2004-2005
Annual Report
The American Association of Endodontists
Dear Colleagues,

As you have undoubtedly noticed throughout the last year, the AAE is changing. Our core values and mission are the same, but we are more than ever before aware of current trends and challenges in the profession. We are more than ever before focusing on the possibilities of tomorrow, and most importantly, we are drawing from the lessons of our past. The AAE is taking courageous steps to raise awareness, to provide value to its members whose interests we serve and to Advocate for the Advancement of Endodontics. This was my mission for the past year, as well as the theme of the 2005 Annual Session, and the strides that have been made are demonstrated in various ways.

The Association has harnessed technology to provide better services to our members. We have adopted a contemporary, consistent image in our products and publications, and have expanded our communications. Most importantly, our leadership has committed to a new philosophy of knowledge-based governance, which is based on the concept that a strategically minded governing body can be flexible in its decision-making when given all of the relevant background information by trusted colleagues. This single, long-term change is facilitating a transition for our Association, allowing us to set courageous directions, measure our outcomes and be accountable to the membership. Our ongoing activities have been joined by new, exciting initiatives this year, which are detailed in this annual report.

Many people have worked diligently throughout the year to realize our collective goals. I would like to particularly thank the Board of Directors, the numerous committee members and other volunteers, and the Headquarters staff for their dedication and strong commitment to the organization. Without all of the individual talents of each of these people, none of our accomplishments would have been possible.

Thank you all for the honor and privilege of serving as President of the AAE.

Sincerely,

Sandra Madison, D.D.S., M.S.

Mission
The American Association of Endodontists is dedicated to excellence in the art and science of endodontics and to the highest standard of patient care. The Association inspires its members to pursue professional advancement and personal fulfillment through education, research, advocacy, leadership, communication and service.

Vision
The American Association of Endodontists is a global resource in endodontic knowledge and education for the profession, our members and the public. We promote dedication to service, respect for our members, the advancement of endodontics and the highest standards of patient care.

Core Values
- Service
- Education
- Fellowship
- Courage
- Respect
- Advocacy
- Leadership
AAE Leadership, Volunteers and Headquarters Staff

Leadership

The following members served as the AAE governing body during the 2004-2005 fiscal year:

Front row, left to right: Louis E. Rosman-Treasurer; John S. Olmsted-Vice President; Sandra Madison-President; Marc Balson-President-Elect; Clara M. Spatafore-Secretary and District I Director; Mahmoud Torabinejad-Immediate Past President; and James M. Drinan-Executive Director.

Back row, left to right: Robert L. Reames-District V Director; Alan S. Law-District V Director; Frank J. Wilkinson-District VI Director; Timothy A. Grubb-District III Director; Richard R. Weiss-District II Director; Shepard S. Goldstein-District I Director; Patrick E. Taylor-District VI Director; Robert A. Coleman-District IV Director; Richard C. Rutledge-District III Director; Mark A. Schachts-District II Director; and Tarryl A. Propper-District IV Director.

Committee Members

In addition to the Board of Directors, leadership in the AAE comes from committee chairs and members. Various standing, special and ad hoc committees carry out the plans of the Association. The following members generously gave of their time in 2004-2005:

Headquarters Staff

The AAE staff, consisting of the accounting, business affairs, communications, education, executive, Foundation, meeting services, membership and policy departments, function as a team to meet the needs of the membership. The following individuals contributed their expertise to the AAE in 2004-2005:

Jame M. Drinan, J.M.D.
Claire Abrams, C.M.P.
Beverly K. Albert
Dan Aske
Stacy L. Bogard
Harriet M. Bogdanowicz, M.B.A.
Jill E. Cochran, M.A.
Lori B. Edmunds, C.M.P.
Carrie A. Gremer
Juan Hernandez

Patrick Hoffmann, M.B.A.
Natalie E. Islam
Sylvia Jachymiak
Gigi M. Jason
Thomas W. Laak, C.P.A.

Annie Leong, C.P.A.
Maria A. Mariscal
Kelly L. McNamara
Debby Rice
Jay N. Rosenblum

Stephanie Sacriste
David Segler
Elizabeth Stone
Eva Wilczek
Marlena M. Wajdik

James K. Bahall
Leif K. Bakland
Marc Balson
Rodrick L. Barden
Frederic Barnett
Kirk R. Baumgardner
J. Craig Baumgartner
Deborah S. Bishop
Mitchell H. Davich
Charles J. Cunningham
Kirk A. Coury
Elisabetta Cotti
G. Garo Chaljian
Grace T. Chu
Matthew S. Clegg
G. Matthew Brock
Douglas E. Chadwick
G. Garo Chaljian

Kenneth M. Hargreaves
Pamela P. Harrington
Gary R. Hartwell
Thomas E. Harvey
John F. Hatton
Allen R. Hefler
M. Lamar Hicks
Michael M. Hoen
Graham R. Holland
Scott H. Horsley
Jeffrey W. Hutter
Allan Jacobs
Billie G. Jeaninne

Keith V. Krell
Sergio Kuttler
Alan S. Law
Linda G. Levin
Lawrence M. Le Vine
Janshen Lin
Paul A. Lindauer
Carmine J. LoMonaco
John R. Ludington Jr.
Tanya K. Machnick
Sandra Madison
Terence Mah
Lloyd Marcum
Scott B. McClanahan
Neville J. McDonald
Judy D. McIntyre
Steven N. McNicholas

André K. Mickel
Stuart O. Miller
Julian R.D. Moiseiwitsch
Heidi L. Moos
William K. Morgan
Bart B. Morrison
M. Sadegh Namezakhah
Michael L.P. Nguyen
W. Craig Noblett
William J. Nudera

