



# AP Newsletter

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**AP President Mijin Choi**

## President's Column

**Mijin Choi**

Dear Colleagues and Fellows,

It is my pleasure to share an update on the dynamic initiatives shaping the future of our Academy. Our collective efforts continue to enhance professional excellence, expand international collaboration, and secure the financial sustainability of our organization.

### Joint Annual Scientific Meeting Initiative

In a bold move toward fostering interdisciplinary engagement, the Joint Annual Scientific Meeting Taskforce has been established to explore a collaborative meeting with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics in 2027. This initiative will assess potential benefits in professional interaction, resource sharing, and innovative programming. The taskforce

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is diligently evaluating meeting logistics, program design, financial models, and marketing strategies, with a comprehensive feasibility report scheduled for presentation at the 2025 Business Meeting.

### **Strengthening Our Financial Foundation**

We are implementing a series of measures to secure our financial future. Recent proposals include an increase in dues and registration fees that are projected to add significant revenue annually. Enhanced sponsorship strategies are also underway, aiming to boost corporate support well beyond previous levels. These actions, along with renewed fundraising efforts spearheaded by the AP Foundation, underscore our commitment to responsible fiscal management while ensuring the continuity of high-caliber educational and networking events.

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### **Honoring Leadership Through the David Wands Lectureship**

In tribute to Dr. David Wand's enduring legacy, the David Wand's Lectureship Taskforce has been formed

to create an annual platform dedicated to leadership and self-development. Our taskforce is finalizing plans that include a robust speaker selection process, clear evaluation criteria, and a formalized proposal process to secure high-caliber presentations. Notably, arrangements for Dr. Wands' presentation have been integrated into the program, including special honors such as a commemorative plaque.

### **Global Outreach: The Italian GPT-10 Taskforce**

Reflecting our commitment to global excellence, the Italian GPT-10 Taskforce is actively refining the Italian translation of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms (10th Edition). This project will make critical terminology accessible to Italian-speaking professionals, reinforcing our role as a leader in international prosthodontics collaboration.

### **Expanding Fellowship and Membership Opportunities**

The Fellowship Task Force (FTF) has diligently assessed and refined our fellowship and membership pathways. Their comprehensive report and recommendations advocate for greater clarity in Life

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Fellowship requirements and propose a new membership category designed to engage early-career professionals. This is vital for cultivating the next generation of leaders and ensuring our Academy remains inclusive and forward-thinking. These efforts are currently underway by the Governance committee. Following the presidential letter, the executive summary of the FTF is included for your review.

### Looking Ahead

Our upcoming meetings, including the 2025 AP annual business meeting in Scottsdale and Boca Raton, will be critical forums for further discussion and decision-making on these initiatives. I extend my gratitude to every member and taskforce participant whose dedication fuels our continued success. Together, we are building a strong, innovative, and sustainable future for prosthodontics. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and active engagement.

Warm regards,

*Mijin Choi, DDS, MS, MBA, FACP*

President, Academy of Prosthodontics ■

## Letter from Fellowship Taskforce

As we continue to chart the future of the Academy of Prosthodontics, Drs. Wiens and Choi, as the chair and vice-chair of the Fellowship Task Force (FTF), are excited to share the outcomes of the 2024 FTF. The FTF was established to explore creative pathways for fellowship and membership within the Academy, ensuring we adapt to the evolving needs of our profession while preserving our long-standing mission.

The report comprehensively summarizes the Task Force's deliberations and survey findings. Key recommendations include reaffirming the importance of existing fellowship criteria, clarifying Life Fellowship requirements, and introducing a proposed new membership category aimed at engaging talented, early-career individuals from diverse backgrounds. These efforts aim to enhance inclusivity, foster mentorship, and cultivate the next generation of leaders in prosthodontics.

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## Letter from Fellowship Taskforce

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In preparation for the AP business meeting on May 30, 2025, please carefully review the FTF Executive Summary. Your feedback and insights are invaluable in shaping the Academy's future. A productive discussion at the meeting will guide the direction of actionable items, including potential amendments to the bylaws, operations, and policies.

