

ADHA 2008 Annual Session

Student Assembly

Preview of Mega Issues Forum Questions

1. What can ADHA do to bring more value to student membership during your first and final year of studies?

- **What benefits might we offer you that we are not currently to help you as students?**
- **What benefits might we offer you as you prepare to graduate that we are not currently?**
- **Was anything missing from your first year as a student member? If so, what would you like to see?**

2. We are looking for a mechanism to bring representation to the students throughout the year. One option presented before you is a Student BOT. After previewing this concept, please consider the following questions.*

- **Would you run for these positions?**
- **Would this be something that your program will support you to do?**
- **How would you improve this?**
- **How do you think this would benefit you?**
- **How do you think this would benefit ADHA?**
- **What can ADHA do right now with the current structure?**
- **Do you have other suggestions to get students more involved with ADHA?**

*Please preview the summary of the Student BOT proposal found on the pages below.

STUDENT ASSEMBLY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Student Assembly Board of Trustees was developed to bring a deeper and more meaningful opportunity for personal and professional development for Student Members, while receiving mentoring and guidance from the ADHA Board of Trustees, Active Members, and staff. The ADHA community firmly believes that our Student Members are the future of the dental hygiene profession, and therefore have an equal stake in the direction of the Association. Through the Student Board of Trustees, ADHA Student Members will have constant and consistent representation of their voice.

The Members of the BOT consist of:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Trustee
- 12 District Student Delegates
- 4 Student Advisory Board Members (one from each region)

All members of the Board of Trustees, consisting of the four officers, the four members of the Student Advisory Board, and twelve student delegates have the following responsibilities:

1. Constitutional Responsibilities

The Board of Trustees shall:

- a. Carry out the mandates and policies of the Student Assembly as established by the Student Members.
- b. Direct all business affairs for and on the behalf of the Student Members.
- c. Promote the development and growth of the Student Assembly.
- d. Be responsible for filling vacancies on the Board of Trustees and on appointed groups except as otherwise provided in the ADHA bylaws.
- e. Be responsible for the creation, appointment, purpose, and activities of such appointed groups as it deems necessary.
- f. Provide for development and maintenance of procedural documents as related to proposed resolutions and bylaws.
- g. Elect the Voting Student Delegate to the ADHA House of Delegates.

2. Corporate Duties

The Board of Trustees provides leadership in the deliberations of the Student Assembly on policies and major issues. Additionally, the Board of Trustees is responsible for strategic planning for the Student Assembly and ongoing evaluation of the effectiveness of that planning. In order to fulfill these responsibilities Board Members shall:

- a. Know policies and governance procedures.
- b. Be responsive to Student Member needs.
- c. Assess environmental factors affecting the student membership and the profession.

3. Individual Duties

In order to fulfill the constitutional responsibilities of the Board of Trustees, each Board member shall:

- a. Prepare for Board meetings and for interaction with members and the public throughout the year.
- b. Attend and participate in all Student Assembly Board of Trustees. meetings, as well as certain Board of Trustees meetings as required throughout the year.

- c. Avoid actions or situations that are or could be perceived to be conflicts of interest.
- d. Notify the President of the Student Assembly when conflict of interests arises.
- e. Support all decisions of the Student Assembly Board of Trustees
- f. Monitor and evaluate the implementation and outcomes of Board actions.
- g. Maintain regular contact with student liaisons.
- h. Advocate Student Members' vision and interests to all levels of the Association and to the public.
- i. Evaluate effectiveness of the Student Assembly and make recommendations, as needed, to the Board of Trustees.
- j. Suggest promotional activities.
- k. Fulfill any additional responsibilities accepted.

Satisfaction

Serving as a member of the Student Assembly Board of Trustees is meant to give Student Members a rewarding professional and personal development experience. Some reasons to serve are:

- 1. Opportunity to serve and make a contribution to the dental hygiene profession, and to help others in their development.
- 2. Opportunity to learn and grow personally and professionally, giving improvement to their association.
- 3. Opportunity for direct mentoring.
- 4. Opportunities to interact with students and dental hygienists across the country.
- 5. Opportunity to be a catalyst for change.
- 6. Opportunity to make an impact on health care.

Time and Financial Commitments

The responsibilities of Serving on the Student Assembly Board of Trustees usually demand the following commitments:

1. Time Commitments

- a. Student Assembly: Board Members must spend approximately **6 nights in mid to late June** at ADHA's Annual Session.
- b. ADHA Board of Trustees bi-annual meetings to be attended by the Student President, VP, Secretary and Trustee (**Two weekends during the school year**).
- c. Student Advisory Board Members must participate in two meetings via conference call.
- d. Be available bi-annually to meet as a whole Board via conference call.
- e. Other Work: A minimum of two to three hours a week are required to read and research issues, interact with members (e.g. discuss topics, answer questions, etc.). Additional time may be required for other assignments and duties.

2. Financial Commitments

Board members are funded to attend ADHA's Annual Session. Travel is also funded for those board members who are required to attend the ADHA Board of Trustees Winter and Fall meetings, as well as Student President travel opportunities that may arise. Additionally, funding is provided for participation in conference calls.