Mark A. Odom
Asger Sigurdsson
Daniel J. Simon
Charles L. Siroky
Joel B. Slingbaan
Clara M. Spatafore
Adam Stabholz
H. Clayton Stearns
Maurine L. Swift
Patrick E. Taylor
Mahmoud Torabinejad
Robert A. Uchin
William A. Walker III
Richard E. Walton
I. Emily Wang
Julian Webber
Richard R. Weiss
Robert R. White
B. Harvey Wiener
Frank J. Wilkinson
Lauren B. Wilkinson
Gary T. Wuchnerich
Darrell W. Zenk
Kenneth J. Zucker
Stefan I. Zweig

Christopher M. Sechrist
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**Advocating for the Advancement of Endodontics**

Led by its first female president, the Association pursued a number of bold initiatives this year, resulting in the adoption of a new governance philosophy, launch of a large-scale public awareness campaign, and release of key products and services. A review of the following pages demonstrates that the Association is growing, not just in the size of its membership, but also in the value it offers to each endodontist and the specialty as a whole.

**Knowledge-Based Governance**

With many of the goals identified in the 2002 Applied Strategic Plan completed or well underway, the Board of Directors looked this year at developing the next strategic plan, but in a very different manner. The Board is incorporating a knowledge-based approach to decision-making, which emphasizes structured examination of what is and is not known about an issue, the source of the information, and an exhaustive analysis, including careful consideration of the pros and cons of all possible approaches.

This philosophy will provide for an ongoing strategic plan, with the Board focusing on setting the course of the AAE and providing general input and oversight to its activities, while committees, other membership leadership groups and Headquarters staff are given greater responsibility for directly monitoring and implementing the activities. This process will benefit members as the Association responds more quickly and flexibly to the demands of the marketplace.

**AAE Public Awareness Campaign**

In the spring of 2004, the American Association of Endodontists engaged Edelman Public Relations to develop and implement a public and professional awareness campaign for the specialty of endodontics with two main objectives:

- Educate the public about endodontists and endodontic services to increase public awareness of endodontists and their role in dental health, as well as dispel myths about endodontic treatment.
- Educate other members of the dental team (i.e., educators, students and general practitioners) about the role of endodontists as vital members of the dental team, and the advantages of referring root canal patients to these specialists.

**Core Messages**

The Public and Professional Affairs Committee created a series of core messages organized by key audience and theme. Additionally, the PPAC approved the campaign logo and design to be used on all materials and messages organized by key audience and theme. The PPAC also created a series of core messages, which will serve as a visual symbol for the program.

**Campaign Launch**

A series of materials announced the launch of *Endodontists: the root canal specialists*.

- Postcards were mailed to all Active, Educator and Life members in January to provide advance notice of the arrival of the Community Outreach Tool Kit and to introduce members to the campaign Web site.
- A full-page announcement appeared in the February issue of the Journal of Endodontics.
- In March, consumer and professional press releases regarding the launch of the campaign were distributed to 400 dental publications and Web sites, and key media outlets were contacted by phone.

- Subsequently, space-available advertisements were sent to dental professional publications to promote awareness of the campaign among that audience.
- Members routinely received campaign updates via e-mail and Association publications to maintain the momentum of the campaign’s launch.

**Community Outreach Tool Kit**

A key asset for the success of the campaign, the AAE prepared a *Community Outreach Tool Kit* to help members identify and capitalize on local opportunities to promote their practices and the specialty. The kit was shipped to all Active, Educator and Life members in March; additional copies were distributed at the 2005 Annual Session in Dallas.

**Campaign Web Site**

A new Web site was developed specifically for the campaign, [www.rootcanalsspecialists.org](http://www.rootcanalsspecialists.org). The site contains information for dental professionals, patients and the media, as well as a members-only section, which houses a free electronic version of the *Tool Kit*, regular campaign updates and a discussion board.

**Consumer Outreach**

The AAE initiated a number of media outreach activities to elicit continuous press coverage of the specialty and the campaign.

- Four audio news releases—prepackaged radio news stories—were distributed on topics related to the campaign to 2,800 radio stations nationwide. The ANRs were well-received, with total audience share exceeding 35 million listeners.

**Audio News Release Listenership**

- Four MAT releases were distributed to 10,000 community newspapers across the country. A MAT release is a prewritten news story that is frequently printed by smaller, local publications, up to a year after distribution. As of June 30, 2005, the articles had appeared in a total of 164 newspapers for a combined circulation of 11,637,104.

- The AAE also worked with Edelman to identify, evaluate and respond to appropriate media opportunities. As a result of media outreach, the organization received coverage in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Chicago Tribune and WCBS-AM (a prominent news radio station in New York).
**Crisis in Education**

The Association has been making strides in examining and responding to the crisis in dental education.

- An endodontic faculty survey conducted by the AAE identified two focal points: faculty shortages and financial disparities. A study published in the April 2005 issue of the Journal of Endodontics supported survey findings. To help alleviate these challenges, the AAE created an Education Network Program that connects endodontists and local alumni with dental programs in their area. There are currently over 100 volunteers in this database who are sharing their expertise with dental programs around the country.
- The AAE also continues to support and work through various other programs, such as the Foundation’s Endodontic Educator Fellowship Awards and the Endodontic Education Review Committee that reports to the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.
- Through the generous support of the Foundation, the AAE was able to continue offering the annual educator workshop, which was geared toward program directors in 2004.

**International Outreach**

The AAE participated in a number of international meetings this year with the knowledge that involvement in the international endodontic arena will be critical to advancing the specialty.

In September, there were two great opportunities to engage in a meaningful exchange with counterparts from around the world – first at the Trans-Pacific Endodontic meeting in Port Douglas, Australia, followed by the IFEA World Congress in Brisbane. Both meetings offered outstanding continuing education for endodontists and general dentists. AAE members were second in number only to Australians attending the IFEA Congress.

