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efforts over this past year. Dr. John Rugh presented some interesting research findings and views as to how to better promote science transfer into clinical practice during the meeting as well.

Two important issues were also raised at this meeting – the timing/location of next year’s meeting and “globalization” of our association. The 2004 ADEA meeting will be held in Seattle from March 6 to 10, while the 2004 IADR/AADR meeting will follow it immediately in Honolulu (March 10 to 13). Although this might end up being a rare occurrence for the ADEA meeting not to be held at the same site as at least the AADR meeting, we may need to make a fundamental decision as to whether we should permanently attach our AUTOPP meeting to a research or education meeting, or if a decision should be made every year as to where next year’s meeting should be held. There was some discussion as to whether or not we should meet with IADR annually, regardless of its location, possibly facilitating a move to expand our membership beyond North America. Alan has previously brought forward the notion of an affiliation with the EACD and/or the TMD consortium to expand our membership. Some suggestions included that we could advertise each other’s events initially, set up an “international” membership status for our association, or perhaps other directions could be taken. These issues were felt to be significant enough that a broader representation of members’ opinions was necessary and so we are asking for your input. Heidi Crow will be sending you an electronic ballot for your immediate return to guide the Executive in its directions for this next year – where should we hold our next

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dean Kolbinson April, 2003

I would like to begin this message by thanking our now Immediate Past President, Dr. Alan Glaros, for his hard work and leadership during his term as President this past year. He organized a very good meeting in San Antonio. We confirmed one new member’s application (Dr. Norman Thie) and approved an application of someone who was unable to attend (Dr. Leonard Lausten). We also approved five other new members (Dr. Sandra Myers, Dr. Bob Hutchins, Dr. Jeff Nickel, Dr. Laura Iwasaki, and Patricia Carlson); all five of these people were in attendance at this meeting and are welcome additions to our group. Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the recruitment

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meeting and should we take active steps to collaborate with international groups such as the EACD and the TMD Consortium? Please make sure you respond to the ballot about these two important issues.

I would like to welcome Dr. Gary Anderson as our new Secretary and look forward to his contributions to our Executive and Association. My thanks also go to Dr. Heidi Crow for her hard work over the past year as Secretary, and to Dr. Octavia Plesh for her many efforts as Immediate Past President and Treasurer (including setting up a new bank account for AUTOPP).

I look forward to serving you over this next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean Kolbinson

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Alan Glaros April, 2003

The Year in Review

The year has been a busy one, and I'd like to summarize it for you. Please be sure to read Dean Kolbinson's column as well, as several issues dealing with our future need your consideration as well.

First, a welcome to our six new members. I believe this is the largest "class" we have ever recruited in the years I've been a member of AUTOPP, and we're delighted that they have joined us. I thank all the members of AUTOPP's leadership team, Dean Kolbinson, Heidi Crow, and Octavia Plesh, for their efforts. Considering the amount of work involved, my assistant, Chris Turner, probably put in the most

time in recruiting, and he wins dinner on me!

Our efforts to develop liaisons with our European colleagues and sister organizations continue. Developing working relationships with EACD and with other scientist-practitioners around the world is a long-term project, but worth the effort to "grow" AUTOPP and expand its scope.

During the past year, the accrediting agencies for dental schools considered a request that a new competency standard regarding the diagnosis and treatment of TMD be added to the list of competencies required of new graduates from dental schools. That request was turned down. On the one hand, it's a bit disappointing that TMD will not be a required competency for graduates. On the other hand, establishing a competency also means developing appropriate outcome measures, making sure they are collected appropriately, establishing standards of care, and providing remediation to students who are not competent. As Heidi Crow pointed out, creating a competency creates additional work for faculty. If your institution has lots of faculty and the resources needed to establish and maintain a competency, you may be disappointed that TMD is not a separate competency. If your institution, like mine, has more finite resources, not having to deal with a new competency may be a bit of a blessing.

My term as President has now ended, and I hold the title of "Immediate Past President" for AUTOPP. I appreciate the confidence you've placed in me, and I thank you for the opportunity to serve. I'm confident that the leadership of AUTOPP is in good hands and that we'll continue to grow and become more active in future years.

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AUTOPP Minutes Business Meeting

Rio Rio Cantina, San Antonio

March 12, 2003

Members present:

Anderson, Gary; Crow, Heidi C.; Glaros, Alan G.; Kolbinson, Dean; McCall, Jr., W.D.; Obrez, Ales; Plesh, Octavia; Rugh, John D.; Widmer, Charles G.

Guests/new members:

Myers, Sandra; Iwasaki, Laura; Nickel, Jeff; Lenton, Pat; Naehnam, Sushma; Carlson, Patt; Hutchins, Bob.

Education Program

President Alan Glaros introduced John Rugh, whose presentation entitled: "Science, Clinical Practice, and US Foreign Policy" preceded the business meeting. A summary of the talk is available on the AUTOPP website.

(<http://www.autopp.org/>).

Old Business

Collaboration with the European Association of Craniomandibular Disorders (EACD) was discussed. Whether a consortium is developed, or collaborative agreements established has yet to be determined. EACD is interested in joint ventures and willing to advertise events of both organizations. An "international membership" level could be established in AUTOPP for members of EACD. It was agreed that movement toward a collaborative consortium-type arrangement was to be encouraged.

The request to the Commission on Dental Accreditation for a new standard/competency specifically addressing TMD in Predoctoral education was turned down. The Commission felt that the current standard 2-25a. sufficiently covered TMD teaching. This standard reads: "At a minimum, graduates must be competent in providing oral health care within the scope of general dentistry, as

defined by the school, for the child, adolescent, adult, geriatric and medically compromised patient, including: a) patient assessment and diagnosis."

It is possible that additional specifics regarding TMD education may be addressed within an "intent statement", which can follow a standard to provide additional clarification to educational programs regarding the expectations of the standard.

New Business

The site of next year's meeting was discussed. In 2004, the ADEA meeting will be March 6-10 in Seattle, Washington. The IADR will be held in Honolulu March 10-13, 2004. While the AUTOPP business meeting is traditionally scheduled on the last day of ADEA and first day of IADR/AADR, for the upcoming year the two meetings will be in different locations. A poll of the membership will be made to determine the site based on the majority of members who will be attending either of the meetings. In 2005, both meetings will again occur together in Baltimore MD, with ADEA held March 5-9, 2005 and IADR March 9-12, 2005.

New members

The following new members were voted on and approved: Dr. Norman Thie, Dr. Leonard Lausten, Dr. Sandra Myers, Dr. Bob Hutchins, Dr. Jeff Nickel, Dr. Laura Iwasaki, and Patricia Carlson.

Elections

Dr. Gary Anderson from the University of Minnesota was elected as Secretary. With this election, Dr. Glaros becomes immediate Past President, Dr. Kolbinson becomes President, Dr. Crow serves as Vice President, and Dr. Plesh as Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Crow