

NEWSLETTER

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Ninth Annual Session of the College held at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas on October 17-19, 1978, was attended by over 400 members. The complete success of this meeting was due to the diligent supervision of Dan Gordon, and the skill and integrity of those members who worked with him to make this meeting the best ever.

For those of you who were not present at the College Business Meeting, a significant decision made our goal Number IV, as published in our newsletter Volume 3, Number 3, August 1975 "To establish a central office to conduct the business of the College", a realization. The members present at the business meeting voted unanimously to approve the revision of the bylaws, which were duly circulated in our newsletter. This included a raise in dues to \$100 a year, and established a business office in San Antonio, Texas. This city was chosen primarily because of the high quality of office space available at a reasonable price. The building complex selected is "One Park Ten" and we

CHANGE IN HOUSTON MEETING DATE

The American College of Prosthodontists has changed its meeting date to October 16, 17 & 18, 1979. The meeting will be held at the Astro Village Complex in Houston. It has recently been renovated and contains over 1000 rooms, 4 restaurants, 3 coffee shops, 2 bars and the largest ballroom in Houston.

Further information will follow in the next issue of the NEWSLETTER.

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have rented 500 feet of choice floor space. It is scheduled to open January 2, 1979.

By next year the membership in the College will number over 1000 and with this ever increasing membership, the work of the Secretary and the Treasurer has become a full-time job. Our Secretary, Dean Johnson, and the Treasurer, Noel Wilkie have done an outstanding job, but have devoted much more time in fulfilling their College duties than was ever thought necessary when they took office. It is impossible for members of the College, who have full-time jobs, to keep up with the mass of work which will increase even more as the College grows. For these reasons it was necessary to establish a central office and hire a full-time manager. Luckily a very highly qualified Central

Office Director has been found. Her

name is Darlene Pfeiffer and she has several years experience as an Executive Secretary. She is very dependable, a self starter, and an outstanding business woman. The business of the College will be in good hands.

Briefly, Mrs. Pfeiffer's responsibilities will include assisting the Secretary and the Treasurer in routine correspondence, maintaining the roster and mailing list; working with the editor in publishing the newsletter; acting as liaison with the printer in publishing the new additions of the constitution and bylaws, study guide, roster, future classic article books, and program for the annual meetings. Establishment of the central office will make for the smooth operation of the College and will increase services available to the members.

Kenneth D. Rudd, D.D.S.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Every day of the week, except Sunday, and every week of the year, since we last met in New Orleans, one of you changed your address. Either you or the fellow on either side of you moved last year. Wait a minute! Look at one of those people again because if he looks anything like Noel Wilkie, his address changed three times. The master file of membership is maintained in the Secretary's office. We keep the addresses current from change of address notices which come in individually from members as they move. However, most are reported by the mailman after a fullmember mailing such as occurs for the roster, newsletter, annual session information and By-Laws changes. Both Noel Wilkie and J. D. Larkin help maintain the mailing list by sending in the address changes which they receive. Before each mailing we update the computer list at our mailing service so that at any one time there is both a corrected computer list and a master file of members at home. This detailed information is important only in so far as it might enable you to perceive that we are talking about bia business.

On October 11 the College was composed of:

Life Fellows	3			٠	•			٠	٠		40
Fellows											462
Associates.	•										362
Affiliates .	•		•			٠	٠				110
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Tnese figures include all completed applications.

An increasing number of Prosthodontic Program Directors are using our publications in their residency programs. Just the other day we filled an order from a Program Director for Study Guides and Classics which totaled 28 books and weighed 65 pounds.

It is the policy of the College that all publications and goods be sold to members at cost. Since our publications are printed in the great southwest, the books like the Classics are priced at \$10.00 delivered. These two volumes contain articles by noted authors such as Bonwill, Niswonger, Stone, Roach, Schuyler, Thompson, Ante, Wright, Monson, Gysi, Hall, House, Pleasure, Kurth and Meyer.