During conversations at these meetings, the concept arose of having a gathering for representatives of international endodontic organizations to discuss items of concern for the specialty throughout the world. Such a gathering was held in Dallas immediately following the Annual Session.

**Corporate Community**

AAE leaders reached out to the corporate sector during the inaugural Corporate Community Conference in August 2004. Emphasis was placed on the importance of involving trained endodontists in the education of general dentists. The discussion was well-received; the AAE will continue to work with the corporate community toward maintaining the specialty as a science-based, integral part of dentistry.

AAE leaders also met with dental insurance company representatives to address third-party reimbursement issues. Valuable information regarding reimbursement and adjudication was presented by the companies, and working relationships were established with the Dental Benefits Committee for future cooperation.

**Advocacy for the Specialty**

An ad hoc committee was formed this year to review the official definition of the endodontic specialty, which was last approved by the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure in 1983. A revised definition was approved by the Board of Directors and submitted to the Council for review; it may come before the 2005 ADA House of Delegates for action.

The AAE also submitted revisions to the accreditation standards with input from the Board of Directors, representatives of the ABE and the endodontic educator community. Notable among the changes would be increased emphasis on neurosciences and the diagnosis and management of orofacial pain; management of traumatized teeth; increased didactic and clinical training in the incorporation of magnification technologies (microscopy, oroscopy, etc.) in endodontics; and familiarity with dental implantology. The revisions were approved by the ADA’s Council on Dental Accreditation and the new standards will become effective January 1, 2006.

**Services**

In the online arena, the launch of a redesigned Web site provided the AAE with an opportunity to offer members a few modern conveniences.

- New services at the 2005 Annual Session recognized Educator members and education volunteers. These members were invited to wear an “I Teach” badge ribbon, while a new Educator Center provided access to valuable resources, including guidelines for developing a faculty mentor program in dental schools and advanced programs.
- Products such as patient education brochures and other practice management tools may now be purchased anytime day or night via the Online Store.
- The Career Center is an online service for job candidates, employers and practice owners. This tool allows candidates to search through available job opportunities and post a résumé, while employers can submit job openings and search through résumés.
- The AAE also worked in cooperation with its affiliate organizations to offer an easy way for members to renew their national and local association memberships through the AAE dues payment process, which could be completed online this year.
- Communication vehicles were expanded further with the debut of the Association’s first e-newsletter, PULP: The Inside Word From AAE, which is distributed to all members with an e-mail address on record. PULP provides members not only with information about Association activities and services, but articles on the top issues facing the dental community.

Dr. Philippe O. Zimet (left), president of the Asian-Pacific Endodontic Confederation, shares ideas with other endodontic association leaders from around the world.
Events

Dr. Sandra Madison (left), 2004-2005 AAE president, talks with APICES founders, Drs. Brian Chuang (middle) and Jessica Barr (right) during a reception at Boston University.

The first annual meeting of endodontic residents took place in August 2004 at Boston University. More than 150 residents from 30 programs across the country came together under the leadership of Drs. Jessica Barr and Brian Chuang during the Advanced Programs in Clinical Endodontics Symposium, better known as APICES. Financial and promotional support for this annual event was provided by the AAE.

The 2004 Educator Workshop was geared toward program directors, and focused on evidence-based dentistry and Board preparation for endodontic residents. Program directors from 50 advanced specialty education programs in endodontics in North America participated in the weekend event held in Chicago through the support of the AAE Foundation.

Annual Session

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in seven different hands-on workshops during the 2005 Annual Session.

More than 3,400 attendees took part in the 2005 Annual Session, held April 6-9, in Dallas, Texas. New activities and events included:

- Educational sessions in a track format, targeting the content areas of auxiliary topics, implantology, pain control, practice management, submitted presentations, surgery and trauma.
- A record number of hands-on workshops were offered.
- Additions to the AAE Oasis, including an Educator Center, Foundation Shoe Shine Booth, and resources supporting the Step Up! program, public awareness campaign and Fall Conference.

Programs

The Governmental Affairs Committee initiated a new AAE program called Step Up!, a grassroots effort to increase the specialty community’s impact in organized dentistry and make a difference in the lives of our members, patients and community. More than 600 members have informed the AAE of the ways that they are “stepping up.”

Products

- The Recommended Guidelines of the American Association of Endodontists for Treatment of Traumatic Dental Injuries were updated with the latest information on the subject.
- Two new patient education brochures were introduced in foreign languages, a French translation of Your Guide to Endodontic Treatment and a Spanish translation of Your Guide to Endodontic Surgery.

General Membership Information and Activities

Membership Statistics

The AAE membership has increased since 2004, with a total of 6,665 members as of June 30, 2005. New members in the Active and Life categories are responsible for the positive change.

Memorials

Within the past year, the AAE lost two members, each of whom served as president and received the AAE’s highest honor, the Edgar D. Coolidge Award, during their professional career.

Dr. Richard C. Burns, 72, passed away on May 1, 2005. A member of the AAE since 1964, Dr. Burns served in a number of leadership positions for the AAE, AAE Foundation and American Board of Endodontics. He served as president of the AAE from 1994-1995, and received the Edgar D. Coolidge Award in 2002.

In addition to his work in AAE leadership capacities, Dr. Burns made many other contributions to the Association and the dental profession. As a cartoonist, he drew humorous renditions of facial pain, which enlivened one of the AAE’s patient education brochures, The Tooth Pain Guide, for many years. He was also the principle illustrator and co-editor of the widely read endodontic text, Pathways of the Pulp.

Dr. Philip W. Cohen, 66, passed away on April 9, 2005. A member of the AAE since 1966, Dr. Cohen was a past president, serving from 1995-1996, and was honored with the 2005 Edgar D. Coolidge Award during this year’s Annual Session in Dallas.

