



Seattle King County  
Dental Society

# Caucus One Minutes

Seattle-King County Dental Society

Tuesday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026

6:30pm-8:00pm | Hybrid

**Attendance:** Drs. April Dennison, Cristina Kendall, Christine Blystone (in person), Philip Walczak, Kate Christian, Steve Albright, Nina Svino, EmmaLeigh Gordon, Tofunmi Osundeko, Chris Shyue, Trisha Benton, Megan Miller (in-person)

**Staff:** Tarah Hedman, Executive Director & Natalie Dewey-Smith, Administrative Coordinator

6:30 pm      **Welcome and Call to Order** – Dr. April Dennison, SKCDS President  
President Dr. April Dennison called the first House of Delegates Caucus meeting to order at 6:35 PM. A motion to open the meeting was made, seconded, and approved.

6:35 pm      **SKCDS Newly Elected or Re-Elected Delegates** (6)

- Philip Walczak
- Mikaley Moore Fujita
- Juliana Kodama
- Kate Christian
- Daniel Tremblay
- Christine Blystone – TBD HOD

**SKCDS Delegates Roster** (8)

- Tofunmi Osundeko
- Megan Miller – TBD HOD
- Steven Albright
- EmmaLeigh Gordon
- Scott Waletzko
- Cristina Kendall
- April Dennison
- Nina Svino

**SKCDS Alternates Confirmed** (2)

- Chris Delecki
- Patrica Benton
- Call for additional Alternates

6:45 pm      **New Business**

- **House of Delegates Orientation - Caucus One**

Staff presented an overview of the 2026 WSDA House of Delegates, including:

- September 17–19, 2026 meeting at The Historic Davenport Hotel, Spokane.

- WSDA will distribute resolutions via website; lodging and event information will be provided directly to delegates.
- SKCDS will provide a \$1,000 stipend to delegates and alternates attending the House of Delegates.
- Review of delegate responsibilities, including:
  - Reviewing House materials prior to meetings.
  - Completing required WSDA governance education and attestation.
  - Attending at least one caucus meeting.
  - Participating in the full House of Delegates session.
  - Communicating promptly if unable to attend so an alternate may be assigned.
  - Reporting House of Delegates activities back to SKCDS membership.
- **Caucus #2**  
Members were informed that the second caucus will be held virtually and will focus on:
  - Review of submitted resolutions.
  - Discussion of WSDA House materials.
  - Candidate presentations for WSDA elected offices.
  - Final caucus discussion prior to House of Delegates.
- **Delegate Logistics**  
Staff reminded delegates that:
  - Hotel and registration information will come directly from WSDA.
  - Stipend paperwork will be distributed in early August.
  - Completed stipend forms are requested by August 28 to allow checks to be prepared before House of Delegates.
  - SKCDS is actively recruiting additional alternates due to current vacancies.
- **Resolution Discussion**
  - The caucus discussed potential ideas for component resolutions to submit to WSDA prior to the August 7 deadline.
  - No formal motions were made regarding resolutions. Members agreed that interested delegates would continue to develop concepts for discussion prior to Caucus #2.
  - **Discussion Highlights**
    - Discussion centered on:
      - Insurance reimbursement challenges.
      - Patient choice in restorative materials.
      - Legislative advocacy opportunities.
      - Collaborating with WSDA staff to determine whether similar proposals have previously been considered and to assist with drafting.
      - Members were encouraged to workshop proposed resolutions over the coming weeks.
  - **Additional Discussion**
    - Members introduced themselves, shared prior House of Delegates experience, and discussed the value of organized dentistry, advocacy, leadership development, and collaboration.
    - Suggestions included:
      - Creating a WhatsApp communication group for delegates.

- Coordinating transportation and carpooling.
- Reserving hotel accommodations early due to limited availability.

- **Staff Follow-Up**

Staff will:

- Distribute the Delegate Handbook.
- Email a meeting summary and supporting resources.
- Assist delegates with the development of proposed resolutions.
- Continue recruitment of alternates.
- Coordinate stipend processing.

7:05 pm

**WSDA House of Delegates Dates**

- September 17–19, 2026
- The Historic Davenport, Spokane, WA

7:06 pm

**Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved.  
The meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.