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President's Message

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It's been one of the greatest honors of my professional career to serve as President of the College of Diplomates (COD) of the American Board of Endodontics. Over the past year, I have witnessed remarkable commitment, collaboration, and passion within our community—qualities that continue to strengthen our mission of supporting both aspiring and established Diplomates. I am deeply grateful for the trust you have placed in me and for the opportunity to continue to serve an organization that plays such an essential role in advancing excellence in our specialty.

This year, I am thrilled to announce we proudly launched our new Webinar Series—another important step in expanding accessible, high-quality education for our members. We successfully hosted our first lecture with Dr. Rebecca Weisleder on Pediatric Endodontics, which received outstanding feedback. Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce that our next webinar will be held 12/4/2025 with Dr. Sabeti in collaboration with the Edward C. Penick Endodontic Study Club. Followed by one in January and another in the spring with Dr. Jorge Vera. We look forward to growing this series as a reliable, member-focused platform for ongoing learning. To further strengthen our organizational structure and ensure clarity and consistency across our Board of Directors, we recently established four new Director roles:

- Director of Mentorship
- Director of Mock Orals
- Director of Social Media & Marketing
- Director of Sponsorship & Fundraising

These positions were created to support the growing needs of our Diplomates and candidates, enhance communication, and streamline the development of educational programming and outreach initiatives. I am confident that these roles will contribute greatly to the College's efficiency, impact, and long-term vision. Please follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram if you are not already.

Starting with membership dues this year, we introduced enhanced membership perks that reflect our commitment to supporting. Diplomates at every stage of their careers.

These COD benefits now include:
- Free registration -Board Review Course
- Free registration - Webinar Lecture Series
- $300 off registration -Summer Conference

We are proud to provide these opportunities at no additional cost, ensuring that our members continue to receive exceptional value and access to high-quality educational experiences.

As we look ahead, I am excited to highlight two major upcoming events that reflect our dedication to education, professional growth, and fellowship.

Board Review Course – February 6–8, 2026 Our next Board Review Course will be held virtually February 6–8, 2026. Designed specifically to support candidates preparing for both the Written and Oral Examinations, this course remains one of our most impactful educational offerings. Through focused lectures, case-based discussions, and practical guidance, we aim to provide candidates with the clarity and confidence needed for success. I strongly encourage all current and prospective members to take advantage of this invaluable resource.

2026 Summer Conference – "Beyond the Pulp: Expanding the Diagnostic Lens" From July 23–26, 2026, we will gather at the Ritz-Carlton in beautiful Key Biscayne, Florida, for our next Summer Conference. This meeting will explore new perspectives in diagnosis, interdisciplinary collaboration, and clinical decision-making. Beyond the outstanding educational program, it promises to be an enriching opportunity for collegial connection and professional renewal.

As my term draws to a close over the next four months, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Board, our volunteers, and every member of the College of Diplomates. Your dedication to excellence inspires everything we do. I look forward to continuing to serve alongside you and to supporting the ongoing growth and success of our organization.

John "Jeff" Neal, DDS, MS
President, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics

Mentorship Update

Dear Esteemed Members of the College of Diplomates,

Warm holiday greetings to each of you. As we close out 2025 and look toward an exciting year ahead, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable dedication shown by our mentors, examiners, and volunteers. Your commitment continues to strengthen our our community and uphold the high standards that define our specialty.

This year brought strong and steady engagement across all areas of mentorship. Approximately ten mentors actively supported candidates preparing for the Oral Examination, and in addition to one-on-one guidance, we hosted three Mock Oral Examinations over the past year—September 2024, February 2025, and September 2025. The most recent of these sessions included seven groups with five Saturday examinations, followed by a second session featuring one group and three additional exams. From our September 2024 cohort alone, we are delighted to confirm that 21 of the 34 participants have achieved board certification. Many candidates who completed the October 2025 Oral Exam have also shared their success, thanks in large part to the dedication and expertise of our mentors and examiners.

Turning to Case History Portfolios, we have seen continued engagement in mentorship and eagerly await the results of the candidates we supported this spring. With the American Board of Endodontics transitioning to a single annual submission deadline of May 1, we anticipate increased need for portfolio support in 2025 and 2026 and are fully prepared to meet that demand.

Having personally participated in these mentorship and mock exam efforts, I am continually reminded of the deep professional fulfillment they bring. Whether you guide a candidate through the Oral Exam, assist with a Case History Portfolio, or serve as a Mock Oral Examiner, your involvement strengthens our entire specialty. And if you ever worry about feeling "out of touch," please know that our structured resources and supportive framework ensure every mentor feels prepared and confident.

Looking ahead, our next Mock Oral Exam is scheduled for January 31, 2026, followed by another session in September 2026. We warmly welcome both new and returning examiners to join us. As the number of board-eligible candidates continues to grow, so does our need for dedicated mentors ready to accompany them through this meaningful journey.

