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## President's Message



### I. CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

For the first time in the history of the College the Fellows are being asked to consider a change to the Constitution. You should have received a slate of proposed changes to the Constitution. All but one are technical in nature and are intended to define or clarify existing Sections without changing the substance of the documents. The proposed amendment to Article II, Section 3 of the Constitution, however, is a substantive change which would enable Associate members to participate in conducting the business before the College and to vote in its elections. Elective office would still be limited to the Fellows, and thus the leadership of our organization would remain with the diplomates of the board, as originally intended. Correlative changes in the By-Laws will be submitted later.

There is a genuine need for an organization comprised of the certified specialists in Prosthodontics. That is the reason the College was formed and it accounts for the remarkable strength

in membership that this organization has achieved. We should be careful to retain that identity. At the same time, it is properly the concern of the College to encourage young men who have devoted two years of their professional lives to the advanced study of prosthodontics to participate in as many of our activities as possible. In that way they can continue to expand their experience and knowledge in the specialty and look forward to ultimately achieving diplomate status. We feel that the proposed amendment to the Constitution will contribute toward this, and urge you to support it with your votes.

### II. HIGHLIGHTS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

At the August 16-17 meeting in Charleston, the Executive Council took official action on a full agenda of business. Fellows who are interested in full details may request a copy of the minutes of the meeting from the Secretary, as soon as they are compiled and approved.

The College's survey questionnaire on income of prosthodontists, which was sent to all diplomates of the Board, brought an excellent response. Sixty percent of those polled replied before the cut-off time. Drs. Charles Kelsey and Brian Lang have begun the statistical analysis, which will involve assistance from computer science specialists, and should have a preliminary report for the membership at the Orlando meeting.

A proposal to consider the appointment of an Executive Director to handle the large volume of correspondence and other routine business of the College which must be done on a daily basis was disapproved by the Council.

Whereas there is much to be said for the stability and continuity gained with such a plan, it was the feeling of the Council that we have many interested and talented Fellows who will be willing to serve the College with the same kind of dedication and intelligence which Drs. Ken Rudd and Steve Bartlett have demonstrated as Secretary and Treasurer. Their terms of office will expire in two years.

Site changes were approved for two future meetings, in order to assure suitable meeting facilities and local arrangements, and to add travel convenience for the Fellows who must participate in other meetings held in conjunction with the ADA annual sessions. Plans now call for the College to meet in Atlanta in 1977 and in Houston in 1979. President-elect Smith will once again contact the other national prosthodontic organizations and advise them of our future meeting plans in case they have an interest in meeting in the same location on consecutive dates. The Council also agreed to explore the possibility of a College Social function near the time of the Chicago Midwinter Meeting. Suggestions are welcome and should be sent to Dr. J. D. Larkin.

The most recent change in the By-Laws provided for the appointment of an Historian to document the important events of our annual meetings and to compile an official record of the growth and development of the College. The Council voted to appoint Dr. Ray Loiselle as Historian, and I am pleased to announce that Dr. Loiselle has agreed to accept that position.

### III. CALL TO ORLANDO

This is the year to take advantage of a beautiful setting and an unhurried

time to attend our annual meeting. Dr. Sharry has planned two days of stimulating presentations which should be of vital professional and scientific interest to all. Dr. Loiselle and his committee have arranged for delightful pleasures and relaxation in the after hours. Come to Orlando and enjoy a stimulating intellectual experience. Come to Orlando and enjoy the fellowship of your colleagues in prosthodontics.

Keith R. Marcroft, D.D.S.

## Orlando Meeting Reservations

Hotel and social activity reservation forms for the Orlando meeting will be mailed early in October. As usual prompt response will be to your advantage.

## Membership Opportunity

All members are encouraged to contact dentists who are eligible to become Fellows, Associates or Affiliates of the College and encourage them to write to the Secretary for an application. If you wish, applications will be sent to the member for presentation to the prospective applicant. Especially, students entering or in advanced prosthodontic education programs should be made aware of the College.

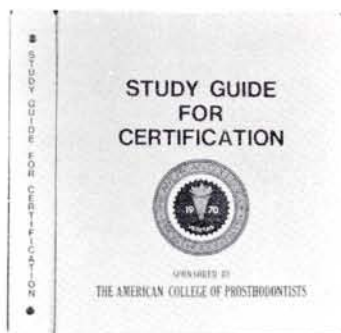
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## Guests Invited To The Orlando Meeting

The Executive Council has established that guests will be welcome at the Orlando Meeting on 4-5 December 1974. The guest fee will be \$40.00. All Fellows are urged to submit names of guests to the Secretary immediately so they can be invited officially and will receive hotel reservation cards and current information about the meeting.

