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## President's Message



I should like to commend the membership for its outstanding participation of the recent 1973 Annual Session. The large attendance coupled with the serious deliberations which ensued throughout the two days of the meeting could only have occurred in a body of highly dedicated professionals. There were those who questioned, rightfully, whether an annual meeting consisting entirely of a workshop would be successful. Such a drastic departure from the usual format of a scientific session involved risks which could well have spelled failure. Thanks to the faith and energy of Alex Koper, and the diligence and skillful planning of Brian Lang and Charles Kelsey, the stage for the workshop was set perfectly. It was you, however, the members of the COLLEGE, who gave the outstanding final performance and made the meeting the success it was.

The COLLEGE is a young organization, which has already been a most constructive force in prosthodontics. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to serve you this coming year. One

example of COLLEGE leadership is the recent reorganization of the House of Delegates and Executive Council of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, making it a far more representative body than it was. This was accomplished entirely on the initiative of the COLLEGE. The specific changes effected in the organization of the governing bodies of the Federation were essentially those presented by our delegation. As a result of these changes, all member organizations of the Federation now have representation on its Executive Council, and also have delegate strength in the House in proportion to the sizes of their membership. These were important steps for the Federation to take, as it expands its efforts to represent prosthodontics more effectively to the profession and the public.

The task of leadership for the COLLEGE for this year, and likely for years to come, is to unify and strengthen the specialty of prosthodontics. We must particularly resist dissention in our own ranks. Any efforts we expend should be toward making our presence better known to the profession and to the public. It is neither in the public's interest nor our own that very few people know what a prosthodontist is. Even our medical colleagues are largely unfamiliar with our existence as dental specialists. There must be a radical change in this picture if our specialty is to grow as it should, and if the public is to benefit as it should from the services of the trained prosthodontist.

Keith R. Marcroft, D.D.S.

## The President's Report To The Membership At The Annual Session

This has been a year of accomplishment for the American College of Prosthodontics. In addition to some noteworthy achievements, we have been planning for the future, and trying to identify the role of the College in prosthodontic affairs.

This has been an innovative kind of meeting in which all of us participated in trying to predict the role of prosthodontics 25 years from now. I look forward to the published results of our deliberations.

I am grateful to Drs. Brian Lang and Charles Kelsey for their efforts in providing this annual session which has been stimulating and has produced some excellent material upon which we can base future planning for our specialty. I am also grateful to Dr. Kenneth Stewart for his excellent Local Arrangements Committee and to Dr. Earl Feldmann for the wonderful hospitality that his committee provided for us. They have certainly made our stay in San Antonio a very pleasurable one.

Next year's Annual meeting will also be a two-day affair. Dr. Keith Marcroft, your new president, has appointed Dr. John Sharry Annual Sessions Chairman and Dr. Raymond Loiselle as Local Arrangements Chairman. This meeting, in Orlando, Florida, will be on December 4 and 5, 1974. Plan to attend this outstanding event.

Our newsletter, which we instituted this year, is a very important publica-



tion. Its information has unified us and given direction to our efforts. Dr. J. D. Larkin is doing an excellent job as editor and I am grateful to him for his diligence.

The bylaws changes, which have been adopted at this meeting, represented a great deal of effort on the part of Dr. Robert Elliott and his Constitution and Bylaws Committee; especially are we grateful to Dr. Carl Boucher for his excellent counsel and advice as a member of this Committee.

You will soon be notified of a manual, "A Study Guide for Certification", which has been prepared by Dr. Robert Sproull and his Education Committee. This is a splendid effort on their part. It provides, in loose-leaf form so that modifications may be made for future change, information an applicant needs to prepare himself for the American Board of Prosthodontics. It contains application information, requirements, literature, references, case history summaries, previous examination questions and much more. Dr. Sproull and his committee have provided a manuscript which is ready for reproduction and we plan to publicize its availability as quickly as possible. I think this fulfills an urgent need.

