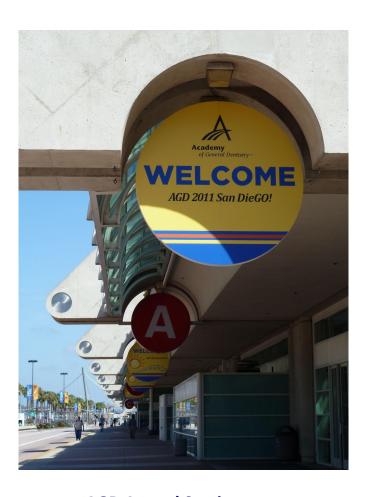


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dr. Ray Moy

Does a Mid-Level Provider Solve Dental Problems?

I enjoy history! I learned an interesting tidbit some years ago while visiting Tennessee. It was during a tour of the Hermitage, the ancestral home of Andrew Jackson. The costumed re-enactor told us of life during that part of our country's history. He explained that Law schools did not exist at the time. Aspiring lawyers first had to clerk with an established lawyer. After a "suitable period of time", and when the lawyer felt that the candidate was ready, an oral exam was given. The lawyer selected a portion of law and the candidate was to interpret its meaning and application. If the reading was correctly interpreted, then the lawyer would literally write the license to practice law for the candidate. Obviously, it was not a very uniform or objective procedure. It continued this way until the establishment of law colleges and the enactment of state authority to grant licenses. The curriculum established by the law colleges thereafter provided a standardization of training and a level of competence tested by the bar exam.



Along the same lines, the establishment of dental colleges provided a standardized framework for training aspiring dentists. A clinical examination of the skills of the graduating dental students determined whether they graduated or not. More recently, dental schools graduates had to successfully complete a board examination with both written and clinical aspects in order to qualify for licensure. This model for dental education has been successful for many decades. As a profession, we provide great benefits for our patients. In spite of this, there are those who have proposed a different way to provide dental care. In general, this new "midlevel provider" would be allowed to perform irreversible procedures upon the general population. In truth, the curriculum for training this position has not been formalized. Proponents of the creation of this position believe that it would 1) increase access to care, 2) reduce costs and 3) provide the same level of professional care as has previously been available.

The access to care issue has been around for some time. Certain geographic areas whether economically depressed or sparsely populated do not have enough dentists. That is the opinion of our government. Realistically, if an area can not feasibly support a dental practice, then a dental practice will not be present. Would a midlevel provider be able to establish and maintain a presence in such a location? Such a provider would be subject to the same economic fundamentals as a licensed dentist. Would these providers not leave these areas? When this occurs, then these areas would once again be lacking dental care. This should be apparent to even a casual observer. Yes, there are state and federal programs in place to pay the bill for the disadvantaged. However, many times the reimbursement levels do not cover the costs of providing the care. In actuality, the issue is not about the lack of dentists but rather the lack of funding for these programs.

The initial cost of care will probably be less, but the level of care will be reduced. Lacking the full education of a dentist, issues and problems would likely be missed. I leave it to you to draw you own conclusion.

I urge all to reject this midlevel provider model because it would say in essence that there are now two standards of care. We have to tell our elected officials that this not acceptable.

Welcome New Members!

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A CAPWIZ RECAP

Why did you join the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD)? If you're like most of our members, you wanted access to high-quality continuing dental education (CE) or you wanted someone to represent your interests on important issues. It's possible that one was your initial reason for joining the AGD, and the other has become more important to you as you've built your practice.

As the AGD approaches its 60th anniversary, it remains committed to offering its members quality CE and representing members' interests to groups within and outside of dentistry. As a result, advocacy on behalf of general dentists has become even more critical at both the federal and state legislative levels, in part because of:

- + Increased efforts to introduce new types of dental care providers;
- + The introduction of objectives and strategies relating to oral health objectives by federal agencies and other national organizations;
- + The ongoing evolution of the health care delivery system as a result of changes contained in health care reform legislation; and
- + Efforts to maintain electronic patient records.

