

# Momentum

American Association of Endodontists  
**2014-2015 Annual Report**



# Letter from the AAE President

"Imagination is more important than knowledge.  
Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."

—Albert Einstein, *Saturday Evening Post*, 1929



Dear Colleagues,

When I think of the AAE, I am reminded of the above quote from one of the greatest minds in human history. The AAE embodies both of these traits and it is with these skills, and the hard work of our volunteers and staff, that we accomplish so much.

Advancing an association of our size and importance does not occur through short-term projects; rather, it requires sustained effort to keep momentum going on longer-term initiatives, guided by the strategic vision of our leaders. When these efforts come to fruition, it is because we have applied the best knowledge attainable and much hard work over time. It all starts, however, with one person imagining that something can be done.

In 2014 and 2015, several of these initiatives were completed and moved our Association forward. We created an environmental scanning procedure to answer the question "What is the next big picture topic for endodontists?" The results of this first scan are helping us to focus the AAE's activities and to engage the future for the benefit of our members and our patients.

In the area of clinical practice, our new joint CBCT Guidelines (created and accepted by both the AAE and the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology) have not only given guidance to dentistry on the appropriate uses of 3-D imaging, but have also allowed our Professional Affairs Committee to productively engage the dental insurance industry in an effort to allow CBCT to become a covered service

for our patients. The Cracked Tooth Initiative passed another milestone when the latest Special Committee updated and added to our nomenclature on cracked teeth.

Meanwhile, our own *Journal of Endodontics*, which our members say is one of the greatest benefits of membership, keeps improving with the addition of digital content such as the very popular podcasts, while the Journal maintains its place as the pre-eminent authority on the science of endodontology.

Our ongoing member needs surveys have been guiding our actions, and the results of the latest survey indicate that our members are seeing real improvement in how we are approaching the issues that affect them most. We must continue to adapt as the professional climate and composition of our membership change. Consequently, the Board, our committees and our staff have spent much time researching how we can provide appropriate services to our members at all stages of their careers.

As with any long journey, we have had some missteps along the way, but the momentum of our organization and the imagination of our members keep the AAE moving forward as an effective and influential organization. Every endodontist should be proud to say that he or she is a member of the American Association of Endodontists.

With gratitude,



Robert S. Roda, D.D.S., M.S.  
AAE President

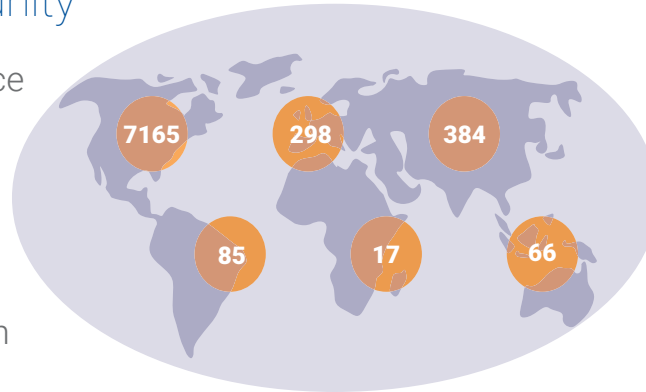


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# Membership

## The Global AAE Community

The AAE strives to be a resource for endodontists around the world. Our membership reflects this goal, with strong international representation in six continents and more than 70 countries.



## 2015 Member Needs Survey

The results of the 2015 Member Needs Survey — a follow-up to our 2013 survey — provided insightful and encouraging information about our members, the AAE and the endodontic specialty.

- **Membership satisfaction is on the rise.** The survey showed that 77% of members are satisfied or very satisfied with AAE products and services, an increase of 2% from 2013. The three priority member benefits — practice management resources, outreach and marketing research, and advocacy — all were rated more favorably in the 2015 survey.
- **Members would recommend the AAE.** The AAE's Net Promoter Score, which measures the likelihood that one would recommend the AAE to a friend or colleague, increased by six points. Sixty-four percent of respondents said they were "extremely likely" to recommend the AAE, an increase of 4% over the 2013 results.
- **Members are seeing an increase in busyness.** In 2015, 75% of members reported that their patient volume had stayed the same or increased over the past year, compared to 67% of members reporting the same in 2013. The percentage of members stating that patient volume had decreased by 10% or more fell from 33% in 2013 to 25% in 2015.



