC

- **Instagram -**
 - 3800 accounts were reached in the last 365 days (increase of 233%)
 - 7600 views since last report
 - 1105 followers (increase of 367 followers since last annual report)
 - Lisa Huitron's post received 1963 views
 - Lisa Copeland's Post had 1345 views
 - Content interactions are up 100% since the last report

- **Facebook**
 - 3130 followers
 - Increase of 123 follows (increase of 89%)
 - 1600 visits (increase of 105 %)
 - 5600 views
 - 217 Content interactions (down because I don't have the ability to link IG and FB on my phone to this account - need password)

Recommendations:

- Should we create a new FB account for AADH if we can't obtain the password?
- Continue promoting new members/referrals
- Continue to be active weekly on social media platforms

- Members to share our social profiles
- Promote dental professionals to be directed toward CE providers listed on the website
- Sponsorships/advertisements
- Be on a podcast to promote the organization.