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# NEWSLETTER

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1980—Dr. Norman Ferguson  
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## Reflections from the President

I was delighted by the attendance and the level of interest observed at our Meeting in Dallas as it reinforces the fact that our Academy is alive and healthy.

The hospitality extended to us by Dean Randolph and his faculty at Baylor was Texas at its best. Repeatedly it was mentioned that the conduct and attitude of the Baylor dental students was very constructive and deserves commendation, and this has been done. Of course, Chuck Bouschor was very helpful in these local arrangements.

The Hilton organization also deserved compliments as they were very helpful to us with facilities and food service.

Now as specifically related to our Academy, I would like to leave a thought or two. Most of us belong to a number of dentally related organizations, and we belong for a variety of special reasons.

It is possible we belong to the AAGFO to help preserve a material, and it is a reason, but there are better ones. It may be we desire that examining boards maintain direct gold in their examination procedures; and while I believe it has merit for this purpose, I feel there is a better reason. We as a group are highly concerned about the excellence of our clinical results. Granted other of our colleagues are concerned, but I feel our Academy speaks to this point more pointedly than any other organization I know. It also happens that direct gold restorations provide the desired level of excellence when judiciously placed, and we sort of use the material as exclamation points of excellence in the treatment of patients.

It is true that membership in this Academy is not for everyone, but for those who have a similar regard for excellence. Since we would like to keep our membership committee reasonably busy, I have a question. Is there a practicing colleague who either does or could qualify that needs an invitation to join us?

Have a pleasant holiday season.

## Synopsis of the Minutes of the Board Meeting Dallas, Texas—Oct. 17, 1979

### Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand .....	\$ 7,713.94
Six-month Treasury Notes .....	37,000.00
Total Cash .....	\$44,713.94

*(You run a tight ship, Jack. Congratulations!)*

Considerable time and discussion was given to revising the present constitution and by-laws. Dr. Romano presented several letters from members on their feelings of what should be the goals of the Academy.

General categories were:

Membership — Be sure active membership is meaningful, must successfully operate before peers.

Educational — Academy must gear up to provide teaching teams to go to schools for pre- and post-graduate programs, when requested.

A yearly roster is essential.

A periodic news letter is essential.

A special clinical committee to provide traveling teachers is essential.

Work will continue on the revision and a further report given to the board at the February meeting in Chicago.

### Report of the Membership Committee

Twenty-one new associate members include: Dr. Charles Massler Jr., Dr. Larry Kepford, Dr. Cleodius Walker, Dr. Robert McAlpine, Dr. Terence McKay, Dr. Jerry Lachat, Dr. Frank Eggleston, Dr. Gerald Heuer, Dr. Paul Blaser, Dr. Luke Iwata, Dr. John Sechena, Dr. David Stanger, Dr. Ana Maria Farias, Dr. Guilan Nowrouzi, Dr. Kazuyu Takahashi, Dr. George Pratt, Dr. Henry Smialek, Dr. Thomas Larson, Dr. Thamos Nordtvedt, Dr. George Freeman, Dr. Felix Martin de Campo.

## Report of the Operative Journal

Dr. Ian Hamilton and Dr. Martin Anderson presented reports concerning the editorial and management aspects of the Journal. The reports were filed by the acting secretary.

Discussion followed relative to the excellence of the Journal, and Dr. James Vernetti requested President Chester Gibson to send a letter of commendation to Dr. Ian Hamilton and Dr. Martin Anderson.

Concern was voiced because of the lack of compacted gold articles. It was suggested future essay programs would be providing a source of publishable material.

It was further reported by Dr. Martin Anderson that in order to be non-profit in the eyes of I.R.S., the membership of A.A.G.F.O. and A.O.D. cannot be given discounts and will have to pay \$20.00.

Last year a grant of \$3,000.00 was made available to the Journal but was not needed. A deficit is likely (\$1,977.00), and if needed, the Journal will inform the Academy. Dr. Chester Gibson assured the Journal the money was available.

Dr. Norman Ferguson moved adoption of Report with commendation.

President Chester Gibson reported on the excellent support developed between open section of A.A.D.S. and A.A.G.F.O. at the planning meeting in Seattle.

President Chester Gibson reported on his attendance at the conference of Dental Associations held July 30, 1979, at Chicago. Theme was how to interest the 52% of the people who don't seek dental treatment.

President Chester Gibson reported on his correspondence to all members outside the U.S.A. Responses from Germany, Australia, Japan, and Brazil.

## Research Committee Report

Dr. Lloyd Baum requested underwriting by the Academy to insure manufacture of thirty manudynometer instruments to be sold at approximately \$90.00 each. The amount of the underwriting is to be \$500.00, which would be paid back to the Academy where the instruments are purchased by the schools or individual.

Dr. Perry Dungey moved the motion and Dr. Melvin Lund seconded. Passed.

## Oklahoma Student Attends AAGFO Meeting in Dallas

For a dental student to be invited to attend a meeting of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators is a high honor in itself. To actually attend and observe the direct gold techniques and procedures of some of the best operators in the country is an educational experience of the highest degree. My two days on the Baylor campus in Dallas, Texas, provided me with new insight and perspective on the correct use of direct gold, a material much maligned in recent years. Coupled with my clinical training in this area at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry, I can now appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of those individuals who make direct gold a prominent part of their professional experience.



It is hard to pinpoint what impressed me most during those two days. The ideas and techniques demonstrated and the excellent restorations placed were invaluable learning experiences. The spirit of camaraderie among such a diverse group of dedicated men was most impressive. The discussions about current trends and developments in dentistry and their potential effects on both local and national levels were both enlightening and informative. And, of course, I was extremely flattered and honored to be accepted by these men not as a dental student but as a colleague.

