



2007-2008

Annual Report

American Association of Endodontists



Expanding the World of Endodontics

A Message From the President



Dear Colleagues,

“Am I better off than I was a year ago?”

Every so often, we use this question to put our lives into perspective. Its elegant simplicity invites us to consider matters personal and professional, global and local. Whichever lens we choose, we take the opportunity to challenge our measures of success and assess our position within our community.

As you'll read throughout this report, you will see that the AAE has reflected on its status in the past year and can resoundingly say “Yes!” – we are better off than one short year ago. We are the beneficiaries of hard work and dedication from endodontists around the world. From raising public awareness to leading pioneering research that continually enhances our specialty, we remain committed to expanding the world of endodontics.

A chief accomplishment was the launch this spring of a bold initiative to provide continuing endodontic education to members. The AAE Live Learning Center now provides clinicians across the globe with a one-stop repository of complete session recordings—full audio, slides and course handouts—from the finest Annual Session lecturers and educators. Starting with the 2009 Annual Session, this collection will be expanded to provide access to CE credit in multiple formats, with content being added from the Fall Conference and other resources throughout the year. The Live Learning Center gives each of us the flexibility to use exceptional AAE educational resources on our own schedule and in a way most comfortable to us, and is a testimony to the efforts of AAE leadership to elevate the Association as an educational leader in endodontics.

Taking a proactive posture has also positively contributed to the science of the specialty. In fall 2007, the AAE presented our first joint meeting with another organization. Partnering with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry, a sold-out symposium on pulp biology was a resounding success. Nationally and internationally renowned clinicians and scientists came together to describe and debate the current controversies in managing the vital pulp, with full results published in a first-ever supplement to the *Journal of Endodontics*. This activity also emphasizes that, by coming together as a profession, we can achieve new levels of scientific excellence.

Partnering with other groups allows us to leverage strengths for maximum benefit, and opens doors to opportunities that otherwise may not be available. This past year, through collaboration with DENTSPLY Tulsa Dental Specialties, the AAE has built a valuable and comprehensive tool to educate general dentists on endodontics. The newly produced DVD series features science, education and referral messaging on topics including treatment planning, instrumentation, microbiology, retreatment and obturation that will help you groom and grow an educated referral network while strengthening your role as a leading specialist. It is now available exclusively to endodontists thanks to this year's efforts.

The public awareness campaign also has been a source of great success during the past year. As many of us can attest, patients may not know of a dentist who specializes in root canal treatment until they reach our office. However, with original media initiatives including Root Canal Awareness Week, and proactive nationwide radio and print media outreach, we have increased positive media coverage of the specialty by 105 percent in the past year, and 360 percent since the campaign's launch in 2004!

The state of AAE's finances was raised as an issue at the Vancouver General Assembly and I can report that the consensus of the AAE Board of Directors is that our finances remain in good order. As you will see on page 10, the budget for 2007-2008 came in almost exactly as expected, which was a small deficit as a result of rescheduling a Board meeting from August to June, and thus occurring in the 2007-2008 budget year rather than the 2008-2009 budget. The AAE received a clean audit for the sixth year in a row, and the firm that conducted the independent audit in August did not have any recommendations for changes. There is no indication of any inappropriate transactions in the AAE finances. The budget approval and review process involves members on committees and the Board of Directors, Headquarters staff, our auditors and financial consultants. A system of checks and balances maintains the integrity of our finances and you can be assured that your money is well managed by your leadership.

Looking back gives us insight into where we stand today and where we are moving in the future. I want to personally thank the entirety of the AAE family for your hard work and diligence in cultivating programs and services over the past year, and for the vision leading to the many more exciting things to come. We are all reaping the benefits of your efforts, and I have been honored to serve as your president.

Warm regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Sheep Goldstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shepard S. Goldstein, D.M.D.

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We would like to thank the following volunteers who generously gave of their time to lead the organization in 2007-2008:



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Committee Members

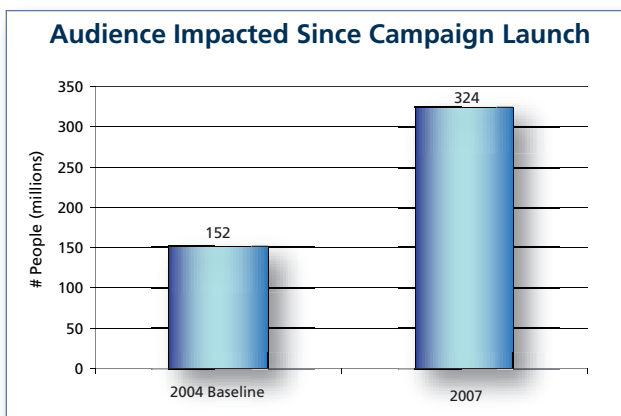
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Public Awareness Campaign

