

Historical Perspective

Through April, 1993, the *Journal of Endodontics* will continue to feature addresses and/or profiles of all 49 AAE past presidents. Begun in 1991, this feature is intended to give members insight to the history and movement of the AAE and endodontics as a specialty as we approach the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the AAE.



Dudley H. Glick, DDS
Past President, 1971-72



Charles A. Scott, DDS
Past President, 1973-74

MR. PRESIDENT! I WISH TO MAKE A MOTION THAT OUR ANNUAL MEETING BE MOVED FROM CHICAGO TO OTHER CITIES SELECTED ON A ROTATION BASIS. This occurred in 1961 and I was the "culprit" who made the motion. Pushing me to make it was Len Parris, who quickly seconded it.

There followed such a protracted, often heated, discussion on the merits of such a move. Chicago, particularly in February, presented many inherent weather problems with transportation. There were habitual complaints re: air and train delays, coming and going. By a close voice count, President Hooky Brooks acknowledged the ayes.

Leaving Chicago meant giving up the comforts of a "warm" family. Their members were always generous and willing to do the heavy work year after year with never a complaint.

I incurred the disfavor of several Chicago friends and one in particular, Vince Milas. For many years he shunned me at meetings until he learned that my father had been born in Lithuania, as was Vince. From then until his recent death, we were friendly.

In our early AAE years, Leo Grudin and I were asked to present a table clinic. In those days there were only 5-6 spaces allotted and we were flattered. Louis Grossman stopped by to observe and complimented us with, "I didn't realize you did such fine work out West." He made us feel so good and important that we were stimulated to return each year. For what it is worth, I have not missed a meeting since I joined in 1955.

Aside from the exciting opportunity to rub shoulders with the "big names," we came away with many close associations that exist to this day. I am indebted to John Ingle, my mentor, who took me in hand when I was a neophyte, introduced me as a "comer" and encouraged me to participate in AAE politics; Jake Freedland, who contributed greatly to our recognition as a specialty and offered me sage advice when asked; Harold Maxmen, who opened his heart and offices to me, and from whom I learned periradicular surgery; Bert Wolsohn, who so eloquently expresses his philosophy of endodontics; and Bob Uchin, who helped shape the AAE future when he recognized our growth potential and a need for a full-time executive secretary. I also wish to thank my brother Merle, who first got me involved in endodontics.

Another event remains indelibly etched in my mind. I was appointed chairman of an ad hoc Committee to Evaluate the Use of Paraformaldehyde Pastes. This was the beginning of an emotional venting that kept the membership involved in an

The founding members of the American Association of Endodontists should be very proud of their contribution to endodontics. Their dreams and hours of deliberation led to the formation of our organization as we know it today. In the years since, each new group of officers has continued to build on their firm foundation.

Contemporary endodontists may find it difficult to visualize what it was like in the AAE 18 years ago. In those days we felt that, "The AAE is the Greatest," as you do today. We never missed a meeting. It was our primary source of enhancing our professional knowledge and acquiring new techniques. Furthermore, the fellowship we enjoyed was unequalled.

In the years since my presidency the progress made by the endodontic profession is absolutely amazing. The quality of education, research and scientific advances in techniques and instrumentation just boggle the mind. There are, however, severe sociological pressures from outside the health professions that have created urgent need for change. Government programs, third party payments, increased patient loads, economic and educational growth all add to the complexity of the practice of dentistry creating even greater demand for endodontic services. To the membership growth the AAE has responded by forming a House of Delegate form of government thus involving more members in the operation of our organization.

Early in my presidency I saw the need for additional committees. I appointed an ad hoc committee to prepare for the publication of the first J.O.E., which came to fruition in 1975. A Peer Review and Professional Standards Committee was formed with the specific charge to prepare a manual of Peer Review Guidelines. In addition, the first Political Action Committee was organized whose primary function was to ameliorate the ADA and the AAE into better working partners for the best interest of dentistry. Two of these key committees are continuing to function today as vital entities of our organization.