The Council also announces that guests will be welcome at the San Diego, California meeting which will be at the Del Coronado Hotel 22-23 October 1975. The guest fee there will be \$45.00.

## Study Guide For Certification



This 161 page book is available for immediate delivery. The post paid price for members is \$10.00 and for non-members \$15.00. You may obtain your copy from Kenneth D. Rudd, D.D.S., Secretary, 6005 Rue Liliane, San Antonio, Texas 78238. Please make check payable to The American College of Prosthodontists.

## Return Your Ballots URGENT

A valid vote on the Constitution requires participation of two-thirds of the Active Fellows. You should have received a ballot by this time. If you have not received a ballot, write to the Secretary at once. Please mark your ballot and return it today.

## Goals Of The College

The Committee on Aims and Goals, chaired by Alex Koper plans a meeting next February. Your suggestions could be most valuable. Address: Dr. Alex Koper, 645 East Aerick St., Inglewood, California 90301.

The following is a part of his statement to the Committee: As part of the background for that meeting, I think it is important that your opinions be solicited and compiled.

A "goal" may be defined as a broad statement of intent expressed in terms that are not measurable. For example: To improve prosthodontic education in the United States.

An "objective" on the other hand may be defined as a desired outcome des-

cribed in terms that are measurable, usually a sub-function of a goal. For example: To achieve by 1980 a uniform curriculum for prosthodontic education.

In this inquiry I would like to obtain from you, your thoughts on what ought to be the most important goals of the American College of Prosthodontists. I will sort and try to analyze these responses and prepare them for a special goal and objective setting meeting which I would like to schedule for next February. Please do not restrict your responses only to those areas where you are particularly competent, but rather address yourselves to all aspects of the activities of our college.

## College Meetings Scheduled

Orlando, Florida - Hilton Inn Gateway  
4-5 December 1974

San Diego, Cal. - Hotel Del Coronado  
22-23 October 1975

San Francisco, California  
10-11 November 1976

Atlanta, Georgia - 5-6 October 1977

Las Vegas, Nevada - Sahara Hotel  
18-19 October 1978

Houston, Texas - Hyatt-Regency  
31 October-1 November 1979

## Exchange Column Approved

Dr. Charles S. Paraskis suggested that a column in the Newsletter be devoted to an "articulator exchange". He also said it might develop as an articulator club, exchanging ideas, instruments, parts and information. The Executive Council approved the plan. They further suggested that the idea might be expanded to include other items or equipment wanted or available.

Dr. Paraskis has agreed to be the coordinator for this project. Members are encouraged to take advantage of this unique service for which there is no charge.

Please direct all correspondence to: Dr. S. Paraskis, Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry, 100 East Newton St., Boston, Mass. 02118.

# Treasurer's Report

NOVEMBER 30, 1973  
(Fiscal Year Ended)

Beginning Cash (All Sources)		\$ 20,538.31
<u>Add Receipts</u>		
Membership Dues	\$ 17,680.00	
Membership Fees	9,585.00	
Affiliate Dues	3,125.00	
Prepaid Meeting Fees	8,114.30	
Donations (Dentsply & Hanau)	600.00	
Interest on Savings Accounts	<u>1,226.85</u>	40,331.15
Total Cash Available		<u>\$ 60,869.46</u>
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Refunds (Dues, Prepaid Fees, Misc.)	550.66	
<u>Annual Meeting Expenses</u>		
Guest Speakers	\$ 3,267.13	
Rental & Food	6,748.35	
Printing	405.48	
Gifts	175.91	
Supplies	502.45	
Postage	69.04	
Personnel Services	231.00	
Travel & Entertainment	<u>1,990.14</u>	
		13,389.50
<u>Executive Meeting Expenses</u>		
Travel and Per Diem Expenses	\$ 2,037.62	
Room Rent	<u>260.33</u>	2,297.95
<u>Administrative Expenses</u>		
Printing & Stationery	\$ 1,389.37	
Postage	487.74	
Professional Fees	626.00	
Secretary Honorarium	2,000.00	
Personnel Fees	275.80	
Telephone	280.20	
Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry	7,625.00	
Dues-Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations	100.00	
Fees to other organizations	45.50	
Bank Charges	<u>.20</u>	12,829.81
<u>Other Expenses</u>		
Color Society Meeting	\$ 60.00	
Travel & Per Diem Expenses	<u>1,786.46</u>	1,846.46
Total Disbursements	\$ 30,914.38	\$ 30,914.38
Ending Cash (All Sources)		\$ 29,955.08

## A Better Idea

### for LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An idea which could be of great interest to the membership has been suggested by Dr. James E. House. His idea is based on one which has been a successful newspaper feature for more than fifty years in the Boston Globe. The idea is based on the fact that for many varied reasons persons who wish to express an idea or raise a question may prefer not to be publicly identified.