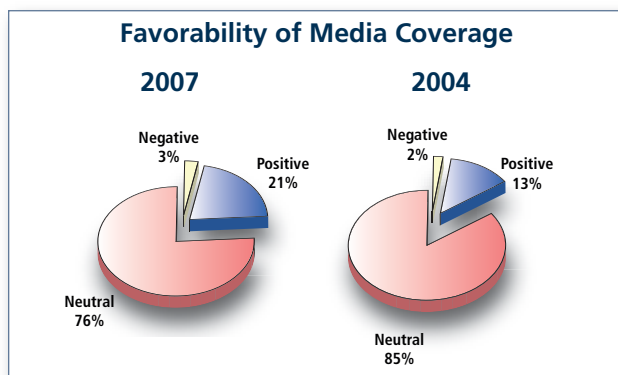
How Far We've Come

In 2004, the AAE launched a campaign focused on increasing awareness of the specialty to four distinct audiences—consumers, general dentists, dental educators and dental students. Based on our most recent survey data, 49 percent of consumers would prefer to get a root canal from a specialist, a two percent increase over a baseline survey. While two percent may not seem significant, it represents approximately five million potential patients. The campaign expects an upcoming consumer survey to show an additional increase of two percent to 51 percent. That would signify an overall five percent increase over the past four years. Similar benchmarks have been established for the other audiences and are being closely monitored by the AAE Board of Directors and the Public and Professional Affairs Committee.

At the same time, the level of media attention the campaign has attracted since its inception has been impressive. In 2007-2008 alone, the campaign achieved 3,778 media placements with an impact of 324 million impressions, which represents an increase in impact of 50 percent since the launch of the campaign in 2004.



Just as important as the number of articles is the favorable tone of their messages regarding root canal treatment. In the past year, 21 percent of all endodontic-related articles were positive, while 76 percent were neutral in tone. Positive coverage focused on the evolution of endodontics through new technologies to make root canal treatment painless and efficient. Before the launch of the campaign, only 13 percent of media coverage of the specialty was positive and 85 percent was neutral. AAE-controlled messages appeared in 18 percent of the articles, up seven points from the previous year, which may explain the eight percent increase in favorability of published articles.



Prominent outreach activities this past year included *Root Canal Awareness Week 2008: Watch Your Mouth!*, encouraging mouth guard use for all student athletes. Key coverage appeared in leading outlets such as the *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Tampa Tribune* and WCBS-TV (New York). Additional coverage included an audio news release broadcasted 904 times on radio stations nationwide and a prewritten news article published in 108 local newspapers to date.

The AAE also took the opportunity to reach out to new dentists across the country, promoting the AAE and local endodontists as ongoing resources as they begin their dental careers. A one-page flyer and cover letter were sent to nearly 5,000 new dentists.



In addition, a Practice Promotion Idea of the Month e-newsletter was launched in October 2007. Guided by the Public and Professional Affairs Committee, these e-mail briefs provide members with easy-to-implement and affordable ideas to promote their practices to referring dentists. All issues of the newsletter are archived on the AAE Web site at www.aae.org.

2008 Annual Session

The 2008 Annual Session was held outside of the United States for the first time since 1984. Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, provided a perfect global venue for this year's event, held April 9 – 12, with more than 3,100 in attendance and 98 companies exhibiting.

Highlights of the meeting, which was appropriately themed *Expanding the World of Endodontics*, included the debut of the Live Learning Center, which offered online access to educational content for nearly all sessions, including free downloads of speaker handouts. In addition, all AAE members were provided with complimentary access to a Webcast of the Pre-Session Symposium on *Emerging Strategies in the Management of Post-Treatment Endodontic Disease* the week following the meeting.

On site, attendees enjoyed several social events, including the ever-popular International and Welcome Receptions, and a jovial atmosphere was enjoyed at the President's Dinner, which featured comedian Dana Carvey.

For Residents

St. Louis University hosted the third annual APICES conference for residents on July 27 – 29, 2007. Leading endodontic experts presented valuable educational courses to a total of 125 residents from 31 endodontic programs nationwide, along with presentations from AAE, AAE Foundation, American Board of Endodontics and College of Diplomates leaders.

Residents also had the opportunity to assemble during a career fair and reception at the 2008 Annual Session. More than 30 employers from across the country participated and networked with a number of prospective employees.

Corporate Community Conference

On an annual basis, corporate leaders from across the dental profession gather in Chicago to share matters of mutual interest with Association leadership. Often, these discussions lead to dynamic partnerships and benefits for the entire specialty. The August 2007 Corporate Community Conference brought together 25 representatives from industry and AAE leaders to discuss a variety of topics including implants, regenerative endodontics and improving referral relationships.



Educator Workshop

The 2007 Educator Workshop, sponsored by the AAE Foundation in August, was geared toward program directors. Participants discussed a variety of topics focused around evidence-based information, as well as an open dialogue on the future of endodontic education. As a result of these discussions, a majority of the participants agreed to implement standardized application and acceptance dates for their programs beginning in 2008. This will allow applicants flexibility and an opportunity to evaluate more programs to make better informed decisions, while program directors will have the opportunity to better evaluate their applicant pool and thereby offer positions to the best applications for their specific programs.

Pulp Biology Symposium

In November 2007, the AAE partnered with the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry to offer *Emerging Science in Pulp Therapy: New Insights Into Dilemmas and Controversies* in Chicago. The sold-out symposium featured internationally recognized clinicians and scientists who worked in collaboration with attendees to develop recommendations for best practices in the management of all cariously involved teeth.

