



IFDH 2024 HoD Business Meeting

July 8-10, 2024; Seoul S. Korea

MOTION FORM

Per the IFDH Bylaws Section 5.2(D): Meetings Procedures:

- All motions to be considered by the House of Delegates may only be presented to the House of Delegates by:
 - A Full Association Member only;
 - The President of the above, or his or her designee who must also be a member of the Board, on behalf of the Board, and/or Committees.
- All motions to be considered at the House of Delegates in-person meeting, are to be:
 - On the Motion Form:
 - Emailed to Board c/o Peter Anas by March 9th, 2024 (4 months prior to the meeting)

An updated copy of the IFDH Bylaws is on the secure section of the IFDH website/HoD Resources section/IFDH Documents section/Constitution & Bylaws; www.IFDH.org

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Name of IFDH Member Association: American Dental Hygienists Association

Country: United States of America

Name of Delegate Proposing the Motion: Kelli Jaecks, MA, RDH, FADHA & Tammy Filipiak, MS, RDH, FADHA

Motion #1:

MOTION: That all HOD meetings, including the in-person meeting held in conjunction with the ISDH, shall have a virtual means for attendance, in which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate and exercise their voting privilege.

JUSTIFICATION: On September 9, 2023, the IFDH held a virtual HOD Summit. We do our committee work and make decisions all through virtual meetings. In addition, we successfully convened the third in a series of Global Oral Health Summits on November 4th, 2023 which was also a virtual event attended by a significant number of global colleagues and oral health advocates. There is currently nothing in the by-laws (see below) that would prohibit a virtual option while in conjunction with an in-person meeting of the HOD. There would need to be a By-laws change, if the IFDH chose to have the option of an entire virtual HOD independent from an in-person meeting.

Through the Covid-19 pandemic, we learned that virtual meetings are a sustainable and economical way to do business and accomplish the goals of an organization. A quorum can be met with both individuals who are in-person, and those joining virtually. Technologies are available and adept at creating virtual spaces within in-person meetings. The passing of this motion would alleviate some of the environmental costs of global air travel (sustainability) and reduce the financial burdens that arise for member countries and their delegates to travel internationally to the HOD meetings. This motion supports the IFDH's focus on sustainability and our commitment as an organization to a sustainable future in oral health care.

Is it a Bylaws Change? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Motion #2:

Appropriate Bylaws:

The Bylaws state: **Section 5.2(C) House of Delegates Meetings**

The House of Delegates shall convene an in-person meeting as often as deemed necessary by the House of Delegates, or as requested by the Board, but not less than once every three (3) years (and every 2 years after 2022) which in-person meeting shall be in conjunction with the International Symposium on Dental Hygiene ("ISDH"). All House of Delegates' meetings, whether in-person or as otherwise permitted by law, except for the House of Delegates' Meeting in conjunction with the ISDH, may be called only by a two-thirds (2/3) of the House of Delegates or by a majority of the Board. The date and location of all House of Delegates' meetings shall be determined by the House of Delegates

(ii) Meeting by Conference Call

Any action to be taken at a meeting of the House of Delegates may be taken through the use of a conference telephone or other communications permitted by law and by means in which all persons participating in the meeting can communicate with each other. Participation in such a meeting shall constitute presence in person at the meeting of the persons so participating.

Notwithstanding anything set forth to the contrary in these Bylaws, notice of any meeting to be held by conference call (whether regular or special), except in the case of an emergency, must be delivered at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting.

Is it a Bylaws Change? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Deadline: **Submit by March 9, 2024:**

Send to IFDH via email at director@IFDH.org

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