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President's Message

JUNE, 2012

by Dr. Christopher Wenckus, *President*

Some random thoughts from your President:

I have always enjoyed Andy Rooney's ramblings. Somehow they always made sense. I'm going to miss the old guy...

I want to welcome the seventy or so new Diplomates to the College. Congratulations on having successfully challenged the Board's examination process! Those of you who received your pins in Boston have a complimentary one year membership in the College and are granted all the rights and privileges of membership in the organization. I would suggest you go to the College website (www.collegeofdiplomates.org) and learn a little about how this organization got started and what it is all about (click on the "Our Heritage" link). You are invited to join us at the Summer Conference in August (see the College website) at the beautiful Sonoma Mission Inn to start earning some of your recertification CE hours. Ah, the benefits of membership!

I would hope that all of you new members would also stay on as dues paying members after your first year. Dues are only a hundred bucks. Did you ever wonder where that dues money goes? Well, your dues go toward the Grossman Luncheon, sending ABE directors to functions like Board Review courses and APICES, supporting the AAE Foundation, etc. All worthy causes indeed. I would

also hope that some of you most recent Diplomates would volunteer to mentor those that are in the process. If you had a mentor (and passed), make sure you thank them and consider becoming one yourself. Just email Dr. Priya Chand, the mentoring chair, and ask to become a mentor. Check the College website on how to contact her.

Many thanks to our immediate past President, Sandy Madison. It was a great year under her leadership. Sandy's stewardship brought us our third College sponsored Board Review Course at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, an increase in our mentoring numbers, and the development of a fabulous new website. Sandy was also President when the Summer Conference was in its initial planning stages. Thank you Sandy! Of course she could not have done it without the help and support of Drs. Chand, Goldstein, Todd, and the rest of her Board.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Priya Chand who literally designed and implemented the new [COD website](http://www.collegeofdiplomates.org). Countless hours went into getting it up and live. If you have not logged on, do so. It is cleaner and much easier to navigate through the pages. Pay attention to the information about the Summer Conference coming up this August in beautiful Sonoma, California.

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And speaking of Dr. Chand, a huge thank you also for taking over the mentoring chores from yours truly. Priya organized a cadre of volunteer mentors, mostly from recently pinned Diplomates, and hooked them up with over 50 candidates this past year. Our special group of mentors helped candidates with their oral and portfolio preparations. And that is what this organization is all about, helping candidates to prepare to challenge the Board exams.

The number one mentor should be the program chair. I implore you folks that run the 56 U.S. and Canadian programs to promote Board Certification to your residents. What better chance to mold those young minds and encourage them to take their Boards while you are teaching them to develop their clinical skills. Encourage them to sign up for the written while still in the program and offer to help them prepare their case history portfolios by discussing case worthiness and evaluating their narratives. Hold mock orals while in the program to prepare them to think critically about treatment options based on the best available evidence.

Did I mention the Summer Conference in Sonoma, California, August 15 through 19? Dr. Shep Goldstein put together a spectacular program. Sign up now (space may be limited) for what will be a fabulous conference in

a spectacular setting. Even if you don't appreciate wine, there is much to do and see in the area. Check out all of the information at www.collegeofdiplomates.org.

We missed a chance to celebrate the College's 15th anniversary. The 15 year milestone was reached in 2011, but this year it is 15 years since we became legal. The COD became incorporated or chartered in Illinois in 1997. But look toward 2016 as we celebrate 20 years as an organization. Again, read all about it in the Our Heritage link on the College website.

Dr. Randy Todd is working to put together another outstanding Board Review Course in the late winter or early spring of 2013. We hope to be visiting Houston, Texas for this one. Did you know that Houston is the 4th largest city (by population) in the U.S.? Keep an eye on the College's website for updated information on this course.

Last but not least, I want to welcome Dr. Colleen Shull to the leadership of the College. Colleen came on board at the College's business meeting in Boston. We look forward to her participation on the Board over the coming years.

My apologies if I left out kudos to anyone. I'm sure I must have. I will have a chance at this one more time before I leave office. Did you ever wonder why presidential terms are only one year?

Regards,

Christopher Wenckus



The Quest—Then and Now

A heartfelt thank you Dr. Jerome Pisano for your insightful and inspiring keynote address to welcome our new members to the College of Diplomates.