## Membership at a Glance:

- Total membership for 2014-2015 was **8,015**, an increase of nearly 2% over 2013-2014 and the highest membership to date.
- The AAE expanded its outreach to younger members, resulting in growth in the Active 1st Year, Resident and Predoctoral Student membership categories over 2013-2014.
- The International membership category grew for the seventh year in a row, increasing by 12.2% over 2013-2014.
- Membership increased in the Active and Educator categories as well.
- 92% of licensed endodontists in the United States are AAE members.



# Leadership

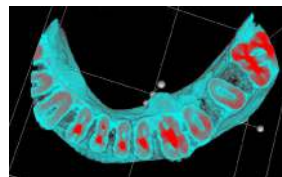
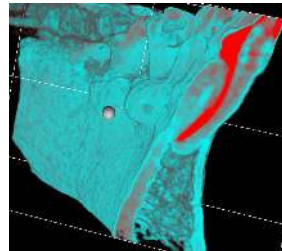
The AAE's leadership is tasked with ensuring a strong future for the Association and the specialty. This involves identifying key issues, strategic planning, advocating for the specialty, generating creative ideas and, often, weighing in on controversial topics to represent members' best interests.

## Taking a Stand on CBCT

Dentists now have updated guidance on the use of cone beam computed tomography for endodontic diagnosis and treatment, via a revised [joint position statement](#) by the AAE and the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

An AAE/AAOMR committee, comprised of representatives from each organization who are experts in CBCT, reviewed the scientific literature from the past five years regarding the effectiveness of 3-D imaging in endodontic care. The updated position statement details appropriate use of CBCT, including 11 specific recommendations and supporting evidence for when CBCT should be considered the imaging modality of choice. The statement also emphasizes that CBCT should not be used routinely for endodontic diagnosis or screening purposes in the absence of clinical signs and symptoms.

The recommendations in the new statement are supported by the most current scientific literature and based on the principles of ALARA — keeping patient radiation doses “as low as reasonably achievable.” Accordingly, the patient's history and clinical examination must justify the use of CBCT by demonstrating that the benefits to the patient outweigh the potential risks.



## Leadership at a Glance:

- The AAE implemented a process for ongoing environmental scanning to enhance the Association's strategic planning.
- At the American Association of Dental Consultants Workshop in May 2015, AAE leaders met with dental insurers, and AAE President Dr. Robert S. Roda [presented to this group](#) on the use of CBCT in endodontics.
- The Special Committee on the Cracked Tooth Initiative assessed and updated the diagnostic nomenclature for cracked teeth.
- The AAE on-boarded a new executive director in September 2014.
- In June 2015, the AAE held a [committee chairs' orientation meeting](#) to encourage collaboration among committees and align committee and organizational goals.

The AAE is continuously working to improve the content and reputation of its educational offerings, including in-person meetings, clinical resources and the Live Learning Center, a comprehensive library of endodontic educational presentations, materials and CE credit available online, on demand.

## Energizing Educational Meetings

Two of the AAE's prominent educational opportunities were the subject of rebranding efforts this year – the Annual Session became AAE15 (and will be AAE16, and so on) and the Fall Conference transformed into The Insight Track.

Now held on an as-needed basis instead of being tied to the fall, each edition of The Insight Track will provide an in-depth examination of a single, timely topic identified as a priority through the AAE Member Survey. The inaugural event, The Insight Track: Practice Management, was held in February 2015 at the Canyons Resort in Park City, Utah. Attendees were presented with expert information on such topics as effective communication with general dentists, practice models, leadership and marketing.

For the annual meeting, the planning committee moved away from the tradition of changing the meeting's theme each year, and instead focused on strengthening the meeting's connection to the AAE. The new "look" features a bold logo highlighting the meeting location, as well as a color palette that will change each year. AAE15 was recognized with an "Art of the Show" award in the Brand Design/Development category by the International Association of Exhibitions and Events.



## Education at a Glance:

- More than 3,300 AAE members, guests and corporate partners from 42 countries attended AAE15 in Seattle.
- The Insight Track: Practice Management in Park City, Utah, drew more than 200 attendees.
- The AAE partnered with the American Academy of Periodontology and the American College of Prosthodontists for the 2014 Joint Symposium, *Teeth for a Lifetime: Interdisciplinary Evidence for Clinical Success*. Approximately 375 dental specialists and general dentists attended.
- APICES 2014 at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston reached capacity with 200 residents in attendance. APICES is the only continuing education meeting planned for endodontic residents, by residents.
- In August 2014, 54 endodontic program directors came together for the AAE's Educator Workshop, *Foundations of Educational Assessment*.
- Approximately 175 hours of content and a new section devoted to practice management resources were added to the [Live Learning Center](#).