An active participant in organized dentistry for his entire professional career, Dr. Cohen’s positive influence and wealth of knowledge were just two valuable assets in moving the specialty forward for more than 30 years. Dr. Cohen was especially instrumental in advancing the AAE through his service in key leadership positions on various committees and on the Board of Directors.
Major Awards

The following individuals were presented with the AAE’s most prestigious honors and awards by Dr. Sandra Madison at the 2005 Annual Session:

The AAE’s highest honor, the Edgar D. Coolidge Award, was presented to Philip W. Cohen, D.D.S., M.S., of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. A past president, president-elect, vice president, treasurer, director and committee member, Dr. Cohen was an active member of the AAE who contributed much during his 30 years of participation in organized dentistry.

The Louis I. Grossman Award recipient was James H. Simon, D.D.S., of Orange, Calif. Over the past 30 years, Dr. Simon has made significant contributions to endodontic research with the publication of more than 50 scientific articles, nine abstract studies and 15 textbook chapters, and as co-author of the textbook, Clinical and Surgical Endodontics: Concepts in Practice.

The I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award was presented to William J. Meyers, D.M.D., M.Ed., of Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Meyers currently serves as acting chair and professor emeritus in the department of endodontics at The Ohio State University School of Dentistry. He has served in various positions during his 28 years at OSU and preceding 13 years with the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

The recipient of the Edward M. Osetek Educator Award was Alexandre A.P. Fleury, D.D.S., M.S., of Plano, Texas. Dr. Fleury is currently an assistant professor and director of preclinical endodontics at Baylor College of Dentistry, following his tenure at Nova Southeastern University from 2000-2003 as an assistant professor and director of predoctoral endodontics.

The Ralph F. Sommer Award was presented to two recipients this year, Henry J. Van Hassel, D.D.S., Ph.D., of Heiskell, Tenn., and Harmeeet D. Walia, D.D.S., M.D.S., M.S., of Udhaliyah, Saudi Arabia. Dr. Van Hassel’s 1971 article on the Physiology of the Human Dental Pulp pioneered the process of physiologic diagnosis. Dr. Walia was the principal author of the 1988 article, An Initial Investigation of the Bending and Torsional Properties of Nitinol Root Canal Files, which recognized the potential of NiTi material to be used as an intracanal instrument for the first time.

Dr. Madison made the surprise announcement about the recipient of the President’s Award during the Opening Session, by awarding it to Darrell W. Zenk, D.D.S., M.S.D., of Inver Grove Heights, Minn. A member of the AAE since 1970, Dr. Zenk has positively affected the organization by serving as president of his state endodontic association, sitting on and chairing numerous AAE committees, through his involvement in strategic planning and in service as an AAE director. He has also been a guiding influence on the AAE Foundation, serving on the Board of Trustees from 1999-2005.

AAE/Dentsply Resident Awards

This competition is designed to foster excellence in research and to encourage residents to present projects at the Annual Session. Dentsply International provides $30,000 in sponsorship to support the prizes of $1,000 for each of the top 10 oral and poster research presentations and table clinics. The awards were distributed during the Edgar D. Coolidge Luncheon at the 2005 Annual Session. The winners are listed below in rank order:

Oral Research Presentations

John Williams, University of North Carolina
Meetu Kohli, University of Pennsylvania
Blythe Kaufman, University of Connecticut
Amy Lee, University of Connecticut
Philip Zaveloff, New York University
Michael Pichardo, Keesler Medical Center
Asma A. Khan, University of Texas, San Antonio
Scott George, Keesler Medical Center
Rakesh Raina, Medical College of Georgia
Vincent Marquis, University of Toronto

Poster Research Presentations

Hong Chen, University of North Carolina
Kenneth W. Falk, University of Michigan
Ryan I. Soden, University of Michigan
Mario D’Addario, University of Toronto
Jack C.H. Liu, University of Iowa
Michelle L. Heffernan, University of North Carolina
Heidi G. Korn, University of Michigan
Kimberly A.D. Lindquist, Case Western Reserve University
Ching S. Wang, University of North Carolina
Jussara M. Morsani, Case Western Reserve University
**Table Clinics**

Kris tin M Jabbs, Albert Einstein Medical Center
Hatim Hamad and Alexander Royzenblat, Naval Postgraduate Dental School
Judy D. Mcintyre, University of North Carolina
Yogesh Patel, Baylor College of Dentistry
Lance J. Skidmore, Marquette University
Christopher B. Owatz and Evan Chugerman, University of Texas, San Antonio
Paul Kogan, Baylor College of Dentistry
Ellen A. Teverovsky, Albert Einstein Medical Center
Theron Eichenberger and Shiwei Cai, University of Washington
Andrew P. Wright, Case Western Reserve University

**Student Achievement Awards**

This award is given to senior dental students who have shown a broad interest in endodontics and demonstrated exceptional involvement in their classes during dental school. These students must exhibit above-average grades in both the clinical treatment of endodontic problems and didactic endodontic courses. They are selected by the dental school and receive a one-year Student membership that includes a subscription to the *Journal of Endodontics.* We are pleased to announce the 2004-2005 award recipients:

