Message from the Chair
Dr. Russ Bergman

The new year marks a clean slate on which we can plan the future direction of the Council of Advanced Education Programs (COAEP). After a somewhat challenging 2021 (and 2020) in which we all had to pivot and adjust to an unpredictable environment that impeded our ability to network in person, I am so pleased to reconnect with all of you to plan our path forward. It is my hope that each of you will take a moment to reflect on how you can influence and shape COAEP by becoming more involved with the activities of the Council and lay the groundwork to chart its future course.

While ADEA hosts many educational programs as well as professional development opportunities, the ADEA COAEP Program Directors Summit planned for the fall of 2022 is the only programming specifically created for advanced dental education program directors and faculty. This presents us with a great opportunity to reconnect and recharge. I want to encourage each of you to take advantage of all this Summit will have to offer as well as take the opportunity for professional enrichment and learning from your colleagues. Within the Council community we have over 650 members and access to some of the greatest minds and best resources in the dental profession. With the upcoming conference we are in a great position to move forward with more energy and drive.

Leadership expert John Maxwell in his book “The Difference Maker” postulates that attitude is the primary component in determining success. He contends that all things being equal (e.g., intelligence, opportunity, preparation) your attitude can make the difference between achieving your objectives and falling short. Your attitude can also influence the future in terms of how you chose to react to opportunities and challenges. He notes, “the happiest people don’t necessarily have the best of everything; they make the best of everything.” For the coming year please increase your involvement in the Council and use your energy and experience to make a difference in the lives of the people we serve and set an example for those who are looking to us for leadership and guidance.

In closing, I would like to thank the COAEP Administrative Board and our ADEA staff liaison, Emily Rhineberger, for their contributions, energy and dedication. I also want to thank all of you for your continued interest and involvement. I look forward to continuing to work with you with the goal of having a fulfilling, productive and above all, enjoyable year together.
COAEP Mission
Our mission is to highlight issues related to the education of post-graduate dental students and residents to our members. We aim to provide representation of all recognized advanced dental certificate, degree, or specialty programs with a goal to coordinate discussion, advise policy change and the significance to postgraduate dental education to the ADEA Board of Directors.

We have an active voice on educational issues which affect the post-graduate education of dental students and residents on a local, regional, or national level.

Information for new members
The dynamic field of dental education can be a challenge for faculty with new appointments in postgraduate education. Making you aware of helpful resources is a first step. Connecting with colleagues in all specialty areas is our focus and sharing best practices in areas as diverse as pedagogy and curriculum mapping to managing residents.

Membership
All program directors, chiefs of service, residents, fellows, and affiliated faculty are welcome as members of ADEA COAEP. You have an impact on dental education as a member by engaging through ADEA Connect and at the ADEA Annual and fall sessions.

Nominations for Member-at-Large
Members can self-nominate or nominate a fellow council member for the Member-at-Large (MAL) position. The MAL is the first rung of the ascension to Chair of the Council, having served your term as Secretary, Chair-elect and ultimately Chair.

Candidates are expected to attend all council meetings at the ADEA Annual Session, where you will be asked to present your interest and qualifications. A vote will be triggered following presentations to the membership if more than one nominee is presented.

Nominations should be sent to Adam Lloyd, BDS, MS, alloyd@mmc.edu and Emily Rhineberger, rhinebergere@dea.org prior to the start of the Annual Session. Please include the nominee’s contact information, current position and a short statement of interest.

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Make sure you have opted in to be a COAEP member at https://www.adea.org/COAEP/
If absence really does make the heart grow fonder, we should all be getting some really powerful feelings about returning to an in-person Annual Session! I can assure you that the Board of Directors and senior leadership of ADEA are eager to reconnect, renew, re-energize, Lifting as we Rise together, face-to-face. Certainly COAEP is ready, after a long, long hiatus, to be in one room for our business meeting and caucus sessions. Welcome back, and let’s move forward now!

