

Constitution and Bylaws Amendments:

Offering a discounted rate reserved dentists:

1. Discounted rate for **Active/Reserve** dentists:

“CHAPTER V. FINANCES

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year of this Academy shall commence January 1 to December 31 of each year.

Section 2. DUES: Dues for members shall be set by the board of Directors, with the approval of two-thirds of the active members present and voting at any duly constituted meeting. Membership dues and assessments shall be due and payable on July 1 of each year. Dues for faculty members that maintain at least 80% full time status shall be 50% of active members, and dues for student members shall be waived, and upon completion of specialty training, student members will be sent an invitation offering membership with dues waived for the remainder of the calendar year after completion of specialty training, one-half regular dues the next year and full dues thereafter. Dues for retired and life members are waived. **Dues for active and reserve military dentists shall be 50% of active members.**

Addition of Legislative Director role:

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

~~The Child Advocate will be appointed on an ad hoc basis. The Child Advocate shall serve as the official statewide spokesperson for the Academy on relevant issues. (DELETE CHILD ADVOCATE TITLE AND ADDED DUTY TO LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR DUTIES)~~

~~The Legislative Director will work closely with the TAPD’s lobbyists and executive committee to ensure success for the organization. *The Legislative Director will also serve as the official statewide spokesperson for the Academy in front of legislative and regulatory bodies. This role includes the following responsibilities;*~~

- ~~Attend all TAPD board meetings to stay current with the initiatives and goals of the TAPD;~~
- ~~Help develop policy positions impacting pediatric dentistry in Texas;~~
- ~~Develop and maintain key relationships within the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, the Office of Inspector General, the Health and Human Services Commission, the Texas Legislature and other like-minded dental associations; and~~
- ~~Attend meetings on behalf of the executive committee.~~

~~To qualify for the position the candidate must have the following minimum qualifications:~~

- ~~DDS;~~
- ~~An active or past member of the TAPD;~~

- Practical knowledge of TAPD's operations and activities;
- Knowledge of state legislative and regulatory process.

This position will be compensated with a stipend of \$36,000 a year and an additional yearly travel budget of \$14,000.

Communications Committee and duties changes:

Section 5. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

- A. The Chair of the Communications Committee shall assist in publishing the newsletter and disseminate information ~~and distribute it to the membership~~ through the pathway defined in CHAPTER IV. STANDING COMMITTEES Section 6.

CHAPTER IV. STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 6. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: The Chair shall appoint two or more eligible members to the committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to oversee publication of the Academy newsletter, the Academy communication to pediatricians, the legislative updates for the membership, and any additional publications the Board deems appropriate. The committee will propose communications to the president, vice president or TAPD lobbyist for approval. This will be sent to the communications consultant for drafting, finalizing and distribution to the membership at large.