

## **LETTER OF INTENT**

Date: 3 August 2016  
Position: ACP Education and Research Division Director

Dear Colleagues:

I would like to indicate my strong interest in serving as Education and Research Division Director for the American College of Prosthodontists. My experience as Regional Membership Director of Region IV and as a member on the ACP Board of Directors for the last two terms has been very positive and personally rewarding, with the contributed time and effort playing a significant role in advancing our specialty.

The advantage of being on the ACP Board of Directors for the last four years has enlightened me to the vision and direction of the ACP with regards to Education and Research. I agree with and would like to support the vision and direction of the ACP's Education and Research endeavors. My career history, since my residency and graduation in 1996, supports the role of the ACP Education and Research Division Director.

With regards to education, I have been involved with undergraduate prosthodontics education for the last 18 years, mentored or co-mentored ten prosthodontic graduate students for their MS theses, and have received several teaching awards. With regards to research, I have received funding as principal investigator or co-investigator from the National Institutes of Health, Department of Veteran's Affairs and several other agencies. I have authored more than 75 peer-reviewed publications, 56 peer-reviewed abstracts, 18 non-refereed publications, one pending patent and chapters in three textbooks.

I have read and understand the responsibilities and commitment described in the ACP Board Member Job description and Code of Conduct. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Alvin Wee*

**Alvin G. Wee, DDS, PhD, MPH**

# **Alvin G. Wee, D.D.S., Ph.D., M.P.H.**

## **Education:**

• Doctor of Philosophy ( <b>Ph.D.</b> )	University of Nebraska	2014
• Doctor of Dental Surgery ( <b>D.D.S.</b> )	Creighton University	2013
• Master of Public Health ( <b>M.P.H.</b> )	The Ohio State University	2005
• Certificate in Clinical Research (NIH K30)	The Ohio State University	2002
• Certificate in Maxillofacial Prosthetics	University of Pittsburgh	1998
• Master of Science ( <b>M.S.</b> )	The University of Iowa	1997
• Certificate in Prosthodontics	The University of Iowa	1996
• Bachelor of Dental Surgery ( <b>B.D.S.</b> )	National University of Singapore	1992

## **Career:**

Dr. Wee has served in dental academics for the past 18 years, holding full-time academic positions for 16 years. His professional career started at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry in 1998, where he was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2004. His academic career continued at the University of Nebraska Medical Center (Department of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery) and then at Creighton University (Department of Prosthodontics). Dr. Wee was the recipient of several student teaching awards and was the first national recipient of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontic's Claude R. Baker Teaching Award for Excellence in Teaching Predoctoral Fixed Prosthodontics. In June of 2014, he accepted a position as Section Head of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, Veterans Affairs Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System in Omaha, Nebraska. He currently treats patients with complex oral rehabilitation needs, including those with head/neck cancer, facial trauma, and obstructive sleep apnea. He continues to teach part time and directs his clinical translational research laboratory as Special Associate Professor in Prosthodontics at Creighton University School of Dentistry.

## **Scholarship:**

Dr. Wee has received research funding as principal investigator (NIH R15 and NIH K23) and co-investigator (NIH R01 and VA RR&D) from the National Institutes of Health, Department of Veteran's Affairs, as well as several other agencies, totaling more than \$2.6 million in grant funding. His publications and expertise focus on the clinical translational aspects of color science with regard to teeth/skin and their respective restorative materials. With the receipt of the Prevent Cancer Foundation fellowship and an NIH K23 award, he has expanded his research focus to early detection of oral and oropharyngeal cancer. Dr. Wee has authored 75 peer-reviewed publications, 56 peer-reviewed abstracts, 18 non-refereed publications, one pending patent and chapters in three textbooks.

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## **Service:**

Dr. Wee currently holds the following offices: (1) Honorary Treasurer for the International Academy of Oral and Facial Rehabilitation, (2) Recording Secretary for the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, and (3) Vice President for the American Association of Dental Research Lincoln / Omaha Section. He also sits on the Board of Councilors for the International Society of Maxillofacial Rehabilitation and is chairing several committees in both national and international organizations. Dr. Wee is currently an Assistant Editor of the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*, Associate Editor for the *Journal of Otolaryngology – Head & Neck Surgery* and has reviewed for more than 20 peer-reviewed journals. He has been invited to present more than 80 presentations both nationally and internationally on various aspects of dentistry.

## Service Specifically to the ACP

Dr. Wee has been a member of the ACP for the last 22 years and during that time has served as a member of the (1) Implant committee, (2) National Prosthodontic Awareness Task Force, (3) Task Force on selecting the Associate Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, (4) ACP Spokesperson's Network and (5) Editorial Review Board for the *Journal of Prosthodontics*. Dr. Wee has also presented at the ACP annual session in 2011 ("Dental Management of Obstructive Sleep Apnea in a Prosthodontic Practice") and served as a moderator for the ACP annual session in 2015. He has also authored two position papers for the ACP:

- **Wee AG**, Scruggs PE, Dixon DL: "Integrity in Prosthodontic Care", February 2015.
- Scruggs PE, **Wee AG**: "Demystifying Dental Specialty Credentials", February 2016.

He has and is serving as Co-Chair of the ACP Education Foundation Annual Appeal (2014 to 2016), and former Vice Chair of the Task Force on Prosthodontic Diagnostic Index. Currently, he is ending his second two-year term on the ACP Board of Directors as Membership Director for Region IV (Rockies / Plains).

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