The Executive Committee of this College has met on a number of occasions and spent much time on the affairs of this organization. No one has worked harder than our Secretary, Dr. Kenneth Rudd. Without his diligent efforts, little of the business of this College could have been accomplished.

I would like to discuss with you the future of the American College of Prosthodontics and its role in our expanding specialty. Since our membership represents the Certified Prosthodontists and board-eligible specialists in prosthodontics, it is reasonable to assume that this college should assume a leadership position in our profession's affairs. But leadership is not automatic. It must be earned. This College must involve itself with the needs of prosthodontists who are educators, researchers, and practitioners, as well as those of us whose activities are in the public services—that is the military, public health, Veterans' Administration and other areas. This College must also provide leadership in its concern for the public good.

One constructive way to achieve this leadership is to plan for it and I sug-

gest that an Aims and Goals Committee be formed. This should be an ad hoc committee which will consider the establishment of long-term and short-term objectives for the College and suggest a time table for their achievements. These objectives would, of course, be approved by the Executive Committee who will be responsible for their implementation. I think this is a necessary step because we cannot make significant progress without goals. It is not enough for this College merely to react to present problems, provide educational opportunities, communicate with its membership and present an outstanding annual meeting each year. If we are to be a vital force in the specialty of prosthodontics, we must plan and act for the future, be innovative and use the splendid talents our membership affords.

Social and economic changes are moving rapidly. Peer review, quality control, third-party payment (and interference) are already here. I think we should have a Specialty Review Committee whose efforts will be directed toward these problems. Are you aware that in many prepaid programs no provision is made for a prosthodontic specialty fee schedule? That the difficult last-resort type of patient who flees to the prosthodontist because no one else will treat him, gets no special consideration from most third-party prepayment programs? That peer review committees exist in other specialties? That some specialties have notified prepaid program directors of the usual and customary and reasonable fees that are appropriate for their specialties?

I think that it is time that Prosthodontists take an active part in providing some answers to these questions instead of reacting as confused and manipulated individuals. We should identify guidelines for peer review in our specialty and we should provide a prosthodontic specialty fee schedule based on a survey of fees which are usual, reasonable and customary for us.

Our public relations need improving. We should try to improve our intraspecialty and our intraprofessional relations. It is time for some innovative and informative steps in this direction. Our colleagues in other specialties and general dentists should know more about the services we can provide so that they will be better informed of

the serious responsibilities we often assume.

Our support for the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations should continue to be enthusiastic and consistent. The Federation represents all of prosthodontics with a unified voice which has the strength of numbers.

We should, however, guard the freedom of action and expression and the identity of each member organization within the Federation. We should make certain that the role of the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, the FPO, should be one of encouragement and support for the activities of its member organizations whose particular talents identify themselves in their area of activity. We must make sure that the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations does not take over functions which are better served or handled by the member organizations. I speak in particular of a project of our College to sponsor a national workshop on advanced prosthodontic education. It is my information that the Federation has decided to make this a project of its own. In my opinion, the American College of Prosthodontists is especially cognizant of advanced prosthodontic educational needs and is best suited to sponsor this workshop. I would like to see the American College of Prosthodontists continue to plan this workshop under the chairmanship of Dr. Louis Boucher.

I would like to see this college continue to offer annual sessions which present new knowledge at a very high level, distinguished from the usual. Our annual meetings should be devoted to advanced study and research in prosthodontics.

I also suggest that we involve as much of our distinguished membership as possible in our activities.

Finally, I think that our Executive Committee and all the committees within this organization must represent a cross-section of our membership, geographically, agewise and discipline-wise.

I have appreciated this opportunity to serve as your President this past year. I thank you for this unique privilege and look forward to the future of this College with anticipation and high hopes. Let's stay young, concerned and involved.

Alex Koper, D.D.S.



## Book Bargain

### COMPLETE DENTURE OCCLUSION WORKSHOP RESULTS PRINTED

The International Prosthodontic Workshop on Complete Denture Occlusion was a four day event held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, June 1972.