Leadership Events

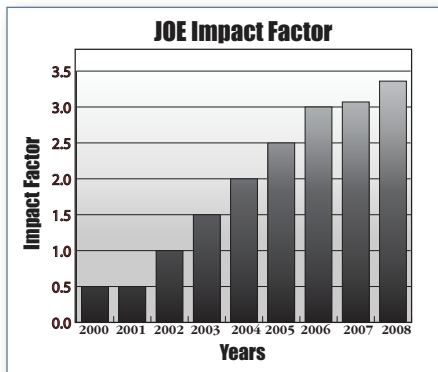
The Board of Directors held a special meeting in June 2008 in Dallas, Texas, to address key issues facing the specialty and to participate in team-building activities. That same month, the Governmental Affairs Committee hosted the inaugural Emerging Leaders Conference in Chicago. Discussion leaders provided guidance to nine endodontist participants on the significant roles they could play in organized dentistry. These endodontists are now being mentored to assume leadership positions in matters about which they are passionate.



Programs and Services

Journal of Endodontics

For the second straight year, the *Journal of Endodontics* received recognition from the scientific community, with an increase in its impact factor from 3.07 in 2007 to 3.36 in 2008. Impact factor is a measure of the frequency with which the “average article” in a journal has been cited in a given period of time.



Members now have online access to the entirety of the *JOE* library dating back to its inaugural issue in 1975. More than 4,000 full clinical articles and abstracts are available for download.

Another online-only feature of the *Journal* is an *Endodontic Study Guide* comprised of 32 subjects and 137 clinical subtopics that list a total of 1,690 major papers in clinical endodontics. The topics focus on important subject matter that endodontists are trained to address and incorporate into their armamentarium, including single-visit endodontics, lasers, immunology and traumatic injuries.

Resulting from the joint AAE/AAPD 2007 Pulp Biology Symposium, a first-ever supplement to the *JOE* was published in July 2008. The special issue details findings from pre- and post-symposium surveys of participants, as well as the results from the conference itself. Also included are evidence-based research articles presented during the symposium from leading researchers and clinicians.

Endodontic Education

Learning more about advanced specialty programs in endodontics has become a one-click endeavor. An online database was established in 2007 and offers program descriptions, requirements and contact information for each endodontic program. This information was provided by program directors and will be updated annually. The tool is designed for students and general dentists looking to join a program and also for faculty recruitment. It is accessible in both the Dental Professionals, and Residents and New Practitioners sections of the AAE Web site at www.aae.org.

Educators remain the frontline for the future of the specialty, and the Association is committed to providing high-quality resources to aid in their mission. This year, the online Educator Center was redesigned to provide materials essential for all current and prospective educators, including an evidence-based research database, mentor program guidelines, surveys and other resources.

New Products

In order to be in compliance with revised guidelines from the American Heart Association, the Clinical Practice Committee revised the Association's *Quick Reference Guide to Antibiotic Prophylaxis*. The guidelines can be downloaded from the AAE Web site and now provide valuable information regarding when endodontists should prescribe antibiotics to patients (prior to or following treatment) based on a comprehensive review of published studies.

The Association also partnered with DENTSPLY Tulsa Dental Specialties to provide an objective and comprehensive series of DVD presentations that cover essential endodontic topics from fresh, practical perspectives by expert endodontists. Throughout the *Endodontic Team Care* series, special emphasis is placed on helping practitioners know their capabilities and which cases to refer. It is available only to endodontists for the purpose of educating referring colleagues and enhancing referral relationships with general dentists. Topics in the new series include diagnosis and treatment planning, access and instrumentation, microbiology, retreatment and obturation, and are available for purchase at a price of \$799 by calling 800/662-1202 (North America) or 918/493-6598 (International).



Cultivating Valuable Referral Relationships

The *AAE Case Difficulty Assessment Form* is a vital resource in treatment planning and case selection. It offers a convenient venue through which referral relationships can be cultivated and enhanced. The form was distributed in 2007 to educators as well as American Dental Association- and Academy of General Dentistry-recognized CE providers nationwide.

The Association also launched an official “Lunch and Learn” program to dental schools across the country. The program consists of volunteer endodontists presenting endodontic topics of interest to predoctoral students in an informal setting. Students are encouraged to attend and hear an endodontic perspective from practicing specialists in their area, so that they might better understand the role of the endodontist on the dental team. Volunteer presenters were trained during a special workshop at the 2008 Annual Session, and outreach to schools will continue year-round to encourage participation.

The AAE newsletter, *ENDODONTICS: Colleagues for Excellence* remains a significant publication in providing the latest in endodontic knowledge and techniques to general dentists. This past year’s topics, rotary instrumentation and cracked teeth, were mailed to nearly 150,000 general practitioners in the United States and Canada, and were also distributed at national dental meetings, including the American Dental Association, Greater New York Dental Meeting and Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting.

Dental Benefits

The Dental Benefits Committee acted on member requests for clarity in *Current Dental Terminology* coding by submitting requests to the ADA Code Revision Committee, including a code to report apexogenesis and revised retreatment codes that remove the words “post” and “pin.”

The committee also provided additional advice through its “Decoding the Codes” column in the *Communiqué* newsletter and in an update to the *Dental Benefits Kit*, which is available for complimentary download in the Members section of the AAE Web site at www.aae.org.

