

AAMP Connections



President's Address

As we enthusiastically approach the celebration of our 65th annual conference, the irony of returning to Baltimore prompts reflection of some of the highlights of my ten-year journey through our organization's executive committee. One of my most notable memories concerns decision-making our executive committee faced on the night of October 26, 2012. Since we were convening for our joint meeting with the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation (ISMR) in Baltimore, a truly global delegation of participants and attendees had either disembarked for Maryland or were preparing to travel to there. At the same time, Hurricane Sandy was churning toward the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay for what was at the time forecast to be a direct hit upon Baltimore. Following the Governor of Maryland's declaration of an official state of emergency on that evening, an extemporaneous meeting was held with AAMP, ISMR, RES, Incorporated, and hotel officials.

With the majority of our 2012 executive committee being populated by members from coastal cities who had witnessed the ravages of hurricanes, the 2012 annual session, following a good deal of soul-searching, was lamentably cancelled.

Though an all-out effort was thereafter speedily made to inform meeting travelers not to make their journeys, a regrettable many were inconvenienced by what were in many instances intercontinental sojourns.

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While the storm ultimately turned to the northeast and spared our meeting venue of its greatest brunt, Baltimore's municipal government banned non-emergency vehicles from its roadways for two of the four scheduled days of our proposed meeting and its international airport was closed for a majority of the meeting's projected duration. As such, in the name of safety, I believe to this day a good decision was made and we made up for lost time with a rescheduled joint meeting with the ISMR in New Mexico in 2013.

Though I can make no claims to meteorological forecasting, I doubt such fate will repeat itself upon our return to Baltimore this fall. Given the production of an annual convention arguably represents the most important function of an organization like the AAMP and recalling the anxiety I encountered preparing for our 2016 conference in San Diego, I would like to offer my sincere gratitude to Arun Sharma, his program committee, and RES Seminars for preparing a stellar slate of speakers and workshops for the conference they have entitled *The Impact of the Digital Revolution on Maxillofacial Prosthetics*. If you have not already done so, please visit the AAMP website's link to the conference's general information and registration platforms. I too wish to thank Alvin Wee and James Kelly for the yeoman's work they are doing in their inaugural years as our secretary treasurer and recording secretary, respectively. The future of the AAMP is in good hands with the likes of them in their positions. At the risk of overlooking the many who deserve high praise for directing the mechanics of an organization founded so long ago, I want to highlight several of this year's leadership transitions of particular significance. Evan Rosen has assumed Joe Huryn's responsibility for the annual conference's poster competition, Sujay Morgan has accepted the leadership Mark Chambers and Pattii Montgomery have so capably managed with respect for our silent auction, Larry Brecht is taking the reigns of the Maxillofacial Foundation from Sal Esposito, Ruth Aponte Wesson, as evidenced by the content of this newsletter, is admirably shouldering Alvin Wee's former duties as our e-communications committee chairperson, and in addition to his aforesaid position, James Kelly has inherited the chairmanship of the fellowship committee from Tom Salinas. The dedication exemplified by these individuals and many others has made the core of our voluntary organization resilient and promises an encouraging future for the AAMP. With that said, I hope our members at large will never hesitate to inform those in the executive committee of their desired inclusion in the ranks of any of our committees as we approach another year's transition to David Reisberg's presidency.

In closing, I want to thank you all for the trust you have placed in me over the last decade. I never envisaged becoming the president of this august organization when I attended my first AAMP meeting in Tampa in 1992 and, upon my retirement, I will assuredly reflect upon that privilege and the comradery I have enjoyed within our organization as the apotheosis of my career. I have genuinely been blessed. I hope to see as many of you as possible in Baltimore.

Jeffery Markt-

Spotlight on President Elect

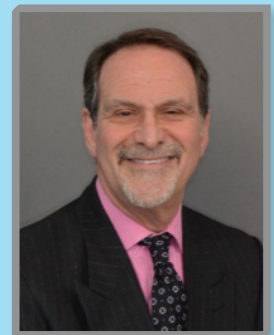
Q: Please tell us a little about your personal life, i.e., where you grew up and about your family? What do you enjoy doing when you are not working?

