

# The Pinnacle

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## President's Message

November 2014

By Dr. Kenneth J. Spolnik

*President, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics*

**2014** has been a great year for the College of Diplomates. Our mission is to encourage educationally qualified endodontists to pursue Diplomate status and make available Diplomates to mentor Candidates throughout the certification process. This year we mentored 60 Candidates, conducted a very successful Board Review Course for 125 Candidates in the great city of Indianapolis, In, and treated Diplomates to an outstanding Summer Conference in Beaver Creek, Co.

The Summer Conference is the COD's premiere event and it is all about you, the Diplomates. We also welcome those actively pursuing Board certification to attend so that we can encourage them in the journey of becoming Diplomates of the ABE. Those of you who attended the Summer Conference in Beaver Creek can attest to the exceptional continuing education and the magnificent accommodations at the Beaver Creek Hyatt. The Summer Conference occurs every two years and our next meeting is scheduled for 2016 (site to be determined) and I hope you mark your calendar for this unique opportunity for fellowship, continuing education

and relaxation. The CE credit from the Summer Conference also qualifies for recertification credit.

Our fifth Annual Board Review Course and Scientific Update will be held at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, March 27–29, 2015. Dr. Ken Frick will be hosting the event and more details are on the COD website. This course will offer 17 CE credits that satisfy both ABE recertification and state CE requirements.

I hope you can see that the COD is focused on assisting Board certification Candidates as well as meeting the continuing education needs of our Diplomates. We encourage you to take advantage of these great opportunities and if you are interested in becoming a mentor, you can contact Stacy Bogard, our Executive Secretary, at [codabe96@comcast.net](mailto:codabe96@comcast.net).

Promoting Board Certification is not just the job of the COD. If all Diplomates make an effort to promote, mentor or encourage just one AAE member to pursue Board certification, we can go a long way to secure our specialty status with the ADA and enhance our standing in the dental community. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events! ☺

# 2014 Mentoring For The ABE Exam— A New Approach

Dr. Priya S. Chand  
*Director of Mentoring*



**My goal for the upcoming year is to create and cultivate a developmental network.**

This small group of people will provide mentor support to candidates located both nationally and internationally. As mentors, it is even more rewarding for us to guide those candidates who were unsuccessful and turn to our mentors who help them successfully complete the process of becoming a Board Certified endodontist. This year we had four such Candidates, and I am happy to report that all were successful. We are also happy to report that our efforts to guide Candidates have gone beyond the continent, reaching international students as well. I personally had the opportunity to provide Mock Orals to international Candidates, extending all the way from Saudi Arabia to Japan and to Puerto Rico! In our mentorship efforts, this indeed is a promising development.

Our mentors primary objective is to guide our Candidates to successfully complete all three steps to certification. That requires the mentors to stay abreast of current information as well. We as a group continue to brainstorm new ideas that will enable us to improve a Candidate's ability to successfully pass the three phases of the ABE certification.

If you are a Candidate just getting started, we suggest you contact your peers for their feedback.

**W**ith 2014 coming to a close and the last group of Candidates gearing up for the oral component of Board Certification, I am happy to report that again this year we mentored 60 Candidates for the ABE Boards. Out of this pool of Candidates, 43 were mentored for the oral component and 12 for case history portfolios. This year was particularly significant in marking the case history portfolio transition to the electronic version for submission. This will prove to be a learning experience for the mentors as well as the Candidates.

Candidates are further encouraged to seek and explore the possibility of study groups to help build their support system. You should ask yourself the following questions: Should I pursue Board certification? Would I have the time amidst my crazy schedule to go through the journey? I have been out several years; would I be able to go back? Do I care? If your answer is yes, I would encourage you to pick up the phone immediately, or send an email to reach out to the COD. The COD will connect you with a mentor, and you will be able to listen to what they have to say, their perspective regarding the process, and I hope you would gain that confidence to start or continue your journey. It is important that you remember all mentors have experienced the same concerns, before and during the process, and we took the steps necessary to fulfill this goal. Our mission is to encourage more Candidates to “Step on Board,” and achieve their goal of becoming Board certified and in so doing to support the goals of the AAE.

We encourage Candidates to be prepared before they seek a mentor. Candidates should be well versed in the guidelines and “Pet Peeves” provided by the ABE. The Mock Orals provided by the mentors are extremely useful in helping Candidates gain confidence in their preparation. As stated by one of the Candidates *“If it were not for the Mock Orals, I would not be able to understand where I am lacking in my preparation.”*

Dr. Keith Krell’s conference call on September 16 had 72 attendees. This important conference call is held twice a year and is an invaluable resource. The schedule for these calls is posted on the COD website two weeks prior to the call. The Candidates are updated with frequent email blasts. It is important to check the website frequently to keep abreast of important dates and information.

