The American College of Prosthodontists Installs New Board Members

CHICAGO — The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) has installed and re-elected board members. The members were sworn in during the ACP’s 44th Annual Session held in New Orleans from Nov. 5-8, 2014.

Betsy K. Davis, MS, BS, DMD, was installed as Maxillofacial Prosthetics division director; Stephen A. Wagner, DDS, FACP, was installed as Prosthodontic practice and patient care division director; Paul E. Scruggs, DDS, was installed as regional membership director of Eastern region 2; Alvin G. Wee, DDS, MS, MPH, was installed as the regional membership director for Rockies/Plains region 4; Robert E. Stover, DDS, MS, BA, FACP, was installed as regional membership director of Pacific region 5; Lino P. Calvani, DDS, MSc, FACP, was installed as regional membership director of international region 7; and Victoria A. Vickers, DDS, was installed as public relations and communications director.

Dr. Davis is an associate professor and director of the Maxillofacial Prosthodontic clinic at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, and a recipient of the presidential citation from the American Head and Neck Society. Dr. Davis specializes in Maxillofacial Prosthetics, a subspecialty of Prosthodontics that involves rehabilitation of patients with defects or disabilities that were present when born (such as cleft palate) or developed due to disease (cancer) or trauma (burns, car accidents) or during military service (wounded war veterans).

Dr. Wagner is based in Albuquerque, N.M. His dental images have been used by the New York Times, ABC News, The Discovery Channel, Newsweek and the American Dental Association. His research led him to create the Wagner Impression Tray, which simplified the work process in removable Prosthodontics. It has become favorable for many dental professionals, because it is easier to use for taking tray impressions. Wagner Trays are now an affinity program of ACP.

Dr. Scruggs is in private practice in Raleigh, N.C., and has been ACP’s membership director of Eastern region 2 since 2012. Dr. Scruggs has served as the president of the Paul Revere Study Club since 1987 and was president of the Southeastern Academy of Prosthodontics in 2005. He also owns and manages an in-house laboratory and conducts full- and half-day CE programs on various implant subjects.

Dr. Wee is an associate professor in Prosthodontics and director of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics at Creighton University School of Dentistry in Omaha, Neb. He also is co-chief for Maxillofacial Prosthetic services at the Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System. His work earned him the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Claude R. Baker teaching award for excellence in teaching pre-doctoral Fixed Prosthodontics. Dr. Wee is a member of the ACP Spokespersons Network and appears in this ACP video.

Dr. Stover is based in Olympia, Wash. He is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry and the American Dental Association, and he is a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Stover has published articles in the Journal of Periodontology and the International Journal of Dental Research. He served on the ACP Judicial Committee and participated in the ACP ProsNet Study Committee.
Dr. Calvani, based in Rome, is a fellow of the ACP and to the International College of Dentists. He is a member of the ACP Spokespersons Network and an active member of many organizations, including the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, American Prosthodontic Society and the International Association for Dental Research. Dr. Calvani was published this year in 6 issues of Roma World Monthly, he was published also in other 30 paper and online press daily issues, and has authored and co-authored articles in peer review journals in medicine, dentistry and Prosthodontics. Dr. Calvani appears in the ACP media highlights video and is a member of the ACP Spokespersons Network.

Dr. Vickers was re-elected to a second consecutive three-year term as ACP’s Public Relations and Communications director. She also has been an active member of the American Dental Association on both state and local levels. Dr. Vickers is on the Board of Directors of the San Antonio District Dental Society, serving as the secretary/treasurer. She is also a member of the ACP Spokespersons Network and is featured in this ACP video.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, Prosthodontists specialize in digital dentistry and CAD/CAM solutions.

The ACP is the only Prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in Prosthodontics.

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About the ACP

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of Prosthodontics, which is one of nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of Prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of Prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of Prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. Visit GoToAPro.org for more information. National Prosthodontics Awareness Week (NPAW) is April 12-18, 2015. NPAW promotes public awareness about the critical importance of a healthy mouth and why Prosthodontists bring patients optimal oral health.