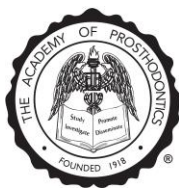
Together, we can ensure the Academy remains a beacon of excellence and leadership in our field. Thank you for your dedication and continued commitment to advancing prosthodontics.

*Mijin Choi, DDS, MS, MBA, FACP*

President, Academy of Prosthodontics

*Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens*

Chair, Fellowship Task Force



## 2024 Fellowship Task Force – An Executive Summary

“The world is changing dramatically, and we need to be proactive in defining our future.”<sup>1</sup>

In 2024, President Choi created a Fellowship Task Force (FTF) with a specific charge to explore alternate paths to fellowship in the Academy of Prosthodontics (AP). The FTF was populated with 11 fellows of the Academy, of which five were current officers. Deliberations led to the development of an FTF consensus survey instrument to review the existing Bylaws, Operations and Policies fellowship requirements, as well as to identify a new membership category and accompanying requirements. The FTF survey included 111 statements along with an associated open comments section. Outcomes were considered significant when a super majority consensus was achieved. \*

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<sup>1</sup> Goldstein GR, Goodacre CJ, DeSantis LF. What factors should be examined as we chart the future of prosthodontics? (ACP Messenger 2025, preliminary submission)

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### Outcomes relative to current fellowship categories:

The majority of existing requirements were upheld and affirmed. It was noted that the Life Fellowship requirements would benefit by greater clarity and simplification. Involvement and attendance by the entire fellowship and in particular the Life Fellows at annual sessions is highly desirable. Essay presentations at an Academy annual session were considered essential in assessing fellowship qualification. Other prosthodontic achievements or strengths were of importance but were not deemed as being comparable to a formal presentation and discussion, which is the de facto gold standard.

### Outcomes relative to a new membership category:

Qualifications of importance included being a national/international dentist who is enrolled in or has recently graduated from an advanced training program in Prosthodontics. New Member candidates may be identified by Prosthodontic Program Directors. Selected individuals should have an expressed interest in furthering their professional growth and development through mentorship.

Suggested candidate threshold achievements include a poster presentation, or possibly a brief clinical or research report of significance presented during an AP Annual Session. Subsequent supporting documentation with nomination from the Active and Life fellowship would be required. Having attributes and early achievements similar to Associate Fellows was considered advantageous and may serve as a *preliminary* path towards fellowship.

Other supplemental considerations noted were “Board Eligibility” including international equivalents, participation in leadership programs, administrative training or workshops in education or research, participation in Outreach Programs and/or other types of community services, completion of a master’s thesis or publication on a prosthodontic topic on education, research or clinical procedure.

New Membership Policies contemplated were mandatory meeting attendance, participation in social outings/activities, membership and/or mentorship meetings, collegial interaction with the fellowship and payment of all dues, meeting and social outing fees as determined by the EC. The FTF survey respondents further indicated that the use

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of “member” was preferred over the designation of “fellow” along with a specified membership timeline relative to advancement or withdrawal.

If the New Membership category is approved by both the Executive Council and the fellowship, an appropriate group name will be needed, such as Affiliate, Alliance or Student Member

### 2024 Fellowship Task Force – Resolutions

The information acquired from the FTF Survey was used to make the following motions to be considered by the Executive Council.

1. That, the FTF report be accepted for informational purposes in its entirety.
2. That, those membership statements / question queries that satisfy the FTF survey supermajority threshold and that are also found in the current Bylaws, Operations, and Policies, be reaffirmed.
3. That, those membership statements / question queries that do not satisfy the FTF

survey supermajority threshold and that are found in the current Bylaws, Operations, and Policies, be revisited by the Fellowship and Governance Committees as to appropriateness.

4. That, those “unlisted” membership statements / question queries that satisfy the FTF survey supermajority threshold related to existing Fellowship categories be reviewed by the Fellowship and Governance committees and be considered for possible inclusion in the Bylaws, Operations, or Policies.
5. That, those “unlisted” membership statements / question queries that satisfy the FTF survey supermajority threshold related to a New

Membership category to be reviewed by the Fellowship and Governance committees and be considered for possible inclusion in the Bylaws, Operations or Policies.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Mijin Choi  
President and FTF Vice-chair

Dr. Jonathan P. Wiens  
FTF Chair ■



## Vice President's Message on the 2025 Program

By Kent Knoernschild

The theme for AP2025 is **"Prosthodontics: Shaping the Future."** Highly interactive scientific sessions will provide new and current perspectives on patient care, academics, and research, and discuss how Prosthodontics can shape and contribute to the future of our profession.



