President’s Message

Striving for Excellence

Unforgettable!
That’s how you’ll feel about the AAFP 2010 Scientific Session. Ken Malament and Harold Litvak have pulled together an incredible group of speakers for their program, “On the Wings of Excellence!” World renowned speakers will address outstanding topics and have useful take-home messages. Page 5 in this newsletter outlines our plans in detail. This is one exciting program you definitely do not want to miss!

In addition to the scientific program, the 2010 Table Clinic program will have more presenters than any in Academy history. Flavio Rasetto, Table Clinics Committee chair, has done an excellent job in organizing this year’s program, which will lead to presentation of the first AAFP Table Clinic Awards of Excellence. Stay until the end of the Saturday scientific session to learn who will receive the first Table Clinic Research or the Clinical Award!

Corporate support has become an important part of budget planning for most professional organizations, and the AAFP is no exception. Support from several organizations has augmented our ability to provide an excellent 2010 program. Program sponsors are Astra Tech Inc, Nobel Biocare, Neoss, and Ivoclar Vivadent. Please thank their representatives in the Exhibit Hall in February and throughout the year.

One focus of this group is fellowship. We made an excellent move the right direction for the Thursday business meeting. Jack Lipkin, Meeting Director, has planned the business meeting to be held in a slightly smaller room rather than in the formal fifth floor ballroom. The room will be an ideal place for the Town Hall Meeting. We’re looking forward to trying the new venue to reacquaint, and the evening will be outstanding.

Alex Peregrina, Exhibits Committee chair, has organized a superb Exhibits venue this year. The exhibitors support us by providing an excellent, informal setting for learning and fellowship. Please visit the booths and support them, too. Julie Holloway, Information and Technology chair, has ensured all aspects of the AAFP website is current. She has added new information that supports our longstanding traditions by expanding the past-presidents portion of the site. Thanks to Wayne Campagni’s efforts in collecting biographies of past presidents to reinforce our history of commitment to excellence. Committees have responsibilities that individually and as a group allow the organization to grow. I thank each of the committees and their chairs, who are too numerous to name here, for their accomplishments that have helped the AAFP continue to improve. Each member in the organization can and should play a part in maintaining and increasing the momentum. Get involved! Contact Steve Rosensteil, President-Elect, or me. The AAFP needs enthusiastic committee members as we grow in the coming years!

Planning for the Future

The AAFP needs a well-described outcomes assessment plan that meets its professional and fiscal needs. Ongoing success for any organization involves strategic planning toward a common vision.
The momentum the AAFP has as an organization is remarkable, and that impetus continues simply because we have common interests focused around is remarkable, and that impetus continues simply because we have common interests focused around commitment to learning, research and fellowship. To further advance the discipline of fixed prosthodontics, that momentum should increase.

Although the Academy Mission has been well articulated, an Academy Vision is necessary to strategically plan for the future. As the AAFP leadership changes annually, continuity in reaching goals will be even more effective with a well-articulated plan. Steps to formulate a new, formal plan were initiated at the August 2009 Mid Year meeting.

**Excellence, Passion, Integrity, Collegiality, Discovery, Stewardship**... These are core values that seem to describe the motivations of the AAFP and its members. Values such as these guided our strategic planning. I asked the Executive Committee and Board of Directors to spend significant time drafting the Academy’s Vision and Goals at the Mid Year meeting. These are first steps in evolving an outcomes assessment plan to track future Academy progress. The draft Vision Statement was developed to read as follows:

The Academy will continue to inspire excellence in fixed prosthodontics by supporting educational programs and by recognizing those whose achievements are outstanding.

- The membership of the AAFP shall be comprised of exemplary practitioners of the art and science of fixed prosthodontics who consistently strive for professional growth to improve patient care.
- The AAFP will be recognized as the proud organizer of a preeminent annual meeting for general dentists and specialists to promote growth in the arenas of research, learning, and service.