The "Confidential Chat" uses the nom de plume as a device to protect the identity of the writer who is known only to the editor.

In approving this general plan, the Executive Council noted that despite numerous invitations, not one "letter to the editor" has been written for publication in our newsletter.

Dr. House suggests that a member may well be hesitant to express opinions on controversial subjects which could differ sharply from the views held by

some of his personal friends. The lack of direct identity avoids the factor of "personalities".

A portion of Dr. House's letter follows: "Today there is an amazing dearth of forum discussion in dentistry which exercises intellectual combat without fear. The Aristotle - Socrates mentees and like purists have debated for centuries with good product of new insights. Of late, dentistry has overreacted to the clout of the purely scientific logic domination, without due debate on issues which may not

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lend to absolute numbering, such as the social responsibilities of prosthodontists to patient, community, family, and himself. And then, it may be high time we should question some of the absolute numbers as well. Numbers are not necessarily devoid of prevarications."

Following the format described above you may write letters to the editor for publication and at your request your name will be withheld and a number will become your identification as the writer and for the receipt of any responses.

The editor will select and publish those letters which in his opinion will be of the most interest to the membership of the College.

## Editor's Notes

Numerous publications have emphasized two subjects which can be of great importance to each member of the College

The ADA has joined some 100 other health organizations in the National High Blood Pressure Education Program coordinated by the National Heart and Lung Institute. Much emphasis is given to the fact that each year in the United States 250,000 deaths and 1,500,000 heart attacks and strokes are related to hypertension. Every dentist has the opportunity and responsibility if he will accept it, to make a valuable contribution to his patients health and life by preparing himself to provide routine screening of patients for hypertension. When detected a patient should be immediately referred to his physician for treatment.

The second subject refers to the statement that approximately 900,000 patients in the United States wear cardiac pacemakers.

Many items of equipment in the dental office could easily turn off the pacemaker and the patient totally. Awareness of the danger is of first importance. This should lead to further study of the subject and possible check up of your office as to possible existing hazards.

Some specific dangers to these patients include:

1. Any form of electrosurgical treatment.
2. A microwave oven.
3. Any appliance which causes interference with a standard a.m. radio. For example: unshielded electric motors, improperly grounded electric appliances, ultrasonic scaling or cleaning units, electric spot-welding units, wireless intercom systems, older belt driven hand pieces.

Even electric pulp testers and ultraviolet curing units are suspect.

If such an emergency should occur it is helpful to know that with adequate prompt attention the condition is reversible.

1. Eliminate the source of interference
2. Immediately institute emergency cardio-pulmonary resuscitation procedures.

## Program Plans For Orlando Meeting

Doctor William Laney will speak concerning the problems faced by the American Board of Prosthodontists

today; Admiral Robert Elliott will talk about other specialty practices; Doctor Dan Gordon, the former President of the Southern California Dental Association who has had a great deal of experience in third party matters will talk about third party payments in dentistry; Mr. G. Randolph Babcock, the President of Pelton and Crane, will talk about influences of industry in future dental practice; Colonel Robert Everhart of Fort Sam Houston, will speak regarding the relations of the specialty to government agencies, the military, the public, etc.; Peter Goulding of the A.D.A. will talk about denturist legislation. Congressman Paul Rogers, the leading influence on health legislation in the Congress today, will be the luncheon speaker during the first day.

The clinical half of the program, which will occupy the afternoon of the first day and the morning of the second day, will be devoted to problems of X-Ray diagnosis in temporomandibular joint arthrosis about which Karl Ake Omnell is one of the preeminent authorities in the world. He is Dean of the dental school at Malmö. Doctor Benjamin Moffett will speak on temporomandibular joint arthroses from the clinical anatomist's point of view; Niles Guichet will talk about the relations of the occlusal apparatus; Colonel John Vanderveen will talk about nutritional requirements for prosthetic patients and Colonel Robert M. Morrow will discuss the current status of the overdenture. Last will be Doctor Robert Genco, a periodontist from SUNY, Buffalo, who will talk about perio-prosthetic problems.

*SCHEDULES AND DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN LATER.*

John J. Sharry