

NEWSLINE.....

April, 1992

Those of you not able to attend the March meeting of the A.A.D.R. in Boston should find this newsletter of interest.

First, the Program:

359 Abstracts were received for review by the Program Committee chaired by Chiayi Shen. This figure represents a drop of about 30% from the number submitted for the 1991 meeting in Acapulco. Either travel funds are tight, or many members would rather attend the I.A.D.R. meeting in Glasgow. At any rate, the Program Committee did its usual painstaking yet thankless job in organizing the 327 accepted abstracts into 13 oral and 17 poster sessions.

The DMGC-A also co-sponsored two Symposia in Boston: "Models for the Evaluation of Implants" and "Adhesion to Restorative Materials and Tooth Structure". An eclectic mix of presenters invited by Ken Anusavice gave thought provoking seminars. Lunch and Learning, coordinated by Peter Williams, again served us well, with our group chapter hosting the largest number of participants.

The annual banquet, organized by Dan Nathanson, was held at the Harvard Club. This stately venue was also the site for the presentation of the first A.A.D.R.-D.M.G.C.A. Award for Clinical Research to Gerry Charbeneau. This award (henceforth to be called the Peyton Award for Clinical Research) will be awarded every three years.

Now to Chapter Business:

At the group business meeting chaired by outgoing President Jack Lemons, reports were given by officers and committee chairs. Some of the highlights are:

Treasurer (Don McKenzie)- although the chapter's net worth is still adequate, problems have arisen regarding the forwarding of chapter dues from the Central Office to our treasury. Chapter officers will attempt to speed up this process.

Editor (Richard Mitchell)- requests keep coming in for copies of the microfiche and microfilm, and interest remains high. Problems have been encountered with some presenters not submitting manuscripts, and the chapter continues to debate ways of enforcing this rule. This is Richard's last year as editor, and the search for a replacement will soon begin.

A topic associated with the **Program** is the interference by the A.A.D.R. in the abstract review process. Apparently, prior to the recent meeting in Boston, the Group Chapter's program committee was strongly urged to accept more abstracts than they had originally programmed. The rejection rate was considered "too high". The chapter membership generally supported the concept that the Program Chair should strongly advocate the original recommendations of the Program Committee.

Councillor (Bill Marshall)- Sally Marshall has recommended a number of appointments to A.A.D.R. committees involving members of D.M.G.C.A. These include: Dennis Davis and Monty Rieger (Chair) of the Constitution Committee; Jack Ferracane to Hatton Awards; Bob Erikson, Joyce Reese, and Lyle Zardiackas (Chair) to Exhibits; John Keller and John Powers to Fellowships; Mal Jendresen and Jim Overberger to National Affairs; Steve Bayne and Evan Greener to Nominations; Jon Goldberg to Scientific Information; and Dan Nathanson, Richard Mitchell and Ken Anusavice (Chair) to the Gies Committee. This is probably the largest representation on committees for the D.M.G.C.A. for a long period of time.

"Advances in Dental Research" will publish a recent NIH Consensus Conference on Biomaterials Safety without peer review. This will permit all views that were presented at the conference to be documented/

Plans are being developed to increase overlap between the annual meetings of the A.A.D.R. and A.A.D.S. so that members may more readily participate in portions of both meetings with reductions in travel costs and time away from their institutions.

Membership (John Engle)- Dues payments were received from 394 of 638 eligible members. It is not clear if delays in transferring dues payments from the Central Office are responsible for the discrepancy.

Elections (George Baran)- Congratulations were extended to Don McKenzie and Steven Duke, recently elected to the offices of President-Elect and Treasurer, respectively.

Awards (Kamal Asgar)- Kamal recapitulated the A.A.D.R.-D.M.G.C.A. award process through which Gerry Charbeneau received the Peyton Award for Clinical Research. The Executive Committee submitted a motion that two awards be given every 3 years: one for clinical research, and one for innovation. The motion was passed by the chapter membership, and the Awards Committee will recommend an official name for the Innovation Award at next year's meeting.

In Other business Don McKenzie reported that he has been asked to oversee the task of establishing a professorship at Indiana School of Dentistry in the name of Ralph Phillips. Also, Mal Jendresen is involved with fundraising for research support in the name of Gunnar Ryge. Anyone interested in participating in these efforts should contact either Don or Mal.

Jack Lemons asked the chapter membership on behalf of Larry Katz if they were interested in joining with the Implantology Group in becoming associated with the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering. A show of hands indicated that the membership was supportive of the idea.

Finally, Jack Ferracane took over as Chapter President from Jack Lemons and presented the outgoing president with a plaque for his service in that role. The current list of chapter officers and committee chairs reads as follows:

President: Jack Ferracane
Secretary: George Baran
Councilor: Bill Marshall

President-Elect: Don McKenzie
Treasurer: Steven Duke
Editor: Richard Mitchell

Group Representatives

Government: John Burgess
Private Practice: Michael Staninec

Industry: Jack O'Connell
School: Van Thompson

Program Chair: Gene Lautenschlager
Symposium Coordinators: Dave Eick and Mal Jendresen
Lunch and Learning Coordinator: Stan Wendt
Local Arrangements: Evan Greener
D.M.G.C.A. Awards Committee: Dave Mahler (chair), Clyde Ingersoll, Hugo Retief, Carl Fairhurst
Summarizing Abstracts: Michael Staninec
Nominating Committee: Jack Lemons (chair), Vickie Marker, Jon Goldberg

No changes have occurred in the membership of the Constitution, Membership, MD-156 Representatives, and Awareness and Education committees.

