



## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

The COVID-19 pandemic is impacting our lives in ways we did not think were possible. The number of affected individuals continues to grow and mitigation efforts of social distancing and travel restrictions persist nationally and internationally. These conditions are likely to have long lasting impact on Academy activities in the years to come and may require the implementation of new ideas to evolve and adapt to new realities.

Based on survey responses from our members and current conditions, the Board of Directors unanimously decided not to hold the 2021 AAFP Annual Meeting *physically* and to cancel the poster session. Instead, we will continue to engage our members utilizing online tools to disseminate knowledge and allow academy members a forum for intellectual professional exchanges. To this end, the AAFP will deliver a no cost monthly online continuing education program from February, 2021 until December, 2021. The details of this program will be available on the AAFP website in the next few weeks.

The annual meeting has always served as a platform to acknowledge leadership changes, elevate officers, appoint new directors, introduce new AAFP members, and announce AAFP awards. On Thursday, February 25, 2021, the Academy will hold its Annual Member's Business Meeting online to discuss Academy activities and to elevate officers and introduce new directors. We plan to acknowledge all 2021 award recipients at the 2022 annual meeting.

The Board of Directors decided that membership dues paid for 2020-2021 will be extended to cover dues for next year FY 2021-2022, effectively waiving dues for the current fiscal year. However, academy members will be required to pay a fee to defray the reduction of membership dues instituted in 2020, AAFP ongoing administrative expenses, and the JPD subscription fees. These fees will be due in July 2021.

As we have done in the past, we will continue to work with Academy members on an individual basis to ensure that their membership fees do not cause any undue hardship. Dr. Doug Phillips (dbpaafp@gmail.com), the Academy Treasurer and Secretary of Guests, is committed to assist if you have any questions and concerns about membership dues payment.

As we navigate these unprecedented times, I am thankful for the continued support of our members and the wise leadership of the Board of Directors. I am cautiously optimistic that medical advances and the development of vaccines will bring this pandemic under control in the next few months. I wish you and your families the best during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

**Radi Masri**  
**AAFP President**

# Nominee for Vice President

Dr. Sarit Kaplan



Dr. Kaplan received her DMD degree from the Hadassah Dental School at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel in 1994.

She practiced as a general dentist prior to starting the prosthodontic residency at the University of Maryland in 1997. Dr. Kaplan completed her prosthodontic residency in 2000, as well as receiving her Master's Degree in Oral Biology.

Dr. Kaplan joined a multi-specialty private practice in Bethesda, Maryland as an associate and has been practicing there ever since. In 2008, Dr. Kaplan became the managing partner of this office and has expanded it to triple its original size. During most of this period, she also served as a part-time Clinical Assistant Professor in the prosthodontic residency at University of Maryland.

Dr. Kaplan is the Dental Director of the Hebrew Home of The Greater DC and also served for two years as the President of the American College of Prosthodontists' Maryland Section.

Dr. Kaplan has attended every American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics annual meeting since 1998 and became a member in 2001. Dr. Kaplan served for 6 years as the Chair of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics Poster Program, 3 years on the Board of Directors of the Academy and currently serves as the Chair of the Baker Award Committee. She is Program Co-Chair of the 2023 Scientific Session.

Dr. Kaplan is a member of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP), where she served on a variety of committees. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of the ACP, a member of the ADA and multiple Washington DC local organizations. Dr. Kaplan has been a mentor to multiple pre-dental, dental and post graduate prosthodontics students throughout her career.

# Nominees for Board of Directors



**Dr. Ken Jenn-Hwan Chen** is an associate clinical professor in the predoctoral Implant Clinic and advanced education in Prosthodontics at Texas A&M University College of Dentistry. He also practices in private dental offices. Dr. Chen received his BS from University of Washington. He received his DMD from Temple University School of Dentistry, Certificate in AEGD from University of Texas Houston branch, Certificate in Prosthodontics and MS in Oral Science from Baylor College of Dentistry and is also a certified dental technician. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of American College of Prosthodontists, a member of American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP) and a member of National Dental Laboratory Association. Dr. Chen received Spear Education grant from National Dental Laboratory Association. His service to the Academy includes serving on Tylmann Research Committee and as secretary and chair of the Credential Committee. Dr. Chen has publications in peer-reviewed journals and also serves as an ad hoc reviewer for Journal of Operative Dentistry. His research interests includes dental materials, implant dentistry and related area.



**Dr. Darshanjit (Dj) Singh Pannu** is an Associate Professor and Program Director of Advanced Education in Prosthodontics at The Dental College of Georgia, Augusta University. Dr. Pannu received his dental degree from Manipal College of Dental Sciences, Mangalore, India and NYU School of Dentistry. He received his Certificate in Prosthodontics from The Dental College of Georgia, Augusta University. Dr Pannu is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics, a Fellow of American College of Prosthodontists, and a member of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP). His service to the AAFP includes participation in the Claude R. Baker Teaching Award Committee, Chairing the Research in Fixed Prosthodontics research committee and the Exhibit committee and serving as the Editorial Liaison to the JPD.

# From The Treasurer

Dr. Douglas B. Phillips  
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The coronavirus pandemic has impacted the operations of the AAFP significantly this year, and the Board of Directors has and is making adjustments in our normal operations to meet member's needs and continue to fulfill the mission of the Academy. As President Masri highlights in his message, the annual meeting will be replaced with a series of monthly continuing education seminars. Please continue to check the website and your email account for more updates. Please make sure your profile information is accurate when you access the Academy website to avoid missing important updates about our future activities related to continuing education for 2021.

If you find that your current financial situation will not allow you to pay your dues by the end of this year, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE ABOVE EMAIL ADDRESS. You will receive or may have received dues notices as reminders to help you maintain your active membership status in the AAFP. If you are considering retirement or not renewing your membership in the AAFP, please check the qualifications for life membership that are at [www.fixedprosthodontics.org](http://www.fixedprosthodontics.org). Life members do not pay annual dues after they have applied for that status and have been approved by the BOD for Life Membership Status.

## **DUES (USD) (reduced by the BOD for this year)**

Active US Members	685.00
Active INTERNATIONAL Members	725.00

# From The Webmaster

Dr. Sangeetha Raghavendra  
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Members, please **update your profile information** (including current email and mailing address) by logging in to your member account on the website: [www.fixedprosthodontics.org](http://www.fixedprosthodontics.org) to ensure continued communications and the delivery of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

If you are in need for any assistance on the website, please contact the webmaster at [admin@fixedprosthodontics.org](mailto:admin@fixedprosthodontics.org).

## Annual Member's Business Meeting

February 25, 2021

Although the Academy will not hold its 2021 Annual Scientific Session, we will hold the Member's Business Meeting. At this online meeting, we will discuss Academy activities and elevate officers and introduce new directors. Please mark your calendar and join the fellow members. More details to come.