FTC ISSUES NOTICE OF INTENT

In a letter to state and local governments the San Francisco regional office of the Federal Trade Commission issued a NOTICE OF INTENT TO RECOMMEND RULE MAKING AND INVITATION TO COMMENT.

It was stated in the notice that the San Francisco Regional office intends to recommend to the Federal Trade Commission that it propose a trade regulation rule which may have a significant effect on existing state laws.

Significant portions of the letter follow:

... The rule contemplated by the staff of this office would prevent the enforcement of current dental laws

The Classics are fine resource books for students and practitioners of prosthodontics.

Two years ago we mailed copies of the Constitution and By-Laws to all members. There are plans to update this booklet for mailing to all members in January, 1979.

I would like to review some selected sections of the Constitution. There are four categories of members. Life Fellows are prosthodontists who have attained age 65 or who, for reasons of health are retiring from active participation in dentistry in general. Life Fellows do not pay dues, may not vote or hold elective office and do not receive a free subscription to the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Fellows of the College must be diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics. They pay dues, may hold elective office, vote and do receive a subscription to the JPD. Associates of the College pay annual dues, vote and receive a subscription to the JPD but may not hold elective office. Affiliate members of the College pay \$25.00 annual dues and receive a subscription to the JPD. They may not vote or hold elective office.

Finally, I look forward to working with the Central Office Director in the coming year and will provide you with a status report as many of the routine duties of this office are transferred to the Central Office. against nondentists who provide, directly to consumers, complete dentures of a quality acceptable under prevailing standards of dental practice, provided that such persons advise consumers of the desirability of obtaining an examination for oral disease from a dentist and other pertinent information. It would further permit such persons to sell dentures to dentists and to purchase dentures for resale from dental laboratories.

. . . the staff intends to recommend that the commission propose a trade regulation rule which we do not believe is inconsistent with current state laws. This rule would require that dentists disclose to consumers the amount of any commercial dental laboratory charges included in the dentist's fee for any prosthetic dental service...disclosure would provide consumers with basic information necessary to make rational purchasing decisions. Consumers may further receive the economic benefits of healthy and unrestrained price competition.

Written comments were requested from addressees by November 22, 1978. These responses were to be directed to the Federal Trade Commission, San Francisco Regional Office, Attention: Ms. Anne Grover, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36005, San Francisco, California, 94102.

If the Commission decides to propose the rule recommended by the San Francisco office there will be additional opportunity for comment by state and local governments. Communication may take the form of written or oral testimony, rebuttal submissions, post hearing submissions, and comments with respect to the final reports of the presiding officer and the Commission's staff.

It is understood that the Letter of Intent was sent to all state governments and attorneys general, all state assistant attorneys general responsible for enforcement of anti trust laws, 150 local and state consumer protection agencies, all state dental boards, the Governors Conference, Conference of State Legislatures, Council of State Governments, National Denturist Association, National Association of Dental Laboratories, American Dental Association and some individuals.

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President Gordon presents plaque to Dr. J. D. Larkin.



MEMBERS TO MEET IN THE GOLD COAST SUITE



All members who will attend any of the prosthodontic or other functions related to the Chicago Mid-Winter Meeting are invited:

Time: 6 to 8 p.m.

Place: Hyatt Regency Hotel, Gold Coast Suite

Date: Saturday, February 4, 1979

Tariff: No host.

Singing, sipping, meeting of old friends, making of new ones, and generally contributing to an ambience of good fellowship and euphoria will be the order of the day. J. D. will hold forth at the piano as usual and if one can judge by past gatherings good fun will be the rule -- a great way to start your evening.

EDITOR OF NEWSLETTER HONORED

Dr. J. D. Larkin who has edited the NEWSLETTER of the American College of Prosthodontists since its inception in January 1973 was honored for his devotion to the College and his responsibilities at the Annual Official Session in Las Vegas.

President Gordon presented Dr. Larkin a plaque commemorating his achievement and expressed his thanks for a job "well done" and his regrets that J. D. was relinquishing his duties.

J. D. cited other obligations and demands on his time as his reason for giving up the assignment and thanked those who had supported him during the six years of his tenure.

Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr. will succeed Dr. Larkin as editor of the NEWS-LETTER.

(FTC Issues Notice of Intent cont.)

The ADA has prepared a strong rebuttal to the FTC regional office proposal. Should you desire a copy of the Notice of Intent or of the draft copy of the ADA's initial response, you may obtain either or both from the Editor of the NEWSLETTER.

Those members of the College who have close association with any of the officials or government offices listed above may wish to contact and assist cognizant individuals in formulating opinions and responses relative to the San Francisco regional office proposal.

REMOVABLE PROS-THODONTICS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

Mr. Sidney Barrett, a dentist who practices in the west end of London, spoke recently at the 2nd International Prosthodontic Conference in Las Vegas.

A number of interesting facts were gleaned from his talk.

He noted that 36.8 percent of the population over 16 year of age in the United Kingdom were edentulous. He stated that the fee for providing a complete upper and lower denture was \$70.00 for both. Of this fee, \$30.00 was paid to the laboratory technician for fabricating the dentures. he said that two million complete and one million removable partial dentures are provided annually by the National Health Service.

Further, he declared that many dentists will not make dentures under the National Health Service program because of the poor return for the time invested in this service. For this reason some patients are turning to dental laboratory technicians for prostheses. He noted that the First International Denturist meeting was to be held this year in Holland. He stated that private practitioners serve patients from a broad economic level and many of them are willing to forego their vacations to receive adequate denture care.

INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

The NEWSLETTER as the information organ of the American College of Prosthodontists can provide many services to the membership. It can carry your message to nearly 1000 members who are specialists or post-doctoral students in prosthodontics.

Do you know newsworthy items about a Fellow?

Are you looking for a position in prosthodontics?

Do you desire to employ a prosthodontist?

Do you wish to locate out of print issues of Journals?

Do you wish to air your views on a subject of interest to the membership?

Are you looking for a specific dental instrument?

These are examples of a few ways in which you can utilize your NEWS-LETTER to meet your needs.

Your editor needs all the news that is news and on as timely a basis as possible.

Mail should be addressed to Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr., Editor, NEWS-LETTER of the American College of Prosthodontists, 8732 Falls Chapel Way, Potomac, Md. 20854 or call 301-424-4484.



Dr. Gordon presents award to Dr. Carpenter.

DR. CARPENTER WINS ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR RESEARCH AWARD

Three excellent papers were presented in the 2nd Annual Research competition sponsored by the American College of Prosthodontists.

The finalists, Drs. M. A. Carpenter, M. W. Jorgenson, and Glenn C. McDowell were judged on the basis of their Manuscripts, including topic originality, validity of materials and methods used in conducting research, correlation of the conclusions with the data presented and significance of the research to present day prosthodontic problems;

Presentation, including succinctness of information presented, clarity of presentation, and general organization of information presented; and Personal Evaluation, including poise of individual and ability to answer questions clearly and directly.

The judges experienced a difficult time reaching a decision. However, after deliberation it was determined that Dr. M. A. Carpenter should receive the award; a plaque and a check for one thousand dollars.

Interested individuals who desire to compete for the prize in 1979 should address inquiries for information to Dr. Kenneth L. Stuart, 2907 Deer Ledge, San Antonio, Texas 78230.

TASK FORCE ON GRADUATE EDUCATION ESTABLISHED

On September 27 and 28 a task force sponsored by the American Association of Dental Schools met to develop a specific method to accomplish an 18 month study of postdoctoral (graduate) dental education. In a letter to Mr. James Brophy, executive director of the American Association of Orthodontists, the host organization of the meeting of Dental Specialty Representatives in Anaheim, California, it was stated that, "the task force clearly recognized that the early and ongoing involvement of organizations and individuals concerned with dental and graduate education would contribute both to the process of the study and the final report."