To ensure that we reach all Candidates who were unable to attend these calls, we have Dr. Krell’s audio recording available on his Webpage under Mentoring on the COD website.

### **A Special Thanks to our Mentors!**

#### **TEAM! “Together Everyone Achieves Milestones”**

Our mentors worked relentlessly as part of a team; without their efforts there would be no milestone. We are grateful to our mentors for their dedication, diligence and support for every candidate’s journey to Board certification.

#### **We at the COD would personally like to thank:**

Dr. Jessica Barr, Aneel Belani, Priya S. Chand, Scott Doyle, Raphael Garofalo, Takashi Kombayashi, Alan Law, Kim Lindquist, Bill Nudera, Beatriz Robles, Colleen Shull, Bruce Schulman, Kenneth Spolnik, Peter Tawil, Ron Taylor and Susan Wolcott.

This year as well, live interviews on the COD website have helped Candidates who are considering Board certification and seeking a mentor. Listening to live interviews proved to be motivational for prospective Candidates seeking Board certification.

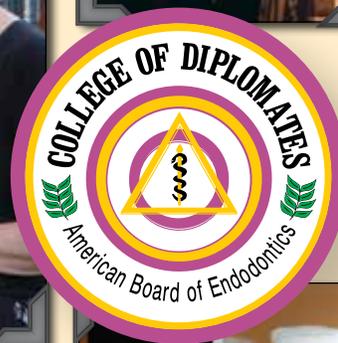
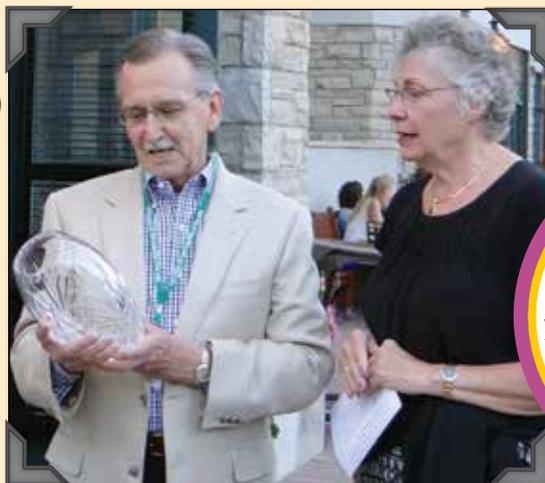
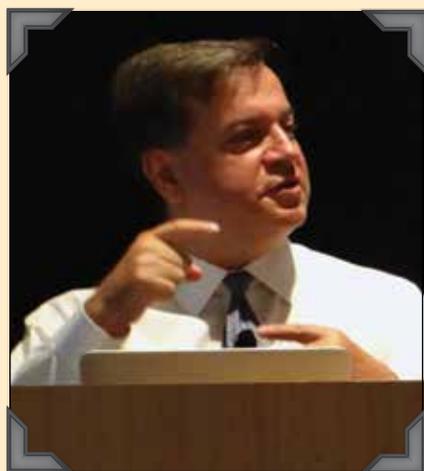
I would like all to help me in our effort to enlist more mentors, especially from the West Coast. Those interested should contact Stacy Bogard or Dr. Priya Chand. Their email addresses are listed on the COD website.

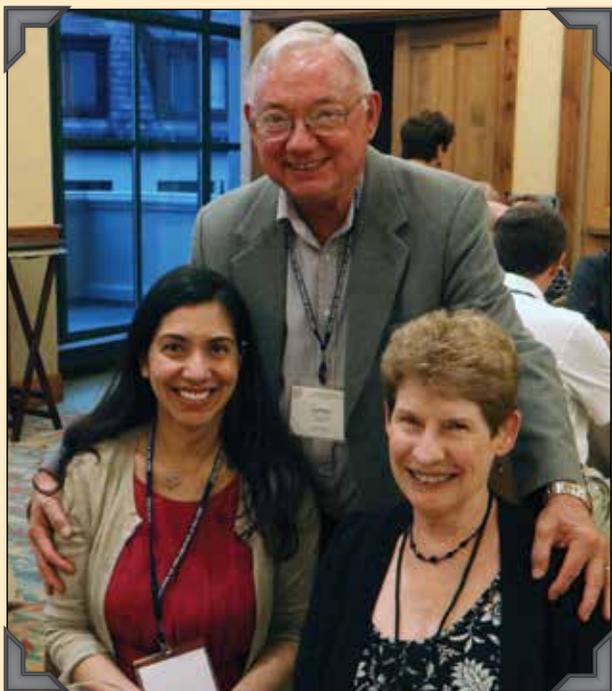
As we eagerly await the coming year, requests for mentors are already coming in for the 2015 Oral Exam, and we look forward to another successful and satisfying year. 🍷

