

Proposed DADD By-Law Changes

With the changes in leadership and board members over the last few years, the current Board of Director's began an audit of the DADD Constitution and By-Laws and recognized that motions were presented in board meetings that were not presented to the DADD Membership to vote. The following changes to the DADD Constitution and By-Laws were proposed and will be voted on at the General Business meeting in Clearwater Beach, FL in January 2018:

From the Board of Director's meeting in San Diego (April 2015)

Current By-Law: (Article VI, Section 1) The chairs of the Publications Committee and Communications Committee, and Conference Coordinator are appointed by the President with Board approval for a three-year term. The Treasurer is appointed by the President with Board approval for a four-year term. The Chair of the Communications Committee may be re-appointed for one additional consecutive term and the Chair of the Publications Committee and Conference Coordinator may be re-appointed for two additional three-year terms.

Proposed Motion: All DADD appointed positions may be reappointed for additional terms (this includes: conference coordinator, communications coordinator, treasurer, publications chair). Proposed by-law change to Article VI, Section 1.

From the Board of Director's meeting in St. Louis (April 2016)

Current By-Law (Article VI, Section 2): Beginning with the 2014 elections, outgoing regional representatives will be replaced by "at-large" members. Only two at-large members and the Canadian representative will serve on the board as membership representatives. At-large members may live in any region of the United States and will serve all regions. The Canadian representative may live in any Canadian province and will serve as the DADD representative for that country. Except for the student representative, the elected at-large members and the Canadian representative of the Board of Directors shall serve three-year terms of office. The student representative shall have a term of office of one or two years, contingent upon his or her being a full-time student during that year of office.

Proposed Motion adds: The new at-large member will have a focus on diversity in order to chair the diversity committee and work within CEC and the division on diversity items.

The DADD Board of Directors invites your feedback on either of these proposed motions to the by-laws. Should you wish to comment prior to the general business meeting in Clearwater Beach, FL in January 2018, please send your comments to: Beth West (eawest@uw.edu), 2017 DADD President; Jordan Shurr (shurr1jc@cmich.edu), current President-Elect and 2018 DADD President; or Teresa Doughty, (ttdoughty@gmail.com) DADD Executive Director.