One of the highlights of my year was a seminar sponsored by the Education Committee. It was ably chaired by Bob Uchin in conjunction with the European Association of Endodontists and held in London, England. It proved to be a most productive educational experience for all involved. The climax of the year was our annual meeting held in San Diego, California. An outstanding and stimulating program was brought to culmination by Frank Trice. Local Arrangements, headed by Ed Nutting along with the Northern and Southern California Academies of Endodontics, had a superbly orga-

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on-going controversy with the AES (as well as the ADA and FDA). It seemed like every member had an opinion and a solution, and demanded they be heard. Annual business meetings were filled to overflowing and lasted for hours. But it finally died an "unnatural" death. Or so I thought.

I see the controversy has been exhumed and Joe Maggio is now fighting the good cause. This is getting to be like "Terminator" films (ad nauseum), where the bad guy is seemingly eliminated at the conclusion of one episode but, Phoenix-like, comes back in the next.

During my regime, it became apparent that the business load being conducted by the Executive Committee was impossible to complete at one meeting and so it was voted to meet semi-annually. My presidency culminated with our annual meeting being held, the first time outside the boundaries of the USA, in Montreal, Canada.

Our specialty has never experienced such an era of explosive, high-tech innovations; we have electrified, ultrasonicized, digitalized, plasticized, resinized, electro-opticized, laserized and commercialized.

My biggest joy has been the close association with my dear friend, Al Frank, in and out of dentistry. Al once responded to a dentist who asked how long we have been friends, "Not long enough" - and that is how we feel about our involvement in endodontics. These are the "good old days," the halcyon days still lie ahead.

Dudley H. Glick, DDS
Past President

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Dr. Glick practices three days/week, 10 months/year and, with his wife Ellie, enjoys travelling to different parts of the world. In spite of his accomplishments, he is probably best known for the plastic instrument he designed in 1956, the Glick "Schtick."

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nized meeting. All agreed that 1973-74 was another rewarding year in the pursuit of excellence for endodontics.

Although no one has the ability to know what the future holds for the practice of endodontics, I am confident that our officers will react to the challenge of each problem affecting endodontics with caution and deep consideration no matter how acute the event may be. There is one major problem we need to address immediately, that of finding a solution to the advanced education dilemma. One small step may be in the form of a substantial monetary award to be given annually to each graduate school in the field of education and research. I feel confident that you, ladies and gentlemen, as today's leaders will solve the problem and meet the challenges which lay ahead.

To paraphrase: "And so my fellow endodontists, ask not what the AAE can do for you, but what you can do for the AAE." The challenge is in your hands.

Charles A. Scott, Jr., DDS
Past President

Dr. Scott practiced endodontics for over 40 years and was pleased when his young friend and colleague, Dr. James Boulton, offered to buy his practice. He has spent his first years of retirement endeavoring to establish a dental resident program for the care of handicapped children and adults at the Siskin Hospital for Rehabilitation in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

In the community and civic circles, Dr. Scott is a consultant with SCORE, served the past two years as chairman of the town of Walden's Neighborhood Association and as Treasurer of the Signal Mountain CPR Task Force. He remains active on the state level of the Tennessee Dental Association serving as Secretary-Treasurer of Tenn-D-Pac.

Dr. Scott finds time for pursuing his hobbies of golf, photography, wood carving, travelling and enjoying his family and grandchildren.

He is the recipient of the Tennessee Fellowship Award for service to dentistry.

International News



The XIII Congress of the Spanish Association of Endodontics was held June 4-7, 1992 in Valencia, Spain. Pictured, from left, are, Program Chairman Dr. Rafael Minana Laliga, and program participants Drs. Ben Johnson, Franklin Weine, Alfred L. Frank, John I. Ingle, James Roane and B. Harvey Wiener.