

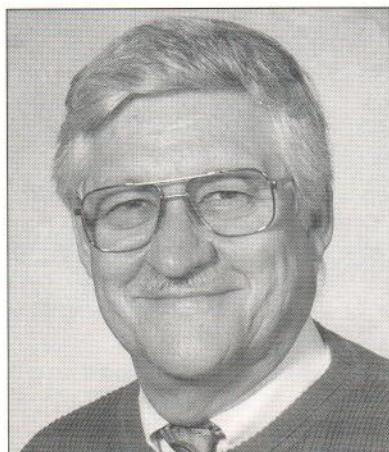
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President's Message



President Brien Lang

I deeply appreciate this opportunity of presenting to you this President's message at a time of major importance to this organization. Let me begin by first wishing all of you and your families a most happy and prosperous New Year.

The 75th meeting of the Academy of Prosthodontics to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on May 23-28, 1993 will fully meet your expectations in this our anniversary year. The scientific program that has been organized by George Smutko and his committee is in keeping with the tradition of excellence that has been a hallmark of the Academy. The social calendar planned by Rich and Mary Frank and the members of their Local Arrangements Committee will be equally impressive. I am delighted to announce that Chuck and

Mamie Bolender will serve as our Honorary Chairs for this meeting. A tribute richly deserved.

During this year as your President, I have asked myself what leadership role I could provide that would significantly contribute to the heritage of the Academy. From my own perspective, it is not enough to merely build upon the programs established by my predecessors. Times have changed dramatically and are continuing to change in all areas of dentistry, and especially in the discipline and specialty of prosthodontics. Sometimes these changes occur quite rapidly and others take considerable time. Some changes are welcomed by most, while others are accepted, however, not without pain. In any case, we must not dwell on changes that some consider inappropriate, for retrospective 'what ifs' will do little to advance the goals and objectives of this Academy.

We are a small group by design, and yet the influence by our members can be felt in all areas that can significantly alter the role and history of prosthodontics in education, research, and patient care. This has been our *heritage*, and it must continue. I will dedicate my leadership efforts to the examination and improvement of the infrastructure of the Academy so that we may be better prepared to lead rather than to react to items important to the Academy and prosthodontics. Things do not happen by chance. They occur when an idea proposed as a seed is nurtured to full blossom through careful investigation and examination, a plan of strategy is developed and followed by a maturation period, and ultimately the introduction of the seed through implementation. We

are at a point in the history of the Academy that is analogous to 'high tech' in the industrial world. We can no longer afford as an organization to react to issues but rather we must be prospective and in so doing provide the leadership that is greatly needed in prosthodontics today.

One of my first requests as your President was to ask all the Chairs of the several committees of the Academy to review the guidelines for their committee to determine if they are appropriate 'Charges' for the 1990's to the year 2000. There is no doubt that these committees will request changes and in some instances even suggest their elimination or combination with another committee in the Academy infrastructure. A reorganization of the committees and a rewrite of their charges, however, will only streamline operations. It will not provide for the most rapid methods of dissemination of information and efficient reporting that the Executive Council needs for actions or recommendations to the membership.

"... we must be prospective, and ... provide the leadership ..."

To this end, I have with the support of the Executive Council established a President's Advisory Committee. Its members include: David W. Eggleston, John B. Holmes, William R. Laney, Glen P. McGivney, Lance F. Ortman, and Gary S. Rogoff with Bill Laney serving as the Chair. I have asked this committee to investigate and formulate information on significant items that will have impact on the immediate long-term goals and objectives of the Academy.

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Perspectives *from the Editor*

The Discussion - a Mutual Benefit

In the last issue of the Newsletter a letter was submitted to the Editor regarding the discussion of a presentation. There are at least three components revolving around this issue: the information, its delivery, and the discussion process. Many presenters, without realizing it, prepare three 'papers': the one prepared *before* the meeting, the one delivered *during* the meeting, and the one conceived *after* the meeting that should have been delivered based upon the discussion. The presenter's goal should be to develop, deliver, and defend one 'paper.'

What value is there in reviewing a paper and posing questions to the presenter?

One may contemplate varied opinions that may range from its elimination, modification, or status quo. A better understanding of the discussion-review process is gained once one has been both the presenter and discussor. Neither position is easy, and both take understanding and responsibility in preparation.

There are a multitude of rationales for discussing a presentation. The presenter is given the opportunity to prepare and advance the subject matter to its fullest extent at a national level. The presenter will better prepare his/her 'paper' when a discussion is to follow, however there is no guarantee that this will occur. On occasion, one may hear an excellent presentation without the benefit of a subsequent discussion. Other observations may occur relative to evaluation

for potential membership, as we may examine the speaker's ability to manage interactive cognitive reasoning skills. The discussor may enhance and balance the 'paper' by focusing on salient points, or may expose voids and lack of scientific foundation. The discussion process qualifies the information's credibility or clinical significance and is tantamount to reviewing a manuscript submitted for publication.

