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**Dr. John Ball to Represent the Central Region on the ACP Board of Directors**  
*UMKC Clinical Assistant Professor Re-elected to Region 3 Leadership*



CHICAGO – [John D. Ball, DDS, FACP](#), was re-elected as Regional Membership Director of the Central Region for the Board of Directors of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), the national organization representing the dental specialty of prosthodontics.

The Central Region covers the middle part of the United States, spanning from West Virginia to Kansas. As the Regional Membership Director, Dr. Ball will be a vital communication link between the ACP Board of Directors and the prosthodontists in his region. This is his second term in the role, having already served for two years.

“I understand the current challenges of organization membership, and I have ideas and the desire to enhance the value of membership in the ACP,” said Dr. Ball. “I want the ACP to be the ‘organization of choice’ for prosthodontists. The vitality of our organization is essential for the future of the specialty!”

Dr. Ball is a Fellow of the ACP and has been a member for over 25 years, serving on several committees and in other leadership roles. He is a clinical assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Clinical Sciences at the University of Missouri – Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry. He is also a prosthodontic consultant for the Kansas City VA Medical Center.

Dr. Ball served 37 years in the Department of Dentistry with the Department of Veterans Affairs, where he was the Director of VA Central Dental Laboratory locations in Dallas and Washington D.C. He has also served as an adjunct assistant professor in the Department of Restorative Sciences at Baylor College of Dentistry, working in the pre-doctoral removable prosthodontics clinic.

**About Prosthodontists**

A prosthodontist is a dental specialist who focuses on the restoration and replacement of missing teeth and correcting other oral or facial issues. With their advanced training, prosthodontists are able to help patients with implants, dentures and veneers, all the way to full mouth and jaw reconstructions.

**About the ACP**

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the only ADA recognized organization for the specialty of prosthodontics, and is the only prosthodontic organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. 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. For more information, consumers can visit [GoToAPro.org](http://GoToAPro.org) and dental professionals can visit [Prosthodontics.org](http://Prosthodontics.org).

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