The task force identified nine areas for study, they are as follows:

- The adequacy of the current predoctoral dental education program.
- The appropriate balance between the education and service missions of graduate dental education
- 3. The goverence and control of graduate dental education.
- 4. The finance of graduate dental education.
- The need of specialization in dentistry.
- 6. Methods appropriate for projecting/forecasting graduate dental

- education manpower supply and requirements.
- The overall scope, goals and objectives of graduate dental education.
- Current social and professional forces effecting graduate dental education.
- Methods to assure the most effective continued development of graduate dental education.

It was planned for the task force to meet again in early November to list critical issues relative to the nine listed areas.

Position papers have been requested from knowledgeable experts in their assigned area. It is intended that these positions when completed will be broadly circulated for reaction.

The position papers when circulated will not necessarily represent the position of the task force, but will be used to stimulate discussion so that many other alternative positions may be presented. It is understood that eventually all the information will be synthetized as an input to the task force to be used when it meets for its final deliberations and to form its recommendations.

Members of the task force are:

Dr. Marvin R. Dunn, associate dean for academic affairs, University of California at San Diego, School of Medicine.

Dr. Donald J. Galagan, former division of dentistry director, Iowa Dental Dean, and AADS executive director.

Dr. Norman D. Glasscock, Director, Dental Professional Development Program, Veterans Administration.

Dr. John F. Hasler, Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, University of Maryland Dental School.

Dr. John Hogness, President, University of Washington.

Mr. David L. McKinney, Associate Commissioner for Finance, State of Indiana Commission for Higher Education.

Dr. John C. Montgomery, Executive Associate Dean, University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

Dr. J. Howard Oaks, Vice-President for Health Sciences, State University at New York Stony Brook.

Dr. Jack H. Pfister, private practitioner and former American Dental Association Treasurer and Trustee.

Dr. S. Miles Standish, Associate Dean for Graduate and Postgraduate Education, Indiana University School of Dentistry.

Mr. Eugene L. Staples, Administrator, West Virginia University Hospital. Dr. Raymond P. White, Dean, University of North Carolina School of Dentistry.

Your thoughts and ideas relative to the nine areas of interest are solicited and should be communicated to President Rudd or to the chairman of the education and advancement committee Dr. Cosmo De Steno, 203 Godwin Avenue, Ridgewood, N.J. 07450.

COLLEGE CO-SPONSORS **WORKSHOP AT ADA** MEETING IN ANAHEIM

A workshop in designing frameworks for removable partial dentures was a joint undertaking of the American College of Prosthodontists and the Removable Prosthodontic Section of the American Dental Association's Council on Annual Session.

The workshop for 50 dentists was sold out long before the October meeting and was termed a great success by both the participants and the faculty.

The course director was College president Kenneth D. Rudd and the chairman of the American Dental Association Removable Prosthodontic Section was president elect Robert M. Morrow, assisted by vice chairman William Welker. Other faculty were: Dr. William Kuebker and Dr. Earl Feldman of the University of Texas, Dr. Dean Johnson of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. William Akerly of the University of Mississippi, and Dr. James Fowler of Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

FPO VOTES TO MAIN-TAIN HOUSE OF **DELEGATES**

At the meeting of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations in Chicago on October 9, 1978, the House of Delegates passed the following resolution submitted by the American College of Prosthodontists.

Resolved: that the House of Delegates consist of the delegate for the first 100 members or less plus one additional delegate for organizations with one to two hundred members and one additional delegate for each additional 200 members or fraction thereof.

This resolution was based on recommendations of a College committee chaired by Dr. Robert Everhart. The FPO action will benefit member organizations in reducing costs relative to supporting the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations and in continuing democratic representation in the conduct of business of the Federation.



Left to right: Dr. Robert Morrow, Dr. William Kuebker, Dr. Dean Johnson, Dr. Earl Feldmann, Dr. William Akerly, Dr. Kenneth Rudd, Dr. James Fowler, Dr. William Welker

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS THIRD ANNUAL PROSTHODONTIC RESEARCH AWARD COMPETITION FIRST PRIZE - \$1.000

DATE:

October 16, 1979

LOCATION:

Houston, Texas

ELIGIBLE:

Prosthodontic Graduate Students and Residents or Board Eligible Prosthodontists who completed

training after October 1976.