How does the Academy benefit? The discussor has the opportunity to correspond with the presenter, verify document completion, review cited references, and communicate with investigators of similar interests. This may allow the discussor to understand the subject matter as good as, or better than the presenter.

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Secretary-Treasurer Notes

Greetings from the office of the Secretary-Treasurer. As the fiscal year closes on November 30, 1992, we need to start the new fiscal year off properly by paying our dues promptly. Please make sure the little yellow envelope does not get set aside and forgotten.

The traditional Fellowship Breakfast will be held at the Chicago Hyatt Regency Hotel on **Sunday, February 21** at 7:00 a.m. in the Addams Room (Old Tower). This informal get-together is for Life, Active and Associate Fellows who will be in Chicago. Please return the Breakfast sign-up form as soon as possible if you haven't already done so. The Fellowship Breakfast will be followed by a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation and the Executive Council of the Academy of Prosthodontics. A number of you have made contributions to the Foundation when remitting your dues. We hope that all of you will contribute this year, because nothing looks better when approaching outside

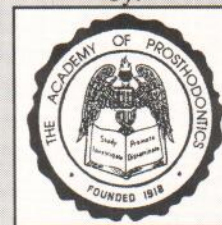
sources, than to be able to say we have 100% participation from within our organization.

President Lang has sent charges to all Committee Chairs. Please make sure you involve all committee members when working on your assignments and develop a preliminary report that can be included in the February Executive Council Notebook no later than February 1. *Please send this to my home address.* The committee chair or one of his designated committee members should meet with the Council to discuss the report as necessary.

A number of guest registration forms have been received but we have room for many more. Rich Frank and his committee have been planning a fantastic social events program, taking advantage of mother nature's spectacular scenery. George Smutko and committee have developed a scientific program as great as the destination itself. There are no restrictions on guests—invite a friend!

Secretary-Treasurer Graser

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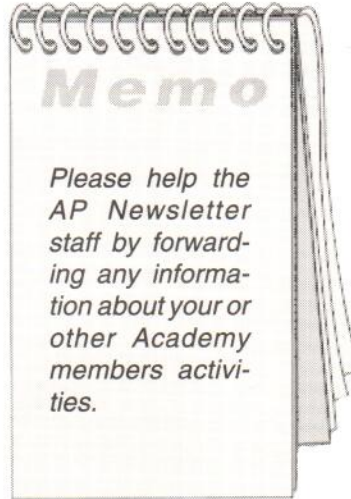
News of the Fellowship



Dr. Clifford Van Blarcom receives AAMP gavel.

Clifford VanBlarcom was installed November 1992 as President of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics in Tampa. AAMP officers include James Ryan, Don Mitchell - Past President, Gene King, and Jerry Andres.

Francis Panno has been named as the at-large member of the Council for the Affairs of the American Board of Prosthodontics.



Chester Perry received an Award for Meritorious services in recognition of his outstanding service on the Editorial Council of the Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry representing the American Prosthodontic Society.

Announcements

Applications for Associate Fellows include Alan Carr, James DeBoer, David Felton, Jack Gerrow, Al Guckes, Steven Lewis and Frank Spear. Support letters should be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer by **February 10, 1993**.

Fellowship Breakfast 7:00 AM
Sunday, February 21, 1993
Addams Room, Old Tower
Chicago Hyatt

Please send address or telephone changes to **John Young**. The Photo Roster will be updated this Spring.

On behalf of all Council Members and spouses, may 1993 bring you and your families good health and happiness.

Foundation Report

Estate Planning Seminar

The Estate Planning Seminar scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 24th promises to be one of the highlights of our Vancouver Meeting. This two-hour informational seminar will be conducted by Jon A. Barwick, a certified Financial Planner who has had extensive experience over many years with Estate and Tax Planning. Timothy J. McDevitt, a prominent Seattle attorney who specializes in the legal aspects of tax and estate planning, will present the second half of the seminar. The officers of the AP Foundation are excited about our first activity for the members of the Academy.

The AP Foundation has many realistic well defined goals that include providing leadership and developing strategies for future prosthodontic needs of the public; expanding the knowledge

and improving the quality of care for the elderly, handicapped and disabled; promoting and developing strategies to aid patients with special needs, and obtaining prosthodontic care. The Foundation also will promote research and educational efforts through sponsorships of meetings and conferences, by identifying and recognizing individuals who make significant contributions to the goals and missions of the Foundation, and by supporting projects which directly promote dental health care and awareness of the public. The sponsorship of prosthodontic research and education is another important goal of the Foundation.



David H. Wands, Chair Development Committee

Fundraising among our membership is also an important function of the Foundation. Personally, I would like to invite each of you to contribute and become members of the President's One for Five Club. A commitment to contribute a specific amount for five years will enroll each member and a special pin will be provided. Additionally, those contributors will be listed in our annual program. To become a Presidential Honor Member, a \$1,000 contribution will qualify. An Honor Member \$500 per year, and a Member will receive the same benefits for a \$250 per year contribution.

The Foundation is also soliciting contributions from the dental commercial industry and other resources. Please send your checks directly to Cliff VanBlarcom, Treasurer of the Foundation. I hope everyone had an enjoyable Holiday Season and my personal best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 1993.