# COLLEGE OF DIPLOMATES 2014 SUMMER CONFERENCE



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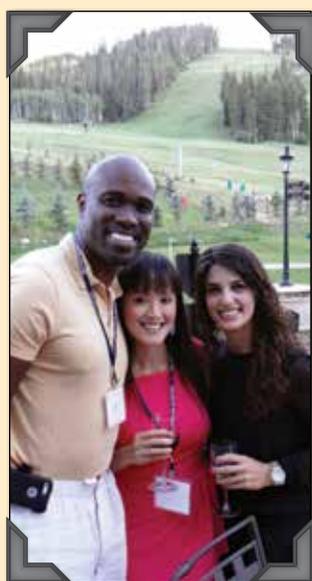
The College of Diplomates 2014  
Summer Conference was held in

beautiful Beaver Creek, Co at the Park Hyatt Hotel from August 13 –17. The theme of the meeting was “What the Future Holds for the Endodontic Practice.” Six speakers presented information on Instrumentation, Obturation, Irrigation, Implants, Workforce Issues, Sonendo and Office Technology. In every case, presentations focused on what the endodontist will be doing in the future. Attendees came away with information that could directly impact their practices, from choices of instruments/ techniques to business issues such as future predictions on utilization of dentistry by various age groups along with office design of the future. On Wednesday night, the group enjoyed a Welcome Reception and on Saturday evening a closing Dinner.

Along with a high-level educational program, attendees and their guests had the afternoons free to enjoy the surroundings and network with old and newly made friends. Many attendees brought their children. Activities included fishing, hiking, biking, golf, climbing, shopping etc.

We are happy to report that attendee surveys gave high marks to program, location and social events.

The College of Diplomates is already looking at locations and themes for our next Summer Conference, which will be in 2016. We hope you will all be able to enjoy this great event in two years. Check the College website and the *Pinnacle* for information on the next Board Review Course and Summer Conference. ☺



The College of Diplomates of the ABE  
and the University of Missouri-Kansas City  
Invite You to the



# 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOARD REVIEW COURSE AND SCIENTIFIC UPDATE

MARCH 27 – 29, 2015  
KANSAS CITY, Mo.



- ▶ **Not Just for Candidates—**  
Course Open to all  
Endodontists and Residents
- ▶ **Easy to get to** in the “heart” of  
the United States
- ▶ **Earn 17 CE Credits** in 2 1/2 days!

## Topics and Speakers Include:

*Antibiotics, Analgesics and Pain Control in Endodontics*—Paul D. Eleazer, D.D.S., M.S.

*Endodontic Diagnosis*—Louis H. Berman, D.D.S.

*Treatment of Medically Complex Patients*—Bradford R. Johnson, D.D.S., M.H.P.E.

*Inflammation and Immunology*—Ashraf F. Fouad, B.D.S., D.D.S., M.S.

*Microbiology of Endodontic Disease*—Markus Haapasalo, D.D.S., Ph.D.

*Oral Biology*—G. Rex Holland, B.Sc., B.D.S., Ph.D.

*Oral Pathology and Facial Space Infections*—David J. Landwehr, D.D.S.

*Periradicular Surgery and Repair*—George A. Bruder III, D.M.D.

*Regeneration*—Jeremy J. Mao, D.D.S., Ph.D.

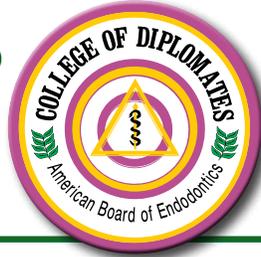
*Trauma and Resorption: Implications in Endodontics*—Frederic Barnett, D.M.D.

Register today at [www.collegeofdiplomates.org](http://www.collegeofdiplomates.org)

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## MARCH 27–29, 2015

### KANSAS CITY, Mo



#### Registration Form

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FULL NAME DDS/DMD COUNTRY (OUTSIDE U.S.)

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POSITION AND TITLE

#### Registration Rates

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Endodontist                   | \$800 | <input type="checkbox"/> Military (Active Duty)                 | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resident or Post-Grad Student | \$400 | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-Time Faculty                      | \$500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Retired (including disabled)  | \$400 | <input type="checkbox"/> Recent Endo Grad (within last 2 years) | \$400 |

**Required Response** I plan to attend the Wine and Cheese Reception on Friday, March 27.

Yes  No

**Registration** Direct registration available on website [www.collegeofdiplomates.org](http://www.collegeofdiplomates.org).

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