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## Summer Conferences – Why? by Dr. Leif K. Bakland

When the College of Diplomates proposed the idea of a Summer Conference for Diplomates and their families, many asked – Why? Don't we have enough conferences, special workshops and continuing education courses in addition to the Annual Sessions of the AAE? Many state endodontic groups also hold regional meetings for their endodontic members – do we really need another?

There is probably no

single answer that would satisfy everyone. For me, the answer is related to three factors: fellowship, family fun, and a program content that is a little different from what is usually available at other meetings.

The American Heritage Dictionary defines **fellowship** as a “sharing of similar interests, ideals, or experiences, as by reason of profession...” It seems to me that a Summer Conference such as the

recent one in Jackson Hole, Wyoming surely demonstrated the essence of fellowship (see COD Summer Conference 2000 evaluations, *The Pinnacle*, Fall 2000). The opportunity to share similar interests – discussing the program topic, enjoying the social interaction, or spending an afternoon on a river raft – was there in abundance and the participants and their families took full

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## Susan Hawkinson Named COD Administrative Secretary

The College of Diplomates is pleased to introduce its new administrative secretary, Susan Hawkinson.

For the past five years the COD has cobbled together secretarial services wherever it could for various tasks. Susan now will be responsible for sending out dues notices, maintaining the membership data base, handling correspondence for the College under the direction of COD Secretary Carl Newton, coordinating the paperwork associated with the mentor program and performing any other necessary duties. As you can imagine, we expect Susan's contribution to the College

will result in a smoother running operation.

Susan lives with her husband and fellow Diplomat and College member, Robert Hawkinson, in Wheaton, Illinois, which is close to Chicago. This will facilitate and enhance interaction between the College and the AAE and ABE.

*Susan Hawkinson*

**Please note that the College has a new mailing address, phone number, fax and e-mail address which are listed on page 1 of this newsletter.**

## **Summer Conferences – Why?**

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advantage of this opportunity.

The fellowship was enhanced also by the shared experience all had gone through – board certification. The Diplomates in attendance ranged from some who were certified very recently to some who went through the process during the early years of the ABE. All seemed to share a common desire: to help other colleagues not yet certified to take the steps needed to become fellow Diplomates. Several who were not already mentors expressed an interest in serving in such a role.

Family fun requires time set aside for activities. One needn't be torn between going river rafting on a sunny afternoon and at the same time having to attend a committee meeting or taking in an interesting lecture. The College scheduled the

afternoons for family activities during the Conference (which was held August 9-13, 2000) and everyone took off to raft down a river, climb a mountain, play golf or fish - and nobody did so with a guilty conscience! Setting time aside for such activities allows everyone to add some great family fun to the professional program.

How can a program be considered “different” from the usual variety of offerings at other professional meetings? The scientific program presented at the Summer Conference 2000 may provide an example. The topic, “Endodontics: From Success and Failure to Disease Control,” was assigned to three speakers who presented various aspects of it, followed by vigorous discussion by the participants. The fact that the group in attendance was small – less than 50 – probably contributed to the ease with which most

everyone felt free to speak up. The discussions usually continued during the breaks and after the morning sessions were over, and the participants agreed that the program was of great interest to them. (It also helped to have interesting, knowledgeable speakers).

Are there enough interesting topics, not usually presented at other meetings, to allow these Summer Conferences to have a place in the array of meetings available? The Summer Conference 2000 participants thought so and enthusiastically endorsed the notion of planning another one for the summer of 2002. I am pleased that Dr. Fred Goodman has agreed to organize that effort; we will hear more about it soon. I for one look forward to attending the next Summer Conference and hope to see many of you there.

## **Early Bird Info on Summer Conference 2002!**

Fred Goodman, Chairman of Summer Conference 2002, currently is investigating some interesting sites for the meeting. In the running are Lake Tahoe and the Ojai Valley region of California, as well as the Asheville, North Carolina area. Ken Spolnik, Program Chairman, is putting together an-

other informative educational meeting. A lion's share of the hard work already is being done by Steve Cohen, Registration Chairman. At present, we are zeroing in on dates in the first two weeks of August 2002, so block out your calendars now!



