



AUSTRALIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION VICTORIAN BRANCH

BY-LAW 6.2

COMPOSITION AND OBJECTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

1. INTERPRETATION

Unless inconsistent with the context or subject matter

- (1) "Member", for the purposes of this By-Law, means any Member or former Member of the Branch or the estate or personal representative(s) of any such Member or former Member;
- (2) "Panel Law Firm" means those law firms that are engaged by the Insurer for the Indemnity Scheme
- (3) Words and expressions defined in Rules of the Branch shall be given the same meaning in this By-Law.

2. CONSTITUTION AND POLICY COMMITTEE

- (1) Composition

The Constitution and Policy Committee shall consist of four to five Members of the Branch, at least two of whom shall be members of the Branch Council; one of the Councillors shall be the Chair.

- (2) Objects

The Constitution Committee objects shall be

- (a) to advise the Branch Council on matters related to the Branch Rules, By-Laws and Branch Policy Statements;
- (b) to advise the Branch Council on matters referred to the Committee by Executive Committee and the Branch Council, and
- (c) to update the
 - (i) Constitution History
 - (ii) By-Laws Contents
 - (iii) Branch Policy Statements Index, and
 - (iv) Powers and Delegations Register.

3. CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Committee shall consist of nine to eleven members, two of whom shall be dentist members of the Recent Graduates and Students Committee.

(2) Objects

The Continuing Professional Development Committee objects shall be

- (a) to advise on matters encouraging Members to participate regularly in continuing professional development activities, to assist their compliance with the CPD Registration Standard of the Dental Board of Australia;
- (b) to advise and assist the Branch in the provision of regular, high quality and relevant continuing professional development activities for the Members of the Branch and, as the Branch Council approves, for allied dental personnel and other bodies;
- (c) to maintain liaison with other continuing professional development organisations;
- (d) to monitor and report to the Branch Council on matters related to the Dental Board of Australia's CPD Registration Standard;
- (e) to inform the Branch Council about any other matters relevant to continuing professional development as the Committee from time to time deems necessary;
- (f) to deal with any other matters, which may be referred to the CPD Committee by the Branch Council;
- (g) to review and recommend books, journals, videos and other relevant information resources for the Library/Reading Room and the Members of the Branch.

4. DEFENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Defence Advisory Committee shall consist of five to seven Members of the Branch.
- (b) Members appointed to the Defence Advisory Committee may not concurrently be members of the Disputes and Ethics Committee.
- (c) In addition to the appointed members, the Defence Advisory Committee may invite

- (i) a representative of the Australian Dental Association Tasmanian Branch Incorporated, who shall attend those parts of meetings and receive minutes of cases relevant to that Branch;
- (ii) representatives of the Indemnity Scheme Insurer to attend those parts of meetings and receive minutes of cases relevant to their organisation;
- (iii) Panel Law Firm representatives to attend those parts of meetings and receive minutes of cases relevant to the Indemnity Scheme they represent; and
- (iv) experts in particular areas of dentistry, who would not receive minutes or know the identity of those involved in the cases on which their expertise is sought, to attend those parts of meetings relevant to their expertise.

(2) Objects

The Defence Advisory Committee objects shall be

- (a) to support and protect the rightful interests of Members of the Branch and Australian Dental Association Tasmanian Branch Incorporated in Indemnity matters;
- (b) to provide clinical input and recommendations to Panel Law Firms and the Indemnity Scheme Insurer in the management of claims under the negotiated terms of the Indemnity Scheme;
- (c) to inform the Branch Council about any other matters relevant to defence and professional indemnity as the Committee from time to time deems necessary; and
- (d) to deal with any other matters, which are referred to Defence Advisory Committee by the Branch Council.

5. DISPUTES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Disputes and Ethics Committee shall consist of five to seven Members of the Branch, and shall include at least two members of the Branch Council.
- (b) The Chair and the Vice-Chair shall be members of the Branch Council.
- (c) Members appointed to the Disputes and Ethics Committee may not concurrently be members of the Defence Committee.
- (d) The President of the Branch shall not be a member of the Disputes and Ethics Committee.

(2) Objects

The Disputes and Ethics Committee objects shall be

- (a) to conduct investigations into disputes and ethical complaints in accordance with Rules 107 and 108 and By-Laws 2 and 3;
- (b) to make recommendations to the Branch Council regarding the implementation of By-Laws 2 and 3; and
- (c) to deal with any matters which are referred to the Disputes and Ethics Committee by the Branch Council.

6. HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

The Honours and Awards Committee shall consist of three to five Members of the Branch, the majority of whom shall be Past Presidents of the Branch.

(2) Objects

The Honours and Awards Committee objects shall be

- (a) to be responsible for making recommendations for Awards both internal and external to the Branch to persons considered to have made outstanding contributions to the Branch and/or the profession; and
- (b) to prepare and maintain:
 - (i) records of citations for Branch Awards;
 - (ii) a register of recipients of Branch Awards; and
 - (iii) a register of Branch Members who have received external Awards.
- (3) The Honours and Awards Committee may consider both written and "in person" submissions from those proposing the nominations. The Committee may confidentially consult others to provide information which may assist the Committee to fulfil its objects.
- (4) The Honours and Awards Committee shall keep complete minutes of its meetings. Such minutes will be restricted to the members of the Committee and shall be kept securely at the Branch Office.
- (5) The Chair of the Honours and Awards Committee, with respect to Branch Awards, shall be responsible, in conjunction with Branch staff, for the drafting of appropriate citations and will usually read them during the formal presentation.

7. ORAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Oral Health Committee shall consist of eight to ten Members of the Branch
- (b) Nominees of each of Dental Health Services Victoria, Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists Association Victoria and the Dental Hygienists' Association Australia may, by invitation, attend relevant sections of the Oral Health Committee meetings.

(2) Objects

The Oral Health Committee objects shall be

- (a) to disseminate to the public and the dental profession knowledge relating to the maintenance of oral health and the prevention of dental disease;
- (b) to make recommendations to the Branch Council on any measures which may in the opinion of the Oral Health Committee be calculated to improve the standard of public dental health;
- (c) to inform the Branch Council about any other matters relevant to oral health as the Committee from time to time deems necessary;
- (d) to maintain liaison with other oral health committees or groups; and
- (e) deal with any other matters which are referred to the Oral Health Committee by the Branch Council.

8. PROFESSIONAL PROVIDENT FUND POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

- (a) The Professional Provident Fund Policy Advisory Committee (PPF PAC) shall consist of five to nine Members of the Branch, all of whom are members of the Fund (in accordance with superannuation laws).
- (b) The ADAVB CEO will perform the role of PAC Secretary, and will arrange all necessary secretariat support for the operation of the committee and its relationship with fund service providers.

(2) Objects

The Professional Provident Fund Policy Advisory Committee objects shall be

- (a) to represent the interests of the members of the PPF;
- (b) to advise the Branch Council on all matters related to the operation of the PPF;
- (c) to act on behalf of the Branch Council under a general delegation to undertake all necessary liaison with the Trustee, and all other service providers to the Fund, such delegation to involve the usual reporting to the Branch Council on a regular basis on action taken and issues requiring attention;

- (d) to provide a forum for the inter-relation of the members of the fund and the Trustee, and to facilitate the provision of information regarding the fund from one to the other and to enable Fund members through the PAC to participate in the ongoing management operation and administration of the Fund; and
- (e) to perform the functions prescribed by the relevant laws, which shall include advising and making recommendations to the Trustee on those matters required to be put before the PAC by the relevant laws or which the Trustee otherwise determines shall be referred to the PAC. Such matters will include fund performance, structure, operations, compliance and communications and marketing to members and prospective members, along with any other matters affecting the efficient and effective operation of the Fund

9. PUBLIC DENTISTRY COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

The Public Dentistry Committee shall consist of six to eight Members of the Branch, the majority of whom shall be public sector practitioners.

(2) Objects

The Public Dentistry Committee objects shall be to advise the Branch Council on

- (a) public dental policy, programmes and needs;
- (b) public sector dentists participation in the ADA; and
- (c) public sector dentists working conditions and remuneration.

10. RECENT GRADUATES AND STUDENTS COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

The Recent Graduates and Students Committee shall consist of ten to twelve Members of the Branch, as follows;

- (a) a penultimate year and final year dental student, undertaking a primary qualification to enable registration as a dentist, from each course conducted in any university in Victoria;
- (b) at least one from each of the next three years post graduation; and
- (c) a recent ADC graduate.

(2) Objects

The Recent Graduates and Students Committee objects shall be

- (a) to advise the Branch Council on recent graduate and student matters;
- (b) to encourage participation by recent graduates in Branch activities;
- (c) to facilitate the assimilation of new graduates into the dental profession;
- (d) to assist recent graduates and students;
- (e) to facilitate contact between the Branch Council and undergraduates;
- (f) to liaise with the Association's Recent Graduates Advisory Panel
- (g) to advise the Branch Council on matters referred to the Committee by the Branch Council and Executive Committee from time to time.

11. SPORTS AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

The Sports and Social Committee shall consist of six to nine Members of the Branch.

(2) Object

The Sports and Social Committee object shall be to conduct sporting and social events on behalf of the Branch Council for Members of the Branch.

12. THIRD PARTY COMMITTEE

(1) Composition

The Third Party Committee shall consist of seven to ten Members of the Branch.

(2) Objects

The Third Party Committee objects shall be

- (a) to establish and maintain dialogue with Third Party organisations including the Transport Accident Commission, Victorian WorkCover Authority and Health Funds on matters of concern to the dental profession in the administration of relevant legislation and Third Party participation in dental treatment;
- (b) to liaise with Affiliated Societies as required in the development of agreed negotiating positions for discussion with Third Party organisations;
- (c) to liaise with the ADA Inc. and other Branches as required to ensure the consistency of ADA policies and statements on Third Party matters;
- (d) to advise the Branch Council on matters related to corporatisation of dental practice and associated industries;

- (e) to advise the Branch Council on matters related to Third Party participation in dental treatment; and
- (f) to advise the Branch Council on matters referred to the Committee by the Branch Council and Executive Committee from time to time.

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