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As my term as President of the

College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics comes to a close this April at the American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting 2026 in Salt Lake City, I reflect with tremendous gratitude and pride on what we have accomplished together over the past year.

Serving this organization has been one of the greatest honors of my professional career. The College exists to support excellence, foster mentorship, and guide candidates through the board certification process. This past year has been a testament to the strength of our shared mission and the commitment of our Board of Directors, committee members, and volunteers.

Our educational initiatives have expanded in meaningful ways. We continued the success of our Board Review Course, designed to help candidates confidently prepare for both the Written and Oral Examinations. In addition, we launched and grew our new Webinar Series. We began with an outstanding presentation by Dr. Rebecca Weisleder on Pediatric Endodontics, and since then have successfully completed two additional webinars in a joint agreement with the Edward C. Penick Endodontic Study Club in Washington, DC, further strengthening our commitment to accessible, high-quality continuing education.

We are also looking forward to two upcoming webinars this March, one in collaboration with the Edward C. Penick Endodontic Study Club and another of our own with Dr. Jorge Vera. These programs reflect our dedication to providing meaningful educational opportunities for Diplomates and candidates alike.

We also enhanced the value of membership by offering free registration for our Board Review Course, complimentary access to our Webinar Series, and \$300 off registration for our Summer Conference. These expanded benefits demonstrate our commitment to supporting our members at every stage of their professional Journey.

Organizationally, we strengthened the structure of our leadership by establishing three new Director positions, Director of Mock Orals, Director of Social Media & Marketing, and Director of Sponsorship & Fundraising. These roles were intentionally created to provide clarity and consistency within our Board of Directors and to ensure the continued growth and effectiveness of the College.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible without the collaborative spirit of our leadership team and the engagement of our membership. I am deeply grateful to those who mentor, teach, examine, sponsor, and volunteer. Your contributions directly shape the future of board certification and elevate our specialty.

As I pass the gavel to our incoming President, Dr. Andrea Lisell, I do so with full confidence in the direction of our College. The foundation is strong, our programming is growing, and our future is bright. It has been a privilege to serve, and look forward to continuing to support the College of Diplomates in the years ahead.

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,

On January 30, 2026, the College of Diplomates hosted its biannual Mock Oral Examination. Through the commitment and generosity of 18 volunteer examiners, we were able to provide 18 board-eligible endodontists the opportunity to participate in a simulated oral examination in advance of the American

Board of Endodontics Oral Examination.

Each participant completed a mock oral examination consisting of two unique cases designed to simulate the structure, rigor, and expectations of the actual board examination. These sessions provide candidates with valuable experience in articulating clinical decision-making, defending treatment planning, and receiving constructive feedback from Diplomates who have successfully navigated the certification process.

Programs such as the Mock Oral Examination remain an important component of the College of Diplomates' mission to mentor and support candidates pursuing board certification.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the 18 Diplomate examiners who generously volunteered their time and expertise to make this program possible.

We wish all candidates the very best as they prepare for the upcoming American Board of Endodontics Oral Examination. The next College of Diplomates Mock Oral Examination is tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 19, 2026, in advance of the American Board of Endodontics Oral Examination, which will take place October 15-17, 2026.

Sincerely,

Yehuda Benjamin, DMD, F.A.G.D., M.S.

*Chair, Mentorship and Mock Oral Exam Committee
College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics*



Friends of the College of Diplomates,

Warm greetings to each of you as we embark on another promising year. I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable dedication shown by our mentors and examiners. Your expertise, generosity, and steadfast commitment to elevate our profession and profoundly impact the success of our candidates.

This past year brought an inspiring increase in mentorship participation. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our volunteer mentors—many of whom graciously supported multiple candidates—we are delighted to celebrate the certification of our candidates. These achievements highlight the strength and value of our mentorship program, and we couldn't be prouder of everyone involved.