You certainly put into words the thoughts of all of the "old-timers." Fear! Looking back on the many reasons so many of our colleagues did not pursue Diplomate status, it becomes clear many things have changed and yet stayed the same. Yes the workload of all graduate Endodontic programs is grueling. There are clinical requirements of course, and didactic courses with more information than one could have ever imagined. And don't forget the research that is expected if not required. Add to that the debt incurred by most residents and it is easy to think nothing has changed.

With your insider's knowledge, you have shared with us how fortunate we are that Dr. Hicks and others had the foresight to "take the mystique out of the ABE process" by starting the College of Diplomates, whose primary purpose is to help others to prepare for the Diplomate exam. You mentioned that the process is continuing to become more accommodating, while still maintaining the highest of standards.

The highlight of your address, however, is not just a recognition of how the College of Diplomates has evolved over the years but what the next step is for all of us who are fortunate enough to share such an outstanding profession.

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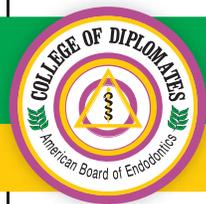
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You mentioned several ways to fulfill our obligation to our profession. Starting with private practice—to always treat patients based on the current best evidence. Consider teaching or volunteering at the local dental school; it is only by sharing knowledge that future dentists will have an appreciation of what our specialty can offer patients. But more than this, it is imperative to become involved in the

organizational, political and educational processes of the AAE. Now more than ever the need to invest in the AAE Foundation is critical, so it may continue investigating ground-breaking scientific projects. Once Diplomate status is achieved, it is time to help those who come after us. Become a mentor and encourage those in the process. The more members of the college, the stronger the AAE will be.

And who knows, perhaps we will see you crossing the stage to be “Pinned.”



College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics



2012 Board Review Course at Nova Southeastern University

Proudly the Board of Directors of the College of Diplomates can announce that this year's Board Review Course hosted at Nova Southeastern University exceeded our expectations. nine lecturers renowned in their fields presented information critical for the written exam, oral exam and case presentations of the American Board of Endodontics. The meeting was well attended and supported by a multitude of vendors. After the first of three long days of learning, the College hosted a wine and cheese gathering. Dr. Alan Law, an examiner from the American Board of Endodontics, presented a review of the examination process called the “Board Walk.” This informal gathering provided attendees an opportunity to mingle, exchange ideas and

ask questions that may reduce the stress of preparing for each step of the exam. The mission of the College of Diplomates is to assist those taking the Board Exam by offering courses, mentoring and disseminating information that will prepare them for the exam. We look forward to next years Board Review Course scheduled for February 8–10, 2013 in Houston, Texas. Watch our website www.collegeofdiplomates.org for an update on this and other events.

See you there!

Randy Todd

Director, BRC College of Diplomates





The College of Diplomates
of the American Board of Endodontics
invites you to their

2012 SUMMER CONFERENCE

Impact of New Technology on Endodontic Treatment Outcomes

August 15—19

Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa
Sonoma, CA



The theme of the 2012 Conference is the

Impact of New Technology on Endodontic Treatment Outcomes

Schedule and Guest Speakers

Wednesday evening (August 15)