To achieve this vision, the Academy has the following draft GOALS to be achieved through the year 2020 and beyond:

- provide inspiring experiences for a broad cross-section of the provider population, including the annual meeting, alternative continuing education opportunities, knowledge regarding technological advances in the field, and collaboration with adjunct professional and educational organizations.
- ensure ongoing recognition and growth of Academy programs, including its awards programs, research programs, annual meeting (with services to guests) and corporate collaboration.
- achieve and maintain financial stability, including income and expense analysis, reliable meeting attendance, and gifting and bequests.
- develop the talents of Academy members toward future leadership in the Academy and the profession.
- recruit exemplary individuals who espouse the ideals of the Academy based on criteria for excellence in ethical professional life.

We will revisit the Vision and Goals at the February 2010 meeting and move forward with a more detailed plan of measuring future success of the Academy.

We have a thorough understanding of our finances thanks to the efforts of Robert Kelly, chair for Budget and Finance Committee. Bob evolved a dynamic method for monitoring cash flow supported by the efforts of the Treasurer, Rick Jordan, that has enhanced yearly meeting planning and kept members costs down. With effective cost analysis we will continue to effectively plan. Thanks must also be extended to Ricardo Schwedhelm, who will assume responsibilities of that position in the coming years.

The financial health of the AAFP has been helped in recent years by corporate partnerships. Financial stability in the future will likely maintain with thoughtful collaboration with corporate entities. The extent of this cooperation must be carefully assessed. Members of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee are concerned with a growing dependence on “soft money,” and desired a thoughtful assessment of corporate interactions. The Executive Committee and chair of the Future Planning and Policy Committee are drafting a policy for corporate engagement and an ethical compliance policy to guide future Academy functions. Bob Kelly in his leadership role as President Elect was charged to coordinate actions in policy development.

The Academy has made remarkable progress this year by organizing another outstanding meeting, strengthening corporate relationships, maintaining and improving its member services, and drafting a Vision and Goals for ongoing assessment of Academy successes. With continued improvement efforts for Academy programs, new policies for corporate interactions, and effective outcomes assessment to monitor Academy progress, the future of the AAFP is unquestionably bright.

See you February 26-27, 2010!

Kent Knoernschild

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**Dr. Gerald Ziebert is first recipient of the Garver-Staffanou Prosthodontic Program Director Award for Excellence**

The American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP) has established a new award program, the Garver-Staffanou Prosthodontic Program Director Award for Excellence, in honor of two of our most dedicated members who have recently passed away, Drs. Don Garver and Bob Staffanou. The Committee for the Garver-Staffanou Prosthodontic Program Director’s Award for Excellence is pleased to announce that the first recipient of this award is Dr. Gerald Ziebert. The award will be presented to Dr. Ziebert at the annual meeting of the AAFP in February 2010.

Dr. Ziebert graduated from Marquette University school of Dentistry. He completed his master’s degree and certificate in fixed prosthodontics in 1971, and began teaching full time at Marquette University that same year. In 1974, he became a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. He was appointed Chair of the Department of Fixed Prosthodontics in 1978 and served in various chair positions over the next 20 years as former smaller departments were combined. Since 1978 he has participated in the advanced education program in prosthodontics at Marquette University. He served as program director from 1978 – 1984, from 1989 – 1991 and most recently from 2004 to the present.

STEVE MORGANO
Notes from the Secretary Dr. Denny Smith

On August 24, 1990 – a beautiful morning in Dallas, Texas – I stepped from the elevator of a nicely appointed hotel and walked to my left into a foyer. Dr. Jesse Bullard, later to become President of the Academy, departed the group within which he was in cheerful conversation and came to greet me, a person whom he did not know. Jesse’s warm invitation into the community of Academy leaders has stood as one of the important moments in my professional career, for it made me aware of the humble excellence of which the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics is constituted. That a man of his stature in the profession would be sensitive to the place of an unknown young guest at the principal gathering of Academy leaders left me to understand the depth of wisdom, humility and commitment to rightness that is to be found in the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics. As I continued to sit at Dr. Bullard’s feet, learning of rightful leadership, I came to know him as mentor, as representative of the numerous Academy leaders who have nurtured those who follow them. My role at the 1990 mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors was as a committee chair who had been invited by President Ron Woody to present “a report and proposal on the reorganization of the Tyman Research Grant Program” as recorded in the minutes of that meeting. In an earlier edition of this column I noted the exceedingly high value of the mid-year meetings of the Board as instruments of cultural transfer and of reflective deliberations. So, I note the incident with Dr. Bullard in order to provide narrative context for the introduction of another facet of the leadership structure of the Academy, the costs incurred to realize these twin goals: 1) deliberations regarding overarching goals and operations of the Academy, and 2) the transfer of a culture of excellence from one generation of leaders to the next. As mandated by the Academy’s Standing Rules of Order, the “budgeted expenditures for the mid-year Board of Directors meeting shall not exceed 6% of the annual budget of the Academy” – which, for the 2009-10 Academy budget, is $27,120, a substantial sum. Having previously asserted that this portion of our budget is a very good investment for the Academy, herein I shall address two other issues that are worthy of comment and reflection: budgetary management of mid-year meetings, the historical record, and annual variations in meeting costs.