- Shawn R. Anderson, Loma Linda University
- Mazin E. Aziz, University of Southern California
- Vlas Balakrishna, Boston University
- Tassos Anthanosis Belegratis, University of Colorado
- Elise Bertrand, Université Laval
- Wes Borengasser, University of Oklahoma
- Alexander Cheah, University of Toronto
- Rimma Cherep, Columbia University
- Shaun R. Collimore, University of Louisville
- Tran Vo Long Dao, Université de Montréal
- Joseph L. De Jongh, University of Florida
- Sitki Munat Dogus, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- Ryan Donnelly, Oregon Health & Science University
- Ryan Duval, University of Pittsburgh
- Janelle Curtis Edchial, University of Iowa
- Adrienne Embry, Meharry Medical College
- Natasha Marie Flake, University of Maryland
- Eric Matthew Foss, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- Jason P. Glassley, Indiana University
- David L. Hadley, Virginia Commonwealth University
- James Porter Hannah, University of Alabama
- Heidi Higgins, Dalhousie University
- Craig Humber, University of Saskatchewan
- Adam Irvine, University of Manitoba
- Maryanne Kanasan Inwin, Tufts University
- Benjamin Harrison Jacobs, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey
- Behnam Jafarnia, Medical University of South Carolina
- Andrew T. Mohlin, The Ohio State University
- Charles Daniel Nolet, University of Mississippi
- Jeffrey B. Pfafford, Medical College of Georgia
- Marcus L. Palermo, University of the Pacific
- Rebecca S. Prescott, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Emory Ann Prealer, University of Kentucky
- Feyyaz Qureshi, University of British Columbia
- Sharon S. Russell, Howard University
- Patrick J. Ryan, Creighton University
- James P. Sather, University of Nebraska
- Benjamin David Scott, University of Tennessee
- Romal Sediq, Case Western Reserve University
- Kewal Shah, University of Bristol
- Honga Situ, State University of New York at Buffalo
- Matthew E. Smith, Marquette University
- Lawrence Tan, New York University
- James C. Thompson, Louisiana State University
- Doreen Faye Tokos, Harvard University
- Piotr Trojan, Southern Illinois University
- Casey L. Turner, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
- James Robert Vandenberg, Baylor College of Dentistry
- Mandeep Kaur Vermani, University of California, Los Angeles
- Patricia Wardius, Temple University
- SuFong Wang, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
- Tanya Zaghi, University of California, San Francisco
- Anna Kirakozova, University of North Carolina
- James A. Kitchens, University of Tennessee
- Hagen Kleib, McGill University
- Jeffrey B. Kochvar, University of Washington
- X.L.M. Kwee, Radboud University
- Matthew Vaughn Lindemann, University of Michigan
- David Zen-Shan Liu, University of Pennsylvania
- Dawn Llorca, University of Minnesota
- William Wallace Lyons, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- Jason Manchester, Nova Southeastern University
- Artie K. Marti, West Virginia University
- Lawrence G. Miller Jr., Medical University of South Carolina
- Andrew T. Mohlin, The Ohio State University
- Charles Daniel Nolet, University of Mississippi
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- Anna Kirakozova, University of North Carolina
- James A. Kitchens, University of Tennessee
- Hagen Kleib, McGill University
- Jeffrey B. Kochvar, University of Washington
- X.L.M. Kwee, Radboud University
- Matthew Vaughn Lindemann, University of Michigan
- David Zen-Shan Liu, University of Pennsylvania
- Dawn Llorca, University of Minnesota
- William Wallace Lyons, University of Missouri at Kansas City
- Jason Manchester, Nova Southeastern University
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- Tanya Zaghi, University of California, San Francisco
Financial Position

The annual audit of AAE finances, conducted by Legacy Professionals LLP, will be completed by September 1, 2005. There are no changes expected from the information presented here. The AAE completed the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, in a very strong financial position. The budget year resulted in a net surplus of $211,939, $37,827 above the budgeted surplus of $174,112, compared to a loss of $300,706 in the previous fiscal year. Income was $32,591 over the budgeted amount with expenses under budget by $5,236. The AAE Reserve Fund was $2,732,004 in July of 2005, compared to $2,331,361 on June 30, 2004, a 17 percent increase.

Questions about the AAE’s financial position or audit may be directed to Treasurer Gerald N. Glickman, Executive Director James M. Drinan or Assistant Executive Director for Business and Finance Jay N. Rosenblum.

Statement of Financial Position
June 30, 2005

ASSETS
Current Assets:
- Cash and Cash Equivalents $1,235,940
- Accounts Receivable 124,048
- Prepaid Expenses 225,111
- Inventories 249,886
Total Current Assets $2,051,850

Investments:
- CDs, Corporate Bonds, Mutual Funds $1,996,989
- Equipment and Furniture–net $768,025

Total Assets $4,816,864

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current Liabilities:
- Accounts Payable $302,087
- Accrued Expenses 245,904
- Accrued Income Taxes 13,073
- Affiliated Dues 24,330
- Deferred Income 994,682
- APICES 82,871
Lease Incentive 26,277
Total Current Liabilities $1,689,224

Long-Term Liabilities: Lease Incentive, less current portion

Net Assets:
- Unrestricted $2,843,444
- Profit (Loss) YTD 211,939
Total Net Assets $3,055,383

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $4,816,864

Statement of Activities
for the 12 months ending June 30, 2005

Revenue Actual Budget
Membership Dues $2,845,848 $2,839,600
Annual Session 1,805,877 1,712,050
Journal of Endodontics 365,942 328,000
Continuing Education 258,445 298,800
Professional Relations Products 230,311 244,000
Royalties and Investments 369,747 405,000
Other Income 187,071 205,200
Total Revenue $6,063,241 $6,030,650

Expenses Actual Budget
General Operating 2,733,626 2,703,300
Annual Session 1,396,268 1,373,050
PA Campaign 374,923 350,000
Journal of Endodontics 337,817 330,600
Board of Directors 301,105 285,310
Committees 342,021 437,278
Continuing Education 187,884 230,800
Professional Relations Products 177,658 146,200
Total Expenses $5,851,302 $5,856,538

Change in Net Assets $211,939 $174,112

Revenue Fiscal Year 2004-2005

Membership Dues 47%
Annual Session 35%
Journal of Endodontics 6%
Continuing Education 4%
Professional Relations Products 4%
Royalties and Investments 6%
Other Income 3%

Expenses Fiscal Year 2004-2005

General Operating 47%
Annual Session 24%
PA Campaign 6%
Journal of Endodontics 6%
Board of Directors 6%
Committees 6%
Continuing Education 3%
Professional Relations Products 3%
A Message From the President

Dear Colleagues,

Courage, advocacy and advancement describe how your Association serves you. The AAE is committed to fulfilling your membership needs. The Foundation is a partner in this effort. Although our missions are distinct, we share common goals. This collaboration makes a critical difference for you and for your specialty.