On behalf of the Local Arrangements Committee, Mary and I would like to welcome you to Vancouver, British Columbia, for the 75th Anniversary meeting. Vancouver is an exciting city in a beautiful natural setting. There's so much to see and do that you'll definitely want to allow extra time to explore the area before or after the meeting. The meeting is Sunday, May 23, through Friday, May 28; the following Monday, May 31, is Memorial Day.

Many of you have expressed an interest in a cruise up the Inside Passage to Alaska. Space has been reserved on 2 cruises - one prior and one following the meeting: May 15-22 and May 29-June 5, 1993 on the Crown Princess, please contact:

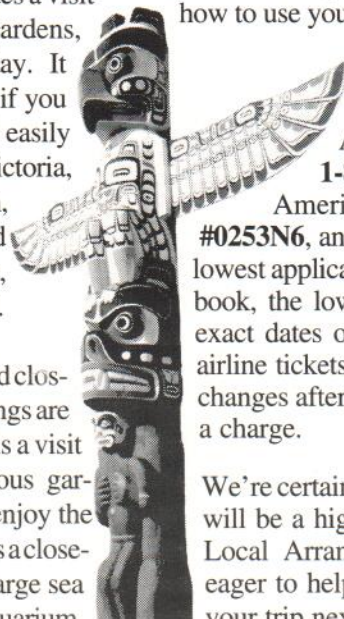
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 Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6G 2Z6

Other pre- and/or post-meeting travel to consider before purchasing your ticket is

the "Rocky Mountaineer" train trip through the Canadian Rockies (available beginning the Tuesday after the meeting.) Mr. Taylor of Seymour Travel can help with arrangements. A ferry trip through the Gulf Islands to Victoria includes a visit to the beautiful Butchart Gardens, making a great outing for a day. It can be arranged after arrival, if you leave time for it. One can easily spend an additional day in Victoria, enjoying its Old English charm, its distinctive waterfront and historic buildings, and of course, tea time at the Empress Hotel.

Besides traditional opening and closing banquets, two special outings are planned. The 'spouse's tour' is a visit to two of Vancouver's famous gardens; May will be perfect to enjoy the flowers. The 'group tour' gives a close-up look at whales and other large sea mammals at the Vancouver Aquarium, then we continue on a tram to the Mountain for a spectacular view with dinner.

Vancouver is great for walking, with many attractions near the Hotel Vancouver: Art Gallery, Granville Island, Robson Street, Chinatown, Museum of Anthropology. The Local Arrangements Committee will be available if you want help in deciding how to use your free time!



American Airlines is selected as the official Academy airline. Phone **1-800-433-1790**, refer to American Airlines Star File #0253N6, and you will be quoted the lowest applicable fare. The earlier you book, the lower the fare. Be sure of exact dates of travel since excursion airline tickets are non-refundable and changes after ticket issue will involve a charge.

We're certain your visit to Vancouver will be a highlight of the year. The Local Arrangements Committee is eager to help you make the most of your trip next May.

Rich Frank, Chair
 Local Arrangements

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The first item that I have assigned to the committee is to review Article II, Section I, of the Constitution of the Academy and determine if the 'object' of the Academy is still appropriate and an accurate reflection of our posture in the 21st Century. Once we have re-established the purpose of the Academy in the 21st Century, we can determine just how the Academy will interface with the specialty and the American College of Prosthodontists, with the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations, and finally the other member organizations of this rather large family of prosthodontic groups.

A reconfirmation of our purpose will most naturally lead to the next step which is to investigate and formulate a plan to develop a 21st Century mechanism whereby the Academy can identify the 'seeds' inherent in our existence as an Academy and begin the nurturing process for any idea of significance to reach full fruition and fulfill our purpose as an Academy.

President Brien Lang

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This provides an additional avenue to keep Academy members knowledgeable and up-to-date with current trends or scientific technologies, while at the same time reconfirms or challenges our principles, concepts and practices.

It is possible to review a paper critically when appropriate and necessary. However, it may not be perceived 'in the same light' by those without an understanding of the process. The review process, when adversarial, probably benefits no-one but does benefit everyone when expressed as an opinion with sincerity and factual commitment. Contrary reviews may need to be expressed to the presenter's sponsor or another Academy Fellow prior to delivery as a professional courtesy.

If we hold ourselves to be knowledgeable in such matters we will need to qualify and measure what we hear and see in the context of our experiences. We rely on the assigned discussors to investigate the 'paper's' foundation or hy-

pothesis and to note over/understated conclusions. The review process places value in understanding the presenter's information and the discussor's carefully measured review. Anything of value is worth measuring and in this situation the discussion provides a relative mutual benefit for the presenter, discussor, and the Academy.

AP Newsletter Editor

• Special Interest Groups •



The following Fellows have a special interest in computers: Jonathan Ferencz • Howard Landesman • Brien Lang • Stephen Riedy • Jonathan Wiens • and Noel Wilkie, others?