The AGD can only be a successful advocate for you if we have your support. One easy, yet effective, way for members to get involved in the AGD's advocacy efforts is to contact their legislators in response to pending votes and major initiatives. In recent months, you may have received emails urging you to use Capwiz to contact your legislators and voice your opinion on matters that will affect your patients and your practice.

What is Capwiz?

Capwiz is an online communication vehicle that allows members—and even their colleagues and patients—to share their opinions about important topics with their state and federal legislators.

Where do I find it?

<u>Capwiz</u> is available under the "Advocacy" tab on the AGD's website. To use this function, click "Government Relations," and then select the "Contact Lawmakers" tab.

How do I get started?

Just enter the basic information requested and Capwiz will automatically tell you the names and political affiliations of your local and national leaders. It will also save your contact information and automatically populate those fields the next time you go online to respond to an action alert.

Each time the AGD issues an action alert, members can click through to an email message suitable for sending to a legislator. Members are welcome to customize those messages and are encouraged to share relevant personal stories as customizing the email can make the message much more meaningful to legislators. Even an email message that has been changed only slightly can lead to an "aha!" moment that may prompt a legislator to see an issue in a different light.

How do I use it? And when do I use it?

The AGD's lobbyist in Washington, D.C., offers recommendations regarding when to issue a national action alert, typically in response to an upcoming vote on legislation that will impact patients and providers. For local/state concerns, constituent leaders work in conjunction with AGD Headquarters' staff to develop and release action alerts in response to upcoming votes.

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How long does it take?

It takes just a few minutes to enter your ZIP code and contact information into the Capwiz system. After that, it's up to you. You can spend just a few minutes and send the message exactly as it's written, or you can opt to take the time to personalize your message by including relevant information or a personal experience that explains why you feel the way you do.

Does Capwiz really have an impact?

It can, but only if you use it. Once you contact your legislators, you may receive an automatic message letting you know that your email was received and thanking you for sharing your views

Recently, one AGD member did some research to find out the name of the person on his congressman's staff who monitors health care issues. He directed his letter to that individual and within a few days received a telephone call asking him to be on an advisory board for health care issues. He was also asked to submit names of professionals for the congressman's advisory board committee.

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STATE	TOTAL ACTIVISTS	TOTAL ADVOCACY MESSAGES	# OF MEMBERS AS OF JUNE 15, 2011	PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS TAKING ACTION
ID (Idaho)	102	295	130	78.46
MN (Minnesota)	90	245	426	21.13
MD (Maryland)	203	1559	965	21.04
VT (Vermont)	14	43	67	20.90
CO (Colorado)	89	236	427	20.84
NH (New Hampshire)	31	189	149	20.81
IA (Iowa)	51	173	266	19.17
KY (Kentucky)	29	71	154	18.83
UT (Utah)	40	113	225	17.78
AZ (Arizona)	106	247	603	17.58
MO (Missouri)	93	241	536	17.35
NV (Nevada)	35	90	207	16.91
MA (Massachusetts)	101	294	636	15.88
ND (North Dakota)	6	10	38	15.79
MT (Montana)	20	65	127	15.75
CA (California)	350	959	2246	15.58
NJ (New Jersey)	226	747	1492	15.15
IL (Illinois)	253	785	1689	14.98
VA (Virginia)	200	550	1355	14.76
AR (Arkansas)	23	62	156	14.74
NC (North Carolina)	124	348	879	14.11
IN (Indiana)	56	185	402	13.93
NE (Nebraska)	20	59	144	13.89
TX (Texas)	333	819	2419	13.77
WA (Washington)	123	390	894	13.76
SD (South Dakota)	7	18	51	13.73
TN (Tennessee)	62	197	453	13.69
OH (Ohio)	97	291	711	13.64
OK (Oklahoma)	32	92	235	13.62
KS (Kansas)	30	84	223	13.45
CT (Connecticut)	63	178	478	13.18
RI (Rhode Island)	11	45	84	13.10
PA (Pennsylvania)	245	710	1883	13.01
HI (Hawaii)	20	67	156	12.82
WI (Wisconsin)	66	188	517	12.77
LA (Louisiana)	66	180	518	12.74
FL (Florida)	213	578	1674	12.72
GA (Georgia)	121	321	969	12.49
NY (New York)	273	880	2290	11.92
WY (Wyoming)	5	18	44	11.36
NM (New Mexico)	21	84	185	11.35
AK (Alaska)	13	28	115	11.30
MI (Michigan)	129	414	1194	10.80
AL (Alabama)	69	173	655	10.53
MS (Mississippi)	20	66	190	10.53
OR (Oregon)	80	201	840	9.52
ME (Maine)	15	38	163	9.20
SC (South Carolina)	48	145	527	9.11
DE (Delaware)	12	28	134	8.96
WV (West Virginia)	12	56	188	6.38
DC (District of Columbia)	2	3	101	1.98
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How Does Your Constituent Rate?

