

BYLAWS
THE OHIO DENTAL HYGIENISTS' ASSOCIATION
ACADEMY OF DENTAL HYGIENE STUDIES

ARTICLE I

NAME

Section 1. Name - the name of this structure shall be known as above, hereinafter referred to as "The Academy".

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES

1. To provide a formal structure to which continuing education units (approved by the Academy) earned by licensed dental hygienists will be applied and prerequisite for membership.
2. To encourage and promote participation in any and all approved continuing education courses.
3. To provide dental hygienists throughout Ohio with additional means to meet those objectives listed in Article II of the ODHA bylaws, namely to: improve the oral health of the public; advance the art and science of dental hygiene; maintain the highest standards of dental hygiene education and practice; represent and protect the interests of the dental hygiene profession; improve the professional competence of the dental hygienist; foster research in oral health; and provide professional communications; all in a manner consistent with the Principles of Ethics of the profession.

ARTICLE III

ORGANIZATION

Section 1. Composition - The Academy shall be composed of members of ADHA, ODHA, and local component associations (inclusive) who meet the criteria for membership as stated in Article IV, Membership.

Section 2. Administration - The Academy shall be administered by a special administrative board and is subject to the rules and bylaws of the

Academy. The administrative board shall be elected by the members of the Academy and shall consist of a chairperson and not less than five or nor more than seven additional members.

- 2.1 The chairperson and members of the administrative board of the Academy shall be elected to serve for a term of two years. A member may serve any number of two year terms of office to which said member is nominated and elected.
- 2.2 Only general, senior, or life embers of the Academy shall be eligible for nomination and/or election to the administrative board.
- 2.3 The chairperson of the administrative board shall handle all correspondence dealing with membership and shall assign duties to other board members as necessary.
- 2.4 The chairperson of the administrative board shall handle any of the administrative duties required of their office.
- 2.5 The chairperson of the administrative board shall call meetings of said board.
- 2.6 A rotation schedule for beginning/ending terms of office will be established by the charter administrative board.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Classification of Membership

- 1.1 General Membership in the Academy shall be based on meeting the criteria listed below and by the approval of the administrative board.
 - 1.1.1 Applicant must be licensed to practice dental hygiene in Ohio.
 - 1.1.2 Applicant must be a member in good standing of ADHA, ODHA, and local component association inclusive, if such component exists where the member is either licensed, practicing, or resides.
 - 1.1.3 Applicant must have earned a minimum of 48 Academy approved CEU's in a five year

period prior to the date of application and must earn a minimum of 24 CEU's every two years thereafter in order to maintain general membership in the Academy.

1.1.4 Applicant must submit a completed application to the chairperson of the administrative board (which will include a letter of recommendation from a local, state, or national officer or trustee of their dental hygiene association or from an existing member of the ODHA Academy, plus proof of CEU's earned).

1.2 Senior Membership in the Academy shall be based on the criteria listed below and by the approval of the administrative board.

1.2.1 Applicant must have maintained general membership for a minimum of five years.

1.2.2 Applicant must demonstrate leadership qualities through serving as either an officer, trustee, delegate, or committee chairperson on the local, state, or national level of their dental hygiene association.

1.2.3 Applicant must make an individual contribution to dental hygiene or dental hygiene education through any of the following:

A. Presented all or part of an Academy approved continuing education course.

B. Served as a representative of dental hygiene on a panel, committee, board, etc., outside of the special profession of dental hygiene itself, such as: Federal Health Systems agency; state, local, or municipal public health organizations, etc.

C. Had a research paper, article, or manuscript published in a professional journal.

1.2.4 Applicant must submit a completed application requesting senior membership status to the chairperson of the administrative board.

1.2.5 Applicant must earn a minimum of 30 CEU's every two years thereafter to maintain senior membership in the Academy.

1.3 Life Membership in the Academy shall be granted to any dental hygienist who has attained or been granted retired status by ODHA and who holds either general or senior membership in the Academy at the time retired status is granted. An application for life membership must be submitted to the chairperson of the administrative board.

1.4 Honorary Membership in the Academy shall be granted to certain individuals who make outstanding contributions to dental hygiene or dental hygiene education. These

1.5 individuals need not be a member of the dental hygiene profession, but must be nominated by a member of the Academy. Nominations must be submitted to the chairperson of the administrative board. Honorary membership will be based on approval by the administrative board.

Section 2. Membership Fees an individual membership fee will be collected at the time of application to the Academy. A reduced fee will thereafter be collected every two years at the time of state dental hygiene license renewal.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS

At least one meeting of the administrative board shall be called yearly by the chairperson.

Section 1. Annual Session a meeting of general, senior, life, and honorary members shall be held each year at ODHA Annual Session in order to recognize new members of the Academy. Every year nominations and elections shall be held at the meeting to elect new members of the administrative board, if such board openings exist.

ARTICLE VI

BENEFITS

Section 1. General Members of the Academy shall be entitled to the following:

- 1.1 Certificate of general membership in the Academy.
- 1.2 Letter (for employment reference) stating that membership in the Academy has been achieved through participation in Academy approved continuing education courses. (letter issued upon request)
- 1.3 May nominate any member of the Academy for election to the administrative board.
- 1.4 May be nominated and elected by the Academy to serve on the administrative board
- 1.5 May nominate individuals for honorary membership.
- 1.6 \$15.00 coupon, to be issued every two years upon renewal of Academy membership, for use in reduction of fees at one (1) ODHA continuing education course.

Section 2. Senior Members of the Academy shall be entitled to the following:

- 2.1 Certificate of general membership in the Academy.
- 2.2 Letter (for employment reference) stating that membership in the Academy has been achieved through participation in Academy approved continuing education courses. (letter issued upon request)
- 2.3 May nominate any member of the Academy for election to the administrative board.
- 2.4 May be nominated and elected by the Academy to serve on the administrative board
- 2.5 May nominate individuals for honorary membership.
- 2.6 50% reduction in continuing education fee (one time only) at an ODHA sponsored continuing education course.
- 2.7 \$15.00 coupon, to be issued every two years upon renewal of Academy membership, for use in reduction of fees at one (1) ODHA continuing education course.