

# The Pinnacle

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## President's Message

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By Dr. Kenneth N. Namerow

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

J.K. Rowling gave a commencement speech at Harvard several years ago in which she said the following: "It is impossible to live without failing at something, unless you live so cautiously that you might as well not have lived at all in which you fail by default." As an academician, I encourage our residents and alumni to pursue Board certification. As a general rule, most do but there are a few who will respond with the statement that they are afraid to fail. Those that choose not to seek the pinnacle of their specialty are failing by default. Therefore, I commend all of the new Diplomates for taking the time and effort to study, prepare and ultimately succeed in attaining this most important achievement. Not only have you helped yourself, but you have helped maintain the specialty of endodontics.

On behalf of the College of Diplomates I want to congratulate you on attaining board status and welcome you as a new member to the COD. You now have transformed from a mentee to a mentor and we would encourage you to assist your colleagues in following in your footsteps.

Many of you may not understand the role of the COD so I would like to explain our mission and objectives so as not to confuse us with the role of the American Board of Endodontics. Essentially, the COD is the mentoring body and the ABE is the examining body. The following, in more detail, is an explanation of our role.

### Mission Statement:

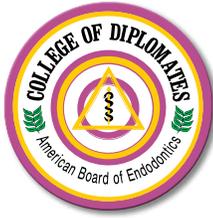
The mission of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics is to encourage educationally qualified endodontists to pursue Diplomate status and make available Diplomates to mentor candidates throughout the certification process.

The objectives of the College include but are not limited to:

- Promote board certification of educationally qualified endodontists.
- Provide an international network of qualified and volunteer Diplomates to mentor candidates in the process of board certification in endodontics.
- Provide educational opportunities specific to the attainment of board certification and recertification.
- Educate endodontists, the dental profession and the public on the significance of board certification.
- Provide the means to recognize and honor those endodontists who have achieved board certification.
- Pursue these goals in a manner consistent with the missions of the American Board of Endodontics and the American Association of Endodontists.

In line with one of our objectives—to provide educational opportunities for Diplomates as well as those of you in the board certification process—I would like to invite you to our 2016 Summer Conference at the Château Élan Winery in Braselton, Ga., Sept. 14 – 18, 2016. The Chateau is a magnificent setting for our meeting and it is situated approximately 45 minutes from the Atlanta airport. The theme for the meeting is the "Impact of the Internet and Social Media on the Endodontic Practice and Profession." We are expecting a large turnout for this meeting so it would behoove you to visit the COD website for specific details and register sooner than later since we are holding a specific block of rooms at a very reasonable price. We are also encouraging attendees to bring their office managers to this meeting.

In closing, I again want to wish all of the new Diplomates a hearty congratulations and I look forward to celebrating your accomplishment and meeting you at our Summer Conference. 



College of Diplomates of the ABE

# Summer Conference Registration Form

**Sept. 14 – 18, 2016, Braselton, Georgia**


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**Full Name**


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**Nametag**
**Spouse/Guest Name**


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**Children's Name(s)**


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**Street Address**


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**City**
**State**
**Zip/Postal Code**
**Country**


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**Phone**
**Email**
**Registration Packages**
**By July 15**
**After July 15**
**Quantity**

Active COD Member	\$575	\$650	_____
Full-Time Educator NonCOD Member	\$425	\$450	_____
Diplomate NonCOD Member	\$725	\$800	_____
Full-Time Educator NonCOD Member	\$625	\$650	_____
Active Board Candidates	\$425	\$450	_____
New Diplomate (Earned Status in 2015 or 2016)	\$425	\$450	_____
Professional Staff	\$325	\$350	_____
Spouse/Guest— <i>no CE credit</i>	\$325	\$350	_____
Children 12–18 (Under 12 Free)— <i>no CE credit</i>	\$325	\$350	_____
Children Under 12— <i>no CE credit</i>	\$0	\$0	_____

**Total** \_\_\_\_\_

*Registration packages include all breaks, Wednesday Welcome Reception and Saturday Dinner.*

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**Name on Card**


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**Expiration Date**

*Cancellation Policy: Received before August 15—full refund less \$100; after August 15—no refund.*



Are you interested in using social media to promote your practice?

In need of CE credits?

Looking to spend time with Diplomate colleagues?

# Join us for the 2016 Summer Conference

Sept. 14 – 18, 2016

Château Élan Winery & Resort, Braselton, Ga.

- Morning educational sessions on the *Impact of the Internet and Social Media on the Endodontic Practice and Profession*
- **Earn 12 CE credits!**
- Afternoons free to explore the local area and network with fellow attendees and speakers.
- Conference attendance is open only to Diplomates and Candidates currently in the Board Certification Process.

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



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# COD Board of Directors Updates



## Thank You Dr. Todd!

Dr. Randolph Todd served as President of the COD Board for 2015-2016. His term ended at the Grossman Ceremony this past April where he was recognized for his service. Dr. Todd has been instrumental in organizing very successful Board Review Course and Scientific Updates for the last several years. He will serve as Immediate Past President this year before rotating off the Board.

