



UNIVERSITY OF  
NEW ENGLAND

Graduate and Professional  
Student Association

## Dental Hygiene Association

### Success

Hype – “Yankee Dental”

### Core Values

Smiles to the community

Molars and premolars

Education/career advancement

### Vision

Promoting wellness one mouth at a time.

### Mission

Clarity and organization for incoming students. This is who we are...this is what we do, this is why! Emphasize value of membership at both a student and professional level so that members want to stay engaged.

### Goals and Objectives

Goal: Reinforce responsibility of leadership among students and advisors.

Objective: Set up meetings among leaders to communicate expectations.

Goal: Outline the values of student membership.

Objective: Make sure members truly understand how their involvement will benefit them.

Goal: Establish a relationship with the community to promote oral health.

Objective: Continue to seek out outreach opportunities within the community.

# Constitution and By-Laws of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association

## **Preamble:**

We the members of SADHA share the goal of empowering, supporting and developing Dental Hygiene students in all professional and education endeavors by offering opportunities for personal and professional development, leadership, and recognition of all achievements.

## **Article I NAME**

*Section 1:* The name of the club will be Student American Dental Hygienists' Association abbreviated SADHA.

## **Article II: PURPOSE**

*Section 1:* The purpose of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association is to improve the public's total health, advance the art and science of dental hygiene practice by ensuring access to quality oral health care, increasing awareness of the cost effective benefits of prevention. We strive to promote the highest standards of dental hygiene education, practice and research, and promoting the interests of dental hygiene students.

*Section 2:* The mission of Student American Dental Hygienists' Association is to support its members in education and professional endeavors while developing their leadership and interdisciplinary skills.

## **Article III MEMBERSHIP**

*Section 1:* All full time students are allowed to be members of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association.

*Section 2:* All members must abide by all policies, rules, and regulations as specified by the club's constitution as well as school policies.

*Section 3:* The duties of members are as follows:

- (a) To uphold and abided by the Constitution, Bylaws, and rules and regulations of the organization as well as the policies of the University of New England.
- (b) To be represented at every regular and special meeting of the organization.
- (c) To promote and participate in all activities conducted and supported by the organization.

## **Article IV NAME OF OFFICERS**

*Section 1:*

The officers of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association will consist of:

- President
- Senior Class Vice President
- Junior Class Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- GAPSA Senator Representative
- GAPSA Counselor Representative
- Historian
- Senior Class Representative
- Junior Class Representative

## *Section 2:*

The officer's responsibilities are as follows:

### **President**

This officer must be a student enrolled in their second clinical year. This is a one year term. The President shall preside at all meetings and activities, oversee the progress of all committees, supervise the work of the organization, prepare and organize social and professional events efficiently, take necessary steps to get all events approved by Students Activities, take responsibility of follow-ups for events, work with the secretary to prepare an agenda for each meeting.

### **Senior Class Vice President:**

This officer must be a student enrolled in their second clinical year. This is a one year term. The Vice-Presidents shall perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in their absence, oversee the responsibilities of the other officers, enforce rules of the organization, organize and prepare events that benefit the community

### **Junior Class Vice President:**

This officer must be a student enrolled in their first clinical year. This is a one year term. The Vice-Presidents shall perform all duties and responsibilities of the President in their absence, oversee the responsibilities of the other officers, enforce rules of the organization, organize and prepare events that benefit the community

### **Secretary:**

This officer must be a student enrolled in their first or second clinical year.. This is a one year term. The Secretary shall take accurate and descriptive minutes of each meeting and distribute them to all other members, keep a binder of all agendas and minutes for the year, preserve correspondence on the National level, produce a newsletter once a semester which includes the organizations most recent activities and accomplishments to be sent to the ADHA, keep all organization correspondence and send an article to the MCPHS Dispenser on time once a month.

### **Treasurer:**

This officer must be a student enrolled in their second clinical year.. This is a one year term. The Treasurer shall give a financial report at every regular scheduled meeting, receive all money due and deposit it into the account, withdraw with the pre-approval of the President any money from the account, keep a binder of the organization finances, receipts and financial documents, attend all Finance Committee sessions, send in the proper paperwork to SGA, ADHA and SADHA, and organize and prepare events to benefit the organization financially.

