Message From the Board Director
Dr. Heather Conrad

The 2017 ADEA Fall Meeting was held in Columbus, OH, where our members enjoyed our “hot topic” programming! Our programs included Specialty Recognition and Licensure; the ADA Advanced Dental Admission Test: After the Pilot Year; the Relevance of Specialties in Predoctoral Education and Beyond; and Immigration Policies and Dental Residents. We are always looking for new ideas for future hot topics at the Fall Meetings, so please reach out to your Administrative Board members with your suggestions!

The 2018 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition will be held in Orlando, FL, on March 17–20. We encourage you to attend COHAEP’s program, Digital Dentistry in Advanced Education Programs, on Tuesday, March 20, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. Our presenters will be Alexander Bendayan, D.D.S., C.A.G.S., from the Department of Restorative Sciences and Biomaterials at the Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine; Rene Chu, D.M.D., from the Department of Endodontics at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry, The State University of New Jersey, School of Dental Medicine; and David Shafer, D.M.D., from the Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

Save the date for the 2018 ADEA Fall Meetings in Toronto to connect, converge and collaborate with our Canadian colleagues, on October 24–26! Stay tuned for programming information!

Invitation to the 2018 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

THE 2018 ADEA ANNUAL SESSION & EXHIBITION
MARCH 17–20 | ORLANDO

Join ADEA COHAEP in Orlando. Registration is now open. The council will meet at the following times:

Saturday, March 17
12:30 p.m. – Administrative Board Meeting
2:00 p.m. – New Member Orientation
2:30 p.m. – Business Meeting

Tuesday, March 20
8:00 a.m. – Digital Dentistry in Advanced Education Programs
11:30 a.m. – Caucus
2018 Resolutions
Every year, there are several resolutions for consideration by the ADEA House of Delegates. As a Council, we are charged with reviewing the resolutions. This year, there are three resolutions that involve changes within our council:

1. The council’s name change.
2. Membership and voting rights.
3. Bylaws revision to delegates representation.

Here is a brief explanation of the proposed changes:

1. Name change:
The Council represents advanced dental education programs regardless of their type of institution. To clarify the inclusiveness of the council, the COHAEP Administrative Board is requesting to change its name to the Council of Advanced Education Programs.

2. Membership/voting rights:
The definition of membership and associated voting rights in our Council has been imprecise. This ambiguity has led to confusion about which members can vote or be nominated for the COHAEP Administrative Board. The administrative board seeks to change the wording of the bylaws to more accurately depict who can participate in COHAEP activities and business.

3. Bylaws revision to delegates representation:
The Council has different eligibility requirements for delegate nominations to the ADEA House of Delegates than for other Council business. Since eligibility is often discussed in conjunction with nominations for other Council business, the administrative board believes this clarification is necessary.

The administration board for the Council has expressed full support for the passage of these resolutions for the group.

2018 Annual Session Suggested Programming

Saturday, March 17

11:00 a.m. – Innovative Approaches for Scholarly Mentoring of Graduate and Postgraduate Students

1:00 p.m. – Using OSCEs to Enhance Assessment and Feedback with Postgraduate Residents

3:00 p.m. – CODA Question Answer Session

Sunday, March 18

10:00 a.m. – CODA Advanced Dental Site Visitor Update

10:30 a.m. – Application Services Workshop and Networking Forum

2:00 p.m. – WebAdMIT Workshop

4:00 p.m. – Cultural Competence for Admissions Committees

Sunday, March 18

10:30 a.m. – A Vision of Students’ Progress in Dental School via E-portfolios

10:30 a.m. – Medicare Graduate Medical Education Update

5:30 p.m. – National Board Dental Examinations Update

Monday, March 19

10:30 a.m. – Promoting Diversity and Professionalism: Situational Judgment Test in Admission Screening

10:30 a.m. – Dental Education’s Role in Addressing Prescription Drug Misuse

10:30 a.m. – Health Care Reform Going Forward

1:30 p.m. – Update on Dental Licensure

1:30 p.m. – Vision 2030: Addressing the Opioid Crisis in the Dental Curriculum Today

3:30 p.m. – OSCEs: The New Frontier in Dental Licensure

3:30 p.m. – Entrustable Professional Activities: A Visionary How-to Workshop

3:30 p.m. – How Do We Predict Success During the Resident Selection Process?
Review of 2017 Fall Meetings

Specialty Recognition and Licensure

Recognizing a dental discipline as a specialty has traditionally involved defining subsets of dental practice—and dental practitioners—as worthy of "special" identification, signifying expertise beyond that of general practitioners within that limited discipline. Recent legal decisions, most specifically those challenging states’ legal basis for controlling advertising as a specialist, have upended the status quo and may bring radical change to the public perception and meaning of the “specialist” label.