I guess I was destined to become a dentist, my dad being an orthodontist and all. It's just that when the choices came up, I clicked on "circuitous route." I grew up in the Garden State of New Jersey; home of Bruce Springsteen, John Bon Jovi, and Frank Sinatra. My brother the life coach and I were fortunate to have great parents and a varied upbringing growing up in both suburban and rural areas. Highlights of my childhood included tennis, horseback riding, camping, farming, and even managed to squeeze in a bit of studying ("Gallia est omnis divisa in partes tres..."). College was in Washington, DC during a very tumultuous time in our history, the Viet Nam War was raging. As a political science major in DC at the time, one could not help but be swept into political activism. Also I got to meet a lot famous Americans including Richard Nixon and Ted Kennedy. After college, and still not convinced that dentistry was my calling, I headed to the Great Northwest to work in a legal aid office in Moses Lake, Washington. It was a unique experience but showed me that the legal profession was not for me. Luckily I had taken my DATs so dental school here I come!

I am fortunate enough not to consider work as work so I don't feel a need to escape but I do have a few non dental interests, including photography, jewelry making, and running (although my knees are beginning to give me some pushback on this). I am also trying to convince people that I am a golfer but not winning over many believers on that front; especially among those brave souls who have played with me.

Q: What training or experiences have led you to become a dentist and eventually a maxillofacial prosthodontist?

My so-called "aha moment" came in my third year of dental school at Case Western Reserve in Cleveland, Ohio (By the way, did you know that Terminal Tower in downtown Cleveland was once the tallest building in the world!) I was sitting in a lecture listening to a recently graduated fellow and as he advanced through his slide presentation that morning, I became hooked on something called, Maxillofacial Prosthetics. Of course, I had never heard the term before but knew instantly that this is what I wanted to do. The young dark haired gentleman giving the lecture that day was none other than our very own fellow AAMP member and past president, Dr. Salvatore Esposito. I became his shadow during my last year in dental school and continue to be grateful to him for his friendship and guidance, even to this day. Plus an added bonus of now getting to call him Sal. I should mention that there were also others who mentored me along the way; Drs. Charles Greene, Louis Fine, and Tom Vergo; yes, that Tom Vergo. To all of them, I am thankful. I must admit it was a bitter pill to swallow for my father to realize I was not going to be returning to 502 Pleasant Valley Way in West Orange to take over his orthodontic practice; especially when it took him years to understand what a maxillofacial prosthodontist does. No matter, he eventually got over the disappointment and I even remember him bragging on occasion about my chosen specialty.



Q: Where do you see our specialty heading? How is the field changing/evolving? Where do you see our future?

Our beloved subspecialty of Maxillofacial Prosthetics is operating in a continuously changing environment. When I applied to a program in 1980, there were 22 from which to choose. Now there are 7. When I went through my fellowship at The University of Chicago (Well, for starters, there was still a program there), when one spoke of implants, you were referring to a bodily area south of the clavicles. Today, there are more and more osseointegrated implants and fewer positions for maxillofacial prosthodontists. And oh yeah, if you haven't noticed, digital technology is taking over our world.

In this shifting landscape, we need to make ourselves more valuable, more marketable to the medical profession and allied health professionals including surgeons, speech and language pathologists and anaplastologists. We should incorporate surgical training including the planning and placement of implants into our fellowship curriculum. Programs such as Jaw in a Day and ART are valuable additions to our tool box to add such value. Familiarity with other jaw reconstruction and microvascular techniques are also valuable. At the same time, we should not neglect congenital conditions of cleft and craniofacial anomalies or trauma. The ability to use digital technology in surgical and prosthetic planning and prosthesis fabrication can also help to keep the maxillofacial prosthodontist in demand. These are areas where our academy can play an important role and add value to being a member. Workshops, locally-sponsored programs and our annual scientific sessions can play an important role in teaching all of us new skills that we must have to be an active participant in maxillofacial rehabilitation. A one year fellowship alone is not enough time to learn all we need to know. In this coming year, I hope to work with our membership and leadership to begin action on some of these ideas.

Q: How do you maintain a balance between your career and personal life?

The short answer to this question is that I don't, at least not consciously. In my career, life seems to ebb and flow between career and personal life not making any clear cut delineation where one ends and the other begins. I guess I'm lucky like so many of you in that the balance just seems to come. Of course, it takes a bit of cooperation from your family members to make this all work. Like, for example when I was studying for my American Boards over a three year period and I was only around on Saturdays to mow the lawn. The neighbors thought I was divorced and only showed up on weekends. But I got through it all with the help of my wife and kids and my success became their success. I think most of you can relate to this as we all have a unique passion for what we do and it spills over to all aspects of our life. Of course, I've changed a few diapers and taken out lots of garbage along the way but then again its all in a days work for a maxillofacial prosthodontist. Speaking while wearing my career and personal life hats, I am pleased and grateful to be president-elect of our academy; a unique group of individuals who provide such life-changing services.