The AAE provides education and information to enhance your practice productivity. It also strengthens your position in the dental health community. The Foundation has a different focus—it is responsible for the growth and development of the specialty’s infrastructure. Endodontics is defined by knowledge. Superior science and quality academic programs are essential to the specialty’s survival. But, significant advances in research and education do not happen without a considerable investment. The Foundation’s endowment fund allows the AAE to implement programs that fall outside the scope of dues revenue and would not otherwise be possible.

In short, partnership is the key to the Foundation’s success. We look to the Association to set a strong research and educational agenda. We rely on members to demonstrate their commitment to the future by generously supporting these goals. This synergy is our most valuable resource. Special thanks everyone who makes these relationships grow. If you have pledged to the Foundation, we are most grateful. If you have yet to join, we welcome your participation.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Siroky, D.D.S.

Partners in Planning the Future

Governance

The Foundation’s Board of Trustees is comprised of up to 17 voting members, including nine Active or Life members, up to three trustees from the public sector, and four officers and the executive director of the AAE who serve ex officio. The trustees are dedicated to fulfilling the Foundation’s mission and to actualizing its vision and core values. These benchmarks guide all their deliberations and activities.

The following individuals served on the 2004-2005 Foundation Board of Trustees:

Front Row: Debby Rice, staff liaison; James M. Drinan, executive director; Darrell W. Zenk, treasurer; Charles L. Siroky, president; Denis E. Simon III, vice president; Paula Russo, secretary; and Kirk A. Coury, trustee. Back Row: Sandra Madison, AAE president; Donna J. Matscheck, trustee; Marc Balson, AAE president-elect; John S. Olmsted, AAE vice president; Gerald C. Dietz Jr., trustee; Win. Ben Johnson, trustee; Mahmoud Torabinejad, AAE immediate past president; George Bogen, trustee; Daniel Even, trustee; and Jerome V. Pisano, trustee.
Mission
The AAE Foundation seeks to improve oral health by securing contributions, shepherding resources and sharing grant funds that support research, generate new knowledge and enhance endodontic education.

Vision
Quality oral health by preserving the natural dentition through endodontic therapy.

Core Values

Integrity
Trustworthiness

Responsibility
Impartiality

Prudence
Accountability

Partners in Promoting Excellence

Friends of the Foundation and Student Ambassadors
Fundraising volunteers deserve special recognition. They devote countless hours to ensuring that AAE members learn about the Foundation’s mission and activities. Friends of the Foundation enlist support from their colleagues and industry; Student Ambassadors educate residents in endodontic programs. The following members volunteered in 2004-2005. They are to be congratulated for raising a total of $930,086.

Research Grants
During 2004-2005, 18 research grants were funded for a total of $205,033. The top scoring student and nonstudent researchers received special $500 prizes. These studies addressed vital issues, such as pulp tissue engineering and endodontic outcomes.

Fall 2004
Dwayne D. Arola, University of Maryland —$18,770
Deborah Ann Connor, University of North Carolina —$6,425
Paul M. Creer, University of Texas —$4,500
Thomas R. Dunavant*, Baylor College of Dentistry —$500
Eli Ezzie, Baylor College of Dentistry —$3,079
George Huang, University of California, Los Angeles —$24,500
Karl Keiser, University of Texas, San Antonio —$7,000
Christos M. Maltezos, Baylor College of Dentistry —$2,415
Judy McIntyre, University of North Carolina —$6,898
Blayne Thibodeau, University of North Carolina —$30,000
John M. Williams, University of North Carolina —$6,454

Fall Total: $109,541

Spring 2005
Christian de Chevigny, University of Toronto —$10,912
Shimon Friedman*, University of Toronto —$37,100
Asma A. Khan*, University of Texas, San Antonio —$13,000
Gevik Malkhassian, University of Toronto —$10,000
Ove Peters, University of California, San Francisco —$9,815
Andy Rigberg, Nova Southeastern University —$7,565
Howard Sorensen, University of Iowa —$7,100

Spring Total: $95,492

Bold indicates a nonstudent.
* Winners of the highest ranked student and nonstudent proposals
**Education**

**Grant to Educators to Attend the Annual Session**

This grant defrays the cost of the Annual Session for full-time educators. In 2004-2005, 99 educators received $250 for travel and were reimbursed for one-half the cost of registration and one-half the cost of the Pre-Session Symposium.

**Educators Workshops**

The Educators Workshops provide academicians with knowledge and skills that enable them to be more effective teachers and administrators. Participants gain expertise that enhances the overall quality of endodontic education at their institutions and across the country. The Foundation provided $148,748 to underwrite the cost of 2004 and 2005 workshops, which were targeted to program directors and predoctoral directors, respectively.

**Endodontic Educator Fellowship Awards**

These awards provide tuition and a $1,000 monthly stipend to students who agree to teach full-time for five years following graduation. Two new fellowships were awarded in 2004-2005. Fourteen fellowships have been granted since the program’s inception in 2001 and eight fellows have already begun their academic careers. The Foundation has committed almost $1 million to fellowships since the program’s inception.

