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## Dear Michael:

I am writing in response to your letter inquiring about the history of the formation of the California State Association of Endodontists. Based on our records, the following is the information that we have available.

The California State Association of Endodontists was established on June 21, 1985, in a meeting held in San Francisco. The organizing committee consisted of Doctors Marwan Abou-Rass, Leif K. Bakland, Robert Bravin, Anthony Greening, Terrence Hayes, Lawrence Levine, Robert McWilliams and Steven Morrow. The offices elected by this organizing group were: President, Larry Levine; President-elect, Leif K. Bakland; Treasurer, Robert McWilliams; and Secretary, Robert Bravin. The first Annual State Meeting of the California State Association of Endodontists was held in San Francisco on August 17, 1986, and the offices elected at that time were: President, Leif K. Bakland; President-elect, Robert Rosenberg; Secretary, Robert Bravin; Treasurer, Sam Oglesby.

Subsequent to the first meeting, the Presidents of the organization to date have been as follows: 1986, Larry Levine; 1987, Leif K. Bakland; 1988, Robert Rosenberg; 1989, Robert Bravin; 1990, Sam Oglesby; 1991, Michael Scianamblo; 1992, Steven Morrow; and 1993, Kevin Keating.

At this time the Board of Directors is involved in a number of issues, some minor and some major. These include working with TDIC, the largest insurance carrier in the State, on behalf of trying to encourage their rating or eliminating coverage for paraformaldehyde type root canal fillings. Some of the other issues that are pressing are State licensure, by examination, licensure by reciprocity and licensure by credentials. The Board is also active in planning and putting on the annual meeting, which is typically held in Monterey. In addition we are in the process of assisting the International Conference on Dental Traumatology, to be held in San Diego in 1995.

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The past two years the California State Association of Endodontists has sponsored a California Dental Educators' Workshop. This Educators' Workshop has focused on the problems specific to endodontic education. The Department Chairmen of the five dental schools have met to try to work out the common problems and work out a common game plan for resolving these problems as they relate to endodontic education in the State of California.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to call. My home number is (916) 967-7360, or you can call me at the office at (916) 485-6900.

Sincerely,

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