Political Action

For the first time ever, the Association appointed a consultant to the ADA American Dental Political Action Committee. AAE Past President Harmon R. Katz of New Brunswick, N.J., will serve as a direct link to national and state governmental affairs on dental health-related issues specific to endodontics.

Evidence-Based Endodontics

The internationally renowned health care organization, The Cochrane Collaboration, has validated AAE efforts toward evidence-based endodontics with a link to the Association’s Web site on its own site. Cochrane reviews espouse evidence-based precepts to provide the best available health information for practitioners and patients. Additionally, the AAE will provide volunteer endodontist “external referees” to Cochrane for the next five years.



Regenerative Endodontics

Stem cell research is a burgeoning field of study not only for many medical conditions, but also for regenerating dental pulp. The Regenerative Endodontics Committee extended an opportunity to all AAE members in June 2008 to provide clinical information about their revascularization cases through the AAE Web site at www.aae.org/regeneration. The goal of this research is to gather evidence on an ongoing basis that will help establish a best practice for treatment and future research on the incompletely developed tooth with a necrotic pulp.

The committee has also been working on other initiatives to help position endodontists at the forefront of this arena, including the development of questions to be added to the AAE research priorities, ethical standards for publication in a future issue of the *Journal of Endodontics* and a proposal for a symposium on regenerative endodontics.



Implant Dentistry

Several initiatives were launched this year to address the controversial topic of implant dentistry. Three standing committees are developing implant-related resources for members to use with patients, referring dentists and other dental specialists, including an educational brochure, talking points, reference lists, PowerPoint® presentations, and a clinical assessment form that will help dental professionals assess treatment options.

2007-2008 Membership Demographics

As of June 30, 2008

Membership Category	Count	%
Active*	4,165	58%
Associate	934	13%
Educator	164	2%
Honorary	9	<1%
International	39	1%
Life	710	10%
Predoctoral Student	129	2%
Retired	60	1%
Student	468	7%
Auxiliary	448	6%
Total	7,126	

*Active totals include Active, Active 1, Active 2 and Disabled Active members.

Gender	Count	%
Male	5,543	78%
Female	1,547	22%

Age Distribution	Count	%
<30	317	4%
30-39	1,758	25%
40-49	1,701	24%
50-59	1,556	22%
60>	1,679	24%
Unspecified	115	1%

Geographic Area	Count	%
United States	6,108	86%
Canada	276	4%
Other Countries	742	10%

Financial Position

The annual audit of AAE finances, conducted by Legacy Professionals, LLP, was completed in September 2008. The fiscal year ending June 30, 2008 resulted in a deficit of \$86,534, which is \$5,697 above the budgeted deficit of \$80,837. The AAE reserve fund was \$3,288,604 in June 2008, which is \$94,240 less than \$3,382,844 on June 30, 2007, a 2.75 percent decrease.

Questions about the AAE financial position may be directed to Treasurer Mitchell H. Davich, the AAE Budget and Finance Committee or Executive Director James M. Drinan at 800/872-3636 (North America) or 312/266-7255 (International).

Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2008

ASSETS

Current Assets:

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,732,031
Accounts Receivable	149,806
Accrued Income	155,960
Prepaid Expenses	284,733
Inventory	<u>244,671</u>

TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS \$2,567,201

Investments: CDs, Corporate Bonds, Mutual Funds \$3,080,777

Equipment & Furniture - net \$303,359

TOTAL ASSETS \$5,951,337

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Liabilities:

Accounts Payable	\$455,476
Accrued Expenses	277,934
Accrued Income Taxes	8,586
Affiliate Dues	62,553
Deferred Income	1,620,925
APICES	104,140
Lease Incentive	<u>61,555</u>

TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES \$2,591,169

Long-Term Liabilities: Lease Incentive, less current portion \$63,858

Net Assets:

Unrestricted	\$3,382,844
Profit (Loss) YTD	<u>(86,534)</u>

TOTAL NET ASSETS \$3,296,310

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$5,951,337

Statement of Activities

(for the 12 months ending June 30, 2008)

REVENUE

	Actual	Budget
Membership Dues	\$3,059,087	\$3,096,460
Annual Session	1,951,103	2,025,360
<i>Journal of Endodontics</i>	585,288	545,947
Continuing Education	257,455	358,325
Professional Relations Products	194,505	250,000
Royalties & Investments	288,237	500,480
Other Income	<u>275,833</u>	<u>282,304</u>

TOTAL REVENUE \$6,611,509 \$7,058,876

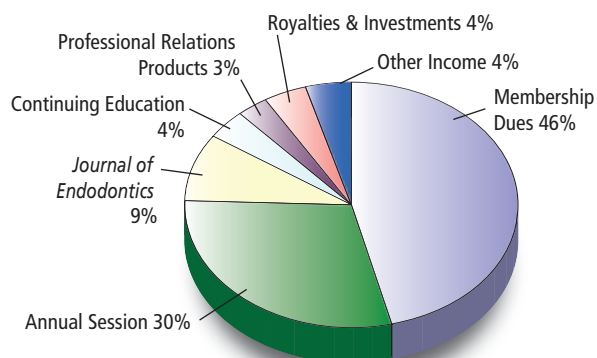
EXPENSES

	Actual	Budget
General Operating	\$3,132,675	\$3,330,635
Annual Session	1,697,537	1,708,969
PA Campaign	376,275	391,800
<i>Journal of Endodontics</i>	392,395	374,697
Board of Directors	406,399	449,663
Committees	367,196	504,697
Continuing Education	170,222	194,030
Professional Relations Products	<u>155,344</u>	<u>185,222</u>