### **GAPSA Senator:**

This officer must be a student enrolled in their first or second clinical year. This is a one-year term. The SGA Representative shall attend all GAPSA meetings on time, be the voting member of GAPSA representing what would best benefit SADHA, take detailed minutes of the meeting and send a report to the President and the Advisor, be the liaison between the GAPSA and SADHA, and report all events and accomplishments to the GAPSA general assembly.

### **GAPSA Counselor:**

This officer must be a student enrolled as a fulltime dental hygiene student. This is a one-year term.

### **Historian:**

The Historian is responsible for taking pictures and collecting memorabilia from all SADHA events to be referred to upon graduation and at any later date.

### **Senior Class Representative:**

The Senior Class Representative is responsible for voicing the ideas and opinions of the Senior class to the executive board as well as promote open communication between the Senior and Junior classes. If the members of the Senior class wish to have an event or social, the Class Representative is responsible for presenting the event request to the rest of the executive board, submitting all forms necessary to GAPSA for the event, and planning the event.

### **Junior Class Representative**

The Junior Class Representative is responsible for voicing the ideas and opinions of the Junior class to the

executive board as well as promote open communication between the Senior and Junior classes. If the members of the Senior class wish to have an event or social, the Class Representative is responsible for presenting the event request to the rest of the executive board, submitting all forms necessary to GAPSA for the event, and planning the event.

### **Article V ADVISOR**

*Section 1:* An active faculty member of the Dental Hygiene department of the University of New England shall serve as the advisor and will be a non-voting member of Student American Dental Hygienists' Association and shall attend all regular and special meetings.

*Section 2:* The advisor acts as an advocate for the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association in communications with the Dental Hygiene Program and the University of New England.

### **Article VI ATTENDANCE**

*Section 1:* All members of the Student American Dental Hygienists' Association are to abide by the attendance policy for the club.

*Section 2:* All members are required to attend every meeting they are able to attend.

### **Article VII ELECTIONS**

*Section 1:* President and Senior Vice President elections will be held in May at the end of the Spring semester to allow an elect board to learn their new roles. Additional Positions will be voted on by election on the first SADHA meeting of the Fall semester.

*Section 2:* New elects will be taught their new position.

*Section 3:* All new positions will be determined by election and defined by the constitution.

*Section 4:* Only students with active SADHA memberships may vote in Spring term elections.

*Section 5:* There must be a minimum of two Junior members holding an officer position in order to promote leadership and conduct a smooth transition for officers from Junior year to Senior year.

### **Article VIII AMENDMENTS**

*Section 1:* Any member of the club may request a change or addition to the constitution provided that a copy of the proposed amendment has been sent to all executive board members at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

*Section 2:* Once the request is submitted in writing, the Executive Board and the advisor will discuss the proposed amendment. If the proposed amendment is considered valid, the club members will vote for its inclusion, a 2/3rds majority vote is required for the amendment to pass.

*Section 3:* The president has the right to veto amendments.

*Section 4:* If the president vetoes an amendment a modified version of the amendment may be submitted for review.

*Section 5:* If the president vetoes an amendment a second time a modified version of the amendment may be submitted again for review.

*Section 6:* If the amendment is passed or a veto is overturned with a 2/3rds majority vote to overturn presidential veto.

*Section 7:* If any executive board member should resign their title, the order of succession will be as follows: President, Senior Vice President, Junior Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, SGA Representative, SGA Alternate.

*Signatures*

President:

Senior Vice Presidents:

Junior Vice Presidents:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

GAPSA Senator Representative:

GAPSA Counselor Representative:

Advisor:

### **Student American Dental Hygiene Association**

All students in the dental hygiene program are members of SADHA. This association allows students the opportunity to be involved with regional and national organization activities. In addition, SADHA provides oversight of organization budgets and allocation of funds for dental hygiene activities and events including pinning ceremonies.