We're thrilled to announce the launch of our program with the Dr. David Wands Leadership Legacy Seminar! Prepare to be inspired as Dr.

Tom Deans, a world-renowned speaker and New York Times best-selling author, dives into the exciting world of Opportunities and Threats to Generational Wealth. This is an open invitation for all spouses and guests to join us for this exhilarating opening lecture session! We've also procured copies of his groundbreaking book, *Willing Wisdom*, for everyone to have signed after Dr. Deans's enlightening presentations. A heartfelt thank you goes out to Dr. Wands for creating this incredible opportunity for our Academy!

Join us for an enriching experience filled with numerous opportunities for lively interactions! We

have organized several panel discussions, along with five Associate Fellow discussions and four Aspirant discussions. Our scientific session topics cover important areas such as Surgical and Prosthodontic Interrelationships, the State of the Profession, and Reflecting on Meaningful Innovations, including an emphasis on Digital Innovation and Application. On Saturday, we will conclude with an engaging range of Complex Problems and Solutions, addressing topics from craniofacial and maxillofacial issues to esthetics, occlusion, and the economic impact of evolving technologies. Our 25 esteemed speakers have prepared dynamic presentations, and you can review their synopses, objectives, and biosketches before the meeting by clicking [here](#).

I hope our upcoming meeting serves as a warm forum of our past years together. It will be a space for engaging presentations, thoughtful reflections, and open discussions that inspire creativity, planning, and discovery. Let's join together to Shape the Future!

Respectfully,

*Kent L. Knoernschild, DMD, MS, FACP*

Vice President and Program Chair ■

## Reminder for your 2025 trip

The 2025 Annual Meeting will take place in the **Westin Kierland Resort and Spa**. Members can find information on traveling to, parking at, and other services offered by the resort here: <https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/phxws-the-westin-kierland-resort-and-spa/overview/what-to-expect/>



Please note, the resort is in Scottsdale, Arizona which has airport service through the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport

**The resort does NOT have an airport shuttle service.**

For members who will be traveling by air, please refer to the airport's website for information on rental cars, rideshares, customs, and baggage claim here:

<https://www.skyharbor.com/flying-to-phx/> ■

## Secretary Treasurer's Report.

By Thomas Salinas



### Membership report

At the advent this year, we have a total of 145 fellows consisting of 72 active, 13 associate, 8 honorary, and 52 life fellows. The trend for increasing membership has taken a bit of a dip in the last several years. With the formulation of President Choi's Fellowship Task Force (FTF), we hope to experience a reverse of this trend so that the viability of the Academy can continue for decades to come.

### AP Financial Summary

Last year's 106th annual Academy of Prosthodontics meeting was a great orchestration of colleagues with an international flair that was moderately attended but resulted in a financial shortfall. Fortunately, this shortfall had been graciously supplemented by the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation. Critical assessment of the academy's finances is an ongoing effort to maintain financial sustainability in the years ahead.

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Much of this has been addressed by the FTF as noted above. Attention to this assessment was given by the executive council which proposed the following measures about dues and registration:

1. Fellowship dues increase to \$1335.00 for the coming year (\$537 assessment, \$98 JPD subscription, \$500 for annual meeting social events fees and \$200 Meeting Registration)
2. The EC is authorized to apply annual inflationary adjustments to current assessments and meeting registration.
3. Life Fellows be assessed a \$200 Meeting registration fee due at the time of registration and not part of annual dues.

With extensive discussion at last year's business meeting, the previous proposals were approved by the membership. The executive council will continually monitor this critical assessment of finances in accordance with its operations.

### 2025 AP Poster Session Announcement

The graduate student poster session had garnered significant participation at the 2024 meeting in Denver last year. Participation for the 2025 AP Meeting has been lower so *abstract submission has been extended to March 18th*. This has been posted to the website and also blasted to program directors. Notification of acceptance will therefore now occur on April 18th prior to the meeting.

