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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Bylaws Changes and Plans for our 1973 Annual Session occupied much of the time of the Executive Council at its meeting Friday, February 9, 1973 in Chicago. These will be published in the next newsletter.

Brian Lang, Co-Chairman of the Annual Session Committee, reported on his plans for San Antonio this October 24 and 25.

Ken Stewart, our arrangements chairman, has been working very hard with his committee to provide us with facilities and the kind of hospitality that will make our session enjoyable as well as productive.

Our newsletter which we hope to publish every two months or so is already an established institution within our organization. Dr. J. D. Larkin is doing an excellent

job as editor of this publication and he plans to make this newsletter a prime source of information on everything which is happening in prosthodontics. Current legislation, the individuals who make prosthodontic news, activities of prosthodontic organizations and educational institutions, everything that will keep us informed of the happenings within our specialty will appear on these pages.

I suggest that anyone who has information which would be of interest to our membership send the news, including pictures if you have them, to Dr. Larkin.

Keith Marcroft, our President-elect, announced that next year's meeting will be in Orlando, Florida, December 4 and 5, 1974. Dr. Jack Sharry will be the annual sessions chairman and Dr. Ray Loiselle will be the chairman of the Arrangements Committee.

Dr. Edwin H. Smith Jr. heads a long range planning committee to make recommendations for dates and places for future Annual Meetings from 1976 to 1981. This kind of preparation is necessary if we are to have the accommodations and meeting dates we prefer. The question of whether to meet just before the A.D.A. and follow another meeting (the

Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics) as we are doing this year or whether to meet separately as we plan to do next year will most likely be decided by the attendance of our membership. Your suggestions are welcome.

This year's Annual Meeting should provide much information on the future of prosthodontics. In order to utilize this material I will propose to our executive council that the College sponsor a meeting of all educators and leaders in prosthodontics in 1975 or 1976. The purpose of this conclave would be to suggest guidelines for future education in our specialty, both predoctoral and postdoctoral.

In these ways and many more the College is fulfilling its mission of constructive leadership in our profession.

—Alex Koper, D.D.S.

FAIR FEES AND PHASE III

Indignation would seem to comprise a one word summary of dentists' reaction to their apparent arbitrary inclusion in continued control under "Phase III".

Dental leaders and editorial opinions appear unanimous in sentiment strongly opposing the action.

ETHICS ADVISORY

The January issue of the Newsletter carried an item concerning use of the initials "F.A.C.P.", designating Fellowship in the College. It was accurately stated that Sec. 15 of the Code of Ethics of the American Dental Association failed to be specific regarding certain usage. However, it has been subsequently pointed out that the "Advisory Opinion" clearly states the limitations.

12. "A dentist may not use degrees other than D.D.S., D.M.D., or M.D., if earned, in connection with his name on cards, letterheads and announcements." This obviously prohibits the use of the initials F.A.C.P. in this fashion. (See ADA Principles of Ethics with official Advisory Opinions as revised November 1972, JADA, Vol. 86, January 1973, pages 60-64.

Also of interest, the "Advisory Opinions" further stated:

6. "The use of the title 'Diplomate of _____' on office door lettering or signs is not permitted."

7. "The limitations on the use of titles and degrees in connection with a dentist's name on cards, letterheads, announcements and signs should be strictly observed."

SPECIAL NOTE ON NEW TAX REGULATIONS

Various sources emphasize recent developments in tax matters. One rule described as of utmost importance is that the taxpayer's Social Security number or Business Identification number must appear on the face of all checks for the payment of taxes or tax estimates. Omission could cost you a penalty.



DR. STEPHEN O. BARTLETT
Named Director

Appointed as director of the new postgraduate program in prosthodontics at the Medical University of South Carolina College of Dental Medicine, **Stephen O. Bartlett**, associate professor in prosthodontics. The program is designed to qualify students for certification in removable prosthodontics, fixed prosthodontics, or maxillofacial prosthetics.

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In addition to all his other duties, our membership should not need reminding that Steve serves the American College of Prosthodontists as Treasurer.

BOARD CERTIFICATION COUNCIL REQUIREMENT?

Currently, the ADA Council of Dental Education is undergoing hearings for reorganization of the Council. Hearings will start in April 1973. One of the items on the agenda is to include two specialists from the eight specialty disciplines of dentistry. All specialty organizations have been contacted as to whether these members should be Board Certified. One specialty organization has requested that Board certification

not be a requirement so all specialty organizations are to indicate whether their member to the Council should be Board certified or not.

(The above information from Perry Bascom, our representative on the Executive Committee of the F.P.O.)

LEGISLATIVE EFFORT FOR ILLEGAL PRACTICE

The Texas Dental Association has received factual information that a group of dental technicians has formed a "Fund For the Professionalization of Denturists" and a "Texas Association of Denturists". They state that their purpose is to legalize dental technicians to make and deliver "prosthetic devices" directly to the public. They are soliciting \$1,000,000 or more in contributions from technicians to fund a public and legislative educational campaign to gain support for their position and their proposed legislation. They have started a series of meetings to be held across the state to solicit membership in their group.