If you know a colleague who shares our passion for advancing endodontics and supporting future Diplomates, please encourage them to get involved. Those interested in serving as a Mock Oral Examiner, Case Portfolio Mentor, or Oral Exam Mentor may visit www.collegeofdiplomates.org, hover over "Resources," select "Mentoring," and submit a Mentor Volunteer Request. They may also contact Aimee Rylko at info@collegeofdiplomates.org for more information.

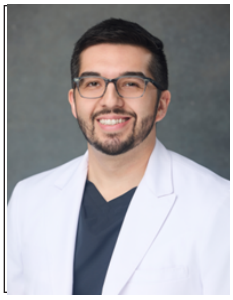
With deep appreciation for your continued service and enthusiasm,

Rebeca Weisleder, DDS, M.Ed
Chair, Mentorship and Mock Oral Exam Committee
College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics

Meet the Directors

Susan Paurazas

We're thrilled to introduce Dr. Susan Paurazas, our new Director of Mentorship who works and lives in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Paurazas is a Clinical Professor and the Graduate Endodontic Program Director at the University of Detroit Mercy, where she also earned both her dental degree and her postgraduate specialty training in endodontics. Dr. Paurazas has served on multiple committees of the ADEA and AAE. She maintains a private endodontic practice in New Baltimore, Michigan and is a member of the ADA, Michigan Dental Association, Michigan Association of Endodontists, American College of Dentists and Pierre Fauchard Academy. When asked what she enjoys most about her work with the COD, Dr. Paurazas shared: "I enjoy the mentoring aspect in helping candidates achieve diplomate status. I like the commitment and connection to those in the COD." *And here's a fun fact:* Dr. Paurazas had a story published in Chicken Soup for the Dental Soul! We're excited for the guidance, inspiration, and support she will bring to our mentorship program.



Ross Rosenblatt

We're excited to announce our newest director of Social Media and Marketing, Dr. Ross Rosenblatt. Ross currently resides in Norfolk, VA. He earned his DMD from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine. He then moved across the city of Philadelphia to complete his endodontics residency at Temple University. He currently works in the Hampton Roads area of Virginia. In his spare time he enjoys working out, exploring the local food scene, spending time with friends and family, and catering to the many demands of his two cats. Ross also runs "Evidence Based Endo Memes" on Instagram- an endo-centric based humor page. We look forward to the fresh perspective and social media savvy he brings. Ross looks forward to helping us strengthen our mentorship program, expand awareness of the COD, and advance the mission of the College of Diplomates. Support the COD's social media presence by following us on Instagram and Facebook!

Membership News and Updates

Inagural COD Webinar Series

- Dr. Weisleder hosted our inaugural webinar lecture series October 8, 2025 for ~ 75 attendees, providing 1.5 CE hours & Endo-Pedo acumen to members.
- Thank you Dr. Weisleder!

Membership Dues

In 2025, a two-year payment of $300, covering both 2025 & 2026 is required to maintain active membership and receive all COD membership benefits including:

- **COD Webinar lecture series providing virtual CE free for members.**
- **Registration for annual board review course (20 CE credits/year)**
- **$300 credit towards registration for the 2026 Summer Conference**
- **New Diplomates - first year of membership is free**
- **Dues year resets in January 2027**

COD News - Updates

Follow the COD on Instagram and Facebook pages! It's the best way to stay updated with organizational happenings as well as maintaining connection with us.

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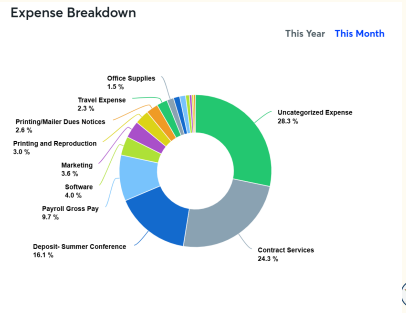
Treasurer Report

- As of 12/3 the current COD cash balance is $140,568.57.
- Upcoming Expenses - Board Review Course fees, operating costs, & payroll.



Save the Dates

Mock Oral Board Examination *(ABE Oral Exam date March 6-7, 2026)*

- **January 31, 2026**
- **September 2026** *(exact date - TBD)*

COD Webinar Series *(Included for members- Login to COD member account to register)*

- **December 4, 2025 - Dr. Mike Sabeti** *(Penick Partnership)*
- **January 15, 2026 - Dr. Gordon Lai** *(Penick Partnership)*
- **March 11, 2026—Dr. Jorge Vera**
- **March 26, 2026 - Endodontic Resident Table Clinics** *(Penick Partnership)*

16th Annual Board Review Course & Scientific Update

- **February 6-8, 2026**
- Virtual 3-day event (20 CE credits)
- Prepare Candidates for ABE oral and written examinations
- Free attendance for COD members
- Registration is now open

2026 Summer Conference - *" Beyond the Pulp: Expanding the Diagnostic Lens"*

- **July 23-26, 2026**
- Ritz-Carlton, Key Biscayne Florida
- Three-day event will provide plenty of CE and time for family fun.
- Registration is now open
- Members are invited to sponsor guests to attend.
- Endodontic residents and new graduates are invited to attend.

https://www.collegeofdiplomates.org/2026-summer-conference/