I now have a fresh respect for superior dentistry. My interest in direct gold as a viable restorative material has been strengthened. And it's heartening to note that knowledge is not isolated behind academic walls. For this and for all the other benefits too numerous to mention, I feel proud and honored. My heartfelt thanks to the Academy, to its members, and to the University of Oklahoma for an educational experience I will long remember.

Pamela Pierson  
Class of 1980  
University of Oklahoma  
College of Dentistry

## Name for Newsletter

Any suggestions for the name for our newsletter will be greatly appreciated.



Dr. Chester Gibson, Academy President, looks on while Dr. Jose E. Medina presents the Distinguished Member Award to Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche.

## Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche Receives First Distinguished Member Award

On October 18, 1979, during the annual meeting of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators in Dallas, Texas, the first Distinguished Member Award in recognition of outstanding contributions and service to the Academy was presented to Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche of Houston, Texas.

In addition to being one of the Academy's charter members, Dr. Boelsche has served faithfully in many capacities, including the assumption of the presidency in 1957 and being the business manager of the Academy Journal for eleven years. His motivating influence on those with whom he came in contact and his true and sincere desire to always be available and willing to serve his fellow man have made him deserving of this high recognition. The Academy is proud to be associated with him and to bestow on him this honor.

The official recognition consisted of a personal plaque which was presented to Dr. Boelsche at the meeting, as well as a similar plaque bearing his name which will be displayed at the American Dental Association building in Chicago for the profession as a whole to remember this memorable achievement and recognition.

## President Selects Committees For 1979-1980 Year

Immediately after the Dallas meeting, President Lund met with several of the members of the Board of

Directors and selected the committees for the ensuing year. President Lund is looking to the chairmen to actively participate in the functions of the Academy. Reports of the activities of the committees will be presented at the next annual meeting in New Orleans.

### Committees:

#### Membership:

Dr. Duane Warr - Chairman  
 Dr. Richard Harris  
 Dr. Lyle Ostlund  
 Dr. Richard K. Otagaki  
 Dr. Dave Heid

#### Nominating:

Dr. Jose Medina - Chairman  
 Dr. Tony Romano  
 Dr. Paul Dawson

#### Necrology:

Dr. Ralph Boelsche - Chairman  
 Dr. Floyd Hamstrom  
 Dr. Paul Dawson

#### Rubber Dam:

Dr. Greg Smith - Chairman  
 Dr. Hunter Brinker  
 Dr. William Frank  
 Dr. Ron Zokol

#### Study Club:

Dr. Julian Thomas - Chairman  
 Dr. Roland Grubb  
 Dr. Luis Camara  
 Dr. Leonard Kahane

#### Schools:

Dr. Harold Laswell - Chairman  
 Dr. Ralph Werner  
 Dr. Joseph Evans  
 Dr. Richard Tucker  
 Dr. Tom Larsen

#### Research:

Dr. Richard McCoy - Chairman  
 Dr. Clair Reitz  
 Dr. David Newitter  
 Dr. Michael Cochran  
 Dr. Lloyd Baum

#### Literature and Publicity:

Dr. Chet Gibson - Chairman  
 Dr. Robert Kinzer  
 Dr. Earl Collard

#### Audio-Visual:

Dr. Calvin Gaver - Chairman  
 Dr. Leslie Smith  
 Dr. Ludlow Beamish

#### Distinguished Member Award:

Dr. Hunter Brinker - Chairman  
 Dr. Jose Medina  
 Dr. Carl Monacelli

#### Special Clinician:

Dr. James Verneti - Chairman

## Wrought Iron, Balconies, and Jazz for 1980 Annual Meeting

The Royal Senesta Hotel in New Orleans will be the A.A.G.F.O. headquarters hotel for the 1980 annual meeting. Meeting dates are October 8 - 10, 1980. Put it on your calendar now.

The Royal Senesta is right on Bourbon St. Housing must be obtained through the A.D.A. Housing Bureau, as no block of rooms are set aside for our Academy. To be sure of a room in the headquarters hotel, be sure to get your reservations in early.

## Five New Life Members Receive Certificates

Five members of the A.A.G.F.O. received Life Certificates at the meeting in Dallas on October 17. They were: Dr. Andrew Gehl, Milwaukie, Wi.; Dr. George Ferguson, Middletown, R.I.; Dr. Loren Hickey, San Diego, Ca.; Dr. Roger V. Chastain, Morgantown, W.V.; Dr. Gerald Stibbs, Seattle, Wn.

Dr. Stibbs and Dr. Ferguson are past presidents of the A.A.G.F.O. We wish them much happiness in their retirement.

## Annual Meeting, 1980 To Be in New Orleans

A firm commitment has been received from Southern Louisiana University in New Orleans to hold the 1980 annual meeting.

Dr. Melvin Lund admonished membership to assume responsibility of their own hotel reservations by way of the May issue of the American Dental Association Journal.

The Academy has no control over annual meeting housing. The American Dental Association determines the headquarters designation.

## Dues

Dues statements this year will read \$45.00. This includes your subscription to the journal **Operative Dentistry**, which is the official publication of our Academy. If you pay for the journal through another academy, you will receive a refund from the journal.

Dues statements will be out on time this year. Put a little spice in your life—be the first one to pay your dues!

## New Business Considered

Dr. Lualow Beamish requested the consideration of the Academy to contribute \$8 - 15,000 for a Ferrier Class III movie.



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