Awareness and Education (Jack Ferracane): to summarize the results of last year's D.M.G.C.A. survey of Scholarly Activities, members (97 respondents) feel a strong need and desire to do research, whether any portion of their salaries are contingent upon it or not. Those holding a Ph.D. are more likely to have funding and to regularly submit to Federal agencies. However, over half of the non-Ph.D.'s are also currently funded by extramural agencies. A large number of respondents (20%) no longer submit to Federal agencies, and almost twice as many have never submitted. The major reasons were: a perception that the chances for success are very low, and there was little need for such large amounts of research monies.

In **Other news**, the D.M.G.-I.A.D.R., the Academy of Dental Materials, and G-C Corporation are co-sponsoring a satellite symposium on June 30, immediately prior to the I.A.D.R. meeting in Glasgow. The D.M.G./I.A.D.R. banquet will take place at the same venue following the symposium. Please refer to the next D.M.G. newsletter for details.

Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws, Amendments to Specific Bylaws (Dennis Davis): The committee on Constitution and Bylaws has been directed by the Executive Committee D.M.G.C.A. to amend our Constitution to correspond to the A.A.D.R. constitution. The specific objectives were to 1) provide a method for amending bylaws and 2) provide a method for amending the constitution (neither of which existed before). The guiding principle is that our Constitution and Bylaws may not contradict the A.A.D.R. Constitution and Bylaws, but may be different to suit our needs.

The Executive Committee has also directed that amendments be made in the method of nomination of candidates for office in the Executive Committee in order to provide the best possible officers for our group and to reward members and officers for exemplary efforts on behalf of our group chapter (Bylaws #5, Section 3.B). Because that amendment allows for nomination of only one candidate, provision must be made for a write-in candidate to be fair to the membership. Thus, an amendment to Bylaw #6, Section 1 is also offered for vote.

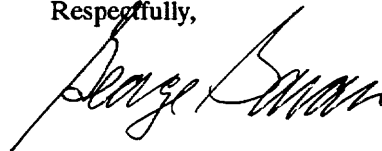
In order for the proposed Bylaw Amendments to be adopted, the membership must approve the proposed additions to the Constitution to allow such amendments and to affirm the mechanism of making such changes. The text of the additions to the Constitution of D.M.G.C.A. is enclosed for your consideration and vote.

Opportunity Available: Chair, Department of Restorative Dentistry, Northwestern University. Please contact Dr. James B. Ricker (312)-908-5974 if interested.

Finally, I ask all of you again to contribute items for this newsletter. I plan to publish again in mid-Fall, and next January. Suggested topics for inclusion are:

- a. meetings or conferences
- b. employment opportunities
- c. needs for consultant expertise
- d. science policy discussions
- e. editorials
- f. committee reports
- g. almost anything else

Respectfully,



George Baran

ADDITIONS TO THE DMGC-AMERICA CONSTITUTION TO PROVIDE METHODS TO AMEND
THE BYLAWS AND CONSTITUTION IN ACCORD WITH THE AADR CONSTITUTION

The mechanism of amending the Bylaws differs from the AADR in that our changes would require (1) review by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, and (2) would require a consenting vote of the members rather than simply having changes in Bylaws adopted by the Executive Committee.

The mechanism of amending the Constitution also differs from that of the AADR in that (1) both members and the Executive Committee may propose amendments, (2) a 60-day notice is required rather than one month, and (3), the names of the sponsors are not necessarily included.

ARTICLE VI, BYLAWS

Bylaws and amendments to Bylaws may be proposed for adoption at any meeting of the Executive Committee by a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee present and voting.

Section 1, Mechanism of Adoption:

Proposed changes or amendments to Bylaws shall be reviewed by the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws to determine if the proposed changes are consonant with the Constitution and to recommend or suggest any necessary editorial changes. Finalized proposed changes will be voted on by the eligible members by mail and require a majority vote of the responding voting members to be adopted.

ARTICLE VII, AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1, Proposals:

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed for adoption by at least 20 voting members or by a vote of two-thirds of the Executive Committee present and voting.

Section 2, Voting Procedure:

The Secretary shall mail to each voting member at least 60 days before the annual meeting (1) the text of the amendment, (2) the stated reasons for its proposed adoption, and (3) the mechanism by which the amendment was proposed.

Section 3, Adoption:

A proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the eligible members voting on the proposal by mail or at the annual meeting. The amendment, if adopted, shall become part of the Constitution at the close of the annual meeting.

The subsequent Articles in the Constitution would be renumbered to accommodate the above additions.

Proposed Amendments to Bylaws

Lined-out words represent deletions and underlined words indicate additions.

Present Bylaw

Number 5, Section 3.B

The Committee shall submit the names of nominees for ~~at least two slates of~~ officers and the DMGC/America representatives to the Executive Committee at least 120 days before the annual meeting.

Number 6, Section 1.

Upon receiving the selection of candidates for office made by the nominating Committee, the Secretary ~~will~~ send a ballot to each voting member of the DMGC/America at least 90 days before the next annual meeting.

Amended Bylaw

Number 5, Section 3.B

The Committee shall submit the names of one or more nominees for officers and DMGC/America representatives to the Executive Committee at least 120 days before the annual meeting.

Number 6, Section 1.

Upon receiving the selection of candidates for office made by the Nominating Committee, the Secretary shall send a ballot to each voting member of the DMGC/America at least 90 days before the next annual meeting. The ballot shall include provision for write-in candidates as well as the names of the nominees

BALLOT

1.) I am in favor of accepting the method for amending the Constitution (Article 7):

____ Yes ____ No

2.) I am in favor of accepting the method for amending the Bylaws (Article 6):

____ Yes ____ No

3.) I am in favor of changing Bylaw 5:

____ Yes ____ No

4.) I am in favor of changing Bylaw 6:

____ Yes ____ No

Please mark your ballots and return by May 15, 1992 to:

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