

## International Dental Service Association Constitution

### **Article 1 - IDSA**

#### **Section 1 – Name**

The International Dental Service Association is hereafter referred to as “IDSA”

#### **Section 2 - Purpose Statement**

The IDSA is intended to create avenues in which students can engage with international dental service. The specific intent of IDSA is to form trips for students to participate and serve those in need abroad.

#### **Section 3 - Non-Discrimination Policy**

IDSA does not discriminate based on age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

### **Article 2 - Member Selection and Removal**

IDSA’s membership is limited to the students within The Ohio State University’s College of Dentistry. For members to be removed from the association, a vote will be taken by all members and leadership where there must be a majority decision to follow through with the removal.

### **Article 3 - Leadership Positions and Duties**

**President:** IDSA’s President shall serve as the face of the association and act as a liaison between the organizations IDSA interacts with. The President shall organize and facilitate the IDSA meetings. The President will interact with faculty in The Ohio State University College of Dentistry to gauge interest in participation on service trips and general advice.

**Vice-President:** the IDSA’s Vice President shall serve as the advisor to the President. The Vice President will assist the President in meetings with faculty, staff, or students to have multiple parties present. In the absence of the President (due to illness, conflict, or other extenuating circumstances), the Vice-President shall be responsible for attending meetings. The Vice-President will also help handle general communication to the student body. In the absence of a secretary position, the Vice-President will take records on organization meetings as well as meetings with outside organizations and faculty meetings.

**Treasurer:** The IDSA’s Treasurer shall raise funds through sales, budget for events and maintain transparency while managing mutual funds for service trips and organizational

events. The Treasurer has unique financial responsibilities to the College of Dentistry and shall keep detailed records of cash flow in and out of IDSA.

#### **Article 4 - Officer Renewal and Removal**

Officers shall be selected annually. At the beginning of each academic year, there shall be a day when potential officers will lobby for their candidacy at an in-person meeting or within a group message. Members of IDSA will vote on each of the positions, and such positions shall be awarded based on the vote of the majority. Officers shall be removed by Student Affairs as deemed necessary. Should the situation arise, The IDSA's members may bring concerns to student affairs who will then decide on the fate of the current organization officers.

#### **Article 5 - Advisors**

Dr. Mark Wenzel shall serve as advisor to IDSA's officers. The advisors will also provide words of wisdom to help the organization through unforeseen difficulties.

#### **Article 6 - Meetings**

IDSA's members are expected to attend required courses. IDSA's officers will meet as needed to discuss the needs of the organization in general, plan service trips, and arrange internal events.

#### **Article 7 - Committees**

To establish a refined focus on issues or tasks, IDSA permits the establishment of a system whereby its members or officers create committees to address pressing matters for the organization. The terms and conditions of this process appear below.

##### **Section 1 - Establishment**

To legitimize a committee within IDSA, one of its members must acquire an approved petition form. This form includes signatures from the current officers expressing permission to form an affiliate committee within the organization.

##### **Section 2 - Leadership**

Each committee must establish a chairperson whose role is to liaise between their respective committee and IDSA officers. IDSA officers and advisors shall act as an overseeing body to each committee, but direct leadership shall remain separate.

##### **Section 3 – Finances**

Each committee shall remain financially independent from IDSA. All funds raised within the committee shall be used at the discretion and for the benefit of said committee. All funds raised within IDSA shall remain within the parent organization and be handled at the discretion of the Treasurer.

#### Section 4 – Committee Review and Dissolution

IDSA officers shall complete a verbal or written review of each committee following the completion of each academic year. Committees whose function has become obsolete shall be dissolved by a majority vote amongst IDSA's officers.

#### **Article 8 - Amendments**

IDSA officers shall amend this constitution as deemed fit. Such amendments may only be made to this constitution by a unanimous vote amongst IDSA officers.

#### **Article 9 - Dissolution of Organization**

Dissolution of IDSA occurs with a majority vote among both organization leadership and advisors.