"Denturist" legislation can only be regarded as a serious threat to safety, health, and welfare of the public. It has been turned down by leftist, rightist, and democratic countries all over the world. When in a few instances, it has been permitted; it has been finally judged not in the public interest and has been rejected. In the few provinces of Canada where "denturists" have been permitted a trend to make them illegal has already started.

PLAN NOW FOR SAN ANTONIO

Your reservation for the 1973 meeting of the American College of Prosthodontists should be made through the El Tropicano motor hotel in San Antonio. Your secretary will send you a reservation card. Ken Stewart and his local arrangements committee are making plans for us to have an enjoyable and productive meeting on October 24 and 25. A visit to America's most romantic city would not be complete without a ride through the heart of the city on a river taxi to La Villita for a night of gaiety at the site of the original Spanish settlement. The professional meeting promises to be equally impressive as Brian Lang and Charles Kelsey prepare their innovative plans for a workshop meeting. Everyone in attendance should have the opportunity to contribute his thoughts on the future of prosthodontics. We hope each of you will be privileged to participate.

PASEO DEL RIO (Left) - The Downtown River Walk. Along the banks of the meandering San Antonio River is this picturesque shopping, dining and nightclub spa. In the heart of "One of America's Four Unique Cities" amid banana trees and passing sightseeing river taxis one can dine indoor or outdoor on continental cuisine such as Irish, Spanish, Italian, German and Mexican, plus sizzling Texas steaks.

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LA VILLITA (Right)

La Villita (which means in Spanish, "Little Town") occupies the space of one square block near the heart of San Antonio's business district. This village, one of the early San Antonio settlements, has been reconstructed in an attempt to recapture the atmosphere of the original Spanish settlement. Within this tiny, walled city may be found various arts and crafts shops and several old restored Spanish-Mexican homes. Here, also, many projects to promote Spanish-American culture are undertaken. On the north side of Villita Street is located the historic Cos House. It was in this building that General Martin Perfecto de Cos, brother-in-law of Mexican President Santa Anna and Commander of Northern Mexico, signed the Articles of Capitulation after being defeated on December 9, 1835 by a group of 300 volunteer Texans under Ben Milam. On Villita Street also may be found the quaint Little Church of La Villita, originally German Methodist and built in 1876. It is now non-denominational and regular services are held there.





However, the profession must not make the deadly error of believing complacently that everyone can see the danger in this movement. On the contrary, only the most vigorous opposition and the most dedicated efforts of dentistry to alert the public and the legislators has prevented "denturist" legislation in other states. The struggle extended over many years in some states. Opposition to this movement must be based on accurate evidence presented in a well coordinated plan, as required, to inform the legislators and the public.

Members of the Dental Laboratory Association of Texas, their technicians, other ethical laboratory owners and technicians have expressed their concern and opposition to the "denturist" legislation. They are working with the Texas Dental Association in joint efforts to combat this threat.

There is also a proposed "Laboratory Regulation Act". This bill is jointly sponsored by the Texas Dental Association and the Dental Laboratory Association of Texas. This has passed the Texas Senate and has also passed the House on April 5, 1973. A Legislative bulletin as of March 16, 1973 announced the introduction of the "denturists" bill in the Texas House of Representatives.

The task facing the profession now is the defeat of the legislation sponsored by the so-called "denturists". Further reports are awaited with interest.

NOTES - FROM - THE SECRETARY

STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS DENTAL SCHOOL ESTABLISH A COOP TO COMBAT THE HIGH COST OF DENTAL SUPPLIES

- One hundred percent of the student body now belong to the coop.
- Each student will save an estimated \$500. over four years of school.
- This year coop sales will reach a figure of \$350,000.
- Student equipment lists were revised and updated, eliminating several obsolete and duplicate items.

This cooperative concept is presently entering its second quarter at the University of Illinois. The supplier and the students have expressed satisfaction with the system. One concern is to preserve structure and continuity, but this problem seems to be resolving itself as first year students, who have never purchased from the bookstore, are currently involved in the endeavor.

Dental Student News
February 1973.

Washington University is seeking a full time faculty member for its department of fixed prosthodontics. Further information can be obtained from Fellow Dr. Samuel E. Guyer.

FPO \$25.00 Assessment.

Whether we like it or not, dentists are deeply involved in politics and will become even more involved as time goes on.

The best chance to make the prosthodontists voice heard is through the Federation of Prosthodontic organizations.

When the Federation speaks with one voice representing several thousand interested prosthodontists, people listen.

The Fellows of the College voted overwhelmingly to support the Federation by having each member contribute \$25.00 annually directly to the FPO. We now have 368 Fellows and 72 Associates. Of these 448 members, all but 21 have paid their \$25.00 assessment which represents the 1973 payment. We earnestly request that those few of you who have not sent your \$25.00 assessment, do so as soon as possible. Those who have already paid are to be commended.

— Kenneth D. Rudd