If you were one of the 89 invited participants you already know the scope of this effort. If you were not one of this group please read on because for a change there is good news.

As one who participated, it would be easy to get carried away in a search for adjectives to attempt a description of the event. Instead, probably you'd prefer to know what areas were covered in the studies and how you can share in the results.

The Workshop was divided into seven sections:

- Alveolar Bone
- Articulators and Articulation
- Dental Materials
- Human Factors as Related to Complete Denture Occlusion
- Physiology of Jaw Movements
- Occlusal Patterns and Tooth Arrangements
- Post-Insertion Changes

Now the entire proceedings have been published and made available. Each section includes a review of the pertinent literature with a list of references, summarizes the deliberations and includes comments by various participants.

The work was co-edited by B. R. Lang and C. C. Kelsey who also served as co-chairmen of the workshop. No accident that they also were selected as co-chairmen of the American College of Prosthodontists meeting in San Antonio which also followed the workshop format.

Back to the book -- if one is interested in some phase of dentistry, there is something of interest for him in the book. One whose interests really relate to any area of Prosthodontics will consider the book a must. You will probably want at least one extra copy to lend to some of your colleagues. Wonder how they can do these 340 pages -- over 1300 references -- clear print on good paper for \$10.00! To get yours, just write and tell them how

many copies you want. The title is, "International Prosthodontic Workshop on Complete Denture Occlusion". Address -- The University of Michigan, Publications Distribution Service, 615 East University Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104.

If the editor appears totally enthusiastic in favoring this opus -- you got the message.

J. D. L.

## American Board Of Prosthodontists Study Guide Prepared

This 161 page book will be available early in 1974. Sales will be restricted to members of The American College of Prosthodontists, including Affiliates. The price will be \$10.00.

The book includes the following:

General instructions for application and current requirements of the Board. Study guides and references. Sample questions and copies of recent examinations. Format for case reports. Guidelines for clinical and laboratory procedures. Much additional pertinent information.

The work will be inclosed in an attractive loose-leaf binder which will permit up-dating as additional material becomes available.

You may obtain your copy from Kenneth D. Rudd, Secretary, 6005 Rue Liliane, San Antonio, Texas 78238. Make check payable to The American College of Prosthodontists.

## News Release

### REAR ADMIRAL ELLIOTT ASSUMES POSITION AS CHIEF OF NAVY DENTAL CORPS

In ceremonies held at the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery on 1 October 1973, Rear Admiral Robert W. Elliott, Jr., DC, USN, a 1950 dental school graduate of Case Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio, was promoted to that rank and appointed Assistant Chief for Dentistry and Chief, Dental Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Doctor Elliott relieved Rear Admiral John P. Arthur,

DC, USN, who retired on 30 September 1973 after a 32 year naval career. Rear Admiral Elliott first served in the Navy as an enlisted man and later as a line officer at the Bureau of Ordnance. Following his graduation from dental school and his return to active duty in the Navy as a dental officer, his duty stations ranged from the battleship, USS MISSOURI and the Naval Dental Clinic, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to the Naval Graduate Dental School, Bethesda, Maryland. Prior to his promotion to flag rank, Admiral Elliott was the Head, Professional Branch, Dental Division, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery.

## We Need Help !

Sometime ago you received a letter from Capt. G. E. King asking for listings of the most outstanding articles you have read in prosthodontic literature written prior to 1951. There have been only 63 responses from the 1972 membership of over 500. Please send in your selections without delay to --

Capt. G. E. King  
Naval Dental Clinic, Box 111  
F.P.O. San Francisco, Calif. 96610

Listings of any of the following subjects will be greatly appreciated.

1. Removable Partial Dentures
2. Fixed Partial Dentures
3. Complete Dentures
4. Maxillofacial restorations
5. General

## Life Fellowship

The question often arises as to the procedure for applying for Life Fellowship in the American College of Prosthodontists.

The following excerpt from the constitution explains the eligibility and procedure.

