

# THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FIXED PROSTHODONTICS



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**President**

Dear Members

This spring brought with it much uncertainty and instability for Academy members. The COVID-19 pandemic caused an unprecedented crisis, the likes of which we have never had to face. All of our members, here in the U.S. and internationally, are significantly affected by social distancing regulations, lock down and shelter in place orders, and closure of all non-essential businesses. We recognize that this caused a significant negative impact on the social and financial well-being of our members.

The AAFP Board of Directors held an emergency meeting on April 15, 2020 to discuss the negative impact of COVID-19 on the Academy and Academy members. A focal point of discussion was Academy membership dues and how we, as an Academy, can help our members during this crisis. As a result, the Board of Directors decided unanimously to institute a one-time reduction in the 2020 membership renewal fee for Academy members. The reduced membership fee is now \$685 for U.S. members and \$725 for international members. Online renewal for membership begins end of May and first paper invoices are sent in early June.

Given the difficulties many of our members are going through during this crisis, we will also work with Academy members on an individual basis to ensure that their membership does not lapse. Dr. Doug Phillips (dbpaafp@gmail.com), Academy Treasurer and Secretary of Guests, is committed to assist if you have any questions and concerns about membership dues payment.

The COVID-19 pandemic is changing so much of our life and is likely to have a long-lasting impact on the Academy and the profession. In our summer (August, 2020) meeting, the Board of Directors will discuss ways to mitigate the impact of temporary reduction in fees on Academy finances. We at the AAFP remain committed to supporting our members during this time of crisis.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Radi Masri'.

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