I do want to take a moment to praise some particularly special people. Unseen by those who have not been active in the business of ADEA, the staff who support everything we do have been working very hard for the past two years—at home alone! The organization is only now beginning a slow return to in-person work. For most of us, clinical responsibilities (for which virtual technology is of very limited use) has brought us back into contact with our friends and colleagues, at least locally. That is not the case for the ADEA staff. Just one example of the many consequences: very few have actually met the “new” Chief of Staff, Jason Lee, in person, even though he has been with us almost two years! (For that matter, I have not met him in person either, but that will soon be remedied.) I can only imagine the Cabin Fever that COAEP’s principle staff members, Emily Rhineberger and Yolanda Jones, must be feeling! When you see them in Philadelphia, forgive them for blinking in the sunlight a bit, and please thank them for their devotion to keeping us going through two years of solitary confinement! They, too, are eager to see and greet all of us.

This meeting, and our long-awaited Fall Meeting Program Directors Summit in October, will be great opportunities to reconnect, pick up where we left off, and get busy growing COAEP’s role as the representative council for all postgraduate education. We are the unique crossroads where every specialty and every variety of advanced general dental education intersect. Let’s make the most of this opportunity to ride the rising tide and lift one another, by sharing our unique perspectives and experiences in pursuit of our common goal: excellence in post-graduate education.
COAEP selected sessions
Too many sessions on offer? We have suggestions for the sessions we think would benefit our membership. View the full program. Please note all times are local (America/New York/EDT).

Saturday / March 19, 2022
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
I-254 – ADEA Council of Advanced Education Programs Administrative Board Meeting (closed)
Location: 307B

1:30 PM – 4:00 PM
I-260 – ADEA Council of Advanced Education Programs Business Meeting
Location: 126B

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
I-265 – ADEA House of Delegates Opening Session

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
I-152 – Welcome Reception

12:55 PM – 1:15 PM
A-006 – Milestone Evaluation: What Can We Learn From Our Medical Peers?
Location: Hall C (200 level)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM
I-271 – ADEA Reference Committee on Association Policy Hearing
Location: 126B

A-001 – Aligning EPA and RIME Assessments to “Lift” Your Learners
Location: 115AB

PC-003 – Rising Above the Opioid Prescribing Crisis in Dentistry
Location: 109B

W-007 – Rising En Masse: Lifting Colleagues by Cultivating Academic Support Systems
Location: 119A

Sunday / March 20, 2022
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM
I-223 – Sunday Plenary—How Disruption Reshapes Health Care
Location: Ballroom AB (200 level)

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM
I-271 – Reconnecting with Admissions Staff, Program Directors and Faculty
Location: 113A

3:15 PM – 3:35 PM
SP-008 – Preparing Residents-as-teachers: Design and Evaluation of a Resident Workshop
Location: Hall C
Monday / March 21, 2022

8:30 AM – 9:45 AM
I-225 – Monday Plenary—ADEA Tapestry Table: Undaunted Trailblazer
Location: Ballroom AB

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM
I-350 – Update on Graduate Medical Education Payments and Reimbursements
Location: 119B

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
PA-023 – Working Together: An Interactive Exercise to Improve Interprofessional Collaboration
Location: 113C

Tuesday / March 22, 2022

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
I-298 – ADEA Council of Advanced Education Programs Caucus
Location: 126B

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM
I-305 – ADEA House of Delegates Closing Session
Location: Ballroom AB

In the spotlight: Yolanda Jones

Yolanda Jones is the Director of Advanced Dental Education Application Service and manages the 700+ programs participating in the American Dental Education Association Postdoctoral Application Support Service (ADEA PASS®). Her career at ADEA began over 25 years ago, during which time she has built many long-lasting relationships, taking pride in high quality service which she provides to applicants, evaluators, admissions officers, program directors and coordinators. She also serves as a liaison on the ADEA PASS Advisory Group.