How does your constituent rate in terms of member participation in action alerts? Use the table below to get a general idea as to how involved you and your colleagues are: keep in mind that these figures detail members' responses to national action alerts and any local (state) action alerts that may have been issued. The time period included is from Jan. 1, 2010, through June 15, 2011.

Dr. Kozelka's UIC White Coat Remarks

Dean Graham, U of I professors and staff, honored guests, parents and families, and new colleagues.

Thank you for the opportunity to address you.

DMD Class of 2015 and IDDP students, I am here to congratulate you on your success in the world of dental education, but more importantly I am here to thank you for your altruism. Yes, that is correct, your altruism. You are some of the brightest and most capable young men and women in our world. You have worked extremely hard to reach this point in dentistry. You might have chosen to take other paths; paths where you would be capable of making a far greater financial success. You might have chosen to enter the financial industry or business, but you chose Dentistry. Yes, as a dentist you definitely have the opportunity to make a comfortable living. Some of you may go on to be wealthy, but that is not why you chose to be a dentist. Whether you are aware of it or not, at this point in your careers you have chosen a path to help people, to care for others, to relieve pain, to make the world a better place. You have chosen the path of altruism. And for this, we thank you!

Your preparation for a dental career is not going to be easy. You will encounter many obstacles, but you will find it a very satisfying one.

You did not get here alone. You needed help and support. Your family, friends, teachers and others have made the path more manageable. Your decision to attend the U of I is a superior one. In my opinion, you will receive the finest dental education available in this country here. But this formal dental education will only take you so far.

Dentistry is a very technique oriented profession.

Having grown up in the computer- social networking generation, you understand better than most how rapidly thing change in our world. Miss a step and you are lost.

Your dental skills are no different. If you don't stay current with the latest changes in materials and techniques, you will quickly fall behind in your skills.

Today you are honored and awarded a white coat; a white coat signifying your commitment to your new profession. In four years you will graduate. Your continued professional development will become your soul personal responsibility. You have a moral and professional obligation to provide your patients with the best, most up-to-date dental care available.

As in all aspects of life, people have varied interests. Dentists do not all focus on the same aspects of the profession. Should your interests be toward general dentistry, a specialty, a sub- specialty, or any area of your desire to understand better, the dental profession has a place and a need for your exceptional talents.

I urge you to explore your professional associations. Learning, training and skill development do not end upon graduation. It is my challenge to you to become a life-long learner. For me, the AGD provides me with the opportunities and the requirement to continue to be the most complete dentist I can be.

My point....be involved....continue to learn....it will make your life better....it will make the lives of your patients better....and most importantly, our world will be a better place because of you and your commitment to our esteemed profession.

Thank you, congratulations and welcome to the dental profession.

UIC College of Dentistry Class of 2015



UIC White Coat Ceremony



(L-R) Drs. Pendleton, Mendex, Everett, Wachtenheim, Mora and Kozelka



(L-R) Drs. Wachtenheim, Everett, Mora, Kozelka and Lao



(L-R) Mr. Everett, Drs. Carol Everett and Cheryl Mora



(L-R) Dr. Pendleton, Jay Landers and Dr. Kozelka



(L-R) ISDS Foundation Executive Director Jay Landers, Drs. Elliott, Bitter, Beard and Kozelka

The Adventure Continues.....

