A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Colleagues,

Over the course of my term as president of our Association, I was able to fulfill not just a personal commitment to our specialty, but hopefully encouraged action in our mutual commitment to “raise the bar” and elevate the standard of endodontic care. A few of the important issues addressed during the past year were outreach to general dentists, educational standards and dental implants. Our best customer is an educated consumer, and this applies to referring dentists as well as patients. Endodontists should be at the forefront of providing information to our referrers about proper case assessment, diagnosis and evidence-based treatment options.

We should also become more familiar with dental implants. We need to be vigilant so as to prevent an ever-burgeoning number of teeth from being needlessly condemned for extraction and implant placement. But implants are not the enemy; defending our specialty's rightful place in dentistry requires that we fully understand when root canal therapy is the correct option and when it is not. The standards for our graduate endodontic training programs now reflect greater exposure to learning about implants.

During this past year, we also closely examined the educational standards for the use of operating microscopes in the advanced training of endodontists. The AAE’s position is that microscopes create the very necessary environment endodontists need to be meticulous and uncompromisingly thorough in their treatment. No changes were adopted in the current language, but the issue was given extensive examination and discussion by the AAE leadership.

On the following pages, you will see a brief summary of the strides that have been taken to attain these goals and many others, together with lists of the individuals who made it all possible. Please continue your efforts, as I most definitely will, to ensure that our specialty continues to grow, remains strong and fulfills its destiny. It is our collective responsibility to maintain the highest levels of endodontic care and ensure our stature as a preeminent dental specialty.

Thank you again for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Sincerely,

Marc Balson, D.D.S.

AAE LEADERSHIP AND VOLUNTEERS

We would like to thank the following volunteers who generously gave of their time to lead the organization in 2005-2006:
PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

- Two radio media tours reached nearly 19 million radio listeners
- Five audio releases reached an estimated 45 million radio listeners
- Four prewritten articles have been published more than 800 times in local newspapers reaching more than 51 million readers
- In 10 months, from February-December 2005, the campaign has generated an 80 percent increase in the number of print articles about endodontics nationwide, as compared to the year-long total of articles that appeared in 2004
- There has been a 50 percent increase in the number of people exposed to endodontic messaging in 2005 as compared to 2004

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

- A new category of International membership will accommodate members who have received their endodontic training in countries outside of the United States
- A record number of American attendees participated in the highly successful meeting of the European Society of Endodontology in Dublin, Ireland, September 15-17, 2005
- Leaders of the AAE, Asian-Pacific Endodontic Confederation, Canadian Academy of Endodontics, European Society of Endodontology, International Federation of Endodontic Associations and the Mexican Association of Endodontics have held a series of meetings to address worldwide issues facing the specialty
- Topics included the education of general practitioners, corporate sponsorship, corporate education of general practitioners and endodontists, implants and public awareness

AAE 2005-2006 President Marc Balson (right) is pictured with Drs. Gunnar Bergenholtz (left), ESE executive director, and Lynda Elliott (center), ESE president, during the ESE meeting in Dublin.
EVENTS

The second Predoctoral Directors Workshop, held in August 2005, focused on developing foundational knowledge and specific competency statements; integrating the AAE Case Difficulty Assessment Form and Educator Guide into a predoctoral curriculum; understanding what the AAE does for endodontic educators; and learning how the National Board Dental Examination—Part II is constructed.

Despite the treacherous hurricane season, the AAE 2005 Fall Conference, Taking the Pain Out of Endodontics—Contemporary Pharmacology, on November 3-5, in Naples, Fla., went on as scheduled with more than 200 attendees, including international representation.

With the January 1, 2006 implementation of the Accreditation Standards for Advanced Specialty Education Programs in Endodontics, the AAE hosted an Endodontic Site Visitor Workshop on February 18, 2006, in Chicago.

The 2006 Annual Session was held March 29-April 1, in Honolulu, Hawaii, with more than 3,400 attendees taking part in education and networking events built on the theme Raising the Bar—Elevating the Standard of Endodontic Care.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

A new position statement on the endodontic implications of bisphosphonate-associated osteonecrosis of the jaw was developed.

The Gulf Coast Relief Fund was established in response to the devastation created by the hurricanes last fall.

A new process for verifying attendance and awarding continuing education credits in order to comply with ADA CERP and other regulatory entities was implemented.