## **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee consisted of Drs. Lamar Hicks and Martha Proctor. The following slate of candidates was proposed and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors of the College of Diplomates:

- Director – Dr. George Goodis (to serve years 2001 to 2005)
- Director – Dr. Cindy Rauschenberger (to serve years 2001 to 2005)
- Secretary – Dr. Carl Newton (nominated for an additional year)
- Treasurer – Dr. Eddy Skidmore (nominated for an additional year)
- President-Elect – Dr. James Simon
- Dr. Tom Mork automatically ascends to President

This proposed slate will be submitted for a vote by the full membership at the Annual Business Meeting of the College at the AAE Annual Session in New Orleans.

## Proposed Changes to the COD Bylaws

The Board of Directors of the College of Diplomates has recommended that the Bylaws be amended at the Annual Business Meeting of the College in New Orleans. That meeting is scheduled immediately following the Grossman Luncheon on Thursday, March 29, 2001. A 3/4 vote of the voting membership is required and discussion is limited to the following announced amendments.

These changes provide for the creation of the position of Administrative Secretary and establish the Secretary-Treasurer's office as separate offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

**Article VI, Section 9** (staff section added).

**Section 9. Staff.** The Board of Directors shall employ a salaried staff whose terms and conditions of employment shall be set forth by the Board of Directors and have such duties, responsibilities and authority as delegated from time to time by the President or Board of Directors.

**Article VII, Sections 1 and 3** (Secretary/Treasurer office separated)

**Section 1.** The elected officers of the College shall be a President, President-Elect, and **Secretary/Treasurer (Secretary and Treasurer)**. The Immediate Past President shall also serve as an officer.

### **Section 3. Terms of Office**

**B.** The terms of office for the President and the President-Elect, shall extend through the next Annual Meeting, or until a successor is elected. The **Secretary/Treasurer is (Secretary and Treasurer are)** elected annually, but may serve multiple years as determined to be necessary by the members of the College.

**Article IX, Sections 4, 5 and 6** (Duties of each office described and sections renumbered.) **Original Section 4 deleted.**

**(Section 4. Secretary.** The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, General Assembly and Executive Committee and be responsible for recording, maintaining and publishing the official minutes of those meetings. The Secretary shall see that all notices are duly given in accordance with these bylaws or as requested by law and be custodian of corporate records. He shall also respond to correspondence directed to the Secretary and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the President or Board of Directors.)

**(Section 5. Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors, General Assembly and Executive Committee and have charge and custody of all funds and securities of the College. He shall receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the College from any sources whatsoever and deposit all such moneys in the name of the College in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as shall be determined in accordance with these bylaws. He shall present a quarterly financial report to the Board of Directors and submit a yearly financial statement to the membership at the General Assembly Meeting. He shall evaluate disbursements by employed staff and in general perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the President or

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**Board of Directors.)**

**Section 6. (Previously Section 5)** Directors shall serve on the Board of Directors, assist the officers in the fulfillment of their duties, and perform such other duties for the benefit of the College as may be requested by the President or Board of Directors.

**Article XIV, Section 2** (Secretary deleted). **Checks, Drafts, etc.** All checks, drafts or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the College, shall be signed by such officers, agent or agents of the College and in such manner as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such determination by the Board of Directors, such instruments shall be signed by the **Secretary Treasurer** or another assigned Director.

### **Committee Assignments**

#### Web Site

Dr. Joseph Dvogan, Arizona

#### Summer Conference 2002

Dr. Fredric Goodman, New York  
Dr. Ken Spolnik, Indiana  
Dr. Steve Cohen, California

#### Nominating Committee

Dr. Lamar Hicks, Pennsylvania  
Dr. Martha Proctor, Illinois

### The Louis I. Grossman Memorial Luncheon



**Date:** Thursday, March 29, 2001      **Time:** 12:30pm to 1:45pm  
**Place:** La Nouvelle Ballroom  
 Morial Convention Center  
 New Orleans, Louisiana      **Speaker:** Dr. Harold C. Slavkin

Dr. Harold C. Slavkin is Dean of the University of Southern California School of Dentistry and former Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research of the National Institutes of Health.