### Upcoming Business meeting discussions:

#### FTF Preface and Summary

As mentioned above by Dr. Choi, the intent of the FTF is to provide alternative pathways and considering newer members to the Academy that have an interest in prosthodontics and demonstrated leadership with other potential to make them considered for fellowship. This was previously communicated to the fellowship (January 16, 2025) under previous cover making it an important part of business meeting discussion in Scottsdale.

#### [FTF Executive Summary](#)

### 2027 Joint Meeting Taskforce

Pres. Choi has mentioned a potential joint venture with the Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics in

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the 2027 annual scientific session. Fellowship votes last year had placed this in favor of choosing the Kona, HI site that will be located at Waikoloa Village Hilton. As part of the business meeting directive, a discussion concerning moving forward with this endeavor will occur so that feasibility, and other aspects with the academy's mission can be understood. (June 07, 2027 - June 13, 2027). Additional details are coming soon.

### Upcoming AP Annual Meeting 2026

The annual AP meeting in 2026 will occur on May 27-30, 2026, and is titled: *State of the Art Prosthodontics: From Technology to Patient*.

This will be held at the Boca Raton, <https://www.thebocaraton.com/>, a Forbes 5-star resort that is spectacular and is a great setting for both our scientific session and will also be a wonderful venue for our guests.



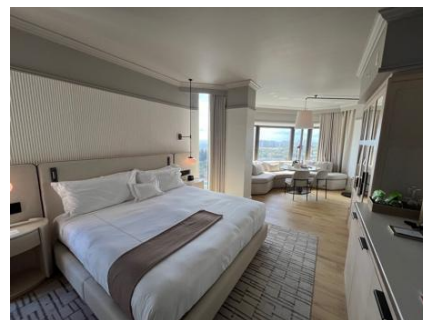
In addition to a great scientific program, standard room rates are \$299/night for Academy of Prosthodontics fellows and guests. Tower studio, Yacht Club Junior Suite, and Beach Club Standard Guestroom are available as well as additional rates.



Standard Room



Tower Studio Room



Yacht Club Junior Suite

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The Boca Raton has its own private beach and associated rooms. The adjacent pool and patio area accommodates youth and adult activities with concessions. Equipment rental for beachside relaxation and water sports are also available



This is a truly spectacular location and I'm hoping all of you can come to enjoy both the meeting and the splendor of South Florida.

## Upcoming AP Annual Meeting 2027

The 2027 AP Annual Meeting will be held at the Hilton Waikoloa Village in Kona, HI on June 7, 2027 - June 13, 2027. [Hilton Waikoloa Village](#)

The hotel is a spectacular 60 Acre Resort that is water's edge and has ample capacity for the Academy's Annual Meeting. The resort is about 25 minutes north of the Kona Airport and is easily accessible through a major highway. Car rental can be undertaken at the airport or the resort through National Car Rental. Waikoloa Village is a large property that contains several resorts and 2 major shopping areas with food and entertainment



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The hotel rates have been negotiated by our RES partners for fellows and guests at a standard rate of \$299/night plus \$35 resort fee. The meeting venue is truly one-of-a-kind as it accommodates a large auditorium with conference stage seating and ample room for exhibitors. Although an initial agreement has been secured, we will be discussing this further in Scottsdale.

I very much look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meeting in Scottsdale. As this is the conclusion of my tenure as secretary treasurer, I appreciate all the entrusted collegial support you all have given me and thanks to all!

Respectfully,

*Tom Salinas*

Secretary Treasurer, Academy of Prosthodontics ■



## AP Fellows in the News

### **AP Fellow Dr. Clark Stanford has been elected to be a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)**

Dear Academy Fellows, please join me in congratulating Academy Fellow Dr. Clark Stanford. Dr. Stanford has been elected to be a Fellow in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the association that sponsored the journal Science. A member whose efforts on behalf of the advancement of science or its applications are scientifically or socially distinguished. Examples of areas in which nominees may have made significant contributions are research; teaching; technology; services to professional societies; administration in academe, industry, and government; and communicating and interpreting science to the public. Dr. Stanford is one of three dentists elected this year with this distinction in the Association. .

