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To: The American College of Prosthodontists

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Letter of Intent regarding the Continuing Profession Education Director Position

I am pleased and honored to run for the position of Continuing Profession Education Director which is currently available at the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP).

As a board certified prosthodontist since 1989, I currently serve as Executive Director, Office of Continuing Education (2012) and Assistant Director, Advanced Education General Dentistry (2013), Texas A&M University, College of Dentistry. During my tenure as CE Director, I have been involved in creating a number of innovative continuing education programs, implemented a new online registration process, and merged an electronic continuing education letter protocol for electronic delivery of the certification letter. With teaching, research, and private practice experience, I would very much enjoy the opportunity to face the challenges of this position. My department has successfully been evaluated by ADACERP and approved for continuing education programs including "Live Patient Care". ADA CERP protocol and requirements have been studied and implemented at the college under my watch. Most recently, I have been elected to serve as Secretary for the Continuing Education Section of ADEA.

After graduating from Tufts, School of Dental Medicine (1979), I served in the Public Health Service (Indian Health Service 1979-1981). Upon completing postgraduate prosthodontic residency program at UCLA, School of Dentistry (1981-1983), I completed a Maxillofacial Residency program also at UCLA (1983) and continued to teach for four years after until 1987. Private practice limited to prosthodontics proved to be successful in Santa Monica, California and later in Santa Maria, California. Moving to Dallas, Texas in 2011 afforded me new opportunities at Texas A&M University, as Continuing Dental Education Director, AEGD faculty assistant director, and research involving clinical and laboratory protocols.

With the changing face of continuing education in the United States, prosthodontists in the community have many options for continuing education. The American College of

Prosthodontists must continue to serve the membership and provide the best selection of educational courses which will enhance the vision of the College at the same time be meaningful to its membership.

As the competitive environment of balancing practice, recruiting and retaining new patients, third party reimbursements, and the everyday operations of running a practice with employees, diminishing time is available for prosthodontists to leave the practice to pursue continuing education hours. The ACP must capture the attention of its members and deliver programs which achieve ratings above and beyond member's expectations. The American College of Prosthodontist must continue to represent value and cutting edge education which will promote the practice of prosthodontics and to continue to expand programs providing value to members which can only obtain through the ACP. My experience with private practice, organized dentistry, and affiliation with community will bring value to your programs while my experience with continuing education and knowledge of ADACERP requirements will maintain programs at the highest professional level.

My goals would be to continue to promote the concepts of digital dentistry, work in harmony with the mission and vision of the College, and maintain the ACP's position which will promote and enhance the practice of prosthodontics and global oral health.

Thank you for this opportunity to serve the American College of Prosthodontists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James D. Jones DMD MS". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "Jones" being the most prominent parts, followed by the credentials "DMD MS" in a smaller, more upright script.

Amerian D. Sones D.M.D., M.S.
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Bio-sketch March 2016

Amerian D. Sones DMD, MS currently serves as Executive Director, Continuing Education, Texas A&M, University, Baylor College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas and Assistant Director, Advanced Education General Practice Residency where she teaches prosthodontics to nine AEGD residents. Credentialed also as medical hospital staff at Baylor University Medical Center she practices in the Charles A. Sammons Cancer Center Dental Clinic providing maxillofacial prosthodontic restorative dental care to cancer and special needs patients. Currently her research interests evolve around dental implants and she has an IRB approved clinical study entitled "Implant Stability of the Novice Surgeon", a research protocol she conducts during the CE dental implant continuum with live patient care which received ADACERP recognition September, 2015.

Dr. Sones is a 1979 graduate of Tufts School of Dental Medicine and served in the United States Public Health Service from 1979-1981, serving at the USPHS Indian Reservation as the Chief Dental Officer.

Having completed her postgraduate prosthodontics residency and maxillofacial residency programs in 1983 and 1984 at the UCLA, School of Dentistry and she served on the faculty in the Department of Removable Prosthodontics from 1984-1987. She served as Chairperson of the Complete Denture Course for sophomore dental students, directing 10 faculty members with a lecture and laboratory program. She also completed a Masters in Oral Biology with a Master's thesis entitled: "Osteoporosis in the Sprague-Dawley Rat". While at UCLA, she was involved with the initial "Branemark implant team" and has lectured and taught numerous courses at UCLA and in the community regarding dental implants.

In 1987 Dr. Sones began her career in private specialty practice with an emphasis on prosthodontics and dental implant treatment in Santa Monica, California and later in Santa Maria, California. Her practice provided services to the adult patient population and occasionally the pediatric dental patient who required prosthodontic dental services. She has continued to be involved with the dental community to foster ethical practice, contemporary technology, and science driven treatment for her patients. In 1999, she began the first Dental Implant Residency Program at the Esthetic Professional Educational Facility in Encino, California, which represented one of the first year long training programs available.

She is a member of the American Dental Association, a long member of the California Dental Association and now the Texas Dental Association, The American College of Prosthodontics, the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics, and The Academy of Osseointegration. She has served the Academy as Chairperson of the Membership Committee and has organized numerous postgraduate outreach programs for residents and dental schools across the country. She recently became an AO Fellow and currently holds a position on the Academy of Osseointegration (AO) Board of Directors. She organized and Chairs the new AO Fellowship and Certificate committee which recently launched the "AO Certificate in Implant Dentistry". She holds dental licenses in California, Arizona, and Texas.