By Dr. Curt Mitchem, President CIAGD

I wish I had some fantastic story to give of why you haven't seen this update from the CIAGD in recent editions of the Advisor. The fact is, I have just been slacking in my duties. Well there is the fact that we have a new grandson in the family. My oldest son has graduated from college. Thank goodness, one tuition payment is completed, also we recently celebrated my dad's 80th birthday. Hmmm, it sounds like we have had a pretty good year. OK, it's time to get back to the reason we are here to get updated on the current events and future meetings with CIAGD.

Our June meeting was great with the speaking duo of Dr. Joe Massad and Dr. Richard June. They taught us a new technique for denture impressions using a combination of heavy, medium and light body PVS material. I have been using the Accudent alginate impression material system for years with pretty good success but there is always the 1-2 a year that I just can't seem to get the result I'm looking for. One line stuck in my head during the lecture. Dr. Massad said: You can't just use anatomy; it must be combined with functionality. That's the part I've been missing and when

you take these functional impressions, all of the guess work is gone. Your vertical dimension is spot on as well as exactly where we need to place the teeth so they sit in the zone of neutrality and the tongue and cheeks aren't kicking them all over the place. This was a great course and if you are still working with denture patients I would recommend looking into this technique.

November's meeting will be Dr. Jun Lim on Periodontics. This is a master track program so sign up soon for the 2 day course, because the hands on portion of the classes do fill up. The March 2012 meeting is Dr. David Clark on composite restorations and the use of the Bio Clear matrix system for closing diastemas and creating the invisible margin for those tough anterior esthetic cases. I'm looking forward to both courses.

Well thanks for the time and I hope you can join us in Alton for our next meeting. It's always good when friends can get together and discuss what is going on in their corners of the world. I look forward to seeing you there.

New Dental School Class

By Dr. William Kisker

This fall Midwestern University in Downers Grove, IL will welcome its first dental school class to the Illinois campus. Midwestern University is a health sciences school that has been operating a dental school in Glendale, AZ since 2008. The new College of Dental Medicine – Illinois (CDMI) will matriculate 125 first year students in the fall of 2011. This is the first dental school to open in Illinois in over 30 years.

Midwestern University decided to open a new dental school in Illinois because they felt that there were many Illinois residents seeking dental education outside the state. With the closing of Northwestern University's dental school almost 10 years ago there have only been two dental schools in Illinois graduating just over 125 students per year in total. The opening of Midwestern University's dental school will nearly double the number of new dentists graduating in Illinois each year.

Upcoming Events

AGD

National-Annual Meeting

2012 June 16-24 Philadelphia, PA2013 June 23-30 Nashville, TN

April 16-17, 2012 Washington DC Conference (A Great Dentist Goes to Washington)

Case Presentation Winner Goes to San Diego

By Dr. Denise Maniakouris

On July 28, 2011 I had the honor of attending the Academy of General Dentistry's Annual Meeting in San Diego, California.

As a third year dental student at the University of Illinois, Chicago (UIC), I had the opportunity to participate in a case presentation "competition" Help by members of the Illinois Academy of General Dentistry (IAGD). Along with five other classmates, I was able to present the members of IAGD a patient case in which I treatment planned and fabricated a maxillary and mandibular partial. The case involved replacement of anterior teeth in the esthetic zone (teeth #8 and #9). Mesial inclination of teeth #7 and #10 hindered optimal alignment of the partial denture teeth. As a result, the denture teeth were acceptably positioned labially to accommodate the limited space. However, although this result was acceptable, I was unsatisfied with it and decided to reposition the denture teeth with enameloplasty of teeth #7 and #10 to gain space. The ultimate result yielded a prosthesis that was accepted and pleasing to the patient and me.

The IAGD members awarded me for the efforts I made to learn and correct my mistakes and to ensure patient satisfaction. As the case presentation winner, I was offered the chance to attend the Annual Academy of the General Dentistry

Conference in San Diego. This was an opportunity I was honored to accept and could not pass up!