The AAE's outreach initiatives are varied and target several different audiences, including patients, general dentists, corporate entities and members of the general public. But they all contribute to the AAE's efforts to build prestige for the specialty and promote the expertise of AAE members.

## Strengthening Our Online Presence

To meet the growing demand for quality healthcare information online, the AAE focused on a digital outreach strategy to reach the public and other dental professionals. As a first step, the organization created and filled the role of a digital content specialist to work under the public relations manager. Then the work began to implement new online strategies, including investing in Bing and Facebook ads and taking advantage of the Google Grants program that provides free Google ads for nonprofit organizations. The support from Google allows the AAE to place competitive "bids" on such search terms as "abscess-tooth," "root canal" and "cracked teeth."



Revisions also were made to the [AAE website](#) to improve search engine optimization and the user experience. Those improvements included updating search functions to work across devices and browsers, creating individual "landing pages" for each website section (especially helpful for mobile users) and transforming patient information sections to make them more easily searchable.

As a result of these efforts, monthly traffic to patient resources pages has increased significantly, from an average of approximately 196,000 views per month in 2014 to approximately 231,000 views per month in 2015.



## Outreach at a Glance:

- Two new patient education videos on [root canal safety](#) and [endodontic surgery](#) were produced. Within 24 hours of its debut, the root canal safety video received approximately 19,000 views on the AAE Facebook page.
- The [AAE Facebook page](#) gained more than 2,000 "likes" (people following the page) in 2014-2015 and the engagement rate increased by close to 9%.
- The AAE introduced digital versions of [ENDODONTICS: Colleagues for Excellence](#) speakers kits.
- As a result of expanded promotion and funding, usage of the AAE's [Recommended Speakers List](#) increased, ensuring that general dentist organizations have access to top endodontic speakers for their meetings.
- Corporate support grew as the AAE secured 123 exhibitors for AAET15, the highest number of exhibiting companies ever at an AAE annual meeting.

As the dental landscape changes and becomes more competitive, AAE members must be equipped with resources to help them build successful practices and move forward in their careers. The AAE has always served its members with high-quality, trustworthy materials, and is striving constantly to improve the content and delivery of these materials to adapt to our members' evolving needs.

## Enhancing Career Resources

In response to member needs for more comprehensive and targeted career services, the AAE introduced its new [Career Center](#), an online job board exclusively by and for endodontists. The site allows AAE members to post available endodontic positions, easily search and apply for jobs, and connect to practices for sale.



The user-friendly board also allows visitors to submit a job opening or practice for sale listing, pay for it and see the ad post immediately. Launched at AAE15, the online job board is just one of a comprehensive package of tools available to assist members at every stage of their career planning.

The Career Center includes new information on employment contracts, job searching, hiring an associate and starting a practice. Younger members will especially appreciate "Private Practice Models 101," developed by the Practice Affairs Committee and designed to help endodontists evaluate various practice settings and how they mesh with their professional and personal goals.



## Member Services at a Glance:

- The AAE introduced personalized AAE Specialist Member logos to assist endodontist members in their professional marketing and promotion.
- The *Journal of Endodontics* app for Android was launched, joining the existing apps for iPad and iPhone. AAE members can access JOE content using their AAE login credentials.
- The practice promotion campaign toolkits were updated and rereleased as a free reference series titled *Marketing the Endodontic Practice*.
- The AAE revised the *Endodontists' Guide to CDT* for 2015 to keep members informed of changes to dental insurance codes.
- The online [AAE Educator Center](#) was expanded with new teaching materials, information on educator grants and personal accounts from endodontic educators.



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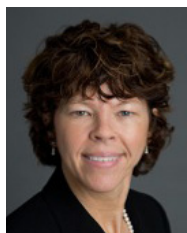
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# 2014-2015 Statement of Financial Position

The annual audit of AAE finances, conducted by Calibre CPA Group, PLLC, was completed in October 2015. The financial information presented below is taken from the audited financial statements. The net operating surplus is \$478,341, which is \$524,478 more than the budgeted net operating deficit of (\$46,137).

At the end of the year, the auditors suggested to capture the unrealized gains and losses upon the sale or maturity of investment. This year, the investment income of \$629,328 and the unrealized losses of \$533,894 net a total investment income of \$95,434.

