

Italian American Student Dental Association

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Mission Statement:

The Italian American Student Dental Association strives to promote awareness and appreciation of Italian culture , and unity amongst the Italian-American dental community. As a club, we encourage dental students and professionals to embrace their rich culture, and share it with the rest of our multi-cultural community. IASDA also seeks to promote oral health care and education in underserved populations through community outreach and philanthropic efforts.

Requirements of Membership:

Members must be a Columbia University College of Dental Medicine student, alumni, or affiliate in good academic standing. Members must have also paid dues in full as determined by the Executive Board at the beginning of the academic calendar year.

Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership:

1. Active participation and involvement in club events.
2. Access to alumni networking opportunities and resources developed by IASDA.

Membership May be Revoke by Whom and by What procedure and due to what criteria:

1. Membership may be revoked by failure to pay dues.
2. Membership may be revoked by a unanimous vote by the Executive Board.
3. IASDA members are expected to follow the Columbia University Code of Conduct and Honor Code. Membership may be revoked in situations that breach either sets of guidelines.

Meetings and Procedures:

IASDA meetings will be held at least two (2) times per semester. The President and Vice President have the authority to call meetings.

Policy concerns can be brought up by any member of the IASDA in general body meetings and will be decided on by a majority vote of the Executive Board. Formal votes will be carried out by a closed ballot vote by the Executive Board.

Officers:

The Executive Board shall be composed of the following positions: President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The purpose of the executive board is to maintain and promote the goals and unified identify of IASDA, promote school-wide involvement, oversee club activities and organize community outreach events. Additional Officers are as follows: Philanthropy Chair, Social Chair, Alumni Relations Chair, and Academic Chair. All positions shall be decided on by a closed ballot, anonymous vote by members during the first general body meeting of the second semester. The newly elected Officers will immediately take office after the vote has been counted by an outside member of the Student Government Association. Each Executive Board position can only be held for one year (two semesters). This does not preclude a member from taking a different position the subsequent year that is also on the Executive Board. Below are descriptions of each position.

Elections:

Members can nominate themselves to run for any position. In order to run for an Executive Board position, individuals must be a member in good standing of the IASDA for at least one year.

If more than one person is running for a given position, all candidates must give a speech focused on their eligibility. After speeches, all members will vote. In the case of a tie, an additional vote will be held to break the tie.