Our Case History Portfolio mentorship also saw continued, though modest, engagement. We were pleased to guide two additional candidates this Spring and eagerly await their results. With the American Board of Endodontics moving to a single annual

submission deadline of May 1st, we anticipate increased demand for portfolio support in 2026 and 2027, and we stand ready to meet that need.

As more board eligible candidates pursue certification, our need for committed mentors grows as well. The success of our mentoring initiatives is made possible only through the dedication of our exceptional volunteers, and we are deeply grateful for all they contribute.

If you know a colleague who shares our passion for advancing the specialty and supporting future Diplomates, we warmly encourage you to invite them to join us. Those interested in serving as a Mock Oral Examiner, Case Portfolio Mentor, or Oral Exam Mentor can learn more and submit a Mentor Volunteer Request by visiting www.collegeofdiplomates.org. Simply hover over the "Resources" tab, select "Mentoring," and follow the steps to get started. They may also reach out directly to Aimee Rylko at info@collegeofdiplomates.org for additional information.

With sincere appreciation,

Rebeca Weisleder, DDS, M.Ed
*Chair, Mentorship and Mock Case Portfolio Committee
College of Diplomates of the American Board of Endodontics*



Membership News and Updates

COD at AAE

- Visit us at Booth 811
- pick up your AAE 2026 commemorative pin.



Annual COD Meeting Location

- Date: April 16, 2026
- Time: 11:30-12:45 PM
- Location: Salt Republic, 170 S West Temple Street
- All members are welcome to join our general meeting



Membership Dues

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

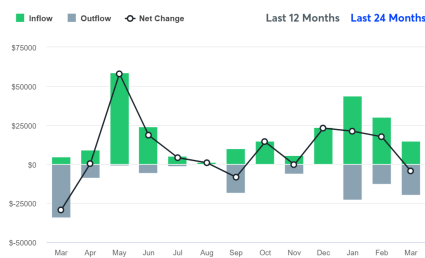
Treasurer Report

- Our current cash flow with trends over the past 12 months. Current bank balance as of 03/17/2026 is \$180,683.64.
- The current profit and loss over the past 12 months. This includes our income and expenses.
- Our expense breakdown for 2026 with our largest expense so far being the honorariums for the recent Board Review Course at 34.9%, followed by the deposit for the Ritz Carlton for the upcoming Summer Conference at 32.0%.

Cash Flow

Cash coming in and going out of your business.

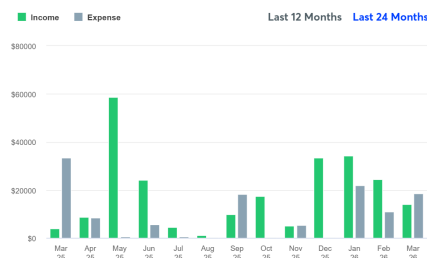
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Profit And Loss

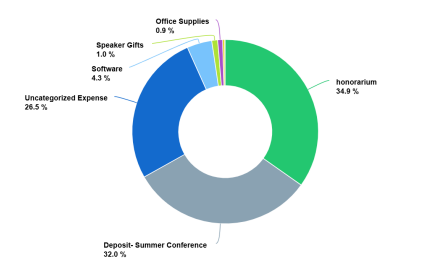
Income and expenses only (includes unpaid invoices and bills).

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Expense Breakdown

This Year This Month



Membership News and Updates

Membership News

- Dr. Jorge Vera hosted a COD webinar lecture series on March 11, 2026 to attendees, providing 1.5 CE hours on Fracture management acumen to members.
- Thank you, Dr. Vera for your excellent lecture and commitment to education.



Lecture by Dr. Jorge Vera

"Is The Tooth Really Fractured? Diagnosis and Management of J-Shaped, Large Periapical Lesions and Persistent Disease"

Membership News

- **New COD President assumes the role at annual AAE, April 2026:** 2026-2027, Dr. Andrea Lisell
- Our deepest gratitude is owed to Dr. Jeff Neal for his leadership of the COD over the last year.