INFORMATION:

Dr. Kenneth Stewart

2907 Deer Ledge

San Antonio, Texas 78230

LETTER TO EDITOR

The University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine in conjunction with Eye and Ear Hospital of Pittsburgh has a graduate residency program in Maxillofacial Prosthodontics. This program accepts two types of candidates:

- 1. Candidates who completed their dental degrees with no additional graduate training, for a period of three years. The program includes exposure in both basic prosthodontics and maxillofacial prosthetics. The candidates are awarded a stipend each year.
- 2. Candidates who have had two years of prosthodontic training are

accepted for one additional year of training. There is a stipend for these candidates also.

Applications are being accepted now and will be reviewed in January, 1979. Final determination will be made in the early part of February. Application forms and additional information will be mailed upon request.

For any additional information, please contact Dr. M. A. Aramany, Professor of Prosthodontics, and Director of the Maxillofacial Prosthetics training program, Eye and Ear Hospital, 230 Lothrop Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Mohamed A. Aramany, D.M.D., M.S.



Left to right: Dr. Noel D. Wilkie, Dr. Dean L. Johnson, Dr. Girard Di Pietro, Dr. Daniel F. Gordon, Dr. Kenneth D. Rudd, Dr. Robert M. Morrow



Left to right: Dr. Hubert T. Chandler, Dr. William B. Akerly, Dr. John Young, Dr. Howard M. Landesman and Dr. Richard E. Coy

OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COUNCILORS, AND FPO DELEGATES OF THE COLLEGE

The American College of Prosthodontists was founded on the basic premise that effective communication should be maintained between the membership and those they chose to represent them.

The following is a list of those who are currently serving in official capacity. An asterisk denotes those who were elected to a new office at the recent Annual Official Session.

President: *Dr. Kenneth D. Rudd 6005 Rue Liliane San Antonio, Texas 78238 Office (512) 691-6614 Home (512) 684-1612 President Elect: *Dr. Robert Morrow 6512 Adair San Antonio, Texas 78230 Office (512) 691-7185 Home (512) 684-5998

Vice President:

*Dr. Girard J. Di Pietro Director, USA Regional Dental Activity 2155 Mariner Square Loop Alameda, California 94501 Home (415) 865-3077

Secretary: Dr. Dean L. Johnson 2708 Old Farm Lane Edmond, Oklahoma 73034 Office (405) 271-4160 Home (405) 341-8285

Treasurer: Dr. Noel D. Wilkie 4 Makin Place Honolulu, Hawaii 97818 Office (808) 471-0923 Home (808) 422-8647

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Douglas Wendt was elected to the American Board of Prosthodontics.

Dr. Philip M. Jones was installed as president of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations for the year 1978-79.

Dr. Richard Grisius was inducted into Fellowship in the American College of Dentists.

Dr. William Welker was selected as Chairman of the Removable Prosthodontic Section of the Council on Annual Session of the American Dental Association for the 1979 meeting in Dallas, Texas.

Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr., was reelected chairman of the Metropolitan Washington Section of the American College of Dentists.

First Past President:

Dr. Daniel F. Gordon 1441 Avocado Avenue, Suite 508 Newport Beach, California 92660 Office (714) 640-5680 Home (714) 644-4632

Second Past President: Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr. 8732 Falls Chapel Way Potomac, Md. 20854 Home (301) 424-4484

Executive Councilors:

*Dr. Howard M. Landesman - 1 year Dr. Jack D. Preston - 2 years

*Dr. John E. Rhoads - 3 years

Delegates to F.P.O.:

Dr. Kenneth D. Rudd - President

Dr. Robert M. Morrow - Pres. Elect

Dr. Dean L. Johnson - Secretary

*Dr. Richard E. Coy - 1 year

*Dr. Robert J. Everhart - 2 years

*Dr. John J. Lucca - 2 years

*Dr. William B. Akerly - 3 years

*Dr. Hubert T. Chandler - 3 years

Alternate F.P.O. Delegates:

*Dr. John Young

*Dr. Edmund Travaglini

*Dr. Mohammad Mazaheri

Newsletter Editor:

Dr. Robert W. Elliott, Jr.