Life Fellows of the College shall be those who have held fellowship in the College during their active practice and participation in dentistry and who have attained the age of 65, or who because of illness, are retiring from active participation in prosthodontics and dentistry in general. Individuals eligible and desiring life fellowship must apply for such status through the secretary of the College and have approval from



the Fellowship to be placed in this category.

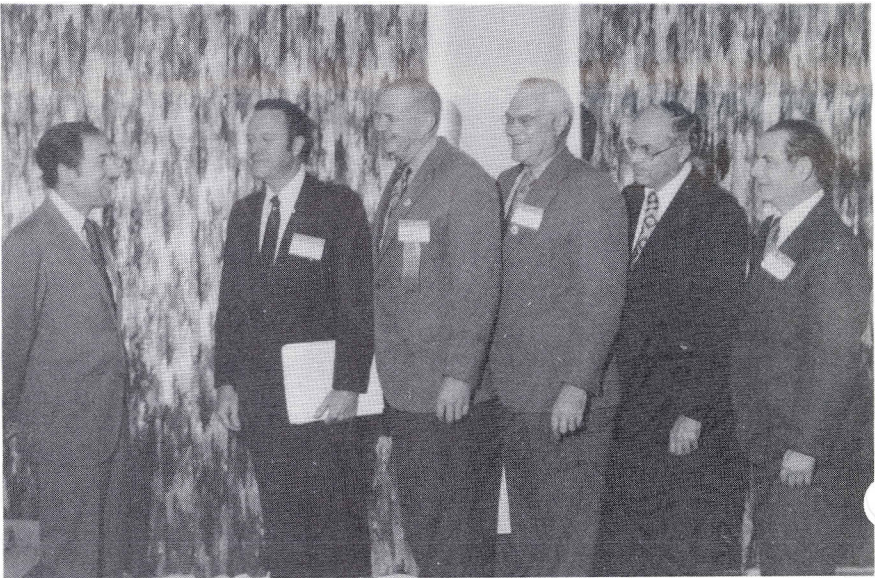
A Fellow in good standing who meets the above requirements may submit a note to the secretary asking to be considered for life Fellowship. The secretary submits his name to the Membership Committee for approval. The Membership Committee then submits his name to the Fellows at the next general meeting of the College.

# NEW YEAR



Retiring President Alex Koper (L) is receiving The American College of Prosthodontists Plaque from Past President Louis J. Boucher.

Some of the new officials of the College are from left to right: Alex Koper, Retiring President; Keith R. Marcroft, President; Edwin H. Smith, Jr., President-elect; Kenneth D. Rudd, Secretary; Louis J. Boucher, Past-President; and Stephen O. Bartlett, Treasurer.





# Secretary's Report

295 prosthodontists registered at the general meeting of the American College of Prosthodontists held in San Antonio, Texas, on 24-25 October 1973. The turnout was much larger than expected and readily demonstrates the enthusiasm and need for an updating of the Guidelines for Advanced Prosthodontic Education.

Membership in all categories is currently 622. This includes 33 Affiliates who completed their training in 1973 and have not applied for Associate membership. These will be dropped from the rolls and will not appear in the new roster.

Three Fellows were advanced to Life Fellow. 26 new Fellows were approved, nine of which were former Associates. 58 new Associates are aboard, and of these 33 were former Affiliates. 132 Affiliates are in good standing for the College fiscal year of 1973.

## LIFE FELLOWS

Dr. Muller M. DeVan  
Dr. Arthur L. Roberts  
Dr. Emmett Beckley, Jr.