Budgetary management of mid-year meetings: This section of Notes from the Secretary must be initiated by a statement of gratitude to Dr. Rick Jordan, Academy Treasurer, faithful working partner with whom I share many tasks, and dear friend. On short notice Rick assembled the numerical records from which the data herein were calculated. Thanks, Rick. The mean cost of mid-year meetings from 1998 through 2009 (the years for which I have data) has been $19,942 while the mean Academy operating budget was $371,135. Over these years mean and median expenditures were 5.3% percent of the annual operating budget, ranging from 4.2% to 6.9%. The cost of one mid-year meeting (6.9%) exceeded the 6.0% budgetary limit and this cost was reduced to 6.0% by use of the president’s discretionary fund. Of the other 11 meetings, one reached 6%; six were less than 6% and four cost less than 5%. The mid-year meetings of the Academy have been managed faithfully.

It is useful to note that careful accounting is used in managerial expenses by Academy leaders at all such functions. Two examples serve to explicate this accounting practice. First, hotel services beyond those of basic lodging are separated from the master account and are paid by each attendee at the time she or he departs the hotel. Second, costs for travel, lodging and food additional to that used by officers, directors and invited guests are billed to appropriate officers and directors, and reimbursed to the Academy. During my years of service each Academy leader has been eager to cover the costs incurred by her or his family members who travel to meetings. Annual variations in meeting costs: The cost of mid-year Board meetings has varied dramatically from year to year. Several factors affect meeting costs, prominent among them being: meeting venues, geographic residences of officers and directors, airline travel credits accruing to the Academy via credit card usage, issues that demand the inclusion of invited guests and occasional officer and director absences. Traditionally, the mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors is held in the hometown of the incumbent president. Though this history stretches back beyond my two-decade involvement with the Board, I understand it to be a means by which each president can personally welcome other Academy leaders to her or his environment, thus enabling the personal hosting roles that underlie a rich culture of camaraderie. This practice has been subject to scrutiny by several Academy presidents, occasionally resulting in meeting venues that favor economics over the benefits of personal hosting by the president. As is well known to members of this organization, lodging, meeting room rental and food services are exceedingly more costly in large urban centers than is the case in small cities. Moreover, the trade off between hotel room rates and the other hotel services, such as meeting room rental and food service costs, is complex and variable from year to year. These factors contribute to variations in the year-to-year costs of meetings. The geographic distribution of Board members has been the subject of budgetary decision making. The residences of the preponderance of attendees (e.g. the eastern half of North America versus the western half of North America) can shift the cost of a mid-year meeting or the location of the meeting. The Academy accrues travel credits via its use of credit cards, credits that accrue intermittently, that do not consistently become conveniently usable on a year to year basis, and that vary annually in magnitude with variations in Academy functions. Thus, in some years, several leaders travel to the meeting using travel credits while, in other years, no travel credits are available to support the mid-year meeting. The Academy Treasurer is vigilant in ensuring that such credits are utilized for the greatest benefit to the Academy. Academy program needs vary from year to year, thus the number of invited guests in attendance at the mid-year Board meetings varies in step. Typically, invited guests are chairs of committees in regard to which major decisions are being considered. Finally, occasionally health issues, or other personal matters, result in absences from the meetings of the Board of Directors, thus reducing meeting costs. The previously discussed complex set of major annual variations, along with minor variations in meeting costs, leads to rather dramatic variations in mid-year meeting costs, lead to rather dramatic variations in mid-year meeting costs. A brief excursus is in order to make reference to meetings other than the mid-year meeting of the Board of Directors. As is widely known, the Board meets in February of each year, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Academy. Longstanding practice has been such that there is no provision of travel for any officer, director or committee chair, but with lodging provisions for the time spent at the annual meeting that exceeds the usual three nights lodging of most attendees. Exceptions are Academy officers whose full required lodging is charged to the master account. The specifics of this lodging pattern are present in the Standing Rules of Order. In addition, occasional small meetings – e.g. requesting that the Academy webmaster meet with the webmaster of the Editorial Council of the JPD – are authorized by the Board of Directors or by the President. Such meetings are rare, and are handled in the same manner as the mid-year Board meeting. Returning to the main topic, over the past twenty years I have been privileged to enjoy relationships in the Academy that have permitted me to witness – and to experience – the agony with which Academy presidents have faced the responsibility of providing delightful, comfortable visits for whom they host, while cautiously authorizing the expenditure of members’ funds to support mid-year meetings of the Board. In response to the faithfulness of Academy presidents, the academy Boards have been relaxed in oversight of this particular aspect of the Academy budget, a trust that appears justified by the avoidance of excesses. The positive reflections of an insider not withstanding, nothing that Academy leaders do in their service to the Academy should be exempt from scrutiny by the members of the organization. It is in that spirit that I report on this facet of the leadership structure and function of the Academy. The spirit of Jesse Bullard who, despite having been eligible for life membership for many years, continues to pay full membership dues, who attends meetings regularly, and who continues to inspire those who follow him to serve faithfully, is exemplary of the spirit that has been passing through the Academy leadership for successive generations. It is with such stuff that our – still mostly voluntarily run – academy maintains its success. I encourage you to reflect on Academy leadership, and to engage officers and directors in dialogue about our practices, offering your insights into those practices and into the means by which we can continue to serve the dental community and the public. I will be pleased to relay your insights and concerns to the Board of Directors.