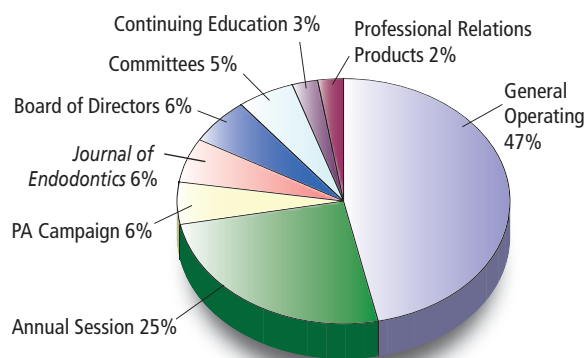
TOTAL EXPENSES \$6,698,043 \$7,139,713

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (\$86,534) (\$80,837)

Revenue Fiscal Year 2007-2008



Expenses Fiscal Year 2007-2008



Award Recipients



Edgar D. Coolidge Award

Seymour Oliet, D.D.S.

The AAE's highest honor, is presented to an individual who has displayed leadership and exemplary dedication to dentistry and endodontics.



Louis I. Grossman Award

Shimon Friedman, D.M.D.

Recognizes an author for cumulative publication of significant research studies that have made an extraordinary contribution to endodontics.



I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award

Arne M. Bjorndal, D.D.S., M.S.

Presented to an individual who has been a full-time educator for at least 15 years, whose contributions to endodontics have demonstrated excellence through selfless commitment to full-time educational pursuits, and whose valuable contributions have instilled in his/her students the desire to pursue excellence in their careers. The award is named in honor of Dr. I.B. Bender in recognition of his legacy as an outstanding teacher and mentor.



Edward M. Osetek Educator Award

Anne E. Williamson, D.D.S., M.S.

Presented to a full-time educator with less than six years teaching experience, who has earned the esteem and respect of students and faculty associates. The award is named in memory of Dr. Edward M. Osetek who was an influence and inspiration to many students during his teaching career.



Spirit of Service Awards

Presented to two individuals who have demonstrated the true spirit of leadership by devoting time and expertise, volunteering in the community to increase awareness of endodontics and bettering the lives of the underserved dental population.

**Spirit of Service Lifetime
Dental Community
Volunteer Award**

William D. Powell, D.D.S., M.S.

**Spirit of Service New Practitioner
Dental Community Volunteer
Award**

Judy D. McIntyre, D.M.D., M.S.

Award Recipients

AAE/DENTSPLY Resident Awards

This annual competition with a \$30,000 sponsorship provided by Dentsply International is designed to foster excellence in research and to encourage residents to present projects at the Annual Session. The winners are listed below by score from first to tenth place:



Research Presentations

Sahng Gyoon Kim, D.D.S.—*University of Pennsylvania*
Fleur A. Blethen, D.D.S.—*University of Washington*
Peter Z. Tawil, D.M.D.—*University of North Carolina*
Jennifer L. Gibbs, D.D.S., Ph.D.—*University of California at San Francisco*
Taylor P. Cotton, D.D.S.—*University of Texas at San Antonio*
Michael Crabtree, D.D.S., M.S.—*University of Florida*
Loubna Y. Chehab, D.D.S., M.S.—*Boston University*
Derek J. Duggan, D.D.S.—*University of North Carolina*
Jessica A. Russo, D.M.D.—*University of Maryland*
Yuan-Lung Hung, D.M.D.—*Loma Linda University*



Poster Research Presentations

Anna Kirakozova, D.D.S.—*University of North Carolina*
Matthew Gebhardt, D.D.S.—*Nova Southeastern University*
David S. Berrios, D.D.S.—*University of California at Los Angeles*
Victor A. Peritore, D.D.S.—*Case Western Reserve University*
Fang Gu, D.D.S., Ph.D.—*University of North Carolina*
Midori B. Tachibana, D.D.S.—*University of California at Los Angeles*
Soham Patel, D.D.S., and Lawrence Tam, D.M.D.—
New York University
Gardiner M. Packer, D.D.S.—*Virginia Commonwealth University*
Weilin Shih Huang, D.D.S., and Lyudmila Kuznetsova, D.M.D.—
University of Pennsylvania
Sumesh Potluri, D.M.D.—*Case Western Reserve University*



Table Clinics

Kendra K. Boda, D.D.S., and Michelle A. Maillet, D.D.S.—
University of Minnesota
Joseph L. DeJongh, D.M.D., and Samuel Markham, D.M.D.—
University of Florida
Duane A. Van Nieuwenhuyzen, D.D.S., and Jonathan F. Richards,
D.D.S.—*University of Minnesota*
Jay D. Simonton, D.D.S., and Ernesto G. Trevino, D.D.S.—*University of Texas at San Antonio*
Khang T. Le, D.D.S., and Rohit Batheja, D.D.S.—*University of Southern California*
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Award Recipients

Student Achievement Awards

A senior dental student who has shown a broad interest in endodontics and demonstrated exceptional involvement in their classes is selected by each dental school to receive this award. The 2008 recipients are listed below:

