

# NEWSLINE - July 1996

## Newsletter of the Dental Materials Group Chapter - America

**SAN FRANCISCO MEETING** - It's time to review the events and thank those instrumental in making the meeting such a success. 3,378 total abstracts were accepted for entire meeting. 675 abstracts were accepted for DMG. 23 oral and 24 poster sessions were presented.

Abstracts were evaluated and organized by Jim Drummond and reviewers: Dan Chan, Ed Swift, Peter Triolo, Mike Bagby, Stephen Campbell, Russell Giordano, Larry Breeding, Donna Dixon, Edmond Hewlett, Akiko Ishikawa, Masayuki Okazaki, Yoshiaki Tani. SPECIAL THANKS to Jim for all his efforts.

DMG Dinner Cruise. THANKS to Bill Marshall, Marianne Ashton and Mike Staninec for their efforts. This years dinner was generously underwritten by: BISCO Inc, DENTSPLY Int, ESPE, KERR and 3M.

DMG Lunch and Learning Sessions were organized by Mark Beatty. Thanks to :Paul Lambrechts, Junji Tagami, Isabell Denry, Nobuo Nakabayashi, Toru Okabe and John Wataha for their presentations.

DMG SYMPOSIA were organized by Ivan Stangel and Sabine Dickens.

**MICROFILMS:** Steve Schaffer continues to do an outstanding job with this time consuming and very important job. Instructions for submitting manuscripts are now on the DMG's Home Page. Microfilms and microfiche can be ordered for Dr. Steven Schaffer, Editor, DMG-IADR, Ivoclar North America Inc, 175 Pineview Drive, Amherst, NY 14228, USA, TEL=716-691-0010 or FAX= 716-691-2285.

Special Congratulations to Dr. Kenneth Anusavice, recipient of the 1996 Wilmer Souder Award. He joins the elite of the DMG. I am sure his outstanding contributions to dentistry will continue.

IADR/AADR Committee openings - There are a variety of openings on IADR and AADR committees. If you are interested in serving or would like to suggestion others, please let one of the DMGC-A officers know.

Election Results - Dennis Davis was elected President-Elect of DMG-CA. Jon Goldberg was elected AADR Counselor. Congratulations to both!

Special thanks to Steve Bayne - Steve continues to develop the DMG Home Page on the Internet. Check it out at: [www\\_nt.dent.nc.edu/bayne/dmg/dmg-hp.htm](http://www_nt.dent.nc.edu/bayne/dmg/dmg-hp.htm)

From the Dennis Davis and the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

At the 1996 annual meeting, the Executive Committee voted to offer amendments to the DMGC-A Bylaws to the membership for consideration. To be enacted, an amendment must receive a majority vote of responding members; the amendment would take effect at the end of the annual meeting following the vote. For example, if a favorable vote occurred in 1996, the amendment would take effect in 1997.

**BACKGROUND OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:**

**A. AWARDS COMMITTEE**

An ad hoc Awards Committee was established by resolution of the membership in 1991 during the Acapulco meeting. The purpose of the committee was to encourage research in clinical evaluation and innovation in dental materials, and to honor those who have shown outstanding performance in those areas. The awards were designated the Skinner Award (basic science) and the Peyton Award (clinical science), and were designed to be awarded in the years when the IADR and AADR meetings are separate. The DMGC-A Executive Committee voted to establish this committee as a new standing committee and, in accordance with DMGC-A Bylaws, requires that the members vote on the proposed change.

**B. NOMINEES FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT-ELECT**

An ongoing problem in selection of nominees for the office of President-Elect has been the identification of appropriate persons in a timely manner and in members voting as specified by the DMGC-A Bylaws. Current bylaws allow for nomination of one or more nominees by the Nominating Committee. To provide for experienced officers and to assure timely nominations, the Executive Committee voted to propose amendments to the bylaws which would provide for a succession of nominees for the office of President-Elect between the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, and Councilor. The proposed amendment would have the following effect:

- 1) Changes the term of service of the Councilor from 5 years to 3 years;
- 2) Provides for staggered 3-year terms of office for the Secretary, Treasurer, and Councilor;
- 3) Provides that one nominee for the office of President-Elect would be the officer whose term expires at the end of the annual meeting.

In accordance with the DMGC-A Bylaws, a vote by the members is required. **Please mark the ballot on the last page of the newsletter and use the addressed envelop to send to the secretary.**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:** Following are the current bylaws and the proposed amendments. Words that are overstruck represent deletions and *italicized* words represent

**PRESENT BYLAW**

Number 3. Duties and Terms of Office of the Officers

Section 1. President

Number 3, Section 5.B, Councilor.