1The American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Newsletter, Vol. 27, No 1, June 2009, p. 3.


3This calculation is: 6% of $452,000, the 2009-10 Academy budget for expenses.


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7:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

7:50am WELCOME
Dr. Kent Knoernschild

8:00am Comprehensive Esthetic Dentistry
Dr. Avi Sadan

8:40am Light Transmission Through All Ceramic Framework Materials
Dr. Dan Edelhoff

9:20am Are Ceramic Implants Alternatives to Titanium Ones?
Dr. Joerg Straub

10:00am BREAK

10:35am Immediate vs. Delayed Socket Placement
What we know, what we don’t know and what we think we know
Dr. Dennis Tarnow

11:20am Prosthetic Rehabilitation: Esthetic and Functional Aspects
Dr. Mauro Fradeani

12:05pm The Accuracy of Multi-Implant Casts Fabricated Using a Segmental Framework Matrix
Tylman First Place Award Winner

12:20pm ANNUAL LUNCHEON

1:50pm Reliably Predicting Performance of New Ceramic Restorative Materials
Dr. Diane Rekow

2:30pm Implant Esthetics and Importance of Provisionalization and Abutment Choice Design: Concentrating on Enhancing Results
Dr. Brahm Miller

3:10pm BREAK

3:40pm What does the future hold for us? A Review of the Edentulous Patient Restored with Implants: Retrospective and Prospective Look
Dr. Carl Driscoll

4:20pm High Strength Ceramics vs. PFM: The Good, The Bad and The Ugly
Dr. Dan Nathanson

5:00pm CLOSING COMMENTS
Drs. Malament and Knoernschild

5:30pm MEMBER & GUEST RECEPTION

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2010

7:00am CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:00am Finding the Best Solutions for Our Patients: Implant Dentistry for Today and Tomorrow
Dr. Stephen Campbell

8:40am Implant Fixed Prosthodontics: How Far Have We Come and How Far Can We Go?
Dr. Neil Meredith

9:25am The Challenges of Managing Hypodontia
Dr. Clark Stanford

10:10am BREAK

10:40am The “Pink” Evolution…*An Esthetic Missing Link…*Options…Limitations…Solutions…
Dr. David Garber