COD Welcomes ABE's 2026 Diplomates

Hacer Aksel	Carolyn Cucco	David Hatch	James Lin	Kanika Ryan
Mohamad Thabit Al-Maaz	Kasra Dabeshli	Ryan Hediger	Kaleigh Lombardo	Moein Sadrkhani
Arin Alexander	Mariam Dakka	Jennifer Hens	Rajeev Mahajan	Preeti Sandhu
Rami Mohammed	Francesco DeMayo	Ryan Hershey	Abdulaziz Mallik	Jackson Seagroves
Alhomrany	Gagan Dhaliwal	Christopher Hogden	Austin McIntyre	Aria Sharma
Yara AlMaimouni	Tiffany Trang Do	Yujie Huang	Kelie Michaels	Norman Sharp
Claire Anderson	Dominic Do	Charles Husaini	Shay Mieczkowski	Julian Shen
Pardis Azar	Shannon Dugan	Anika Islam	Jacklyn Mitchell	Whitney Smith
Brandon Barnett	Nicholas Dybdal-Hargreaves	Anmar Janabi	Nima Moaven	Renee Smith
Brittany Bartenstein	Kinnison Edmunds	Carl Jones	Brian Nadeau	Ryan Smith
James Benson	Sally Eilers	Sung Woo Kang	Sarah Nash	Jooyoung Song
Lauren Berg	Michael Eskander	Divya Kanodia	Michele Nguyen	Laura Steff
Hannah Beus	Joseph Everett	Saif Kargoli	Dena Niknam	Krista Strange
Kristen Bingham	Michelle Shareen Fat	Negah	Luke Noble	Lauren Tink
Alexis Borgestad	Irene Fernandes	Karimpourtalebi	Ricardo Obando	Nasim Tishbi
Scott Bryant	Jasmine Flake-Warmoth	Adnan Kassabji	Ashley Olen	Ai Tran
Megan Bryck	Omar Gabr	Adnan Kazim	Edmund Onwukwe	Jonathan Uhles
Teresa Capristo	Shreya Gakhar	James Kearns	Akihiko Osada	Seyed Vahdati
Daniel Cassis	Timothy Gibson	Bilal Khan	Eun Park	Joseph Vaughn
Ian Castell	Adam Gluskin	Dana Kim	Alejandro Pereda	Dmitry Vodopyanov
Stephen Chan	Harley Grandin	Tae Kim	Bradley Phares	Pei Wang
Insoon Chang	Robert Grode	Hae Jung Ko	Ryan Raouf	Ricardo Wassmer
Julia Cheung	Mallory Hackbart	Mahzad Koochaki	Stephen Rees	Mariel Webber
Hosheng Chiang	Kaiying Haggard	Farzad Koosha	Ryan Reese	Bailey Weightman
Tiffany Chien	Patrice Harmon	Lisa Le	Paul Riley	Kelsey Wenger
Tina Chou	Negar Harraji	William Lee	Sebastian Rodriguez	Brian Wu
Patrick Clark	Jon Hartley	Melinda Lee	Michelle Roh	Jing Ye
David Colmenar		Joseph Legg	Mauricio Rubio	Hassan Yehia
				Hassanai Zaheer

*New Diplomates - Stop by COD's Booth (#811) for your free one year membership & congratulatory pin.

Save the Dates

2026 Summer Conference - “Beyond the Pulp: Expanding the Diagnostic

- **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/>

Mock Oral Board Examination

- **September 19, 2026**
- **January 30, 2027** (*tentative awaiting ABE 2027 dates*)

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

- **May 20, 2026: Dental Fear & Anxiety: clinical management strategies- Dr. Marco Corona**
- **October 2026: TBD**

17th Annual Board Review Course - Scientific Update

- **February 5-7, 2027**
- Virtual 3-day event (20 CE credits)
- Prepare Candidates for ABE oral and written examinations
- Free attendance for COD members