Today, as a first year pediatric dental resident at UIC, I found the timing of the AGD conference to be impeccable. At the start of a busy residency, I was relieved to take some time to attend the AGD conference in San Diego

At the conference I was able to attend seminars such as "Bright Smiles" and "Yikes! There's a child in my chair." I was also able to attend the general assembly meetings and learn about the academy on a national level. Not to mention, I was able to see the new Fellows cross the stage as they were awarded for their achievements. The conference was capped with a dinner cruise along the harbor where I was able to talk with past and present members while enjoying the beautiful San Diego skyline.

Overall, the San Diego conference left a lasting impression. More than the information that I learned at the conference and exhibits, I came away with the friendships that I made among the IAGD members. The members of the IAGD made me feel more than welcome and helped me learn more about AGD. I am grateful for this opportunity and would like to extend my sincerest thank you to the members of IAGD that helped make all this possible.

Students and Judges



Seated (L-R): Dr. Sy Wachtenheim, Dr.KateLimardi, Scott Schwartz, Amrita Rakala, Andrea Venizelos Standing (L-R): Dr. Theresa Lao, Mrs. Cindy Tatro, Dr. David Kumamoto, Dr. R. Tatro, Michael Rabinowitz, Greg Bobak, Zachary Young.



Students (L-R): Greg Boback, Andrea Venizelos, Scott Schwartz, Amrita Rakala, Zachary Young, Michael Rabinowitz

AWARD 2

UIC Case Presentation Awards

AWARD 1



Dr. Kate Limardi, Michael Rabinowitz

(L-R): Greg Boback, Dr. R. Tatro, Scott Schwartz

AWARD 3



Amrita Rakala, Dr. Richard Tatro





Seated (L-R): Scott Schwartz, Michael Rabinowitz, Andrea Venizelos, Amrita Rakala Standing (L-R): Drs. Marta Jano, Marta Speakman, Sue Mayer, Sy Wachtenheim, Scott Miller, Richard Tatro, Kate Limardi and students Scott Schwartz, Greg Bobak

AGD Fellowship, Membership and LLSR Awards

A Convocation ceremony to honor the new AGD Fellows and Masters took place on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the Marriott Convention Center in San Diego, California. Fellowship and Mastership in the Academy of General Dentistry are prestigious symbols of dentistry's continual journey toward improvement and progress. Masters and Fellows of the Academy embody the Academy's principles and ideals accept an obligation to continually prove themselves worthy of the designation throughout their professional life.

To earn Fellowship, dentists must be Academy members for three consecutive years, earn a minimum of 500 approved continuing education credits, pass a comprehensive 400-question examination and attend a Convocation ceremony.

To attain Mastership, members must be Fellows in the

To attain Mastership, members must be Fellows in the Academy who have earned an additional 600 approved continuing education credits, meeting the minimum requirements in each of the dental disciplines. In addition, 400 of the required credits must be in participation courses, where skills are learned through manipulation of dental materials. The final requirement of Mastership is to attend a Convocation ceremony. In the Academy's 56-year history 15,335 members have earned Fellowship and 2,819 have received Mastership, one of the Academy's most prestigious awards.

During this year's convocation ceremony, 322 members received their Fellowship, 119 received Mastership, and 20 received their Life Long Learning and Service Recognition. This annual ceremony is the profession's most regal event. It continues an annual tradition set in 1962, when the first 20 Fellows of the Academy of General Dentistry received their awards

at a small dinner ceremony following a course presentation and business meeting.

The Fellows and Masters honored this year represent a commitment to lifelong learning and support for the mission of the Academy, "to serve the needs and to represent the interests of general dentists and to foster their continued proficiency through quality continuing dental education in order to better serve the public."

The following is a list of the newly honored Illinois Fellows and Masters that participated in the convocation ceremony this month in San Diego, California:

Illinois (Fellows)

John S. Aiello, DDS, FAGD, Westchester, Carol Ann Everett, DDS, FAGD, Berwyn, Bret B. Gilsdorf, DDS, FAGD, Libertyville, Zaineb Saiyeda Jafry, DDS, FAGD, Wayne, Abbas H. Merchant, DDS, FAGD, Glenview, Joseph D. Rubis, DDS, FAGD, Plainfield, and Mohammed Salamah, DDS, FAGD, Naperville.

