

Call to Order

President Garry L. Myers called the 2018 General Assembly of the American Association of Endodontists to order at 8:50 a.m. on April 27, 2018, at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado. A quorum of voting members was in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

President Myers called for approval of the minutes of the April 28, 2017 General Assembly held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, as published in the *Communique*.

GA-1 Moved: That the 2017 General Assembly Minutes be approved as distributed in the July 2017 issue of the *Communique*.

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Parliamentarian

President Myers noted that the agenda for the day's meeting included a vote regarding membership requirements. In anticipation of some discussion on the matter, Dr. Mark B. Desrosiers was appointed to serve as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Reports of Officers

President Myers announced that written reports from the AAE President, Secretary, and Treasurer were made available to members electronically via the AAE18 mobile app.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Stefan I. Zweig reported that for the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2017, the AAE had a surplus of \$513,000 after investment earnings, and that the AAE received a clean audit from its independent auditors. This indicates that financial operations not only comply with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, but also that the association is financially sound and that the Board of Directors has operated responsibly and in the best interest of the AAE and its membership.

Dr. Zweig reviewed Operating Revenues, Expenses and Net Surplus/Deficit for the years ending June 2015 through the budget of June 2019. Overall, revenues are increasing, mainly through increased membership and the success of the AAE's educational meetings. Expenses have also increased as a means to generate those increased revenues.

The current fiscal year is forecasted as a surplus of \$106,000 and the AAE continues to work on improving the projected surplus by year-end. Dr. Zweig shared that the projected surplus reflects expenses related to the implementation of new association management software, as well as website improvements aimed to enable the AAE to be more responsive to the needs of its members.

The AAE Net Asset/Reserve Fund balance on June 30, 2017 was at 86% of the 2017 expense budget, which is a healthy financial position.

The Board approved a Fiscal Year 2019 budget projecting revenue of \$10,533,000, expenses of \$10,737,000, investment earnings of \$223,000 with a surplus of \$19,000. The surplus is less than the current year, but the focus continues to be to provide increased value to members. In addition, the Board is advancing the strategic plan which focuses on expanding the public's awareness of endodontists, the dental profession's value of the endodontic specialty and recognition of members within the specialty. The board approved additional funding for the strategic initiatives in the amount of \$484,756. This will be funded in the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget through the use of reserve funds.

Treasurer Zweig thanked the AAE Budget and Finance Committee, Board of Directors, and staff for their work.

Constitution and Bylaws

AAE Secretary Alan H. Gluskin, member of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, presented proposed amendments to the *Bylaws*.

At its 2017 meeting in New Orleans, the AAE General Assembly considered an amendment to the AAE Bylaws, proposed by the AAE Board and Constitution and Bylaws Committee, which would change the requirements for AAE membership so that individuals would not be required to join any other organization in order to qualify for membership in the AAE.

The General Assembly voted to postpone voting on this proposed amendment until its 2018 meeting and requested that the Board direct the Membership Services Committee to develop a knowledge-based governance paper on this topic, to be distributed to the membership. The paper was developed, reviewed by the Board at its 2017 Interim Meeting, and distributed to the membership in January.

It was agreed that the proposed amendments to the bylaws be split and considered in two separate segments: the first set of changes considered related to the requirement to be an ADA (or equivalent) member at the time of joining the AAE; the second set of changes considered related to the requirement that continued membership in the AAE be contingent upon continued membership in the ADA (or equivalent).

GA-2 Moved: that the proposed amendments to the AAE Bylaws, as distributed to the membership in January 2018, be approved.

Motion Divided.

GA-2a Moved: that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Chapter I. Membership Requirements

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Active members shall be endodontists who meet the following requirements:

- a. ~~membership in the American Dental Association and~~ conformance to ~~it's~~ the American Dental Association's Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct; or, if not residing in the US, ~~membership in the recognized endodontic specialty association; or, if none, then the equivalent national dental association of the country of current residence and~~ conformance to ~~the that association's~~ principles of ethics of the equivalent national dental association;

Motion Defeated.

GA-2b Moved: that the Bylaws be amended as follows:

Chapter I. Membership Requirements

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- d. *successful completion of an advanced specialty education program in endodontics approved by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association.*

~~*Continuation of Active membership in the Association is contingent upon membership in the American Dental Association; or, if not residing in the US, membership in the recognized endodontic specialty association; or, if none, then the equivalent national dental association of the country of current residence.*~~

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Chapter V. Termination and Reinstatement of Membership

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Section 1. Immediate Termination.

Each of the following are grounds for immediate termination of membership:

- a. *failure to pay dues, fees or special assessments as provided in Chapter IV or defaults on any other obligation due the Association;*
- b. *submission of a resignation;*
- c. ~~*failure to maintain current membership in the American Dental Association; or if not residing in the US, membership in the recognized endodontic specialty association; or if none, then the equivalent national dental association of the country of current residence.*~~

Motion Approved.

The approved updates to the Bylaws will be applied throughout all affected AAE Membership categories.