### **AP Fellow and Past President, Dr. Stephen Campbell was bestowed by the University of Illinois Chicago, the James W. Buckman Faculty Award in December of 2024**

Dear Academy Fellows, please join me in congratulating Academy Fellow and Past President

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Dr. Stephen Campbell as he was bestowed by the University of Illinois Chicago, the James W. Buckman Faculty Award in December of 2024. Please see below for the award criteria. The James W. Buckman Faculty Award Inspirational Excellence, Caring, Commitment

The UIC Department of Restorative Dentistry in recognition of Inspirational Excellence, Caring, and long-term Commitment provides The James W. Buckman Faculty Award. The Award is intended to recognize a faculty member that has had a demonstrated long-term commitment to the Department of Restorative Dentistry, its programs, faculty, staff and students.

Also, Dr. Campbell was awarded the 2024 Lifetime Achievement Award by the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics (GNYAP) during the GNYAPs Annual Scientific Program's Luncheon.

The Award is given in recognition of tireless and generous contributions to dental education and the art and science of Prosthodontics Worldwide. It goes to one whose lifetime contributions to dentistry with emphasis on prosthetic dentistry, service to the academy, to the sciences, and health professions have been outstanding.

### **Academy of Prosthodontics Fellow Dr. George Zarb receives the 2025 Harold Preiskel Lecture Award**

Please join me in congratulating Academy Fellow Dr. George Zarb for receiving the 2025 Harold Preiskel lecture award. This biennial accolade is made in recognition of outstanding and exceptional contributions to the field of prosthodontics. The prize is associated with the Harold Preiskel Lecture to be delivered by Dr. Zarb at the upcoming Biennial ICP meeting in Toronto.

Dr. Zarb's remarkable career as an educator, clinician, research worker, author, lecturer and scholar exemplifies the highest standards of excellence in our field. His lifelong dedication to advancing prosthodontics through innovative research and teaching has made a profound impact on countless professionals and patients.

### **Academy of Prosthodontics Fellows Recognized by the ACP**

The ACP has announced its 2024 Awards of Distinction. Please join me in congratulating the following AP fellows whose significant

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contributions to our specialty and profession continue to make us proud:

### **Distinguished Researcher Award:**

Dr. Kenneth Malament

### **Private Practice Prosthodontist Award:**

#### **Region 7:**

Dr. Izchak Barzilay

### **Dan Gordon Lifetime Achievement Award:**

Dr. Carl Driscoll ■

## Tell us your thoughts!

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## Congratulations to the New Associate Fellows and Fellows!

Congratulations to our new Associate, Active, and Life Fellows!

**New Fellows:** Fatemeh Afshari (conferred), Luca Cordaro (Elected), Konstantinos Chochlidakis (Conferred), Jenn Wiens-Priebe (Conferred), Judy Yuan (Conferred)

**New Associate Fellows:** Marco Ferrari (Elected), Sarah Lee (Conferred), Sang Lee (Elected), Frank Tuminelli (Elected), Amirali Zandinejad (Elected), Mariam Margvelashvili-Malament (Conferred)

**New Life fellows:** Ana Diaz-Arnold (Conferred although absent from meeting) Jack Gerrow (Elected), Carol Lefebvre (Conferred), Thomas McGarry (Elected), Jeffrey Rubenstein (Conferred)

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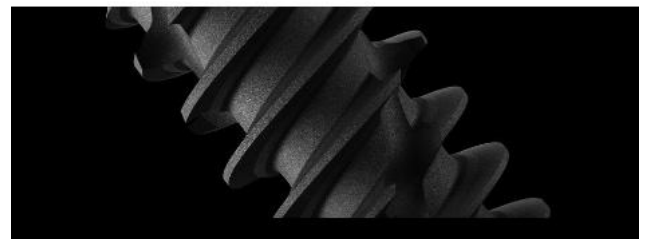
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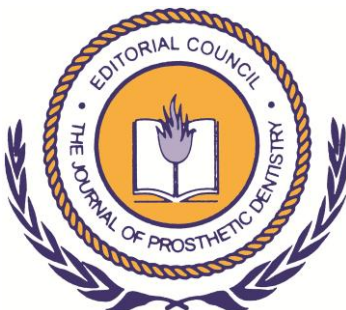
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