All members are urged to address their ideas, concerns and desires to these men.

STUDY GUIDE FOR CERTIFICATION SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN CÓLLEGE OF PROSTHODONTISTS



COLOR MINIGLOSSARY

The Retina, Rods and Cones

The retina, the internal cellular wall of the eye, is composed of essentially eight layers. These breakdown into the pigment cell layer, the rods and cones, the bipolar cells, the ganglion cells and the inner layer or conglomeration of nerve fibers. The three remaining layers are synaptic layers. The posterior wall of the eye houses 3 vital structures - the Optic Papilla, the Macula Lutea and the Fovea Centralis, in addition to the diffuse retina. The Optic Papilla is the blind spot where no rods or cones exist. It is situated near the center posterior wall of the eyebase. The Macula Lutea is a yellow pigmented area of irregular shape situated centrally about the Fovea of the retina. In the center of this "yellow spot" is a minute depressed area known as the Fovea Centralis. The Fovea is the region of most acute vision. The Fovea contains only cones.

Rods and cones are the receptors in the eye. Rods are the principal mediators of dim or scotopic vision. Cones

BOOKS AVAILABLE

The "Study Guide for Certification" and "Classic Prosthodontic Articles" are still available. To get your copy(ies) of these valuable books complete the form below and mail it to Dean L. Johnson, Secretary, 2708 Old Farm Lane, Edmond, OK 73034.

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[☐ I would like copy(ies) of the "Classic Prosthe Volume II (Price: \$10.00)	odontic Articles".
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are the principal mediators of bright or photopic vision. Since color vision is well developed only under photopic conditions, cones are the mediators of color vision. There is no generally accepted mechanism known for either the rods or cones to explain the details of the receptor process that begins when electromagnetic radiation hits the receptors and ends with the visual sensation and interpretation in the brain. There are many theories. The cones, concentrated in the fovea centralis, decrease in number towards the periphery of the eye where only rods exist. Rods enable us to see only black, white and grey. Two photopigments, Rhodpsin, found in the rods, and lodopsin, found in the cones are two proteins that have the ability to undergo photochemical changes upon exposure to radiation. These in turn set up a series of electrical impulses which are transmitted along the optical tracts to the brain. These impulses from both eyes meet in the optic chiasma, reform and are sent along nerve fibers which terminate in the subcortical vision centers, namely the lateral geniculate bodies. From here, fibers (optic radiations) send impulses to the striate areas of the occipital lobe and vision takes place.

DEFECTIVE COLOR VISION

One theory of color vision is that there are three photochemicals present in the cones. Each cone contains one of these chemicals although mixtures have been found. The three photochemicals are sensitive to red, green and blue. There are individuals

who have color defective vision, that is they cannot see colors in the same way as people with normal vision. This defect in color vision can take many forms. Individuals must be tested to determine which they have so that corrective measures may be undertaken, if available. The knowledge itself, that one has defective color vision, is critically important when making color judgements in comparison to other individuals. The types of color blindness may include a defect or absence in one or more of the photochemicals, improper breakdown of the photochemicals, different proportions of chemicals released than normal, and improper interpretation of the visual sensation in the brain. The essential effects include lack of all color vision, ability to see only one or two colors, confusion of two or more colors or visualization of different intensities of color from the normal.

Stephen F. Bergen, D.D.S.

MEMBERS EULOGIZED

In the past year three members of the College passed away.

Life Fellow Rear Admiral Alfred W. Chandler, Dental Corps, U. S. Navy, Retired, Fellow Elwood R. Bernhausen and Associate David J. Blandford.

Eulogies were given by past president Edwin H. Smith, Jr. at the Annual Official Session and a memoriam has been sent by the College to the Fund for Dental Health in honor of each of our esteemed departed colleagues.