**Class of 2005**

- Natasha M. Flake, D.D.S., Ph.D.
  *University of Washington*

- Jennifer L. Gibbs, D.D.S., Ph.D.
  *University of California, San Francisco*

**Class of 2004**

- Marie Gosselin, D.M.D.
  *Boston University*

- Asma A. Khan, B.D.S., Ph.D.
  *John and Joyce Ingle Fellow*  
  *University of Texas, San Antonio*

- Nancy Medina, D.M.D., M.S.
  *Nova Southeastern University*

**Class of 2003**

- Christopher Brett Owatz, D.M.D.
  *University of Texas, San Antonio*

- Ayman Aboushala, D.D.S., M.S.
  *John and Joyce Ingle Fellow*  
  *Associate Professor, Tufts University*

**Class of 2002**

- Mo K. Kang, D.D.S., Ph.D.
  *Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles*

  *Associate Professor, University of Colorado*

**Class of 2001**

- Tamara C. Gravely, D.M.D., M.S.
  *Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee*

- Mychel M. Vail, D.D.S., M.S.D.
  *Assistant Professor, Indiana University*

- Anne E. Williamson, D.D.S., M.S.
  *Assistant Professor, University of Iowa*
Partners in Sharing Resources

Over the last 12 months, considerable progress has been made in augmenting the fund and in supporting important activities. The endowment has grown from $14.2 million as of June 30, 2004, to $16 million as of June 30, 2005. The Foundation’s policy is to allocate five percent of the investments at December 31 to grants.

Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2005

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<th>Paid</th>
<th>Due</th>
<th>Total</th>
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<td>2,552,000</td>
<td>958,000</td>
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<td>Total pledged</td>
<td>3,094</td>
<td>12,028,946</td>
<td>4,300,687</td>
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<td>0</td>
<td>1,181,000</td>
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<td>Earned on investments</td>
<td>4,017,066</td>
<td>4,017,066</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,097</strong></td>
<td><strong>$16,046,012</strong></td>
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Pledges by Category

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<td>Members (Active/Educator)</td>
<td>4,050</td>
<td>2,535</td>
<td>1,515</td>
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<td>Students (current only)</td>
<td>465</td>
<td>177</td>
<td>288</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>4,515</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,712</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,803</strong></td>
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Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2004 and 2003

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<th>ASSETS</th>
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<th>2003</th>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$333,716</td>
<td>$98,096</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
<td>3,000</td>
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<td>Accrued interest and dividends</td>
<td>21,594</td>
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<td>Due from AAE</td>
<td>1,016</td>
<td>161,327</td>
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<td>Prepaid expenses</td>
<td>5,476</td>
<td>3,358</td>
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<td>Pledges receivable - net</td>
<td>2,431,853</td>
<td>2,619,086</td>
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<td>Investments - mutual funds</td>
<td>15,670,023</td>
<td>13,560,993</td>
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<td>Property and equipment - net</td>
<td>4,948</td>
<td>5,936</td>
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<td>Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trusts</td>
<td>500,103</td>
<td>463,077</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$16,911,873</strong></td>
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<th>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</th>
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<td>Liabilities:</td>
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<td>Accounts payable</td>
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<td>Grants payable</td>
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<td>Net liabilities:</td>
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<td>Unrestricted</td>
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<td>14,882,073</td>
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<td>Temporarily restricted</td>
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<td><strong>16,665,161</strong></td>
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Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2004

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<td>Contributions</td>
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<td>$822,959</td>
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<td>AAE cash contributions</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>92,327</td>
<td>92,327</td>
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<td>AAE noncash contributions</td>
<td>185,542</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Investment income</td>
<td>1,708,348</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>1,708,348</td>
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<tr>
<td>Change in value of charitable remainder trusts</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>370,266</td>
<td>370,266</td>
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<td>Net assets released from restrictions</td>
<td>2,238,407</td>
<td>919,985</td>
<td>3,158,392</td>
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<td>Satisfaction of time restrictions</td>
<td>942,254</td>
<td>(942,254)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SUPPORT</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,180,661</strong></td>
<td><strong>(22,269)</strong></td>
<td><strong>3,158,392</strong></td>
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<td>Administrative reimbursement - AAE</td>
<td>185,542</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Annual session</td>
<td>12,574</td>
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<td>Credit card charges</td>
<td>8,944</td>
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<td>Depreciation</td>
<td>988</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Equipment maintenance</td>
<td>1,388</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Fellowships</td>
<td>302,887</td>
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<td>Grants - educator</td>
<td>58,584</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Grants - research</td>
<td>186,574</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Grants - other</td>
<td>161,940</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>6,044</td>
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<td>Loss on disposal of property and equipment</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>5,451</td>
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<td>Postage and mail service</td>
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<td>Printing</td>
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<td>Professional fees</td>
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<td>Provision for uncollectible pledges</td>
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<td>Supplies</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
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<td>Trustee meetings</td>
<td>31,857</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td><strong>1,314,448</strong></td>
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| CHANGE IN NET ASSETS | 1,866,213 | **(22,269)** | **1,843,944** |

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<td>Beginning of year</td>
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<td>End of year</td>
<td>$18,748,286</td>
<td>$1,760,799</td>
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Dear Colleagues,

In 2004, the American Board of Endodontics celebrated our 40th year of official recognition by the American Dental Association. This is the perfect opportunity to reflect back on the efforts of a small group of individuals, from both the AAE and ABE, who stood firm and persisted until endodontics was recognized as a dental specialty, and to look forward to a future where more and more endodontists seek Board certification.

When the American Association of Endodontists met in 1953, Ralph F. Sommer was appointed to chair a committee that would study the feasibility of establishing a “Specialty Board in Endodontics.” The first Board of Endodontics was established in 1956, with Dr. Sommer serving as chair, George G. Stewart as secretary, and the remaining seven members were some of the other founding fathers of the specialty—Edgar D. Coolidge, Louis I. Grossman, Harry J. Healey, John I. Ingle, Elmer Jasper, F. Darl Ostrander and John Pear. On July 10, 1956, the American Board of Endodontics was incorporated in the state of Illinois.