Kathryn Alderman, *University of Nebraska*
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Jason Matthew Ames, *Medical College of Georgia*
Kiran Arora, *University of Maryland, Baltimore*
Kayvan Ashnaei, *University of British Columbia*
Daiva Bidva, *University of Michigan*
Brooke Blicher, *Harvard School of Dental Medicine*
Cody Bowtell, *University of Saskatchewan*
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Liang-Yu Chen, *McGill University*
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Molly Francis, *A.T. Still University*
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Daniel Peter Reardon, *University of Colorado*
Brenton Allen Reavley, *University of Missouri - Kansas City*
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Kolin Emrys Weaver, *West Virginia University*
Kyle Winter, *University of Washington*
Nozomu Yamauchi, *University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
Christopher D.J. Yelton, *University of Missouri - Kansas City*
Kara Yu, *Nova Southeastern University*



A Message From the President

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you will share my pride in the accomplishments that are highlighted in this report. The Foundation's success is a direct result of the generosity and leadership of AAE members and their commitment to make endodontics the best it can be. It is enhanced by the strong partnership we enjoy with the Association and the AAE leaders who understand and value the Foundation's role in advancing the specialty.

The AAE Foundation is critical to the health of the specialty and to its stature in the dental community. The money that is raised advances research and education in ways that would not otherwise be possible. As a smaller specialty, endodontics does not have the influence to generate broad-based corporate or government funding. In addition, the alumni pool of endodontists at most institutions is not large enough to give us a powerful voice in dental schools. That means that you and I have a significant responsibility. Excellence rests in our hands.

We depend on about 4,000 Active members and a small but exceedingly supportive corporate community to accomplish our research and educational goals. Given the magnitude of the task, that is not many people. Our small numbers are offset by outsized generosity both from members and from industry. We have proven that we can raise a significant endowment fund and that achievement has made other dental organizations take notice.

Currently, 65 percent of AAE members are donors. It is my hope that someday every member will participate in our vision for a stronger specialty. Whether you pledge or not, you will enjoy the benefits of the Foundation's activities. But those who contribute have the satisfaction of knowing that their generosity secures our future.

Sincerely,

Denis E. Simon III, D.D.S., M.S., President

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Volunteers Pass the Torch of Generosity

"Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us." —Albert Schweitzer

Although fundraising is important, raising awareness is the bottom line. Volunteers help the AAE Foundation to tell its story. They are its most important resource. Their leadership provides the spark that ignites enthusiasm for the Foundation's mission throughout the specialty. Few organizations can match the generosity that exists within the AAE. The Foundation gratefully acknowledges these members for their contribution to the 2007-2008 Campaign and to the future of endodontics.

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Grants to Research

Fall and Spring Research Grants

Fall 2007

Applicant	Funding	Institution	Project
Satish Alapati	\$4,000	Medical University of South Carolina	<i>A Novel Approach for Isolation and Guided Differentiation of Dental Pulp Side Population (SP) Cells for Regeneration and Mineralization of Periradicular Tissue</i>
Emad Alshwaimi	\$15,000	Harvard University	<i>Role of Regulatory T-Cells in Periapical Bone Lesions</i>
Hong Li**	\$12,000	Oregon Health & Science University	<i>Identification of Latent and Reactivated Herpesviruses in Endodontic Pathoses</i>
Ivan Nedeltchev	\$3,060	State University of New York at Buffalo	<i>Osteoinduction Potential of MTA in Rat Muscle</i>
Katherine Olson	\$5,898	Baylor College of Dentistry	<i>The Effects of Neuropeptide Y on Periapical Lesion Development in Mice</i>
Lindsay Pabst	\$6,272	Ohio State University	<i>Anesthetic Efficacy of a Repeated Infiltration Injection</i>
Kevin Rowland**	\$15,730	Southern Illinois University	<i>The Role of Cold-Sensitive TRP Channels in Generating Dental Pain</i>
Jessica Russo	\$11,828	University of Maryland	<i>The Relationship Between Chronic Endodontic Infections and the Progression of Systemic Disease in a Mouse Model</i>
Jaruma Sakdee	\$5,000	Harvard University	<i>Osteogenic Amplification by Hypoxia</i>
Jen-Kuei Wang	\$4,000	University of California at Los Angeles	<i>Molecular Characterization of the Microbial Flora Residing at the Apical Portion of Infected Root Canals of Human Teeth</i>
Jianing He	\$82,303	Baylor College of Dentistry	<i>A Comparative Analysis of Endodontic Retreatment and Single Implant Supported Restoration</i>
Bonus Awards	\$1,000		
Total Fall Funding	\$166,091		