Editor's Report

Editor Kenneth M. Hargreaves reported continued advances in the *Journal of Endodontics*. The JOE has seen a 310% increase in the number of submitted manuscripts since 2003. The JOE's impact factor, a measure of how often a published paper is cited, has increased more than four-fold since 2000; and the JOE's impact factor ranks the Journal as #10 out of 89 dental journals. This workload has been managed due to the incredible efforts of the Scientific Advisory Board. In 2017, over 400 SAB members from 27 countries reviewed more than 1,600 new and revised manuscripts. Dr. Hargreaves recognized reviewers for their service.

A new section focusing specifically on regenerative endodontics was introduced in 2016. It is hoped that this will foster research leading to improved treatment protocols and the rapid evolution of this field.

The JOE awards were presented at the Scientific Advisory Board Reception and recognized the best articles of 2017 in the categories of Basic Research: Biology; Basic Research: Technology; Case Reports and Clinical Techniques; Clinical Research; and Regenerative Endodontics. Dr. Hargreaves recognized

the winning authors and those who received honorable mentions for their contributions, and encouraged members to submit nominations to recognize authors of 2018's best papers.

Foundation for Endodontics Report

Foundation President Peter A. Morgan reported on the Foundation's continued growth. He noted that the Foundation supports residents, faculty, and endodontic programs. In 2017, the Foundation budgeted \$1.5 million for grants.

In early 2017, the Foundation formalized its international outreach program and partnered with the Henry Schein Cares Foundation, which provided both monetary and in-kind equipment. Additionally, Seiler Precision Instruments has provided a microscope for patient care since late 2016. As of today, the Foundation has completed eight iterations of the program, and with the volunteer service of 24 endodontists and residents, over 265 teeth have been saved with endodontic treatment.

The Foundation's 2017 Endodontic Educator Fellowship Award is supported by Edge Endo. Dr. Morgan recognized the 2017 fellowship recipient, Dr. Vanessa Chrepa, assistant professor at University of Washington.

Dr. Morgan recognized corporate donors who have increased their commitment as well as new corporate donors. He encouraged members to make a pledge to assist the Foundation in achieving their 2017-18 fundraising goal of \$1.5 million.

American Board of Endodontics Report

American Board of Endodontics President Craig Noblett reported that the ABE congratulated and presented pins to a record number of 108 new Diplomates at the Grossman Ceremony. The growing numbers of endodontists going through the certification process has resulted in an increased workload for the Board and its staff. The ABE Board will expand to 12 directors in the coming year. Similarly, ABE staff has increased to three full-time employees. The ABE Board and staff continue to work to encourage participation.

Presentation of ABE Nominees

Dr. Noblett presented the slate of nominees for ABE Directors:

Bradford R. Johnson

Neville J. McDonald

Timothy C. Kirkpatrick

Anne E. Williamson

GA-3 Moved: That the slate of nominees for ABE Directors be approved.

Motion Carried.

Nominating Committee Report

AAE Nominating Committee Chair Robert S. Roda presented the slate of nominees for AAE Officers and AAE Foundation Trustees and Public Sector Representatives.

Officers, American Association of Endodontists:

President	Patrick E. Taylor
President-elect	Keith V. Krell
Vice President	Alan H. Gluskin
Secretary	Stefan I. Zweig
Treasurer	Gerald C. Dietz, Jr.
Immediate Past President	Garry L. Myers

Trustee, Foundation for Endodontics:

Nava Fathi

New Practitioner Trustee, Foundation for Endodontics:

Melissa Marchesan

Public Sector Representatives, Foundation for Endodontics:

John Ferone

Kim Livesay

Mark Laramore

GA-4 Moved: That the slate of nominees for AAE officers and AAE Foundation Trustees and Public Sector Representatives be approved.

Motion Carried.

The Assembly was informed that the Foundation Board of Trustees has elected Dr. John Nusstein to serve as its president-elect, for a two-year term beginning in 2018. Dr. Mary Pettiette will begin her term as Foundation for Endodontics President, and as part of that role will serve on the AAE Board of Directors.

Election of District Directors

President Garry L. Myers presented the slate of nominees for AAE District Directors:

District 1	Robert A. Cheron
District 3	Bradley M. Harris
District 4	Steven J. Katz
District 7	Nishan M. Odabashian

GA-5 Moved: That the slate of nominees for District Directors be approved.

Motion Carried.

The nominee for District 5 had stepped down from the election prior to the General Assembly meeting. In accordance with the AAE Constitution, the retiring Director from District 5, Dr. Ron C. Hill, will continue to serve in this position until a replacement is elected by this Assembly in 2019.

Swearing-in of Elected Officers, Directors, and Trustees

New AAE officers and district directors, ABE directors, and AAE Foundation trustees took an oath to abide by the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Association of Endodontists and the Bylaws of the respective organizations to which they have been elected, and to discharge their duties and responsibilities to the best of their abilities.

Outgoing President's Remarks and Transfer of the Gavel

President Patrick E. Taylor thanked Immediate Past President Garry L. Myers for his service to the specialty, and presented him with the AAE past president's pin. Dr. Myers thanked the membership for the opportunity to serve as AAE President, and presented the gavel to President Taylor.

Incoming President's Remarks

President Taylor spoke to the Assembly regarding the importance of member involvement in advocating for endodontics; and highlighted ways that members can support their specialty from the local to national levels. Dr. Taylor encouraged members to get involved, and shared a preview of upcoming meetings including AAE19 in Montreal.

New Business

President Taylor entertained requests for new business. No new business was raised and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.