An exciting line of personalized office products was launched through the new AAE Custom Printing Center, including membership plaques and personalized letterhead, envelopes, business cards, notepads and patient education brochures.

Online dues payment and billing for affiliates was initiated.

GOVERNANCE

Implementation of the knowledge-based governance system and development of a new strategic plan continued.

The new plan will never need to be replaced; as strategic issues are addressed and actions are completed, they will be removed from the plan and replaced by new, timely issues.

Mega issue papers were developed to investigate:

- Enhanced international activity
- Recruitment and retention of endodontic educators
- Lack of standardization in application, interview and acceptance dates in advanced endodontic programs
- Education of general dentists
- Growing impact of implant dentistry on endodontics

JOURNAL OF ENDODONTICS

In January 2006, the JOE transitioned to Elsevier, a world-leading publisher of scientific, technical and medical information products and services.

JOE impact factor (a measure of frequency for JOE article citations) has improved by more than 75 percent.

All JOE content is available online with bonus features such as e-mail alerts, PDA downloads and hyperlinked cross references to other online journals.

The JOE was one of the first dental publications to present case reports regarding the endodontic implications of bisphosphonates.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

The AAE membership continued to increase with the following membership category totals as of June 30, 2006:

*Active ................... 4,004
Associate .................... 904
Auxiliary..................... 639
Educator ..................... 144
Honorary..................... 9

Life ............................. 636
Predoctoral Student ...112
Retired................................ 52
Student...................... 447

Total Membership 6,947

*Active totals include Active, Active 1, Active 2 and Disabled Active members.
The annual audit of AAE finances, conducted by Legacy Professionals, LLP, will be completed September 6, 2006. There are no changes expected to the information presented here. The AAE again completed the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, in a very strong financial position. The budget year resulted in a net surplus of $77,034; $2,268 above the budgeted surplus of $74,766. The AAE Reserve Fund was $3,132,418 in July 2006, compared to $3,055,385 on June 30, 2005, a 2.52 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, 2006**

**ASSETS**

Current Assets:
- Cash and Cash Equivalents $144,688
- Accounts Receivable 50,638
- Accrued Income 113,795
- Prepaid Expenses 172,715
- Inventory 251,281
- Total Current Assets $733,117

Investments:
- CDs, Corporate Bonds, Mutual Funds $3,090,135
- Equipment & Furniture - net $621,247
- TOTAL ASSETS $4,444,499

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current Liabilities:
- Accounts Payable $319,456
- Accrued Expenses 252,747
- Accrued Income Taxes 8,056
- Affiliate Dues 7,623
- Deferred Income 567,141
- ARICES 88,084
- Lease Incentive 29,562
- Total Current Liabilities $1,272,669

Long-Term Liabilities: Lease Incentive, less current portion $39,411

Net Assets:
- Unrestricted $3,055,385
- Profit (Loss) YTD 77,034
- Total Net Assets $3,132,419

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** $4,444,499

**Statement of Activities**

For the Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2006

**ASSETS**

**REVENUE**
- Membership Dues $2,948,542
- Annual Session 1,674,129
- Journal of Endodontics 425,349
- Continuing Education 311,745
- Professional Relations Products 219,600
- Royalties and Investments 327,615
- Other Income 207,384
- TOTAL REVENUE $6,114,364

**EXPENSES**
- General Operating $2,856,830
- Annual Session 1,378,035
- PA Campaign 397,657
- Journal of Endodontics 314,493
- Board of Directors 306,461
- Committees 372,893
- Continuing Education 253,180
- Professional Relations Products 157,781
- TOTAL EXPENSES $6,037,330

**CHANGE IN NET ASSETS** $77,034

**Revenue**
- Fiscal Year 2005-2006
  - Membership Dues 49%
  - Annual Session 27%
  - Journal of Endodontics 7%
  - Continuing Education 5%
  - Professional Relations Products 4%

**Expenses**
- Fiscal Year 2005-2006
  - General Operating 47%
  - Annual Session 23%
  - Journal of Endodontics 5%
  - PA Campaign 7%
  - Committees 6%
  - Board of Directors 5%
AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following individuals were honored by the AAE:

- **Edgar D. Coolidge Award**
  Harmon R. Katz

- **Louis I. Grossman Award**
  Leif Tronstad

- **I.B. Bender Lifetime Educator Award**
  Thomas P. Mullaney

- **Edward M. Osetek Educator Award**
  Andris Jaunberzins and John M. Nusstein

- **Ralph F. Sommer Award**
  Syngcuk Kim

- **Honorary Membership**
  Rafael Mirana

AAE/DENTSPLY RESIDENT AWARDS

This annual competition, with a $30,000 sponsorship provided by Dentsply International, is designed to foster excellence in research and to encourage residents to present projects at the Annual Session. The winners are listed below by score from first to tenth place:

**Oral Research Presentations**

- Farshid S. Fahid—University of Connecticut
- *Jennifer L. Gibbs—University of Texas at San Antonio
- ^Blayne E. Thibodeau—University of North Carolina
- Regina H. Carvalho—University of Illinois at Chicago
- *Asma A. Khan—University of Texas at San Antonio
- Kevin P. Cunningham—University of Missouri at Kansas City
- Trisha A. Krause—Virginia Commonwealth University
- Esther C. Tam—Boston University
- Elena V. Kurtz—University of Pennsylvania
- Franklin R. Tay—Medical College of Georgia

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

A senior dental student who has shown a broad interest in endodontics and demonstrated exceptional involvement in their classes is selected by each dental school to receive this award. The 2006 recipients are listed below:

- Jeremy L. Adams, University of Tennessee
- Khaled N. Al-Awadi, West Virginia University
- Dominick Alongi, Louisiana State University
- Joseph Willis Baker III, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Ajit Singh Basi, University of British Columbia
- Samuel S. Beck, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- Fleur Arden Blethen, University of Washington
- Andrew S. Chandler, Medical University of South Carolina
- Jason Cho, University of California, Los Angeles
- Jake Wesley Collins, University of Missouri-Kansas City
- Taylor Cotton, University of Texas at San Antonio
- Marcus C. Curry, Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry

- Michael G. DiFelice, University of Pennsylvania
- Zachary T. Dodson, University of the Pacific
- Seth Evetts, University of Oklahoma
- Jennifer Ficzycz, University of Saskatchewan
- Sayini A. Fletcher, Howard University
- Katherine Lynn Fry, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Christopher Matthew Gerwig, Baylor College of Dentistry
- Ajeet Ghumman, Howard University
- Stuart G. Gibby, University of Iowa
- Nikola E. Goranov, Nova Southeastern University
- Kavitha Gowda, University of Nebraska
- Edward Goziker, State University of New York at Stony Brook
- Blair Gremillion, Louisiana State University
- Heather D. Hansen, Tufts University
- Jeffrey Hockett, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- Scott C. Howell, Columbia University
- Zachary Andrew-Truex Imperial, Ohio State University
- Prerna Jain, New York University
- Scott W. Joslin, University of Detroit Mercy

* AAE Foundation Fellowship Recipient
^ Research supported by the AAE Foundation
Poster Research Presentations

Shiwei Cai and Brian L. Foster—University of Washington
Jussara M. Morsani—Case Western Reserve University
Raksha Mirchandani—University of Maryland
Jerry Cook—University of Maryland
Badar Al-Shammari—State University of New York at Buffalo
Grace W. Hsiao Wu—Harvard School of Dental Medicine
Donald Nguy—University of Michigan
Marcus R. Miner—Marquette University
Alan Tang—Boston University
Jose Luis Marcos-Arenal and Michelle Heffernan—University of North Carolina

Table Clinics

Stewart C. Carp—Marquette University
Lisa T. Alvarado and Kenneth B. Wiltbank—University of Texas at San Antonio
Jose-Maria Malfaz and Nestor Cohenca—University of Southern California
Steven T. Elkhal—Albert Einstein Medical Center
Buffy Storm and Brooks B. Horan—Naval Postgraduate Dental School
Eddie T. Tai—University of Pennsylvania
Katie Olson and Dan Bishop—Baylor College of Dentistry
Jason M. Duggan and Eoin Mullane—University of Michigan
Afua S. Mireku—University of Maryland
Joanna Ku and Eric Fillmore—University of Pennsylvania

