



Bylaws

1. Name: FDI Section of Women Dentists Worldwide

2. FDI Constitution is available at: [2022-FDI Constitution.pdf \(fdiworlddental.org\)](https://fdiworlddental.org/2022-FDI-Constitution.pdf)

2.1 For FDI Sections see Chapter 7 of FDI Constitution (page 32 – Chapter 7)

“A. Sections are groups of individuals with a common occupation or special interest in a specific area of dentistry”

“B. An FDI Section may be established by the Council.”

“C. FDI has three Sections: Defense Forces Dental Services, Chief Dental Officer/Dental Public Health Section and Women Dentists Worldwide Section.”

“D. The Section Executive shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Section and the election of the Executive shall be ratified by the Council. All members of the Section Executive shall be proposed by their member associations, which must be either FDI Regular or Associate Members. By-laws of a Section shall be approved by the Council and the Sections shall report and be accountable to the Council.”

“E. Possible costs for the respective Sections shall be estimated and submitted for approval to the Finance Committee.”

3. Role and Responsibilities

The role and responsibilities of the Section of Women Dentist Worldwide are:

- To provide a world forum for the exchange of ideas, innovations and concepts within the areas of Women Dentist Worldwide.
- To recruit and retain Members of the Section, to interact with these Members and to facilitate communication between the Members of the Section.
- To develop and propose educational programmes for the FDI World Dental Congress and for other FDI conferences.
- To develop and submit draft FDI Statements to the Council and to regularly update such Statements.
- To provide reports and papers for consideration for publication in the publications of the FDI and/or on the FDI's website.
- To interact with other international and national organisations on behalf of the FDI, as agreed.
- To provide expertise in the area to the Council.
- To submit a proposed budget for the activities of the Section annually.
- To report to and interact with the FDI Head Office throughout the year.
- To provide at least one written report to the Council annually.

4. Membership

Any individual who is active woman dentist, a woman student or trainee, or who has an interest in Women Dentist Worldwide may become and be a Member of the Section. Only dentists Members of the Section may serve as the Section's Executive.

At the proposal of the Section's Executive, Honorary Members may be elected by the Section.

5. Annual subscription

Membership of the Section is free for Members of the FDI. For all other Members, the annual subscription shall be determined annually by the Section Executive.

6. Executive board

The Executive board of the Section consists of: Chairperson, Vice-chairperson and 8 members of the Executive board, each with a specific role, to be decided by the board.

Out of the eight members of the Executive board, at least one shall come from each FDI Geographic Area. Additionally, no more than three members from the same FDI Geographic Area may serve on the Executive at the same time.

(FDI's Geographic Areas are Africa, Asia-Pacific, Europe, Latin America, and North America.)

Six members of the Executive board shall constitute a quorum for the official transaction of business.

The Executive board Members shall all be Members dentists of a Regular or Associate Member Association of the FDI. Nominations for the positions on the Section Executive board may be submitted by Member Associations and by the Members of the Section with the written support of the Member Association of the nominee.

The Members of the Executive board are elected at the Annual Meeting of the Section for a term of three years and may be elected for only one additional three-year term. The elections are to be ratified by the Council.

7. Business meetings

A business meeting of the Section may be organised by the Executive board at the FDI World Dental Congress for discussions about membership, budgets, programmes, and activities of the Section, Executive board, and any other business.

8. Amendments of By-laws

The by-laws of the Section may be amended by the FDI Council - after consultation with and on the recommendation of the Section.

9. Vacancy

The vacancy on the Executive board shall be filled at the next meeting of the Section.

In case of a vacancy for the position of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall serve as Chairperson until the next meeting of the Section.

In the event of a vacancy for the position of Vice-Chair, the Vice-Chair will be elected amongst members of the Executive board.