11:20am Surgical Perspectives for Achieving Exceptional Implant Esthetics: A Blueprint for Change
Dr. Sonia Leziy

12:05pm TABLE CLINICS

2:00pm Esthetic Design for Maxillary Complex Cases
Dr. Fernando Rojas Vizcaya

2:24pm Growth Factors for Esthetic Implant Site Placement
Dr. Mark Nevins

3:30pm Complications, Bad results and Patient Expectations in Implant Dentistry
Dr. Tom McGarry

4:15pm TABLE CLINICS AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE
BY-LAWS CHANGES

Dr. Gerald Santulli Parliamentary Assistant

August 2009 Proposed Bylaw and SRO changes for ratification at the February 2010 Business meeting:

The Board of Directors has proposed the following five (I-V) changes to the Bylaws and SRO. These changes will have the effect to redefine process for election and re-election for the offices of Secretary and Treasurer, clarify the committee constituents of the Research in Fixed Prosthodontics Committee, elevate the Garver-Staffanou award from ad-hoc status, rename the Future Planning and Policy committee, and provide lodging for the Site Director during the Annual meeting.

I. Proposed Bylaws changes requiring Academy Secretary and Treasurer to serve notice of intent to be considered for re-election two years prior to end of term.

Section 5: Secretary

The Secretary shall be elected from the Active and Life Membership of The Academy by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual meeting. His/her term shall be limited to four (4) years, after which time he/she must stand for re-election. Re-election shall occur on a two-year alternating cycle with the Treasurer.

To permit incumbency overlap in the office of Academy Secretary, it is necessary for the Secretary to provide notice of her/his desire to be considered for re-election two years prior to the end of her/his term of office. The Nominating Committee can thus present an appropriate candidate for the office in a cycle that will allow the succeeding Academy Secretary to be elected one-year before taking office. Notice of intent is to be presented to the Nominating Committee Chair, with a copy to the Academy President, by March 01, two years before the end of her/his term of office.

He/she shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors with the right to vote and shall serve, on the books of The Academy, true minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings. He/she shall keep safely, in his/her custody, the Seal of The Academy and shall have the authority to affix that Seal to all instruments where its use is required. He/she shall give all notices required by statute, Bylaws, or resolutions. He/she shall perform such other duties as may be delegated to him/her by the Board of Directors.

He/she shall receive a yearly stipend for services rendered. This stipend shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Section 6. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected from the Active and Life Membership of The Academy by a majority vote of those members present and voting at the annual business meeting. The Treasurer’s term of office shall be limited to four (4) years, after which time he/she must stand for re-election. Re-election shall occur on a two-year alternating cycle with the Secretary.

To permit incumbency overlap in the office of Treasurer, it is necessary for the Treasurer to provide notice of her/his desire to be considered for re-election two years prior to the end of her/his term of office. The Nominating Committee can thus present an appropriate candidate for the office in a cycle that will allow the succeeding Treasurer to be elected one-year before taking office. Notice of intent is to be presented to the Nominating Committee Chair, with a copy to the Academy President, by March 01, two years before the end of her/his term of office.

He/she shall attend all meetings of the Board of Directors with the right to vote. He/she shall have custody of all Academy funds and securities and shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements in the books belonging to The Academy. He/she shall deposit all monies, securities, and other valuable effects in the name of The Academy in depositories designated by the Board of Directors. He/she shall dispense the funds of The Academy as ordered by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.

He/she shall render an accounting of all his/her transactions as Treasurer of The Academy to the President and Board of Directors at all regular meetings of the Board or whenever requested by them. In like manner, he/she shall be prepared to submit a compilation financial report prepared by a selected firm of accountants ratified by the Board of Directors, to the President and Board of Directors at any regular meeting of The Academy. In the case of his/her death or removal from office for any cause, all Academy related books, papers, vouchers, monies, and property in his/her possession or control belongs to The Academy.

The Treasurer shall have the sole authority to sign checks for conducting Academy business. For checks exceeding $3000.00, two authorized signatures are required, except for internal transfer of monies from checking to savings. In case of an emergency, the Board of Directors may designate a member of the Board to sign in place of the Treasurer.

