President’s Message
July-August 2014

By Dr. Kenneth J. Spolnik, President
President, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics

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The feedback we received from those attending the course was very positive and many commented that this course was an excellent way to help organize their preparation for the oral and written portions of the examination. We also had several Diplomates attend the course who needed qualified CE for recertification. You can visit our website for more information regarding our next board review course.

3. The third part of our mission statement is to provide continuing education for Diplomates.

Every other year the COD sponsors a “Summer Conference” for Diplomates and candidates in the board certification process. Dr. Shep Goldstein is the director of this conference and he has done an outstanding job selecting speakers and topics to entice our Diplomates to attend. This year our Summer Conference is in Beaver Creek, Colorado at the Grand Hyatt Hotel and the theme is, “What the Future Holds for the Endodontic Practice.” This will include new technologies, workforce issues and different practice models for providing endodontic services. Again, visit our website for details.

Finally, I want to thank our Board of Directors, Drs. Todd, Goldstein, Namerow, Coury, O’Dell, Chand, Shull and Law, and our consultant, Dr. Krell, for all their efforts this past year and we look forward to an exciting year of helping as many candidates as possible to successfully complete the board certification process in addition to providing meaningful CE for our members.

Thank You Susan!

After 13+ years of dedicated service to the College, Susan Hawkinson has decided to step down as executive secretary. Susan came on board in the fall of 2000, shortly after the first Summer Conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. It had become apparent that the College was getting too big to be managed by the Board of Directors and part-time secretarial services. When Susan took over the position, there were approximately 600 members of the College. Currently there are 965 members.

Not only has the membership increased in size since Susan took the position, but her duties also expanded. Originally she was to maintain a database, mail dues statements and cover other necessary secretarial services, as well as make arrangements for the Grossman Luncheon at the AAE Annual Session. Her role expanded with the 2002 Summer Conference in Asheville, NC, to include taking registration and handling general arrangements for the 56 registrants and their families. She did the same every other year through the 2012 Summer Conference in Sonoma, CA and its 92 participants. Then came the responsibilities of doing the same for the first Board Review Course in New York City in 2010 and the subsequent BRCs in 2011 through 2013. We couldn’t have done it without her.

The College is greatly appreciative of all of her efforts over the past 13 years and wishes her the very best in her well-deserved retirement. Thank you Susan!

Christopher Wenckus, DDS
Immediate Past COD Board Member
and all current and past board members!

Welcome Stacy!

Stacy Bogard, CAE assumed the executive secretary responsibilities as of December 2013. She spent 12+ years working in the Communications Department at the American Association of Endodontists before moving back to her home state of Michigan last summer. Stacy also works full-time for the Michigan Association of School Boards as its Assistant Director for Communications, PR & Marketing.

She holds a bachelor of arts from Hope College and earned her Certified Association Executive designation from the American Society for Association Executives in 2007.

With her years of experience with the AAE, the College is lucky to have her serving our members. Stacy is responsible for responding to member inquiries, membership notices, collecting dues, meeting registration, the Grossman Luncheon, updating the website and other administrative tasks. She can be reached at codabe96@comcast.net or by calling 630/510-7136.

In her spare time, Stacy enjoys spending time with her family, traveling (she’s made it to 42 states, including Alaska and Hawaii, and seven Canadian provinces), wine tasting, reading (especially if in a hammock), baking, working on craft projects and cheering on her favorite sports teams.
What the Future Holds for the Endodontic Practice

Park Hyatt Beaver Creek Resort and Spa
August 13 – 17

2014 Summer Conference
**Schedule At-A-Glance**

**Wednesday, August 13**
6 – 9 p.m. Welcome Reception

**Thursday, August 14**
7 – 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
8 – 8:30 a.m. Opening Announcements
8:30 – 10 a.m. Instrumentation and Obturation—Hagay Shemesh, D.D.S., Ph.D.
An overview of current methods with a look into the instruments and techniques of the future.
10 – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – noon Disinfection—Tom C. Pagonis, D.D.S., M.S.
A historic perspective/timeline and emphasis on future considerations.

**Friday, August 15**
7:30 – 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
8:30 – 10 a.m. Implants—Ashley Millstein, D.M.D. and Kenneth N. Namerow, D.D.S.
Future perspective of implants vs. endodontics.
10 – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – noon Sonendo—Markus Haapasalo, D.D.S., Ph.D.
A new paradigm in endodontics: ultrasonic ultracleaning.

**Saturday, August 16**
7:30 – 9 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
8:30 – 10 a.m. Office of the Future—Martin D. Levin, D.M.D.
A look at what the future holds for the design of the endodontic office.
10 – 10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Workforce Issues—Marko Vujicic, Ph.D. and Joseph McManus, D.D.S., M.S., M.H.A., M.B.A.
Explore dentistry at a crossroads: a look back and a look forward.
7 – 10 p.m. Dinner Reception

The COD is an ADA CERP-Recognized Provider.

**Housing and Reservations**

**Location of Events**
PARK HYATT BEAVER CREEK RESORT AND SPA
136 East Thomas Place
Beaver Creek, CO 81620-1595
Phone: 888/421-1442 or 970/949-1234
Fax: 970/949-4164

**Reservation Procedures**
A room block has been reserved for meeting attendees. Book online at https://resweb.passkey.com/go/ABE2014 or call the numbers above and be sure to mention “College of Diplomates of the ABE.”
Rates
The standard guestroom rate (single or double occupancy) of $289 will be offered until July 14, 2014, or until the room block is filled, whichever occurs first. After that time, rates and reservations will be subject to availability. Rates are quoted per room, per night and are subject to state and local taxes.

Group rates will be offered for the three days prior to and the three days following the meeting, subject to availability at the time of reservation.

Online Registration
Go to www.collegeofdiplomates.org and click on the meeting name under “Online Event Registration” on the right. Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover cards accepted. A downloadable registration form is also available on the website for those wishing to fax or mail in their registration.

Payment and Confirmation
Registration without complete payment cannot be processed. If you provide an email address when you register, you will receive an electronic confirmation. If you have not received a confirmation within two weeks of submitting your registration, please contact the COD at codabe96@comcast.net.

Cancellation Policy
Refund requests received by the College at codabe96@comcast.net before July 15 will be refunded in full less $100 processing fee. Refund requests received after July 15 will not be granted.

Registration Deadlines
The early registration fee will be granted for registrations received by June 15, 2014. After this date, the standard fee will apply.

Registration Packages and Fees
Registration package includes all breakfasts, breaks, Wednesday Welcome Reception and Saturday Dinner Reception.

Category
Active COD Member $650
Full-Time Educator COD Member $450
Diplomate NonCOD Member $800
Full-Time Educator NonCOD Member $650
Spouse/Guest $350
Children 12-18 (Under 12 Free) $200
Active Board Candidates $450
New Diplomate (Earned in 2013/2014) $450

We Hope to See You There!
Striving for Perfection

Highlights of the Louis I. Grossman Memorial Luncheon
May 1, 2014
Cherry Blossom Ballroom
Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center
National Harbor, MD
College of Diplomates

Treasurer’s Report
as of May 31, 2014

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Respectfully submitted,
Kirk A. Coury, DDS
Treasurer

Board Review Conference Call
with
Dr. Krell
on
September 16, 2014
7 p.m. CST

This is a must for anyone planning to take the Oral Examination in the fall.

2015
March 27/29
College of Diplomates
Board Review Course
University of Missouri, Kansas City

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