Illinois (Masters) None

The Illinois Academy of General Dentistry (IAGD) would like to offer their sincere congratulations to the 2011 Fellows, and to their families for providing the support and encouragement to reach this goal.

If you have questions regarding this announcement, you may contact Deborah Noordhoff, IAGD Executive Secretary, at 815-493-2500.



Seated (L-R): Drs. Jafry and Everett Middle Row (L-R): Drs. Mora, Bishop, Wachtenheim and Lao Standing (L-R): Drs. Aiello, Merchant, Gilsdorf and Rubis



Seated (L-R): Drs. Jafry and Everett Standing (L-R): Drs. Merchant, Aiello and Gilsdorf



Seated (L-R): Dr.Zaineb Jafry. Dr. Carol Everett Standing (L-R): Dr. J. Scott Aiello, Dr. Abbas Merchant, Dr. Brent Gilsdorf, Dr. Joseph Rubis

2011 Constituent of the Year Awards

By Deb Noordhoff, IAGD Executive Secretary

On Tuesday morning, July 26, 2011 at the Academy of General Dentistry (AGD) Annual Meeting, during the House of Delegates (HOD), winners of the Constituent Awards were announced. The meeting took place at the Marriott Convention Center in San Diego, California. Awards are broken down into membership size categories so that winners can be more fairly chosen. The Illinois AGD is in the largest membership category of over 1000 members, and received several awards. Constituents may apply for the overall Constituent of the Year Award, as well as individual categories including Advocacy, Membership, ACE, Public Information, and CE Award of Excellence. Applications must be submitted for the previous year's activities, and submitted to the AGD Headquarters in Chicago by mid April of the current year. The awards received this year by the Illinois AGD included winner of the Public Information Award, and honorable mention for the Membership, ACE, and CE Awards.

The Regional Directors and AGD Councils and Committees previously have requested that AGD create a universal application that would apply to all awards. Regional Directors work with the Chairs of the Communications, Dental Education, Legislative and Governmental Affairs, Membership, and Public Relations Councils to review and continually improve the application. Each Council sets the criteria for its respective award and is responsible for selecting the winners. The Advocacy Award recognizes constituents actively involved in advocating for general dentists. The Membership Award recognizes constituents

that have gone above and beyond the call of duty in their recruitment and retention efforts. The ACE Award recognizes constituents that have excelled in newsletter publishing. Newsletters are evaluated by impartial judges who are not affiliated with the AGD. Points earned for the ACE award will be determined by the Publications Review Council. The Public Information Award recognizes efforts in public information and public relations. The Continuing Education Award recognizes constituents with exemplary continuing education.

Since the Illinois AGD was the winner of the Public Information Award this year, I would like to elaborate on this award. Dr. Dawood Harunani has been the Public Information Officer (PIO) for the past several years. While he was participating in the AGD Foundation Fun Run/Walk 5K during the AGD Annual Meeting a few years ago, he came up with an idea. Dr. Harunani decided that Illinois should start informing the public through the use of Face Book and Twitter, as well as the media outlets on a weekly basis. He gave this task to the Illinois AGD Executive Secretary, Deborah Noordhoff. During the past year weekly or biweekly updates have been entered on the IAGD page of Face Book and on Twitter. She has also disseminated various information through the AGD e-blast service and through Vocus, a program that can quickly send information via e-mail to news group outlets. We hope that you have enjoyed being updated with current AGD issues and have benefited by the information supplied.

Humanitarian Award

Tuesday, July 26, 2011: Dr. Fred Margolis Receives AGD Humanitarian Award Featured in AGD News, July 2011



On Tuesday morning, following the First Session of the House of Delegates, Fred Margolis, DDS, received the AGD Humanitarian Award. Dr. Margolis has served as the chairperson of the Chicago Special Olympics Special Smiles program for the past 18 years, and has been the staff dentist for Glenkirk Campus for developmentally challenged children and the Center on Deafness in Northbrook, Ill. