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"In Pursuit of Excellence Through Continuing Education"

President's Message

Being a member of the AGD has many benefits. I think the most important to me is the friendships and comradery that comes with participating and going to the courses that are offered. Like most of you I'm a solo practitioner and the only interaction with other dentists that I have comes mostly from continuing education classes. Many times I learn more from my sideline chats with other Docs than I do from the lecturer. Many of the decisions I've made concerning equipment purchases, clinical techniquics and practice management came from these little chats. There is so much knowledge and experience from those who have "been there and done that" and this has helped me avoid mistakes myself. Because I'm a member of the UAGD I feel that I'm not alone and I belong to a group that represents my interest as a general dentist.

Another benefit is the Mastership and Fellowship programs. Most dentists seek out continuing education but few get recognized for their efforts. The public want to have well educated and well trained dentist that are staying current with the best and latest techniques. We should all make it our priority to become Fellows and Masters and get the recognition we deserve for our efforts. I have FAGD on my business cards and letterhead and I get quite a few question about what FAGD stands for. (Editors note: *I'll bet he does*). Now I'm working on getting MAGD put on my stuff. Many of you are intimidated by the Fellowship exam and have not taken it because you feel like your not ready for it. The national AGD conference is being held in Denver this year and they have a 14 hour Fellowship exam review class offered. Just go to agd.org to get the details. While you're at it check out uagd.org, our newly designed web site. Being recognized for our educational and training efforts builds goodwill with the public and the dental profession and this is always good.

Thanks for letting me be a part of it all.
Duane D Callahan DDS FAGD

CLOSE TO HOME



"Dr. Hamer! WAIT! That's Mrs. TILLman, here for a cleaning! Mrs. HILLman is the one having eight teeth extracted!"



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Nominations accepted for Dentist of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for 2006 UAGD Dentist of the Year award to be awarded on September 15, 2006 at the annual UAGD meeting. Please submit your nomination as a one to six page letter describing the performance of the individual, consistency, community service, CE dedication, excellence in clinical practice, educational background or resume, patient testimonials or other substantiating remarks to Duane Callahan, DDS, FAGD, 8045 S 700 E, Sandy, UT 84070. Submissions must be received for evaluation by August 15, 2006 to be included in this year's award consideration. Nominations will remain on file for three years and may be updated in future years if a nominee is re-identified in subsequent years as a Dentist of the Year candidate.

Get Ready!!!



6th Annual UAGD Golf Tournament

Friday September 8, 2006

Homestead Golf Resort

Join us for great time of great food,
great fun and GREAT GOLF!!

Please Register NOW.

Jill or Dr. Kenny Dibble @ 572-4430

Register now for National AGD Meeting



Rise to new heights with the most up-to-date and practical continuing dental education. [Online registration](#) is now open. Be sure to reserve your place as soon as possible for participation courses that fill up quickly. And, don't forget that all lectures are included with your meeting registration.

AGD2006DENVER educational highlights include:

- Dr. Jon Suzuki's "Contemporary Clinical Periodontics" lecture, which emphasizes the new trends and concepts in periodontal diagnosis and treatment planning.
- Dr. Karl Koerner's "Oral Surgery in General Practice: Faster, Easier, More Predictable", a highly successful, continuously sold-out participation program.
- The "AGD Fellowship Examination Review Course," which was so successful last year, it has been updated for 2006. This course is a must if you have ever been interested in pursuing the prestigious AGD Fellowship Award.

Free Lectures

Admission to all lectures and capsule clinics is free to all dental professionals who are registered attendees of **AGD2006DENVER**. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Guests who are not dental professionals but who are appropriately registered for **AGD2006DENVER** or ticketed for events cannot attend CE courses or lectures, but they may visit the Exhibit Hall and participate in events designated for family members.

Closed/Filled Policy for Participation Courses

Courses are filled when the maximum enrollment is reached. Class sizes are predetermined with regard to the room size and materials usage in consultation with the clinician.

Certain courses have specific limited materials and equipment loaned for the course. Individuals who have purchased a ticket for a participation course are entitled to that seat until they formally withdraw from the course through the proper registration channels.

There is no waiting list, and all registrations are processed on a first-come, first served basis.

CE Credit Recording and Course Evaluations

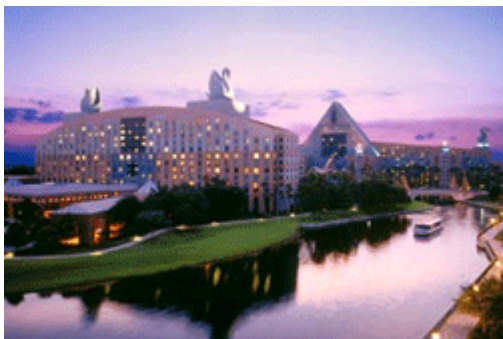
At **AGD2006DENVER**, your attendance will be tracked via your completed course evaluation form, which you will receive at each course you attend. A list of all courses also will be provided so you may track your own attendance. These course lists are for your own records and may be used to submit CE credit information to state or provincial agencies. The course lists, filled in with the correction course completion codes, serve as certificates of attendance; the AGD does not mail certificates or letters of attendance unless requested.

Refunds and Cancellations

Full refunds, less a \$25 processing fee, will be granted if written requests are received by AGD on or before June 30, 2006 (5 p.m. CST). All cancellation requests will be processed within 60 days after the **AGD2006DENVER**. Type of payment (check or credit card) must accompany all registration forms and be received by AGD on or before June 30, 2006 (5 p.m. CST), in order to receive "advanced" fees ([see the fee schedule](#)). Persons not registered by June 30, 2006, will be charged "post June 30, 2006", fees as listed on the registration form. There will be a \$25 processing fee for any returned checks.

If you are a dentist and register for 21 or more participation course hours at this meeting, your registration fee will be waived. You are still required to pay for individual participation courses and/or individual event fees.

If you join the AGD before or during **AGD2006DENVER**, the AGD will refund the difference between the member and non-member annual meeting registration rates or credit the difference to your 2007 membership dues. Non-members are encouraged to learn about the benefits of AGD Membership. Please call 888.243.3368 or visit www.agd.org.



2008 Annual Meeting & Exposition

July 16-20, 2008

Walt Disney World Swan/Dolphin Hotel
Orlando, FL

Forum for sharing Dental Tips

Have you ever wanted to submit your quick-n-easy dental practice tip to JADA or other review but have lacked the courage, time or patience to wait out the review and submission process? Well, wait no longer! Your colleagues need your time-saving precious pearls. The younger generation needs real advice from real dentists. Experienced in the trenches of many years of practice, you've learned to do things well, avoid pitfalls and do it better for your patients. Contact the editor for how to submit your idea to appear in one of the UAGD quarterly newsletters. It can be e-mailed, FAXed, snail mailed, walked on over or scribbled on a dirty napkin to submit. Well, maybe not a DIRTY napkin. Who knows, maybe your moment of fame has arrived and you'll soon be educating other clinicians at the AGD National Meeting in a sold-out CE course!

Regional AGD Training Seminar

In early March, some of the UAGD board members attended a regional AGD leadership training. A part of this excellent seminar was dedicated to Strategic Planning for the UAGD. The AGD is dedicated to providing an additional voice for dentists and excellent continuing education. Naturally, we encourage all general dentists to take advantage of the unique opportunities that the AGD organizes. The UAGD board wants to incentivize new membership and continued membership for current members. The following are a few interesting statistics about the UAGD and the goals in the Utah Plan.

As of September 30, 2005 (latest number available) Utah has 245 members. We also have 25 fellows and 12 masters. We added 36 members in 2004 and 23 last year.

Goal #1

Fill open slots on Board of Directors
Ask Chairs to find co-chairs and committee members.
Identify new volunteers.

Goal #2

Increase membership by 10% (net) by 12-06
Take non-renewed member list from AGD Head Quarters and assign calls to Board of Directors (reduce non renew by 5%)
Create a prize structure to reward member recruiters
Use \$20 of each new member's fees to put toward prizes
2007 UDA luncheon drawing
Consistently recognize recruiters in newsletters and at meetings
Pizza luncheon for Residents to encourage thier participation.
Prepare presentation
Allow Residents or dental students to Attend select CE gratis
Bring a non member to UDA luncheon for free
Registration: identify non-member, welcome, talk about membership, use web site

Goal #3

Build awareness of UAGD
Make a logo shirts for interested parties to promote the AGD
Utilize AGD constituent web site template - to be operational.
This website would be similar to the current UAGD website but link directly to and be hosted by the national AGD website.
Order UAGD pens for members -
Develop a public relations and service plan of two years
Publish press releases for new Masters and Fellows
Publish dental notes and CE courses in other formats (possibly as POD casts).
Coordinate web site and newsletter publications
Develop plan to promote Fellowship attainment.

This organization belongs to all of us. The Board of Directors volunteers their time to provide the activity that the AGD sponsors. Everyone is encouraged to adopt the above goals and help the organization thrive. In doing so, we not only increase the quality, quantity and diversity of CE and activities offered but we bring in our colleagues and friends who have much to gain from this terrific organization! Remember, use CE courses as an opportunity to invite others to participate and find out what the AGD has to offer!