David Reisberg -

2018 Executive Officers of the AAMP

Dr. James Kelly (Recording Secretary), Dr. Thomas Salinas (Vice President-Elect), Dr. Arun Sharma (Vice President), Dr. Jeffery Markt (President), Dr. David Reisberg (President-Elect), Dr. Peter Gerngross (Immediate Past President), and Dr. Alvin Wee (Executive Secretary Treasurer).
(From Left to Right)



AAMP Board of Directors 2017-2018

The current AAMP Board of Directors includes Dr. Joseph DiFazio, Dr. Theresa Hofstede, Dr. Harold Kolodny, Dr. Stephen Wagner. Our newly elected members Dr. Evan Rosen and Dr. Ruth Aponte Wesson (Left to Right)



AAMP Committee Chairs 2017-2018

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Time and Place: Alvin G. Wee

Silent Auction Committee: Sujei Morgan & Salvatore Esposito

If you are interested in becoming involved in a committee please contact your president, Dr. Jeffery C. Markt, at the following address:

jmarkt@unmc.edu

Current Membership	493
Fellows	99
Associate Fellows	65
Affiliates Fellows	9
Technician Auxiliary	4
Life Fellows	89
Life Affiliate Fellows	4
Students	223

Elevation of Status

Associate Fellow: Drs. Rishabh Pravin Acharya, Lauren Bolding, Jacqueline Medina, Olivia Muller, Jeff Oyama, Ahmad Gazali, Joy Wang, Alex Won, Xuan Yue

Fellow:

Drs. Cynthia Aita-Holmes, Amanda Colebeck, Kristin McCarville, Adebenga Otun, Tanya Somohano-Marquez, Marcelo Suzuki

Life Affiliate Fellow: Dr. Hisashi Taniguchi

Retired Fellow: Dr. Sam Zwetchkenbaum

Retired life Fellow: Johann Wolfaardt

Highlights of the 64rd Annual Session

The ISMR-AAMP Annual Scientific Session was held at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco, CA. October 29-31, 2017.

The focus of this national session was

Research and Patient Care

"Bridging the Gap"

A few awards were given during the banquet:

Ackerman Award 2017

The Ackerman Award was presented to Dr. Steven Eckert. This award is bestowed upon a member of the Academy who the Board of Directors considered to have made significant contributions to the advancement of this special area of practice.

From Left to Right: Dr. Steve Eckert (Past President and Awardee) and Dr. Gerald Grant (Past President and Nomination Committee Chair).



Maxillofacial Prosthetic Foundation Award 2017



Lt Col (Dr.) Ketu P. Lincoln (Air Force) was awarded the Maxillofacial Foundation Award. This award is to recognize Maxillofacial Prosthetic Fellows who exemplify personal qualities and academic prowess with a potential to be major contributors to the specialty.

From Left to Right: Dr. Salvatore Esposito (President, Maxillofacial Foundation) and Dr. Ketu Lincoln (Awardee of the Maxillofacial Foundation Award)

Poster Awardees 2017



Dr. Robert Graham Greenland, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine & Science, received first place in the Poster Award sponsored by The Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry for his presentation entitled, "Immunosuppression for Composite Tissue Allografts: Strategies for Oral Health."

Dr. Haruka Fujita, Tokyo Medical and Dental University, received second place for her presentation entitled, "Current status of dementia and wearability of maxillofacial prostheses among patients at maxillofacial prosthetic clinic."

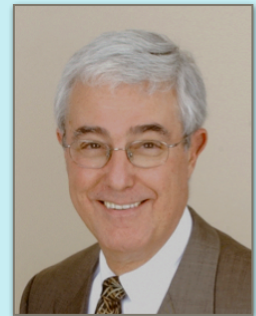
Dr. Akanksha Srivastava, University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, received third place for her presentation entitled, "Use of digital impression for resolving issues with conventional impression for fabricating a maxillary obturator."



Congratulations to the New Diplomates of the American Board of Prosthodontics

What's New at the Maxillofacial Foundation?

After serving as President of the Maxillofacial Foundation on two separate occasions and most recently for the past 3 years, Dr. Sal Esposito stepped down on May 1, 2018. Dr. Esposito worked tirelessly in re-establishing financial vitality as well as organizing the business affairs of the Foundation after the unexpected passing of the past President, Dr. Robert Gillis, in 2015. The scope of the legal work and business organization was broad and involved significant time, effort and focus in addition to proactive risk management. The Foundation is deeply indebted to Dr. Esposito for his dedication to its mission and core values. We are excited to announce that the AAMP Past-President Dr. Lawrence Brecht will take over the affairs of the Foundation. Now that its business matters are in order, there will be a new focus to make the Foundation even more transparent, electronically engaged, and current to the needs of the Academy for all of its membership. Over the next few months, more about the future of the Maxillofacial Foundation will be presented in various forums. Should you have any ideas or suggestions regarding the Foundation and its growth, please contact Larry Brecht at lebrecht@nycpros.com or (212) 557-1300, or any of the other Trustees of the Foundation: Betsy Davis, Peter Gerngross, Mark Marunick, Jeff Rubenstein, Jonathan Wiens, Robert Taft or Mark Chambers.



