



NORTH CAROLINA
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Procedures for the 2024 Contested Election for an At-Large ADA Delegate

This year, we have seven candidates running for one At-Large ADA Delegate position. The election procedures are outlined below, according to Chapters I and V of the Policies and Procedures Manual.

Nominations

Seven Candidates have placed their names in nomination for one (1) At-Large ADA Delegate position with a term beginning as of the 2025 NCDS Annual Session. The nominations were received in a timely manner. During the First General Session, the NCDS President will call for additional nominations from the floor. Should there be any, those nominees will be provided with a printed copy of these procedures for their review.

Upon motion duly made, seconded, and adopted, nominations from the floor will be closed.

Campaign Materials

The distribution and/or display of campaign materials – including but not limited to fliers, buttons, pins, stickers, or signs – is not permitted. Repeated campaign messaging on NC Dental Connect is also prohibited.

Voting

All current NC Dental Society members are allowed and encouraged to vote. This includes those in the following membership categories: Active, Active Life, Retired, Retired Life, Graduate Student, and Provisional. In addition, the Chair of the Student Delegations from the ECU School of Dental Medicine and the UNC School of Dentistry also shall be eligible to vote.

The election will be held online with voting beginning Friday, May 17 at 2 p.m. and ending Friday, May 17 at 9 p.m. There will be no paper ballots used.

Announcing Results

At the close of voting at 9 p.m. on Friday, May 17, 2024, the number properly cast ballots shall be used as the denominator in determining whether a candidate has received a majority of the votes cast.



Election Results

If on the first ballot, one candidate receives a majority – defined as 50% plus one (1) vote of all votes properly cast – the President will announce the name of the winning candidate at the Second General Session. This candidate shall be declared duly elected to fill the At-Large ADA Delegate position.

If on the first ballot, none of the candidates receives a majority, the candidates shall be presented for election as described below in the section entitled, Procedures for Second and Subsequent Ballots.

Procedures for Second and Subsequent Ballots

If a candidate is not duly elected on the first ballot, then the three candidates receiving the fewest votes, as well as any candidates who are tied for the lowest votes, will be dropped from the second ballot.

The second round of voting will begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, May 18 and close at 10:15 a.m. All members will be notified by email and text of the need to vote on a second ballot. At the beginning of the Second General Session, the President will announce the need for a second ballot and ask anyone who needs help voting to raise their hand.

Votes will be immediately counted following the close of the second ballot. If one candidate receives 50% of the vote plus one (1) vote, the winner will be announced during the Second General Session.

If no candidate receives a majority of the vote, the bottom two (2) candidates will be dropped from the third ballot. However, if there are only three candidates left during the second ballot, then only one (1) candidate will be dropped from the third ballot.

If a third ballot is needed, voting will begin at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, May 18 and close at 11:15 a.m. Once again, members will be notified via email and text of the need to vote. Ballots will be counted immediately after the close of the vote. Balloting will continue until the available At-Large ADA Delegate position has been filled by the candidate receiving a majority of votes properly cast.

The President will announce the results of the election.