The AAE Reserve Fund was \$6,902,465 in June 2015, compared to \$6,946,720 in June 2014, a .044% decrease, due to ongoing market activity.

Questions about the AAE financial position may be directed to Treasurer Dr. Patrick E. Taylor, the AAE Budget and Finance Committee, Acting Executive Director Trina Andresen Coe or Assistant Executive Director for Finance Alma Hundiak at 800-872-3636 (U.S., Canada, Mexico) or 312-266-7255.

## Statement of Financial Position June 30, 2015

### Assets

Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,429,696
Accounts Receivable	298,880
Accrued Income	147,025
Prepaid Expenses	263,399
Inventory	127,986
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$2,266,986</b>
Investments:	
CDs, Corporate Bonds, Mutual Funds	\$6,902,465
<b>Equipment &amp; Furniture - net</b>	<b>\$375,675</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$9,545,126</b>

### Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$232,636
Accrued Expenses	318,218
Affiliate Dues	131,855
Deferred Income	1,811,597
APICES	3,000
Lease Incentive	41,853
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,539,159</b>
Long-Term Liabilities:	
Lease Incentive, less current portion	\$115,096
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$6,412,530
Profit (Loss) YTD	478,341
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$6,890,871</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$9,545,126</b>

## Statement of Activities

For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2015

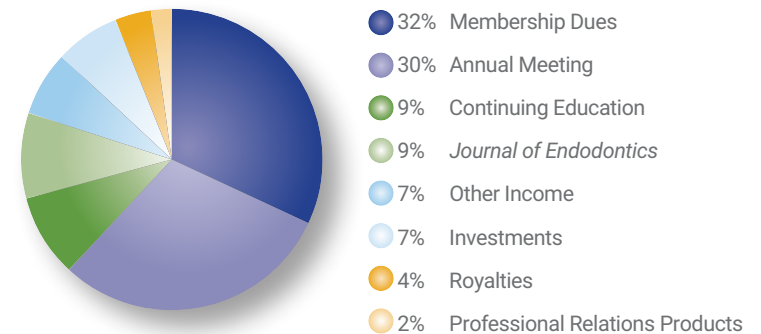
### Revenue

	Actual	Budget
Membership Dues	\$3,043,149	\$3,032,502
Annual Meeting	2,809,299	3,114,520
Journal of Endodontics	884,036	857,392
Continuing Education	828,546	941,640
Professional Relations Products	176,544	200,418
Royalties	373,610	326,196
Other Income	689,727	614,381
Investment (realized)	629,328	150,000
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$9,434,239</b>	<b>\$9,237,049</b>

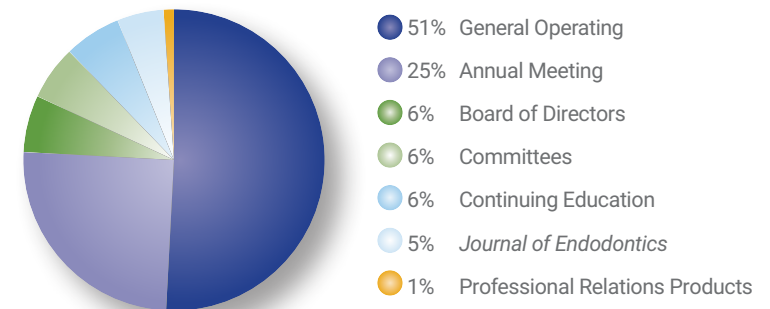
### Expenses

	Actual	Budget
General Operating	\$4,268,113	\$4,671,360
Annual Meeting	2,080,099	2,182,266
Journal of Endodontics	452,591	525,302
Board of Directors	491,546	531,573
Committees	505,030	567,008
Continuing Education	535,961	647,548
Professional Relations Products	88,665	158,129
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$8,422,005</b>	<b>\$9,283,186</b>
<b>Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,012,234</b>	<b>(\$46,137)</b>
<b>Unrealized Gain/Loss</b>	<b>(\$533,894)</b>	<b>not included</b>
<b>Total Net Operating Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$478,341</b>	<b>(\$46,137)</b>

## Revenue Fiscal Year 2014-2015



## Expenses Fiscal Year 2014-2015



# Foundation for Endodontics

Dear Colleagues,



As we review the 2014-2015 fiscal year, I want to thank you for your generosity and your leadership. Although a limited number of members participate on our Board, your values are our top priority.