“The AAE and the profession of endodontics has provided me and my family with a wonderful life,” shared Dr. Todd. “Serving with the Board of Directors over the past six years and having the privilege to act as the Director of the Board Review Course and Scientific Update have enabled me to “give back” to our profession. I hope all of my efforts over the years has helped others achieve their goal of board certification. Thank you all for providing me with this opportunity.” 🌟



## Dr. Glickman Joins the Board

Dr. Gerald N. Glickman of Dallas, Texas, is the newest Director on the COD Board. An AAE and ABE Past President he is the professor and chair of the department of endodontics and director of graduate endodontics at Texas A & M University/Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. He has held similar positions at the

University of Washington and the University of Michigan, in addition to serving as chair of the department of stomatology at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston. He received his M.S. degree in microbiology from the University of Kentucky, D.D.S. degree from Ohio State University, General Practice Residency certificate from the University of Florida, Certificate and M.S. degree in Endodontics from Northwestern University, M.B.A. degree from Southern Methodist University and J.D. from Texas Wesleyan University. He has been a Diplomate since 1987.

Throughout his career, Dr. Glickman has been very active in various dental organizations. He is a consultant for the

Commission on Dental Accreditation, past vice president of the Council of Sections of the American Dental Education Association, member of the ADEA Commission for Change and Innovation in Dental Education, and past chair of the Council of Sections Task Force on Competencies and Foundation Knowledge for the New General Dentist. He is also past president of the American Dental Education Association. He is a Fellow of the American and International Colleges of Dentists.

He is an associate editor for the *Journal of Endodontics* and the endodontic consultant for *General Dentistry*. He has contributed to major texts in endodontics including *Pathways of the Pulp* and *Ingle's Endodontics*. His research interests include endodontic technology, dental education, and curriculum and risk management.

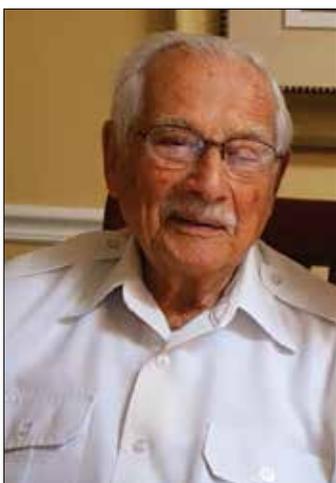
“It is truly an honor for me to be selected as a Director of the College of Diplomates,” Dr. Glickman said. “The crux of the College is to assist Candidates as they prepare for the ABE Diplomate examination process and as such, mentoring becomes a very essential mechanism to not only help them through the various phases but to also help alleviate their fears and concerns they may have about the ABE. Having been a Director on the ABE has provided me with an understanding of what Candidates go through as they prepare for the exam and hopefully, I can assist future Candidates so that they can be successful and ultimately be proud to become Board-certified.” 🌟

# Highlights of the 2016 Louis I. Grossman Reception

April 7, San Francisco Marriott Marquis

Congratulations to the 79 new Diplomates who were recognized during this year's Grossman Ceremony held by the American Board of Endodontics.

The COD sponsored a Reception following the pin presentation where the recipients were able to mingle with mentors, family and fellow Diplomates. All photos can be viewed on Flickr at <https://flic.kr/s/aHskvcSrpC>. 



## Dr. Metrick Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday

On June 14, 2016, Dr. Bernard E. Metrick of Boca Raton, Fla., will celebrate his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A Lifetime member of the College of Diplomates, he attended dental school at New York University, graduated in 1942 and limited his practice to endodontics prior to 1965. He was one of the first to earn Diplomate status in 1965.

Dr. Metrick practiced in Brooklyn, Manhattan and Boca Raton before retiring in 2010. In addition to his COD and American Association of Endodontists memberships, he has been a member of the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity for more than 50 years and he became a Fellow of the International College of Dentists in 2000. 

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## Oral Exam Preparation Conference Calls to Continue

This fall will be the first time in seven years that Dr. Keith Krell will not be conducting the conference call preparing Candidates for the ABE Oral Exam. During his tenure as consultant to the College of Diplomates, Dr. Krell has given Oral Exam preparation information directly to hundreds of Candidates, with many more listening to the recordings available on the College of Diplomates' website.

Many Candidates have commented to the College how valuable Dr. Krell's advice has been. At the Grossman Ceremony in May 2015, Dr. Krell was recognized by the College of Diplomates for his considerable contributions to Candidates.

Following in Dr. Krell's footsteps will be Dr. Alan Law, past president of the American Board of Endodontics and current COD Director. When asked about taking over the Oral Exam preparation conference call, Dr. Law stated, "I know it will be tough to follow the example of Dr. Krell, but I am fortunate to have his guidance and I appreciate that Candidates have come to rely on this phone call when they prepare for the Oral Exam."

The Oral Exam preparation conference call is typically scheduled four weeks prior to the exam. Dates for the next call will be posted on the COD website. ☉

## Shape Your Specialty

**The *Journal of Endodontics* Editorial Board invites Diplomates of the ABE to apply for the Scientific Advisory Board.** SAB members review submissions to the *JOE* and play an instrumental role in introducing innovative research to the endodontic community.

Join the Scientific Advisory Board to:

- **CONTRIBUTE** your expertise to a top-ranked dental journal.
- **ACCESS** the newest endodontic research and literature.
- **BUILD** your professional experience and reputation.
- **SERVE** the endodontic specialty and its advancement.
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*"As a full-time clinician, it can be a challenge to remain engaged in endodontic research and literature. Being part of the SAB offers a unique opportunity to evaluate the newest endodontic literature while permitting me to review and reinforce the classic science on which sound endodontic practice is founded."*

— Jessica L. Barr, D.D.S., M.S.

Apply today or refer a colleague to help shape the **future of endodontics!**

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### 2016 Dues Reminder

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**NOTE:** A change to the Constitution was approved during the COD Annual Business Meeting on April 7, 2016, taking the Retired membership fee from \$25 to \$0. In order to be eligible for the new dues structure, your membership must be current in 2016.