

AGD CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of this association shall be known as the AGD Student Chapter, hereafter referred to as "AGD." This association is the local chapter of the Academy of General Dentistry, a national organization. The national website of the Academy of General Dentistry is www.agd.org.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSE STATEMENT

Section A. Mission Statement

AGD is established to facilitate the involvement of dental students at University of Florida in “continuing education” courses during and following their formal dental education. This local AGD chapter will allow members to become more involved in organized dentistry and serving the needs of the general public through a commitment to lifelong learning.

Section B. Objectives

The objectives of this AGD chapter shall be:

1. To provide lectures relating to the dental profession in an effort to increase the clinical and professional knowledge of the students of the University of Florida College of Dentistry.
2. To abide by the rules and regulations of the University of Florida

ARTICLE III: COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

Upon approval by the Department of Student Activities and Involvement, the Academy of General Dentistry shall be a registered student organization at the University of Florida. AGD shall comply with all local, state and federal laws, as well as all University of Florida regulations, policies, and procedures. Such compliance includes but is not limited to the University’s regulations related to Non-Discrimination, Sexual Harassment (including sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking), Hazing, Commercial Activity, and Student Leader Eligibility.

ARTICLE IV: UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

Section A. Non-Discrimination

AGD agrees that it will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information and veteran status as protected under the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act.

Section B. Sexual Harassment

AGD agrees that it will not engage in any activity that is unwelcome conduct of sexual nature that creates a hostile environment.

Section C. Hazing

AGD agrees that it will not initiate, support, or encourage any events or situations that recklessly, by design, or intentionally endanger the mental or physical health or safety of a student for any purpose including but not limited to initiation or admission into or affiliation with any student group or organization.

Section D. Responsibility to Report

If this organization becomes aware of any such conduct described in this article, AGD will report it immediately to Student Activities and Involvement, the Director of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution, or the University’s Title IX Coordinator.

ARTICLE V: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in this organization is open to all enrolled students at the University of Florida. Non-enrolled students, spouses, faculty, and staff may be associate members; however, they may not vote or hold office. All members and associate members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution, retaliation, or harassment.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Section A: Elected Officers

The elected officers of the association shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Events Coordinator.

Part 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and shall coordinate the work of the officers and committees.

Part 2: The Vice-President shall serve as an aide to the President and shall perform the duties of the President in her/his absence or inability to serve.

Part 3: The Treasurer shall receive all monies of AGD; shall keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures; shall pay out local funds in accordance with the approved budget as authorized by the organization. The Treasurer shall present a financial statement at every meeting of AGD and at other times when requested by the President or Vice President.

Part 4: The Secretary shall record the minutes of all meetings of AGD and shall perform other duties as may be delegated

Part 5: The Events Coordinator shall coordinate monthly presentations and other duties as delegated.

Section B: The appointed officers of AGD shall be the Event Coordinating Committee

Part 1: The Event Coordinating Committee shall be appointed through a majority vote of all elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer).

Part 2: The Event Coordinating Committee shall help organize monthly lecture presentations and shall perform other duties as may be delegated.

Section C: Non-voting members

The following positions shall be encouraged to attend all local meetings, but do not have the power to vote on any issues.

1. Immediate Past President
2. Student Organization Advisor

Section D: Term of office

Officers shall assume their official duties at the close of the last general meeting of the academic year and shall serve for a term of one academic year and/or until their successors are elected/appointed. The Student Organization Advisor may choose their term of office.

Section E: Office Vacancy

Removal of officers or representatives from their positions may be based upon lack of attendance, misuse of funds, or neglect of duties. If an officer is found guilty of such infraction, a majority vote of the cabinet (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Events Coordinator) will be sufficient to remove/impeach the offending officer immediately. Should the President leave, the office shall be succeeded by Vice President and Secretary in that order for the remainder of the term. If replacement of a vacant office is necessary, the current president will ask for applications from members in good standing interested in filling the vacant position. Then the association will select with a majority vote on the individual they want to fill the position. When a cabinet member is in violation of their oath, the President has the ability to remove the officer from the position but can be overturned by a majority vote by either the cabinet or general body.

ARTICLE VII: ELECTIONS

Election of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Events Coordinator shall take place in February of the Spring semester. The exact date shall be made public at least one month in advance by the current President who will be conducting the election process. Candidates wishing to run for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Events Coordinator must contact the President two weeks in advance to be placed on the ballot. Faculty members interested in and qualified for the Student Organization Advisor position will contact the current President and be included on the ballot.

Each ballot will be printed and each eligible voter will be allowed one vote for each position: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Student Organization Advisor. The election will be operated by a secret ballot open to active members only, with the results publicly announced no later than the end of the following academic day. In the event of a tie, a secret ballot voting process must be conducted amongst those individuals of the acting Board (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Events Coordinator). The majority vote of that balloting will be the determining result of the election. A presence of two-thirds of the local membership and a simple majority vote shall be necessary for the election of an officer and Student Organization Advisor.

ARTICLE VIII: STUDENT ORGANIZATION ADVISOR

The Student Organization Advisor must be a DMD or DDS with previous private practice experience. A majority vote of the current cabinet shall be necessary for the election of the Student Organization Advisor. He/she may choose their term of office. The Student Organization Advisor is encouraged to attend all executive and general meetings. The Student Organization Advisor will serve as a mentor to all members and a liaison between association and other faculty members. The Student Organization Advisor must be knowledgeable on current issues in organized dentistry. In the event that the Student Organization Advisor is unable to continue in their position, officers may nominate a replacement at any time, to be confirmed by a majority vote of the current cabinet.

ARTICLE IX: FINANCE

AGD will be funded by the collection of a fee, of national dues only, determined by the national governing body of the association in the amount of \$17.00, to be paid during the month of October. The fee will be collected by the national governing body, and covers operational expenses of the national body.

ARTICLE X: DISSOLUTION OF ORGANIZATION

In the event this organization dissolves, all monies left in the treasury, after outstanding debts and claims have been paid, shall be donated to the "We Care Dental Clinic" in Gainesville, FL.

ARTICLE XI: ENROLLMENT ACTIVATION

Yearly enrollment and activation of membership is activated upon payment of annual dues. Members are free to leave and disassociate without fear of retribution or harassment. Dues are non-refundable. Members who choose to leave the association mid-year are not eligible for reimbursement of dues.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Written resolutions to amend this *Constitution* must be submitted to the current President signed by 5 active members. The resolutions must be presented at the next cabinet meeting for a majority vote before it is presented to the entire membership for a vote at the next membership meeting. A two-thirds vote will be necessary to pass a resolution.