Larry Brecht-

The 2018 MFP Billing Course Sponsored by the AAMP Foundation

The ABCs of Maxillofacial Prosthodontic Medical & Dental Billing was held on March 2, 2018.

This one day course was designed for the dental team emphasizing dentists, prosthodontists, and maxillofacial prosthodontists to review medical and dental billing for medically necessary dental treatment including general dentistry, prosthodontics, and maxillofacial prosthodontics. It was held in beautiful Historic District Charleston, South Carolina.



Special thanks to those that donated this year to the Maxillofacial Foundation

Abed, Hassan
Nakamoto, Roy
Baima, Robert
Nishmura, Russ
Barbush, Bruce
Okay, Devin
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Brooks, Michael
Paul, David
Carpenter, Lewis
Perry, Johuin
Chambers, Mark
Pesun, Igor
Colbus, Alexandra
Recksiedler, Scott
David, Paul

Reintsemo, Harry
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Eckert, Steve
Rubenstein, Jeff
Edler, Thomas
Salinas, Tom
Esposito, Sal
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Gale, Maria
Schortz, Robert
Grant, Gerald
Sharma, Arun
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Wee, Alvin
Marunick, Mark
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Mitchel, Don
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Montgomery, Patty
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Morgan, Sujay
DiFazio, Joseph
Razavi, Ramin

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Program Director
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Program Director
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UAB School of Dentistry

Program Director
Dr. Keith Kinderknecht
Birmingham, Alabama

Upcoming Meetings

"65th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics"

Baltimore, MD

October 27-30, 2018

Registration open!

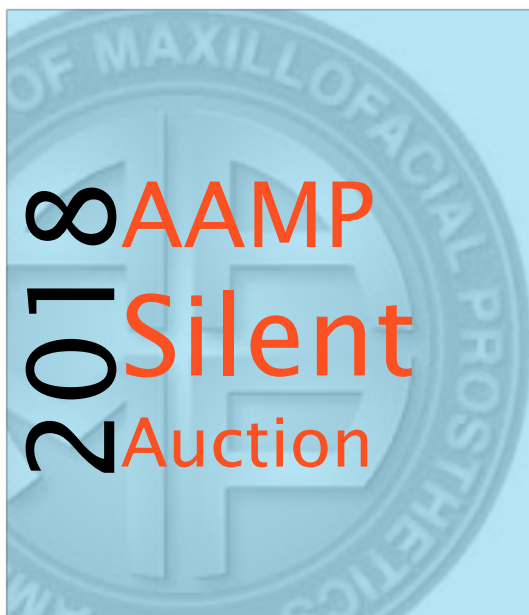


"The Impact of Digital Revolution
on Maxillofacial Prosthetics"

Four Seasons Hotel

Baltimore 200 International Drive, Baltimore MD 21202 USA

Reservations available!



Ways you can help

- Donate an Item
- Put aside new items that you don't need or use
- Ask businesses you patronize to donate an items, certificates or vouchers
- Ask friends, neighbors and/or family to give
- Do you have a vacation home that folks might wish to bid on?

For more information or assistance contact: Sujei Morgan at Sujei.morgan@tufts.edu Call: 617-752-1463.
Or visit www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org

ACP
48th Annual Session
Oct 31-Nov 3, 2018
Baltimore, MD

AO Annual Meeting
March 13-16, 2019
Washington, DC



The Research Committee is currently accepting Abstracts for the Poster Presentation Competition.

For description of competition guidelines as well as deadlines of submission visit

awbs://.wwwaampconference.com/

We look forward to seeing you in Baltimore!

Follow AAMP news at our website: <https://www.maxillofacialprosthetics.org/>

Special Announcements

At the Business luncheon: ABP recognition of AAMP members, all fellowship status updates.

The installation banquet: Full fellow status, Maxillofacial Foundation Excellence Award, The Ackerman Award, Poster award winners.

In Closing...

We would like to finish this newsletter thanking all of the members that helped us accomplish this years edition. Collaboratively we can make our specialty visible and embracing new technologies can make us more relevant. Lets give a warm welcome to Dr. Reisberg. I hope you enjoyed the selected items in the summer newsletter.

*Ruth Aponte Wesson &
e-Communications Committee*