

President's Message

Dear Friends,

As another year draws to a close, I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your President and to connect with all of you once again. The Academy continues to thrive and remains strong, promoting education, research, camaraderie, and excellence in patient care. The Academy's volunteer-run model continues to be a cornerstone of our success. Throughout my years of involvement on the Board and various committees, I can truly say that the commitment of our Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs and Members is evident as their collective efforts culminate in a world-class annual meeting and what makes the Academy great. This year is no exception. The upcoming 74th annual meeting led by Program Chairs Dr. Jack Lipkin and Dr. Darshanjit Pannu, **World of Prosthodontics - an Interdisciplinary Journey** encompasses speakers who will present concepts and clinical techniques based on scientific evidence and their expert experience to enhance a provider's ability to plan, consult, refer, sequence, and achieve success in addressing a wide variety of complex patient care needs. Additionally, workshop co-chairs Dr. Dima Ghunaim and Dr. Alexander Bendayan have worked very hard to put together two value-added workshops, sponsored by Imagine USA and Nobel Biocare. The Academy continues to connect with the global prosthodontic community. Led by Immediate Past-President Dr. Sarit Kaplan, we are finalizing plans for a joint meeting with our Italian colleagues in Rome, Italy, from November 6th to 8th, 2025.

This year, we embarked on moving forward with a transformative journey that began shortly after the pandemic, prompting Academy leaders to explore strategic measures to chart a course for the future of our organization and strengthen our position as a leader in Prosthodontics. In consultation with legal counsel, the strategic recommendation to merge with the American Prosthodontic Society (APS) was announced after over four years of a thorough due diligence review with the main goal of preserving the rich traditions and best practices of both organizations. The respective boards of directors supported this careful and deliberate process that culminated in their unanimous endorsement of the strategic recommendation. This *proposed* merger aims to strengthen our collective voice, expand our resources, and enhance our ability to serve our members and advance the field of Prosthodontics.

Looking ahead, I call upon all members to review the Plan of Merger, which outlines the strategic recommendation to create a new nonprofit entity, the American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry (AAPD), combining the memberships and assets of the AAFP and APS. It is crucial that all members who will be attending the Annual Meeting be present at the Business Meeting to cast their vote on the Plan of Merger. If the merger is approved by the memberships of both organizations, it will take effect on March 30th, 2026. This timeline allows for a thorough transition process, addressing concerns, incorporating suggestions, and refining policies for the new organization. We look forward to your help and involvement during the transition period, as your support, dedication, and feedback are essential to the future of our organization.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Chicago. Wishing you and your families a very Happy New Year 2025!

Sincerely,
Sangeetha Raghavendra

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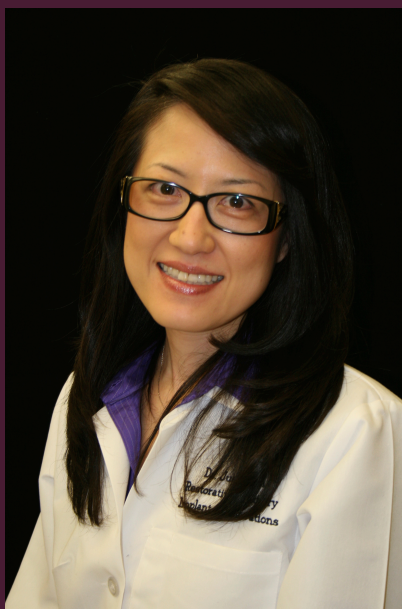
All AAFP members who will be attending the Annual Meeting are requested to be present at the Business Meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 4:30pm to cast their vote on the Plan of Merger.

Please review the Plan of Merger, which outlines the strategic recommendation to create a new nonprofit entity, the American Academy of Prosthetic Dentistry (AAPD), combining the memberships and assets of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics (AAFP) and the American Prosthodontic Society (APS).

**The Plan of Merger and additional documents are available on the Academy website:
www.fixedprosthodontics.org**

Nominee for Vice President

Dr. Judy Yuan



Dr. Judy Chia-Chun Yuan is a tenured Professor and the Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs at the University of Illinois Chicago, College of Dentistry. She received her BA from the University of California at Berkeley. She received her DDS, Certificate in Prosthodontics, and MS in Oral Sciences from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She subsequently participated as an ITI Scholar in Bern, Switzerland. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists. Dr. Yuan also completed MAS in Population Health Management from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has co-authored more than 85 peer-reviewed papers. She is currently a member of the Editorial Review Board for the Journal of Prosthodontics and serves on the Editorial Council for the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry.