## NEW FELLOWS

Dr. Thomas H. Alderson  
\*Dr. Joseph J. Berte'  
Dr. Joseph D. O. Berube  
Dr. Henry J. Bianco, Jr.  
Dr. George A. Bloch  
Dr. Dwight J. Castleberry  
Dr. Varoujan A. Chalian  
Dr. Lewis A. Chambless  
\*Dr. S. George Colt  
Dr. Jacques A. DeLorimier  
Dr. Don G. Garver  
Dr. James Samuel Granata  
\*Dr. Richard J. Grisius  
Dr. Donald C. Kramer  
Dr. William E. LaVelle  
Dr. Donald B. Leslie  
Dr. B. Larry Pedlar  
Dr. Hight S. Redmond  
\*Dr. Glenn E. Richard  
\*Dr. Douglas Nielsen Riis  
Dr. Forrest R. Scandrett  
\*Dr. H. Remo A. Sinibaldi  
\*Dr. Ernest D. Svensson  
\*Dr. Philip C. Thomas  
Dr. Richard A. Todd  
\*Dr. Stephen L. Welsh

\* = Former Associates

## ASSOCIATES

Dr. Robert William Allen

\*Dr. Carl J. Andres  
\*Dr. David A. Andrzejewski  
Dr. Eugene G. Archer  
\*Dr. George P. Argerakis  
Dr. Paul D. Arnold  
\*Dr. Jay M. Auerbach  
\*Dr. Lucius Winston Battle, Jr.  
\*Dr. Stephen Franklin Bergen  
Dr. Paul P. Binon  
\*Dr. William F. Bowles III  
\*Dr. Robert E. Brady  
\*Dr. Leo F. Broering  
Dr. Thomas Michael Cornell  
Dr. David Allan Dutton  
Dr. David W. Eggleston  
\*Dr. Aaron Harvey Fenton  
\*Dr. Ralph R. Gary  
Dr. Gary R. Goldstein  
\*Dr. John Thomas Goodman  
\*Dr. George T. Greer  
\*Dr. John W. Harrison  
Dr. Saul M. Hirshberg  
Dr. Paul J. Hoffman  
\*Dr. Herschel B. Kaufman  
\*Dr. Dana Elwood Medlock Kennan  
Dr. Raymond L. Kim  
\*Dr. Howard M. Landesman  
Dr. Ralph T. Lawson  
Dr. Lawrence M. Lewis  
Dr. Bernel H. Lofton  
\*Dr. Lewis Lorton  
\*Dr. Robert E. Lyon  
\*Dr. Gerald M. Marlin  
\*Dr. Martin P. Masterson  
\*Dr. Gird A. McCarty  
\*Dr. Clarence Richard McCurdy, Jr.  
Dr. E. Richard McPhee  
\*Dr. Donald L. Mitchell  
Dr. Frederick S. Muenchinger  
Dr. Richard E. Newburg  
Dr. John Stanley Ostrowski  
\*Dr. Edward John Plekavich  
\*Dr. William R. Priester, III  
\*Dr. Thomas C. Reddy  
\*Dr. Michael Rosen  
\*Dr. Nelson Roura-Lugo  
\*Dr. Homayoun Safavi  
Dr. Barry Shipman  
Dr. Larry D. Sindledacker  
Dr. William E. Smith, Jr.  
Dr. Charles C. Swoope  
\*Dr. Jurai Taychapipranai  
Dr. Thomas C. Tong  
\*Dr. Kenneth E. Wical  
\*Dr. Joel M. Zahler  
\*Dr. Kamal N. Zakhari  
Dr. John R. Zelin  
\* = Former Affiliate

AFFILIATES who joined since the 1972-1973 membership roster was published.