CE Changes Explained

In the past, the Utah Academy of General Dentistry has sponsored two types of Continuing Education programs. The first type was referred to as "general CE". Everyone felt invited to these sessions, they were of general interest and covered a wide variety of subjects. The other type of CE given was called a "Mastership Course" or the "Master Track". The Mastership courses were intended to help those who had acheived the Academy designation of Fellow (FAGD) and who were actively working on accreditation as a Master (MAGD). These courses were designed to be hands-on. Hands-on courses are required for the Master degree, tend to be more expensive per hour due to smaller class size and may require more time overall to thoroughly review the topic (i.e. two day courses rather than a one-day course).

The UAGD Board feels that many AGD members who have not yet attained the Fellow designation may feel that they shouldn't attend these "Mastership" courses or worse, that they feel uninvited to them. Because of this apparent problem, the name of these courses will be advertised in the future as simply "Hands-On" courses although they will continue to fill the same role as before. We encourage any interested party to consider the rich value that these courses offer as a part of your continued education.

If you've been an AGD member for a while, you've probably noticed that the Hands-On courses follow a predefined pattern. Each of the Hands On requirements seen on the next page cycle through a three year rotation offering an opportunity to obtain the necessary Hands On CE with little more effort than attending the UAGD sponsored courses.

You will be hard pressed to find CE for a better value than you can find it right here in our state, under the coordination of our dedicated board. Take advantage of these terrific experiences! In addition, local CE is often financially backed by local organizations with which we already have practice relationships in supplies, equipment, support or service arrangements.

On another note, you may have noticed that CE credits aren't currently being accepted by the AGD when you update your CE on the website. Periodically, the UAGD renews their status with the AGD. Re-application is usually initiated prior to the renewal date resulting in a seamless transition. This time, however, the UAGD was not aware of the renewal date and the acceptance with the AGD lapsed. This will soon be rectified. We appreciate your patience.





Annual AGD Convocation

Join your colleagues for **AGD2006DENVER** at the Colorado Convention Center from August 2 to 6, 2006.

"A highlight of this meeting is the induction of members as Fellows and Masters of the Academy. These dentists have attended a lot of continuing education courses and passed a rigorous examination. Congratulations to all of them."

Joe Blaes, DDS, Editor, Dental Economics magazine, Dental Economics, September 2005

The Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Convocation Ceremony is among the highlights of the AGD Annual Meeting & Exposition. It marks the culmination of individual commitment to continuing dental education and lifelong learning for Fellows and Masters alike.

AGD E-mail Forwarding Account

Have you visited agd.org recently? You can find info about your CE transcript, submit General Dentistry quizzes for online CE credit, review past AGD journals in quick searches and find lots of information. One of the benefits of your AGD membership is e-mail forwarding. With the AGD e-mail forwarding, you can have one address to put on your stationary, business cards, and Web sites. All e-mail sent to your agd.org address will be forwarded to the personal e-mail account of your choice. If you change personal e-mail addresses, you only have to update your record at agd.org. With all the spamming going on these days it might be nice to have a protected e-mail forwarding system and you can always give friends the same e-mail address but change e-mail accounts at will. Another great support from the AGD!

Please note that this e-mail address is not a mailbox. You must access your e-mail from your personal e-mail account.

AGD Fellowship Award Requirements (simplified)

1. Current AGD membership for three (3) continuous years
2. Completion of 500 hours of FAGD/MAGD-approved continuing education credit, with at least 350 hours earned in course attendance. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hours requirement has been met.
3. Successful completion of the Fellowship Examination.
4. Attendance at a Convocation Ceremony, held during the AGD Annual Meeting, to receive the award

AGD Mastership Award Requirements (simplified)

600 hours of MAGD-approved continuing dental education credit, 400 of which must be in participation courses. Mastership credit begins to accrue on the date that the 500-hour Fellowship Award requirement has been met. The 600 credit hours must be earned in specific disciplines, as outlined under "Subject Category requirements."

	Hands On	Total Hrs
Endodontics	30	46
Electives		30
MPD/Occlusion	30	46
Operative Dentistry		30
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery		30
Orthodontics	12	12
Pediatric Dentistry		12
Periodontics	30	46
Practice Management	0	24
Fixed Prosthodontics	30	46
Removable Prosthodontics		30
Implants		30
Oral Med/Oral Diagnosis		12
Special Patient Care	12	12
Esthetics		30
TOTAL HOURS		360
TOTAL REQUIRED	400	600



2007 Annual Meeting & Exposition

June 27-July 1, 2007

San Diego Convention Center

San Diego, CA

CALENDAR

National Annual Meetings

August 2-6, 2006

Denver, CO

June 27-July 12 2007
2008

San Diego, CA
Orlando, FL

For Fun

Friday, September 8, 2006

Homestead
Golf Tournament

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Friday, September 15, 2006

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