Our eyes are on tomorrow, and we want the Foundation to reflect the changing face of the specialty. This year, a number of newer practitioners joined the Board of Trustees. We also created the Resident Expert Advisory Council (REACH), a forum for residents to share their thoughts with Foundation leaders.

The Foundation's job is to enrich your profession. The 2015 budget included \$1.6 million for grants, helping to ensure that dentists learn about root canal treatment from an endodontist and that endodontic departments gain prestige within their institutions. We provide seed money that transforms a new idea into a six-figure research project, and we give faculty opportunities to hone their teaching and administrative skills. This work defines your status as an expert.

Looking forward, we hope to shape a new and even more ambitious vision for the next 10 years. The Board is beginning a strategic planning adventure that will make that dream a reality. We have an ambitious fundraising goal of \$1.35 million and a new giving society named after Jacob B. Freedland to help us get there. The society honors donors who make a bequest of \$25,000 or above. If you have completed a pledge and are seeking to do more, this is your opportunity. If you have yet to pledge, please consider joining us as we explore the future.

With appreciation,

Louis E. Rossman, D.M.D.  
President, Foundation for Endodontics



## Foundation at a Glance:

- Thanks to support from individual donors, corporate partners and hardworking volunteers, the Foundation raised over \$1.2 million in the 2014-2015 Campaign.
- \$1.6 million was allocated in the 2015 budget for endodontic research and education.
- Dr. Kathleen G. Neiva of the University of Florida was selected for the 2014 Endodontic Educator Fellowship award.
- The AAE Foundation/DENTSPLY Innovation in Research Grant was awarded to West Virginia University to fund a new research laboratory.
- Endowed Faculty Matching Grants were awarded to Virginia Commonwealth University, the University of Washington, the University of Detroit Mercy and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. These grants help to ensure that dental students receive their endodontic education from endodontists.
- 2015 was the second year of the Foundation's six-year, \$2.5 million commitment for research in regenerative endodontics. The funds were awarded to three multi-center research teams.

## 2014-2015 Research Grants

## Fall 2014

Name	Award	Institution	Project
I-Ping Chen	\$23,000.00	University of Connecticut	Application of a 3-Dimensional Culture Model in Endodontic Research
Anibal Diogenes	\$22,072.00	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Decellularized Dental Pulp as a Scaffold for Regenerative Endodontics
Alexandra Garraton	\$5,000.00	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Characterization of Immune Regulatory and Inflammatory Cells in Human Periapical Lesions
Brandon Glenn	\$13,366.00	Ohio State University	Evaluation of Liposomal Bupivacaine for Post-Operative Pain in Symptomatic Teeth With a Pulpal Diagnosis of Necrosis
Su-Min Lee	\$20,000.00	University of Pennsylvania	New Therapeutic Approaches for Dental Pulpitis Using an Anti-Inflammatory Strategy and Endogenous Dental Pulp Stem Cells
Brent Moore	\$24,525.00	University of Toronto	Impacts of Contracted Endodontic Cavity Designs on Root Canal Instrumentation Efficacy and Biomechanical Response in Maxillary and Mandibular Molars
Ali Nosrat	\$14,452.00	University of Maryland	The Effects of Residual Bacteria on Dental Pulp Regeneration
Valerie Okehie	\$9,752.00	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	DNA Methylation Levels as a Potential Biomarker in the Development of Apical Periodontitis
Jeffrey Parker	\$3,900.00	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	CBCT Uses in Clinical Endodontics - Part 1: Effect of CBCT on the Ability to Locate MB2 in Maxillary Molars; Part 2: Specificity and Sensitivity of Detecting Periapical Lesions Using CBCT
Maobin Yang	\$17,038.00	Temple University	Spatial Control of Pulp-Dentin Complex Regeneration Using a Tissue-Engineered Biomimetic Scaffold
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$153,105.00</b>		