Dr. Jean Amara  
Dr. Roy W. Andrews

Dr. Ronald E. Appeldoorn  
Dr. Paul Victor Archacki  
Dr. Iwon M. Becker  
Dr. Lester James Bell  
Dr. John J. Bodner II  
Dr. Marc D. Bogart  
Dr. Larry D. Campbell  
Dr. Richard C. Courson  
Dr. Erik Douglas Cragg  
Dr. H. J. Crosthwaite  
Dr. William J. Davis  
Dr. Salvatore J. Esposito  
Dr. Ralph P. Feller  
Dr. James Harold Fjerstad  
Dr. William D. Gay  
Dr. Frank W. Grayson  
Dr. John W. Harrison  
Dr. E. Patrick Hoag  
Dr. Lawrence R. Huber  
Dr. Gordon P. Huntress  
Dr. Charles R. Killingsworth  
Dr. John G. Knapp  
Dr. Jeffrey D. Lewis  
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Dr. Paul L. Richardson  
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Dr. Bruce J. Sahrbeck  
Dr. Thomas C. Shaudis  
Dr. Larry D. Sindledacker  
Dr. William E. Smith, Jr.  
Dr. Elwood H. Stade  
Dr. Johnnie Eugene Turner  
Dr. Thomas H. Wagner

## Delegates Report On The 1973 Meeting Of The F. P. O.

The meeting was conducted in an extremely open and orderly manner so that a tremendous volume of material was considered. It appears that this approach will instill confidence in every dentist interested in Prosthodontics.

It was interesting to note that thirty-one percent of the graduating dentists have an opportunity to receive advanced education. Do we need to have one-third of the dentists specialize?

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the American Board of Prosthodontics was



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observed by the presentation of a certificate from the American Dental Association. The College congratulates the Board for its past successes and expresses their appreciation to all of the individual examiners.

A highlight of the meeting was the decision to send a newsletter on a quarterly basis to each individual member of the Federation's member organizations. The Federation's newsletter should keep us informed and promote Prosthodontics.

The problems of meeting the increased demand for high quality prosthodontic treatment were discussed. It is imperative that we find a method of providing prosthodontic treatment for low income individuals. Do you have any ideas?

Auxillary personnel, dental technologists and "denturists" problems were also carefully considered. In particular the denturist's activities were discussed. While there was not a unanimous agreement about how to meet these problems, there was a unanimous agreement that immediate and perhaps dramatic action should be taken. If you have any thoughts about this subject, please transmit them to the Editor or Secretary Rudd.

There was a note of depression. Denturists are willing to donate large sums of money to their cause, but a few (12) of our Fellows and associates have not paid twenty-five dollars to support their cause. Let's forget our pretty bickering and present a unified front to the world.

Our congratulations to Fellow Milton Brown for his election to the American Board of Prosthodontics. His high qualifications will materially contribute to the activities of the Board.

The F. P. O. agreed to sponsor a group insurance program for individual members which will undoubtedly prove beneficial for everyone.

There were many other items discussed and numerous motions were passed. The underlying weakness and strength of the Federation continues to rest in its members. As long as its members prosper, so will the Federation.

The dues collections from individuals, the F. P. O. newsletter and the insurance program are necessary and desirable. The Federation cannot change from an organization composed of other organizations to one of individual memberships. It is hoped that the Federation will support its members and they will support the Federation. The Federation can rest assured the American College of Prosthodontists will support it.

Stephen O. Bartlett

## **American College Of Prosthodontists To Conduct Survey**

In the 1971 Survey of Dental Practice published in the Journal of the American Dental Association, Vol. 84, page 636, it was reported that the median net income for prosthodontists was

\$24,500. This, in comparison to that of the general practitioner which was given as \$26,000.

Income data for specialists in prosthodontics in private practice were not reported because too few replies were received by the American Dental Association's Bureau of Economic Research and Statistics to provide reliable information.

Young dentists must consider economics in deciding on their future course of endeavor. When it appears that after two years of additional graduate or postgraduate education and after examination by the American Board of Prosthodontics these dentists may expect to earn less than if they went directly into private practice, many exceptionally qualified, prospective prosthodontists may choose another specialty. The public we serve and our specialty is the loser.

The Executive Council, at its last meeting in Charleston, decided to survey all Board Prosthodontists to develop meaningful statistics relative to the income of specialists in our discipline of dentistry.

When you receive the Survey Form, you are requested to fill it out and return it as soon as possible. Your anonymity is guaranteed by the procedures set forth for returning your reply.

When the data has been tabulated, the results will be made known to all respondents and Fellows of the College.