Dr. Yuan has been a member of the AAFP since 2009 and has been actively involved in several committees over the years. She served as Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee from 2015 to 2020, a member of the Board of Directors from 2020 to 2023, and co-chair of the Pre-Meeting Workshop for 2023-2024. Currently, she serves as Chair of both the Claude R. Baker Award Committee and the Exhibits Committee. Dr. Yuan was also the recipient of the Stanley D. Tylman Award (2nd Place) and the Claude R. Baker Award for Excellence in Teaching Predoctoral Fixed Prosthodontics.

Nominees for Board of Directors



Dr. Lauren Bolding earned her DDS from NYU College of Dentistry. She went on to obtain advanced education in Prosthodontics and a MS degree from the Prosthodontic Residency Program at the University of Maryland. She also completed a Maxillofacial Prosthetics and Dental Oncology Fellowship program at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York and became a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics in 2012. She later obtained a MS degree in Orofacial Pain and Oral Medicine from the University of Southern California.

Dr. Bolding is a past President of the American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) – Maryland Chapter. Prior to that, she served as Treasurer for the same chapter. She most recently has served as Program Chair for the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics annual conference in 2024. Dr Bolding is also a board member for the Foundation for Facial Recovery, which educates healthcare providers, patients and the public about effective treatments for facial palsy and TMD disorders.



Dr. Gillian Brewer Alexander Hazboun, a Western New York native, attended Hamilton College where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. She received her DDS from the University at Buffalo, School of Dental Medicine and her Certificate in Prosthodontics and Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland Dental School. She received her board certification in 2013.

She maintains a private practice in Orchard Park, NY and is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the post-graduate Prosthodontics program at the SUNY Buffalo School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Alexander is a member of the American Dental Association, the New York State Dental Association, the Eighth District Dental Society, the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, and a fellow of the American College of Prosthodontics. She has been a member of the AAFP Credentials Committee since 2023 and chair of the AAFP Garver-Staffanou Award Committee since 2021. She is the current co-president of the Southtowns Dental Study Club and has presented at both local and national dental meetings.

She is a former equestrian, enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, and skiing.

From the Treasurer (2024-2025)

Dr. Anthony R. Kritkauský (arkaafp@gmail.com)

I would like to say what a great honor it is to serve as your new Treasurer. When I first joined the academy back in 2007, during my interview, the Credentials Committee members asked me if I would possibly be willing to take on some of the Academy's "volunteer" positions someday. At the time as a new Academy member, I said that I would. If I only knew back then, what I know now... Here I am!

Becoming the Treasurer is not a position that can be assumed overnight. It is a very complex and time intensive position, and it requires a somewhat lengthy transition period. The current Treasurer must spend a lot of time teaching the position to the new incoming Treasurer. There are multiple timetables that must be met, and there are many other associated tasks that are linked to the position. If it wasn't for Dr. Douglas Phillips, my transition to Treasurer would not have gone as smoothly as it has. Dr. Phillips worked extraordinarily hard to make sure that this would occur in an efficient manner without becoming overwhelming. I saw the meticulousness, and dedication that Dr. Phillips had while being our Treasurer. The many hours that he put into the position were instrumental in placing the Academy in the sound financial position that it is in today. We owe a lot to his diligence. I would like to say thank you to Dr. Phillips for all of his effort and hard work, which may be unrecognized by some, and thank him for all his time, effort, and kindness in making this transition as smooth as possible. Doug, thank you for all that you have done for me and the Academy!

As was stated at the February members meeting, we are in a financially strong position. As a result, we continue to do everything that we can to keep your future dues as low as possible. At the same time, we see an increase in expenses related to hosting the Annual Scientific Session, and the Board seeks to minimize those to the extent possible.

At this summer AAFP Board of Directors meeting, we reviewed the financial reports and updated the budget for this fiscal year to offset the increase in meeting costs. Meeting registration fees were also reviewed and adjusted to offset these cost increases.

