



American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics

A Special Message from the Presidential Markt

Though all of us are aware of the Academy's annual administrative transitions with the president-elect becoming the president, the vice president becoming the president-elect, and the vice president-elect becoming the vice president, it's easy to overlook the transition that occurs every three years with the naming of a new recording secretary, the advancement of the immediate past recording secretary to the position of secretary treasurer, and the elevation of the immediate past secretary treasurer to the rank of vice president-elect. With the recording secretary's and secretary treasurer's positions being assigned to three-year terms, those assuming those positions will have administratively served the Academy for ten years before their presidential inauguration.

With this year marking this three-year landmark, I want to thank Tom Salinas for his yeoman's effort as our secretary treasurer. Tom's dedication and ambition during his tenure initiated an evolution that made the office more efficient than it was when I inhabited it and his leadership and mentorship will assuredly edify Alvin Wee's new occupancy. I thus wish Alvin the very best as he embarks upon what is arguably the most intensive position one might occupy within the ranks of our organization. Alvin's enthusiasm and devotion will serve the AAMP for years to come. Additionally, in his three months as recording secretary, James Kelly has scribed more official Academy history than I recorded in the first six months of my term in his position.

Additionally, I would like to recognize the efforts of the others within the Academy's administration and our board of directors. Their orchestration resulted in a successful meeting with the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation in San Francisco where the hefty responsibility of planning a single organization's annual conference was compounded by a joint effort and David Reisberg's direction was greatly appreciated. I too would like to thank Arun Sharma for his current efforts toward what I am confident will be an enjoyable and educational experience in Baltimore in October of this year. Moreover, I want to thank our immediate past president, Peter Gerngross, for his continued counsel. Following Peter through his administrative assent has been instructive, particularly during the process of planning the 2016 annual conference in San Diego.

Finally, with one of the first of their official duties being that of assigning personnel to our organizational committees, a newly minted president cannot help being reminded that the Academy's future relies upon a volunteering spirit throughout the organization whether its collaborators do or do not occupy executive committee or board of directors' positions. With that said, I invite all of you, particularly newer members who have yet to become involved in the mechanics of the AAMP to visit our website at <https://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org/AboutUS/Committees.html> where committee memberships and instructions regarding access to committee functions can be found. After reviewing the committees' duties and charges, please consider how you might wish to serve the Academy during the coming years and feel free to reach out to me, Alvin, or any of the committee chairpersons. Your interest will assuredly be noted and put to use during the coming year and beyond.

With all of this said, I am honored to serve as your president during the coming year and I hope you will never hesitate to inform me if you believe I can assist you or the Academy in any way.

Dr. Jeffery Markt
AAMP President 2017-2018