## Spring 2015

Name	Award	Institution	Project
Ali Alaqla	\$19,492.00	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Evaluation of Hypoxia-Induced Heat Shock Proteins in the Dental Pulp: Possible Endogenous Activators of the Innate Immune Response
Craig Bellamy	\$15,990.00	University of Toronto	Effects of a Bioactive Scaffold Containing a Sustained TGF- $\beta$ 1 Releasing Nanoparticle System on SCAP Migration and Differentiation
Darnell Kaigler	\$23,978.00	University of Michigan	Cell Therapy for Dental Pulp Tissue Engineering
Florence Kwo	\$8,125.00	University of California at Los Angeles	Humanized Ameloblastin Knock-In Mouse Model for Dental Organization and Mineralization
Mary Pettiette	\$20,894.48	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill	Investigating the Role of MicroRNA in External Root Resorption
Brandon Pitcher	\$5,800.00	University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio	Differential Diagnosis Between Cysts and Granulomas With the Use of Cone Beam Computed Tomography: A Volumetric and Densimetric Analysis
Renato Silva	\$10,840.00	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston	Dental Pulp Regeneration Using a Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor-Loaded Bioresorbable Delivery System
Tontesh Tawady	\$14,200.00	University of Maryland	The Relationship Between Short-Term Healing of Periapical Lesions and Glycemic Control
Karl Woodmansey	\$10,000.00	Texas A&M University, Baylor College of Dentistry	The Impact of Obturation Material on the Outcome of Initial Root Canal Treatment
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$129,319.48</b>		

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# 2014-2015 AAE Foundation Statement of Financial Position

## American Association of Endodontists Foundation Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2014

<u>Assets</u>	2014	2013
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,476,471	\$954,569
Accounts receivable	2,700	-
Due from American Association of Endodontists	44,673	76,628
Prepaid expenses	6,330	5,925
Pledges receivable, net	1,508,189	1,648,351
Investments	28,074,941	27,265,074
Property and equipment, net	25,220	35,344
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$31,138,524</b>	<b>\$29,985,891</b>
<u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u>		
	2014	2013
Accounts payable	\$204,122	\$151,306
Due to American Association of Endodontists	192,043	176,970
Grants payable:		
Due to American Association of Endodontists	107,698	121,792
Due to other third parties	203,570	350,727
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>707,433</b>	<b>800,795</b>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
	2014	2013
Unrestricted	29,674,545	28,399,406
Temporarily restricted	756,546	785,690
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>30,431,091</b>	<b>29,185,096</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$31,138,524</b>	<b>\$29,985,891</b>

## American Association of Endodontists Foundation Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

<u>Revenue and Other Support</u>	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Contributions	\$156,650	\$832,124	\$988,774
Investment income	2,205,294	-	2,205,294
	2,361,944	832,124	3,194,068
Net assets released from restrictions - satisfaction of time restrictions	861,268	(861,268)	-
<b>Total Revenue and Other Support</b>	<b>3,223,212</b>	<b>(29,144)</b>	<b>3,194,068</b>
<u>Expenses</u>	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Administrative reimbursement - American Association of Endodontists	341,266	-	341,266
Annual meeting	93,597	-	93,597
Credit card charges	17,234	-	17,234
Depreciation	10,124	-	10,124
Equipment maintenance	1,530	-	1,530
Grants:			
Educator	272,513	-	272,513
Competitive research	248,577	-	248,577
Resident research	75,500	-	75,500
Other	697,506	-	697,506
Insurance	5,006	-	5,006
Investment fees	36,754	-	36,754
Miscellaneous	9,134	-	9,134
Postage and mail service	14,721	-	14,721
Printing	26,855	-	26,855
Professional fees	63,292	-	63,292
Provision for uncollectible pledges	(69,750)	-	(69,750)
Supplies	554	-	554
Telephone	438	-	438
Trustee meetings	103,222	-	103,222
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,948,073</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,948,073</b>
Change in Net Assets	1,275,139	(29,144)	1,245,995
<u>Net Assets</u>	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
Beginning of the Year	28,399,406	785,690	29,185,096
End of the Year	\$29,674,545	\$756,546	\$30,431,091

Dear Colleagues,



We congratulate our 72 new Diplomates who became Board certified in 2014. This is an extremely important achievement in the professional lives of these dedicated individuals.

Obtaining Board certification is the culmination of a great deal of effort, both by the new Diplomates, and those who supported them with mentorship and encouragement to ensure their success. These family members, faculty, friends, mentors and colleagues deserve part of the credit for the success of these new Diplomates. On behalf of all the directors and staff of the American Board of Endodontics, we wish to extend our heartiest and most sincere congratulations to all of you. We are among your staunchest supporters, and we feel great pride in your accomplishments. Well done!

Our specialty of endodontics is forever indebted and beholden to those who have obtained Board certification. A high percentage of Board-certified endodontists is critical to retain our standing as a recognized specialty in dentistry. Every endodontist, not just those who have become Board certified, must share this responsibility.

Sincerely,



James D. Johnson, D.D.S., M.S.  
President, American Board of Endodontics





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