Shall serve for 5 years.

Number 4. Standing Committees, Section 1.

There shall be the following standing committees.

- 1. Program
- 2. Constitution and Bylaws
- 3. Nominating
- 4. Representative of DMGC-America to Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) MD 156
- 5. Local Arrangements
- 6. Member Service

Number 5. Section 3.B, Nominating Committee

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.

**PROPOSED BYLAW**

Number 3. Duties and Terms of Office of the Officers.

*To assure a regular process of nomination of at least one person for the office of President-Elect, the Secretary, Treasurer, and Councilor shall serve staggered 3-year terms such that one term expires annually.*

Section 1. President.

Number 3, Section 5.B, Councilor

Shall serve for 3 years.

Number 4. Standing Committees, Section 1.

There shall be the following standing committees.

- 1. Program
- 2. Constitution and Bylaws
- 3. Nominating
- 4. Representative of DMGC-America to Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) MD 156
- 5. Local Arrangements
- 6. Member Service
- 7. *Awards*

Number 5. Section 3.B, Nominating Committee

The committee shall submit the names of one or more nominees for officers and DMGC-America representative to the Executive Committee at least 120 days before the annual meeting. *One name submitted for the office of President-Elect shall be that of the Secretary, Treasurer, or Councilor whose term of office is expiring.*

Number 5. Duties of Standing Committees,  
Section 7.

None exists at present.

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Section 7. *Awards Committee.*

- A. *Shall consist of three senior members who broadly represent the field of dental materials. Members shall be nominated by the President and elected by the Executive Committee.*
- B. *Shall nominate an individual for the Skinner Award (basic science) and an individual for the Peyton Award (clinical science) for the years when the IADR and AADR meetings are separate.*
- C. *Shall serve staggered terms of 6 years and report to the Executive Committee annually.*
- D. *Shall transfer all records to new members as needed.*

From Dennis Davis, President-Elect

Membership in the DMGC-A provides us with many privileges. Among those are contacts with dental material companies, potential help in funding research, trying new materials at no or little cost, having access to the latest and best materials research available, and sharing research and educational ideas with colleagues. Along with those privileges comes a few responsibilities such as submission of a manuscript with an accepted abstract and committee service. Because we need more member participation in committees, the following is a description of the standing committees, usual terms of offices, and general responsibilities.

**STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE DMGC-A:**

1. Program Committee
2. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
3. Representative to the ASC MD 156 (standards) Committee
4. Nominating Committee
5. Local Arrangements Committee
6. Member Service Committee
7. Awards (if Bylaws are amended)

## **GENERAL TERMS OF SERVICE IN COMMITTEES:**

Terms of service are generally three years with one member being replaced by a new member each year. The exception to this are the Representatives to the ASC MD 156 whose terms of service (according to our bylaws) is or can be indefinite. The longer term was designed to provide historical knowledge to the group about the different standards and changes that are continually occurring in American, European, and ISO standards.

## **DUTIES OF COMMITTEES:**

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE:**

Arranges for the program at the annual research meeting. The chair reports to the Executive Committee and members at the annual business meeting.

### **CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS COMMITTEE:**

Maintains the Constitution and Bylaws, provides amendments or alterations to the bylaws as needed, and recommends needed changes to the Executive Committee.

### **REPRESENTATIVES TO ASC MD 156 (Standards):**

Attend the general annual meeting of the ASC MD 156 American committee during our annual meeting and report back to the Executive Committee about any significant changes in standards or methods.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE:**

Submits one or more names of members for election to positions of Officers of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee is the group which leads/governs the DMGC-A and meets during the annual meeting. The elected officers are President-Elect, President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Councilor.

### **LOCAL ARRANGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Works with the Local Arrangements Committee of the AADR to plan local activities during the annual meeting. Generally arranges for the DMGC-A annual dinner and fun evening.

### **MEMBER SERVICES COMMITTEE:**

Provides the membership with information on promotions, retirements, job openings, necessary dues and any other services members find desirable or beneficial.

### **AWARDS COMMITTEE:**

This is a new committee formed to nominate members for the Skinner Award (basic science) and the Peyton Award (clinical science). This committee nominates individuals when the AADR session and the IADR session are separate.

Enclosed is a list of committees and a preference form to help us maintain the quality of the DMGC-A. For newer members, committee service is a good way to get to know your colleagues and "network". Please fill out the form and return to the Secretary, Mike Bagby, at West Virginia. A current and hopefully accurate list of DMGC-A officers and committee chairman along with their addresses etc. follows. Feel free to contact them regarding questions you may have.

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