Spring 2008

Applicant	Funding	Institution	Project
Tatiano M. Botero D.**	\$22,510	University of Michigan	<i>Caries-Induced Angiogenesis</i>
Sheila Chandrhasa	\$2,950	Nova Southeastern University	<i>Regenerative Endodontics: Investigation of the Reactions of the Human Dental Pulp to Three Types of Tissue Engineering Scaffolds in an Ex Vivo Model</i>
Robert Corr	\$3,843	Loma Linda University	<i>Identification of Hard Tissues Involved in Pulp Revascularization</i>
Anibal Diogenes	\$9,800	University of Texas at San Antonio	<i>Expression of TLR4, CD14 and TLR2 in Human Dental Pulp Trigeminal Sensory Neurons</i>
Daniel Fife**	\$22,000	University of California at Los Angeles	<i>Fusobacterium Nucleatum in Endodontic Infections</i>
Maheeb Jaouni	\$4,000	University of Maryland	<i>Penetration of Systemic Antibiotics Into Necrotic Pulp Space</i>
Mo K. Kang	\$20,000	University of California at Los Angeles	<i>Role of Bmi-1 in Regulation of Dental Pulp Stem Cell</i>
Yelena Kholodenko	\$10,090	University of Maryland	<i>The Effect of Endodontic Instrumentation Techniques on Post-Operative Local and Systemic Responses</i>
Christopher Mirucki	\$12,600	University of Connecticut	<i>Tissue Destructive Biological Activity of Complex Lipids Synthesized by Porphyromonas Endodontalis</i>
Anastasia V. Mischenko	\$15,700	University of Maryland	<i>Comparison of Bupivacaine vs. Lidocaine on Pain and Inflammatory Regulation Following Endodontic Surgery: A Double-Blind, Randomized, Controlled Clinical Trial</i>
Clare Quinlan	\$13,500	University of Michigan	<i>Mechanisms Underlying the Differentiation of Dental Pulp Stem Cells (DPSCs) in Neovascular Endothelial Cells</i>
Ramya Ramamurthy	\$1,900	Temple University	<i>Comparative Study to Determine the Efficiency of Progressive Taper and Constant Taper Rotary File Systems During the Cleaning and Shaping of Root Canal Systems</i>
Sandra Shambarger	\$900	University of Minnesota	<i>The Prevalence of Furcation Canals in Molars, Before and After Simulated Periodontal Therapy</i>
Felicity Shelton	\$11,580	University of Maryland	<i>The Effects of Bisphosphonate Treatment on the Prevalence and Pathogenesis of Endodontic Pathosis</i>
Leila Tarsa	\$19,500	Oregon Health & Science University	<i>Inflammation-Induced Regulation of Brain-Derived Neurotrophic Factor Expression in Mouse Tooth Pulp Nociceptors</i>
Arya Tehrani	\$5,000	University of North Carolina	<i>Outcome Study of Gutta-Percha and Resilon™ Filled Root Canals: A Radiographic and Clinical Analysis</i>
Ernesto Gerardo Trevino	\$24,000	University of Texas at San Antonio	<i>Role of Dentin Growth Factors in the Induction of an Odontoblastic Phenotype in Stem Cells Found in the Apical Papilla</i>
Sarah Jo Welch	\$17,400	University of Texas at Houston	<i>Dental Pulp Regenerative Potential of Stem Cells of Bone Marrow Origin in a Rat Model</i>
Nozomu Yamauchi	\$25,000	University of North Carolina	<i>Pulp Revascularization Through Exposed Dentin Matrix With Collagen Scaffold on Immature Teeth With Apical Periodontitis</i>
Bonus Awards	\$1,000		
Total Spring Funding	\$243,273		
Grand Total	\$409,364		

** Highest scoring resident and faculty proposals

Bold = Faculty

Grants to Research

Number of Grants Awarded per Year

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Grand Total
13	27	14	17	16	21	25	133

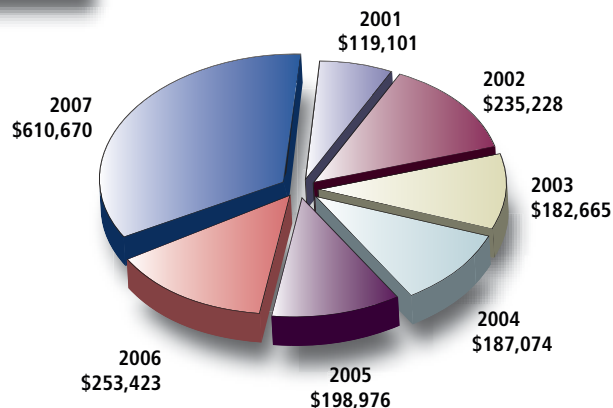
2001-2007

- \$1,787,137 in total funding awarded
- 133 total grants
- grants to 37 out of 54 schools

Highest funding awarded to:

- University of Minnesota: \$292,214
- University of North Carolina: \$229,747
- University of Maryland: \$161,259
- University of Texas at San Antonio: \$133,013
- Baylor College of Dentistry: \$131,456

Total Grants of \$1,787,137



Grants to Education

Grants to Educators to Attend the Annual Session—Defrays the cost of the Annual Session for full-time educators. In 2007-2008, 81 educators received a grant for total funding of \$52,690.

Educators Workshops—The Foundation provided \$75,561 to support the 2007 workshop.

Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award—Provides tuition and a \$2,500 monthly stipend to students who agree to teach full-time for five years following graduation.