**Please be sure to sign up for the luncheon when sending in your general registration form for the AAE Annual Session! The Annual Business Meeting of the College will immediately follow the luncheon in the same ballroom.**

## College-sponsored Seminar in Philadelphia Draws Large Crowd

Seventy-eight endodontists and endodontic residents attended a two-hour seminar sponsored by the College of Diplomates entitled, "Preparing for the Certifying Examinations of the American Board of Endodontics." This seminar was held on Friday evening, September 22, 2000 at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Philadelphia in conjunction with Albert Einstein Medical Center's Academic Review of Endodontology course. Dr. Edward Strittmatter, Jr., a former director of the College from

Centreville, Virginia, and Dr. Lamar Hicks, a past president of the College, shared the presentation duties on behalf of the College of Diplomates. The emphasis for the seminar was on preparing an acceptable case histories portfolio. Immediately after the seminar, the attendees enjoyed an ice cream sundae bar provided by the College. Of particular note, over the last four years more than 350 people have attended this College-sponsored seminar, attesting to the strong interest in board certification in endodontics.

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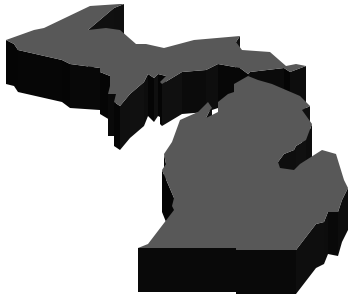


## Loma Linda Hosts Annual Review Course

The seventeenth annual review of endodontic biology was held at Loma Linda University, September 24-25, 2000. The approximately 100 attendees included students from endodontic programs, candidates preparing for board certification, and endodontists and other dentists interested in an update on endodontic biology. A special treat for the candi-

dates was having Dr. Chuck Cunningham, Secretary of the American Board of Endodontics, present a "Mini-Board Walk" the first evening. He explained the certification process and highlighted some of the changes that the ABE has incorporated. The candidates, and some Diplomates who attended the course and also serve as mentors, found the

presentation most helpful. The next Loma Linda Review of Endodontic Biology is scheduled for September 23-24, 2001. Information can be obtained by contacting the Loma Linda University School of Dentistry Continuing Education, 909-558-4685.



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Continuing Dental Education Presents:

## 14th Annual Review of the Biologic and Clinical Aspects of Endodontology

March 15-17, 2001  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

The course is an intensive review of the biologic and related scientific foundations of endodontology with a strong clinical perspective. This course is an ideal review for candidates taking the American Board examinations. However, this course is not limited to endodontists. The scope of topics covered makes this course ideal for dentists who want to expand their knowledge of the biologic principles behind the clinical practice.

Upon completion of the course, participants should have a clear understanding of the biologic reasons for the various diagnostic and clinical procedures in endodontics and be able to scientifically evaluate the efficacy of endodontic procedures based upon published research information.

**LOCATION:** The Michigan League  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

**FEES:** \$595 Dentist  
\$395 Full-time faculty or  
graduate student

**CDE CREDIT:** 19 Hours

**The University of Michigan acknowledges with gratitude the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics for having a reception and informational presentation on Friday evening.**

### **SPEAKERS**

- Thom Dumsha, MS, DDS  
*University of Maryland*
- Jeffrey W. Hutter, DMD, Med  
*Boston University*
- Arthur H. Jeske, PhD, DMD  
*University of Texas at Houston*
- Jonathan A. Ship, DMD  
*New York University*
- Asgeir Sigurdsson, DDS, MS  
*University of North Carolina*
- Jeffrey C.B. Stewart, DDS, MS  
*Oregon Health Sciences University*
- Henry O. Trowbridge, DDS, PhD  
*University of Pennsylvania*
- Richard E. Walton, DMD, MS  
*University of Iowa*
- Mary Rafter, B. Dent., Sc., FFD, MS  
*University of Michigan, Course Director*

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*COD Directors Stuart Fountain (L) and Lamar Hicks (C) talk with Grossman Luncheon speaker Dr. John W. Slocum, Jr., at the AAE Annual Session in Honolulu, Hawaii in April 2000.*



*(L to R) COD Board members Leif Bakland, Eric Rivera and Carl Newton were recently inducted into the International College of Dentists at a formal ceremony held in Chicago in October 2000.*



*New Diplomates pose at the Grossman Luncheon at the Annual Session in Hawaii. All new Diplomates were honored and awarded complimentary membership for one year in the College of Diplomates.*

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