



# Update From Your Advisory Board Chair



May 2023

Dear Advisory Board Members,

## **The Call for Resolutions is now open!**

Visit the [Advisory Board website](#) to learn more. To [submit a resolution](#), your [Disclosure](#) of Outside Interests (DOI) statement must be up-to-date. We encourage each member organization to engage the entirety of their membership around potential resolution topics that could impact and move the specialty forward. The deadline for submitting resolutions is **July 3**.

## **Innovation Academy**

Save the Dates - We will be holding our Reference Committee Meeting and Advisory Board General Business Meeting at the upcoming Innovation Academy in Tampa, Florida. Meeting dates and times:

**Friday, August 11 at 10:00 AM (Eastern)** - Reference Committee Meeting

**Sunday, August 13 at 9:00 AM (Eastern)** - Advisory Board General Meeting

## **The search for the next Assistant Secretary-Treasurer has begun!**

Applications and nominations are now being solicited for the position of Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for the American Academy of Dermatology and AAD Association (Academy). [Click here](#) for more information.

## **AAD/A Executive Director Report:**

Click to read the [May 2023 Executive Director Report](#).

## **Invest in dermatology by supporting SkinPAC today!**

This year our Advocacy Team is strongly supporting HR2474 – strengthening Medicare for patients and providers act. A stronger SkinPAC means a stronger voice for dermatology on Capitol Hill and stronger support for pro-dermatology candidates across the country.

Supporting SkinPAC enables us to educate a new Congress, with over 80 freshman members, on the important issues facing dermatologists and their patients, like protecting reimbursement, improving patient access to care, and reducing physician burden through prior authorization and step therapy reforms, increasing medical research funding, and skin cancer prevention.

Contributions can be made online at [www.skinpac.org](http://www.skinpac.org) or by texting SkinPAC to 71777.

## **Outcome of Resolutions:**

The Advisory Board presented the following resolutions to the Board at its May 6, 2023 meeting.

- AADA 002 – Advocating for Medicare Coverage of Cranial Protheses (Wigs) Through the Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Act for Alopecia Patients
  - *Board of Directors referred this resolution to the Council on Government Affairs & Health Policy, which will coordinate efforts with its reporting committees and the Council on Science & Research.*
- AAD 003 – Climate and Environmental Health Concerns Regarding JAAD Packaging
  - *Board of Directors referred this resolution to the JAAD Publications Committee.*
- AADA 004 – Potential Negative Consequences of ACOs
  - *Board of Directors referred this resolution to the Council on Government Affairs & Health Policy.*

- AAD/A 006 – Elimination of the Usage, Application, and Acknowledgement of the Term “Provider” in Communications with the AAD/A
  - *Board of Directors adopted this resolution reaffirming that the AAD/A should avoid use of the term “provider” when referring to a board-certified dermatologist.*
- AAD/A 007 – Equality
  - *Board of Directors referred this resolution to the Diversity Committee under the Council on Member Services.*

Best Regards,



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AAD Advisory Board Chair