Ace Jovanovski, Case Western Reserve University
Seung M. Kang, University of Southern California
Michael Kasper, University of Illinois at Chicago
Russell Kearl, University of Alberta
Yelena Kholodenko, University of Maryland, Baltimore
Nhí B. Lam, Boston University
Joseph Levatino, Louisiana State University
Wendy Dees Lobre, University of Texas
Spencer Luke, Oregon Health & Science University
Aubn Marchand, McGill University
Rachel Elizabeth Matthews, University of Kentucky
Jason R. McGovern, Medical College of Georgia
Hiroyuki Miyajima, Osaka University
Royeen Nesari, University of California, San Francisco
Yuliya Nosov, State University of New York at Buffalo
Brady James Olsen, University of Louisville
Steven W. Osmond, Creighton University School of Dentistry
Jamie R. Paul, Southern Illinois University
Joseph Petrino, University of Minnesota

David Peter Pflum, Indiana University
Adam A. Sarnowski, University of Florida
Angela R. Schmoyer, Temple University
Timur A. Sekercioglu, University of Detroit Mercy
Aneesha Shah, University of Bristol
Jay David Simonton, University of Colorado
Patrick Holland Singley, University of Mississippi
Latisha Smith, Howard University
Bradley W. Sutton, Marquette University
William Taylor, Dalhousie University
Callie Vasilakis, University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey
Pamela A. Vigna, Loma Linda University
Jonathan H. Warmflash, University of Connecticut
Nathan Wayment, Virginia Commonwealth University
Michal Wlodek, Université de Montréal
T. Xi, Radboud University
Svetlana Yurovskiy, State University of New York at Buffalo
Cameron Zealand, University of Manitoba
Dear Colleagues,

The Annual Report provides an opportunity to assess progress and envision the future. As you review this publication, you will be struck by the scope of the AAE’s activities. Science and technology are reshaping the dental health community. The Foundation is an important partner in accelerating the specialty’s development.

Businesses devote their best minds and millions of dollars to research. Through its support to science, the Foundation enables our specialty to emulate that strategy. The Foundation promotes the specialty’s interests at every dental school. It is the only source of research funding exclusively devoted to advancing endodontics.

Several activities promise to have a special impact on our scientific initiatives. Over the last year, the Foundation collaborated with AAE to develop a request for proposal for clinical research. Up to $4 million over eight years is available for projects that address clinical outcomes. As part of that project, the Foundation spearheaded the development of a definition for clinical outcomes.

The Foundation also helps to preserve values that keep our specialty strong. Students learn standards of care, ethics and professional conduct from their academic instructors. By funding programs to recruit and retain highly qualified faculty, the Foundation safeguards our reputation as trusted health care professionals.

All the Foundation’s activities are directed towards keeping the specialty healthy so that your practice will thrive. If you already support the Foundation, thank you for your generosity. If you have yet to commit, I hope that you will be inspired to help us build an even brighter future.

Sincerely,

Charles L. Siroky, D.D.S.
**FRIENDS OF THE FOUNDATION**

Friends of the Foundation enlist support from their colleagues and industry. The Foundation is deeply grateful to these philanthropic leaders.

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**RESEARCH GRANTS**

### Fall 2005

| Gerardo Toledo* | Loma Linda University | $16,922 |
| Robert A. Cheron | University of California, San Francisco | $4,250 |
| Hiran Perinpanayagam* | State University of New York at Buffalo | **$12,670** |
| Parisa Zakizadeh | University of California, San Francisco | $3,907 |
| Farshid S. Fahid | University of Connecticut | $12,000 |
| Michael Crabtree | University of Florida | $2,200 |
| **George T.J. Huang** | University of Maryland | **$19,000** |
| Donald Nguy | University of Michigan | $4,535 |
| Margarita Zeichner-David | University of Southern California | **$27,000** |

**TOTAL** | | **$102,484**

### Spring 2006

| Jennifer Gibbs* | University of California, San Francisco | $12,100 |
| Judy Melamed | University of Maryland | $17,235 |
| Theodore Damas | University of Illinois at Chicago | $11,400 |
| Rebecca Prescott | University of Illinois at Chicago | $13,700 |
| Raksha Mirchandi | University of Maryland | $20,000 |
| Afua Somua Mireku | University of Maryland | $14,000 |
| Jason Lambert | University of North Carolina | $18,146 |
| Ching Shan Wang | University of North Carolina | $13,000 |
| Lisa Alvarado | University of Texas at San Antonio | $18,095 |
| James Kitchens | University of Texas at San Antonio | $6,697 |
| Kenneth Wittbank | University of Texas at San Antonio | $3,250 |
| Natasha Flake | University of Washington | $7,000 |

**TOTAL** | | **$156,623**

* Winners of $500 award for highest-ranked student and nonstudent proposals

**Bold** indicates nonstudent
STUDENT AMBASSADORS

The Foundation wishes to thank the Student Ambassadors who educate residents about the Foundation’s activities.