6:00–8:00 pm Welcoming reception

Thursday

8:00–10:00 am Dr. Paul Wesselink Cone Beam Computed Tomography

10:30–12:30 pm Dr. Anil Kishen Irrigation

Friday

8:00–10:00 am Dr. Ove Peters Instrumentation

10:30–12:30 pm Dr. Gerald Glickman Obturation

Saturday

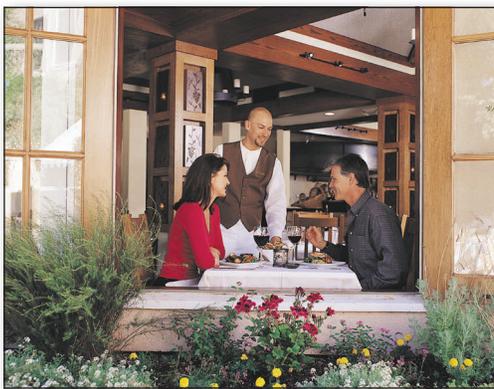
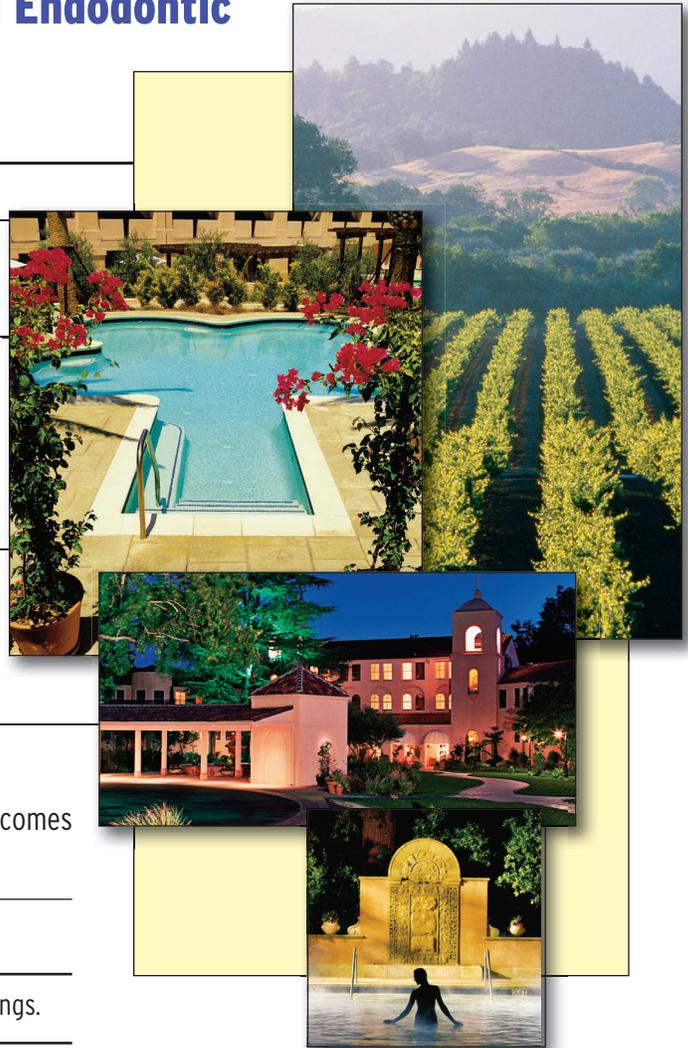
7:45–9:30 am Dr. George Bruder Apical Surgery

10:00–12:30 pm Dr. Shimon Friedman Endodontic Treatment Outcomes

Saturday Evening

Dinner Reception

Breakfast & breaks will be provided Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings.



Don't miss out on this perfect opportunity in an idyllic setting to receive world-class continuing education while enjoying the camaraderie of the College in beautiful Sonoma Valley, home to some of the most interesting and delicious wine varietals in the country as well as the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa with its 40,000 square foot signature spa and 18-hole championship golf course. For more information about the Inn visit <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/collegofdiplomates>.

Registration Form



The College of Diplomates
of the American Board of Endodontics
2012 SUMMER CONFERENCE
Impact of New Technology on Endodontic Treatment Outcomes
August 15—19
Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa, Sonoma, CA

NAME _____ NAME TAG PREFERENCE _____

SPOUSE / GUEST _____ NAME TAG PREFERENCE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

NUMBER OF CHILDREN _____

	BEFORE JUNE 15	AFTER JUNE 15
Active COD Members	\$575	\$650
F/T Educator COD Member	\$475	\$450
Diplomate, Non COD Member*	\$725	\$800
F/T Educator Non COD Member*	\$625	\$650
Spouse/Guest	\$325	\$350
Children under 12		Free
Children 12–18	\$200	\$200
Active Board Candidates	\$425	\$450
New Diplomate (1st Year)	\$425	\$450

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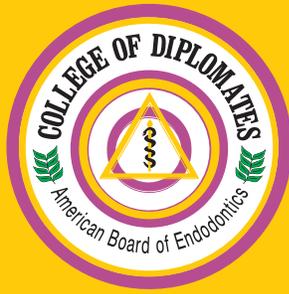
Email:
Susan Hawkinson at codabe96@comcast.net

Web:
www.collegeofdiplomates.org

Registration fee includes all breakfasts, coffee breaks, Wednesday evening welcoming reception and Saturday evening dinner.

*Non COD members who register will be granted 1 year membership into the College of Diplomates.

Cancellation policy: Received before July 15—full refund less \$100.
After July 15—no refund.
12 hours CE provided



**Highlights of the 2012 Louis I. Grossman Luncheon
Boston, Massachusetts**

**Dr. Jerome V. Pisano, D.D.S. M.S., Keynote Speaker
"The Quest—Then and Now"**

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