Class of 2008



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Resident
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Financial Position

The Foundation's Executive Committee meets quarterly to review the status of the investment portfolio. Over the last 12 months, considerable progress has been made in augmenting the fund and in supporting important activities. The endowment has grown from \$17.6 million as of June 30, 2006, to \$19.8 million as of June 30, 2007. The Foundation's policy is to allocate five percent of the investments at December 31 to grants.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS FOUNDATION AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, DECEMBER 31, 2007 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	2007	2006
Cash and cash equivalents	\$571,196	\$455,300
Accounts receivable	167	446
Due from AAE	30,218	23,322
Prepaid expenses	5,037	5,815
Pledges receivable - net	2,343,869	2,279,977
Investments - mutual funds	19,885,935	19,190,125
Property and equipment - net	1,982	3,146
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts	<u>604,534</u>	<u>562,873</u>
Total assets	<u>\$23,442,938</u>	<u>\$22,521,004</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$2,285	\$2,007
Due to AAE	6,237	3,871
Grants payable	118,382	244,801
Total Liabilities	126,904	250,679
Net Assets		
Unrestricted	21,370,751	20,520,986
Temporarily restricted	<u>1,945,283</u>	<u>1,749,339</u>
Total net assets	<u>23,316,034</u>	<u>22,270,325</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$23,442,938</u>	<u>\$22,521,004</u>

Financial Position

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ENDODONTISTS FOUNDATION

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended December 31, 2007

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT			
Contributions	\$212,803	\$1,066,318	\$1,279,121
AAE noncash contributions	205,352	-	205,352
Investment income	1,246,415	-	1,246,415
Change in value of charitable remainder trusts	<u>-</u>	<u>41,661</u>	<u>41,661</u>
	1,664,570	1,107,979	2,772,549
Net assets released from restrictions			
Satisfaction of time restrictions	<u>912,035</u>	<u>(912,035)</u>	-
Total revenue and other support	<u>2,576,605</u>	<u>195,944</u>	<u>2,772,549</u>
EXPENSES			
Administrative reimbursement - AAE	205,352	-	205,352
Annual session	31,494	-	31,494
Credit card charges	10,557	-	10,557
Depreciation	1,063	-	1,063
Equipment maintenance	1,389	-	1,389
Fellowships	116,443	-	116,443
Grants - educator	60,685	-	60,685
Grants - research	610,491	-	610,491
Grants - other	238,195	-	238,195
Insurance	6,526	-	6,526
Investment fees	47,577	-	47,577
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	101	-	101
Miscellaneous	11,636	-	11,636
Postage and mail service	14,865	-	14,865
Printing	23,305	-	23,305
Professional fees	25,305	-	25,305
Provision for uncollectible pledges	275,634	-	275,634
Supplies	310	-	310
Telephone	898	-	898
Trustee meetings	<u>45,014</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,014</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,726,840</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,726,840</u>
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	849,765	195,944	1,045,709
NET ASSETS			
Beginning of year	20,520,986	1,749,339	22,270,325
End of year	<u>\$21,370,751</u>	<u>\$1,945,283</u>	<u>\$23,316,034</u>



A Message From the President

Dear Colleagues,

The Board process has always been, and always will remain, an evolving process with constant evaluation and re-evaluation. Changes have been made in almost all aspects of the Board certification process, but they have not been made at the expense of the quality of the process and the meaning of the achievement of Board certification. They have been made in parallel with the technological advances in our society in general. Many of the changes have been in standardization of testing for defensible statistical analysis. There is no doubt that the computer age has had a major impact on our profession and the ABE has taken advantage of these technological changes. Over the past seven years, we have seen the progression of the Written Exam from a one-day, pencil-and-paper process given in Chicago to a computer-based exam given worldwide at computer testing centers over multiple days. Allowing residents in their final year of training to participate in the Written Exam has proven to be one of the most significant changes in the Certification Process.

To provide flexibility in the Certification Process and accommodate the differing needs of our Candidates, access to faster Board certification was recently implemented. It is now possible to become Board certified within a year after receiving a certificate in the advanced specialty of endodontics. Candidates still have to go through the same examination process, however, the order of the exams and timeframes are more user-friendly. The four-year eligibility requirement before continuing to Part II has been waived. It is now possible to submit the Case History Portfolio for the October 1 circulation in the same year of graduation (providing the Written Exam was passed) and to take the Oral Exam at the next AAE annual session. The ABE hopes that giving Candidates the opportunity to accelerate the process will prevent procrastination and increase the percentage of graduates who go on to become Board certified. Those who have gone through the process of Board certification all feel that it has made them better clinicians.

Board certification is the pinnacle of educational achievement in the specialty of endodontics and a matter of self-actualization by becoming the best possible endodontist you can be. Board certification remains the only national credential to show that an endodontist has extensive evidence-based knowledge, outstanding clinical skills, and overall exceptional expertise in endodontics. In addition, the pursuit of Board certification encourages life-long learning. The ABE continues to be progressive and responsive to our specialty. There have been 1,356 endodontists who have completed their personal journey of growth while on the road to Diplomate status.

The American Board of Endodontics will continue to be progressive and appropriately responsive to our profession. Past directors of the Board have been, and current directors will continue to be committed to evaluating new methods of testing and the technologies that impact our practices, and to continuing to refine the Board Certification process.

But more importantly, the American Board of Endodontics will continue to maintain the high standards that past Boards have set and to foster the study, elevate the standards, and promote and improve the practice of endodontics.

Best regards,



J. Craig Baumgartner, D.D.S., M.S., Ph.D.



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