The ADA sponsored a conference in 1960 that brought together all areas of the dental profession. As a result of this conference, a new reference committee of the ADA House of Delegates was formed to hear discussions about the creation of new dental specialties. On a recommendation from the reference committee, the House lifted the moratorium on applications for recognition of specialties. The ABE soon submitted a new application for specialty recognition to the Council on Dental Education. Even with the support and commitment of the AAE to give “moral, ethical and financial support as needed to the ABE,” the application was turned down by the Council’s Committee on Dental Specialties on September 6, 1961.

The ABE submitted a new application for specialty recognition in 1962, but it was denied. Finally in 1963, after submitting a third application, the ADA Council on Dental Education recommended that endodontics be recognized as a dental specialty. Following the appropriate reference committee hearings, Resolution 35—“Resolved that endodontics be recognized as a special area of dental practice”—was approved by the ADA House of Delegates. No specialty area had been recognized by the ADA in more than 25 years.

In 1964, an application was submitted to the ADA Council on Dental Education for recognition of the American Board of Endodontics as the certifying agency for the specialty of endodontics. On November 17, 1964, this application was unanimously approved at the ADA House of Delegates meeting in San Francisco, Calif. We honor the 1964 ABE Board of Directors: Ralph F. Sommer, chair; George G. Stewart, secretary; Louis I. Grossman; Harry J. Healey; John I. Ingle; Milton Siskin; Robert Kesel; Jacob B. Freedland; and Lawrence A. Lucas.

The first examination was administered by the ABE on April 29, 1965, in Detroit, Mich. One hundred twenty-seven candidates sat for that first examination. In May of that year, a second examination was given in Memphis, Tenn., to an additional 140 candidates.

All endodontists, whether Board Certified or not, need to recognize the dedication and ultimate accomplishments of those members of the ABE Board of Directors who served from 1956 through 1965. Without their efforts, none of us might ever have had the opportunity to have been declared a specialist.

Yours truly,

Paul D. Eleazer, D.D.S., M.S.
Leadership

The following individuals served on the 2004-2005 Board of Directors of the American Board of Endodontics:

Front Row: Linda G. Levin, director; William G. Schindler, secretary; Paul D. Eleazer, president; and Keith V. Keel, treasurer. Back Row: Paul A. Rosenberg, director; Christopher S. Wenous, director; J. Craig Baumgartner, director; Carl W. Newton, director; and Al Reader, director.

The ABE contributes to the advancement of endodontics by elevating the standards of endodontic practice within the dental profession through the establishment of requirements for certification and recertification, designing and administering appropriate examinations, and certifying those Candidates demonstrating the highest level of knowledge and skills in the specialty of endodontics. It is recognized by the ABE Board that it has to assume the responsibility of evaluating changes that would make the Board certification process more appealing, while at the same time maintaining the highest standards. We are pleased to have this opportunity to share with you our ongoing activities, as well as some new, exciting changes.

Certification Process

Implementation of a New Category

In response to a request from the AAE Resident and New Practitioner Committee, the Directors of the American Board of Endodontics are pleased to announce that beginning in 2006, a new category, Prospective Board Candidate, has been established so that students enrolled in an ADA-accredited endodontic program can register to take the Written Examination in the same year as their graduation.

Students who are interested in taking the Written Examination on June 5, 2006, will be able to register by submitting an application and the appropriate fees. Upon completion of the registration process, the student will be designated as a Prospective Board Candidate and be eligible to start the Board Certification process by taking the Written Examination.

Prospective Board Candidates have the remaining year following the date of the Written Examination to complete the Preliminary Application process. Once the Preliminary Application is approved by the ABE Credentials Committee, the Candidate will be declared Board Eligible and receive the results of the Written Examination.

ABE to Offer Third Eligibility Option

For the last several years, the Directors of the ABE have considered ways of expanding opportunities to achieve Board Certification. Prior to April 3, 2005, an endodontist could only be declared Board Eligible two times during his/her career.

The Directors of the ABE are pleased to announce that effective immediately, all Educationally Qualified Endodontists have an unprecedented third opportunity to be declared Board Eligible.

Promotion of Board Certification

The Diplomate, the ABE newsletter, continues to be mailed to all Active members of the AAE. Copies are also sent to all of the endodontic program directors for distribution to their residents. The ABE Board of Directors strongly believes that the written testimonials given by the new Diplomates are positive reflections on the examination process and the character of the Directors. It is the Board’s hope that the dissemination of this information to all AAE members and endodontic residents will encourage others to become Board Certified.

The process of preparing for Board Certification should begin during training in an advanced education program in endodontics. The Board sends each newly enrolled student a Board Certification packet, with Certification information and materials for preparing case reports. These packets have been enthusiastically received by the endodontic students.

Examination Results

It takes dedication and hard work to become a Diplomate. Too often, endodontists dismiss the concept of Board certification because of the perceived time commitment and rigorous examinations. The following graph illustrates that becoming a Diplomate is a goal every endodontist can achieve. Congratulations to our successful Candidates!

[Graph showing Diplomate Pass Rate]

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<th>Examination Type</th>
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<td>Oral Examination November 2004</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>Oral Examination April 2005</td>
<td>80%</td>
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<td>Case History Examination October 2004</td>
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<td>Written Examination November 2004</td>
<td>60%</td>
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Recognition of New Diplomates

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<td>Juan C. Anguita</td>
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<td>Brian E. Bergeron</td>
<td>04/04/2005</td>
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<td>Timothy E. Bodey</td>
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<td>Ariel A. Diaz</td>
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<td>Mark E. Dinkins</td>
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<td>Kenneth J. Frick</td>
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<td>Philip L. Michaelson</td>
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<td>Hung Quoc Nguyen</td>
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