Albert Einstein Medical Center—University of Detroit Mercy—Gerald C. Dietz Jr.*
Paula Russo*

Bayor College of Dentistry—University of Florida—Samuel O. Dorn
Gerald N. Glickman

Boston University—University of Illinois at Chicago—Martin J. Rogers
Jeffrey W. Hutter

Case Western Reserve University—University of Iowa—Jeffrey P. Lilly
André Mickel

Columbia University—University of Louisville—Donna J. Mattscheck*
Noah Chivian

Harvard School of Dental Medicine—University of Maryland—Paula Russo*
Shepard S. Goldstein

Indiana University—University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey—Noah Chivian
Carl W. Newton

Loma Linda University—University of Michigan—Gerald C. Dietz Jr.*
Mahmoud Torabinejad

Louisiana State University—University of Minnesota—Donna J. Mattscheck*
Denis E. Simon III*

Marquette University—University of Nebraska—Tom G. Gound
Donna J. Mattscheck*

Medical College of Georgia—University of North Carolina—John S. Olmsted*
Robert J. Loushine

Naval Postgraduate Dental School—University of Pennsylvania—Louis E. Rossman
James O. Rosen

New York University—University of Southern California—George Bogen*
Marc Bolson*

Ohio State University—University of Texas at San Antonio—William G. Schindler
Al Reader

Oregon Health & Science University—Virginia Commonwealth University—Maureen Swift*
Maureen Swift*

St. Louis University—University of Washington—Maureen Swift*
Jerome V. Pisano*

State University of New York at Buffalo—University of Washington—Maureen Swift*
Bruce H. Seidberg

University of Alabama—University of Texas at San Antonio—William G. Schindler
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University of California, Los Angeles—Virginia Commonwealth University—George Bogen*
Bruce H. Seidberg

University of California, Los Angeles—University of California, Los Angeles—George Bogen*
Christopher B. Owatz, D.M.D.

University of Connecticut—University of California, Los Angeles—George Bogen*
Jay Marlin

* Indicates a Foundation Trustee
Dear Colleagues,

It is my distinct pleasure to represent an exceptionally hard-working, dedicated group of Directors and to give you a brief report on the status of the American Board of Endodontics. Currently there are 785 Active Diplomates of the ABE and 507 candidates in various phases of the certification process. Both of these numbers demonstrate tremendous support and active participation.

The Directors of the ABE are appreciative of the support of the American Association of Endodontists. 2005-2006 President Marc Balson, Executive Director Jim Drinan, the AAE Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have been supportive in a very positive manner. The College of Diplomates of the ABE has also been supportive in promotion of the Board and in identifying mentors to assist candidates as they progress through the certification process. In addition, the College beautifully helps to recognize the new Diplomates at the Louis I. Grossman Memorial Luncheon.

The ABE Central Office provides updated information directly to program directors, residents and prospective candidates. The Board hopes that with the combined efforts of these various groups, more individuals will accept the challenge and pursue Board certification. The results will strengthen the Board, the AAE and our specialty of endodontics.

As president of the ABE, it is my distinct pleasure to again thank the directors of the ABE and our exceptional executive secretary, Ms. Margie Hannen, for their outstanding dedication to their individual responsibilities and to the collective promotion of the American Board of Endodontics.

Respectfully Submitted,

William G. Schindler, D.D.S., M.S.

Following are just a few of the notable examination activities for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006:

- The Directors of the ABE are proud to report that 38 candidates were awarded Diplomate status.
- Two-hundred and forty-two of 247 candidates passed the Written Examination for a pass rate of 98 percent.
- Ninety-three percent of the submitted Case History Portfolios (28 out of 30) were found to be acceptable.
- Thirty-eight of 46 candidates (83 percent) successfully completed the Oral Examination.
- The AAE Foundation approved a $2,000 cash award for all full-time endodontic educators who obtain Diplomate status. Drs. Bekir Karabucak, Marc Levitan, Steven Roberts and Anne Williamson have received this award to date. The ABE sincerely appreciates the Foundation for emphasizing the importance of Board-certified faculty in our endodontic programs. We look forward to many educators receiving this award in the years to come.

Please join us in congratulating our newest Diplomates:

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