At the fall meeting, COHAEP continued its tradition of highlighting controversial topics affecting postgraduate education by bringing together a panel representing the major players in the current legal and political battle to redefine how a dental specialty is recognized, educated and portrayed to the public. Frank Recker, J.D., and Michael Mashni, D.D.S., presented the legal principles and process that have challenged the American Dental Association’s (ADA) role in defining specialties as a restriction of commercial free speech for trade protection purposes, and an account of this process from the perspective of dental anesthesiology. Brett Larson, D.D.S., M.S., and Anthony Ziebert, D.D.S., presented the ADA’s newly approved process, intended to isolate specialty recognition from political or protectionist influence. Sherin Tooks, Ed.D., M.S., clarified the role of the Commission on Dental Accreditation as providing a certification process for educational pathways—not defining recognized specialty areas.

The session provided a unique opportunity to hear radically different perspectives directly from thought leaders and participants on all sides, and it gave the audience an excellent historical and technical background of this ongoing, complex national debate.

ADA Advanced Dental Admission Test

The first speaker in this session was Craig Hirschberg, D.D.S., Director, Endodontic Postgraduate Program, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, School of Dental Medicine, who presented on the use of the ADA Advanced Dental Admission Test (ADAT) as a tool in admissions for advanced specialty education programs. This discussion considered reasons justifying the ADAT requirement and the acceptance or non-acceptance as an evaluation tool by various institutions. Also discussed was the potential impact of changes to ADAT for 2018, including an earlier testing window as well as results and analysis being available within four weeks of the challenging exam), which should assure that results will be available to program directors well before interviews are conducted.

Next, Barbara MacNeill, D.M.D., M.S., Assistant Program Director, Advanced Education in General Dentistry, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Dentistry, gave a presentation on ADAT use based upon her 2016 survey of postgraduate program directors. This presentation highlighted many reasons that program directors did not utilize the exam in the period following its introduction.

Additionally, Grishma Patel, University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, and Alexandra Fitzgerald, University of Maryland School of Dentistry, both representatives of the ADEA Council of Students, Residents and Fellows, presented their ADAT experiences from the applicants’ perspective.

Lively discussion followed the presentations.

Relevance of Specialties in Predoctoral Education and Beyond

This session’s distinguished group of presenters included: Monty MacNeil, D.D.S., M.S.D., Dean, University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine; Nadeem Karimbux, D.M.D., M.M.Sc., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Dean for Curriculum, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine; Lily T. Garcia, D.D.S., M.S., FACP, Associate Dean for Education, The University of Iowa College of Dentistry & Dental Clinics; Steven Friedrichsen, D.D.S., Dean, Western University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine; and
Darryl Hamamoto, D.D.S., Ph.D., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, The Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

The speakers presented a variety of different predoctoral curriculum models and how dental specialty education fit into each. What was clear from the presentations is that there is not one model that works at all schools. The range of educational models presented included some led by specialty-driven organizations and others dominated by a more generalist model. However, there seemed to be universal agreement that, even in a world with evolving practice and educational modes, there is still an important role for specialists in the education of dental students.

Immigration Policies and Dental Residents
Our speaker for our last hot topic session was Christina McWilson Thomas, J.D., ADEA Director of Government Affairs. Ms. McWilson Thomas discussed how the new administration’s proposed immigration policies would affect how internationally educated dentists pursue advanced dental education. Her presentation focused on the newly rescinded Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy. ADEA’s concerns revolve around those students who have self-identified with DACA status and how they may be able to continue their studies in dentistry and join the workforce.

Nominations for Member-at-Large
Members can self-nominate or nominate a fellow council member for the Member-at-Large (MAL) position. The position is a four-year commitment with attendance at three meetings annually. The MAL is the first rung of the ascension to Chair of the Council; the order of officer positions is MAL, Secretary, Chair-elect and then Chair.

The duties of the MAL include:
1. Performing duties requested by the Chair.
2. Participating in meetings.
3. Disseminating information to members.

Candidates are expected to attend all council meetings at the 2018 ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition, where they will be asked to present their interest and qualifications.

Nominations should be sent to Darwin Hayes, D.D.S., FAGD, ADEA COHAEP Chair-elect, at smiledrhayes@gmail.com and Emily Rhineberger, ADEA Staff Liaison, at rshinebergere@adea.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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