He/she shall receive a yearly stipend for services rendered. The stipend shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

II. Proposed Bylaws changes for the Research in Fixed Prosthodontics Committee to add as follows: “The Academy President will appoint the Chairman and, in consultation with the Chair, appoint up to two members of each group on an alternating annual basis.”

The Research in Fixed Prosthodontics Committee shall consist of seven (7) members. The committee will be organized into two groups. Each of the two committee groups will work independently in identifying a subject area and carrying out the responsibilities of the committee. One published manuscript will result annually, with each committee group producing a completed work biannually. Each group will consist of a Chairman, The Academy Editorial Liaison, and four committee members.

Proposed change to include the Meeting Director as a recipient of lodging charged.

Proposed change:

15. Hotel accommodations at the annual meeting to be charged to the master account are as follows:
At the mid-year meeting in Chicago the Nominating Committee recommended to the Board the following slate for approval by the membership at the Annual Meeting:

**VICE-PRESIDENT:**
**Dr. Carl Driscoll**

Dr. Carl F. Driscoll received his DMD from Tufts University in 1977. He completed a General Practice Residency at Ft. Meade, MD in 1978 and received his prosthodontic training at Letterman Army Medical Center in San Francisco in 1986. In 1990, he completed a Fellowship in Maxillofacial Prosthetics at the National Naval Dental School in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Driscoll currently serves as a Professor at the University of Maryland Dental School and as Director of the Prosthodontic Residency. He previously held the same position with the United States Army at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC from 1994-1997. Dr. Driscoll is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Driscoll is also a member of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Dr. Driscoll has been a member of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics since 1988 and has served as Table Clinic Chair, Chair of the Scientific Program (2009) and on the Board of Director of the Academy.

**DIRECTOR**
**Dr. Hiroshi Hirayama**

Dr. Hiroshi Hirayama is currently a Professor, the interim department chair of the Department of Prosthodontics and Operative Dentistry, the division head of the Postgraduate Prosthetics division in Department of Prosthodontics and Operative dentistry, and Director of the Graduate and Postgraduate Prostodontics program, Director of Advanced Education in Esthetic Dentistry program and Director of Advanced dental Technology and Research program at Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He received his Master’s degree and a certificate in Prosthodontics from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. He lectures nationally and internationally and published extensively on peer review journals.

**DIRECTOR:**
**Dr. Stanley Vermilyea**

Dr. Vermilyea earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from Portland State College in 1970, his DMD from the University of Oregon Dental School in 1971, a Master’s degree in Dental Materials from the University of Michigan in 1976 and a Certificate in Prosthodontics from Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington D.C. in 1985. During his twenty-one year career in the United States Army he served as a dental intern, general dental officer, research officer, Chief of the Division of Dental Materials at the U.S. Army Institute of Dental Research in Washington, D.C., Chief of the Prosthodontics Service and Deputy Commander of the United States Army Dental Activity in the Republic of Panama, Chief of the Removable Prosthodontics Service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington D.C. and Co-Director of the Advanced Education Program in Prosthodontics at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Upon retirement, Dr. Vermilyea served as an Assistant and Associate Professor and Chair of the Section of Primary Care at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. Currently he is the Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. He currently maintains a private practice within the College. He has lectured nationally and internationally on the subjects of dental materials and prosthodontics and has co-authored one book chapter and published over fifty articles and abstracts in refereed journals.
LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

CHANGE IN LOCATION FOR THE THURSDAY EVENING MEMBER DINNER AND BUSINESS MEETING

In the past few years, the Thursday evening Member Registration, Member Dinner and Business Meeting for the Annual Meeting has taken place on the 5th floor of the Chicago Marriott Downtown. For the 2010 Annual Meeting, these events will take place on the 4th floor of the hotel. The rooms for the reception and the dinner/member meeting are located east (toward Michigan Avenue) of the elevators. The reception will be in the Halsted Room and the dinner will take place in the adjoining Marriott Ballroom. Both rooms have lower ceilings than the 5th floor rooms and are nicely decorated which will provide a cozier atmosphere for catching up with colleagues.

KENNETH GEHRKE