Here are the 2025 meeting registration fees (USD) **Before February 1, 2025**
(Additional \$100 late fee will be applied after February 1, 2025):

Life Members	685.00
Friday only	490.00
Saturday only	450.00
Guest Doctors	1450.00
Guest/Staff	780.00
US Grad Student Pros	350.00
Non-Pros Grad Student/Fellows	590.00
International Pros Student	590.00
Dental Students	590.00
Poster Presenters	210.00

Active members MUST register to avoid delays for their name badge.

WORKSHOP INTENSIVES ON THURSDAY FEB. 20, 2024 (meeting registration not required to attend workshop courses)

Non -Student Doctor/Staff	300.00
Pros Grad Student/Fellows	150.00

I am optimistic about the potential merger between the AAFP and APS. If this should occur, I can see it only strengthening the Academy even further. The Academy will face less competition for membership, and of particular concern recently, face less competition for vendors and exhibitors during that busy week of dental meetings in Chicago.

I would like to welcome our new members to the Academy, and hope you enjoy the meetings and camaraderie of the Academy for many years to come. I hope to see everyone at the February 2025 meeting, and if you should have any inquiries for me, I welcome you to reach out to me using the contact information posted on the AAFP website. One last thing I ask, is that everyone please update your Academy profile on the website if you have any changes. Thank you!

2025 AAFP Annual Scientific Session

“The World of Prosthodontics – An Interdisciplinary Journey”

Program Co-Chairs: Drs. Jack Lipkin and Darshanjit Pannu

[Register here for the meeting](#)

Early bird registration deadline: February 1, 2024

February 20, 2025 (Workshops - Click on the workshop titles below to register)

New Innovations in Implant Site Preparation & Design: Utilization of the New N1 Implant

Sponsored by: **Nobel Biocare**, Presenter: **Dr. Dr. Bobby Birdi** (8am to 12pm)

All-on-X Excellence: Integrating Recorded Jaw Motion and Digital Design for Predictable Outcomes

Sponsored by: **Imagine USA**, Presenter: **Dr. Mike DeFee** (12pm to 4pm)

4:30pm: Members Annual Business Meeting & Welcome Reception

February 21, 2025

Dr. Rhodri Thomas: An Aesthetic Journey: Creating Beauty by Recreating Nature

Dr. Galip Gurel: Past, Present, Future of Esthetic Dentistry

Dr. Petra Gierthmuehlen: Minimally Invasive Dentistry: From Myth to Evidence

Dr. Daniel Edelhoff: Evolution of Zirconia Ceramics - From Traditional to Gradient Technology

Dr. Rodrigo Neiva: Building a Solid Foundation for Oral Rehabilitation with LASSO GBR

Dr. Lesley David: The Realities of Zygomatic Implants in Maxillary Rehabilitation

Dr. Brian Goodacre: Digital Dentures for the Implant Patient

February 22, 2025

Dr. Gary Klasser: Occlusion and Temporomandibular Disorders

Dr. Rebecca Bockow: The Healthy Face - Evaluating and Creating Harmony Between the Lips, Tongue, Joints, Periodontium, Airway, and Teeth

Dr. Jamieson Spencer: Bruxism's Possible Connection to Sleep Apnea: Known for Decades, but Still Mostly Ignored

Dr. Taiseer Sulaiman: Clinical & Science-Based Elements of Lithium Disilicate & Zirconia Restorations. What Every Dental Professional Must Know!

Dr. John Kois: Analog to Digital Occlusion: Are We Ready?

Dr. Rella Christensen: Dental Caries: New Methods Reveal New Insights Relevant to Clinical Treatments

Dr. Rade D Paravina: Color in Esthetics - Biometric Disruption, Bench to Chairside

Dr. Ariel Raigrodski (Reserve): The Evolution of Zirconia from a Framework to a Monolithic Restorative Material- An Evidence-Based Clinical Perspective

Dr. Tom Taylor (Reserve): Myths in Implant Dentistry



SAVE THE DATE

**Joint meeting in Rome, Italy
November 7-8, 2025**

Theme - Biology, Digital and AI in Dental Medicine: Facts and Perspectives

Moderators - Dr. Lino Calvani, Dr. Sarit Kaplan, Dr. John Agar

Speakers

**ANDREA PILLONI
THOMAS D. TAYLOR
CARLO ERCOLI
FRANK TUMINELLI
GIANLUCA PANIZ
UELI GRUNDER
AVINASH BIDRA
AKANKSHA SRIVASTAVA
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**Please stay tuned for more details at the Academy Website:
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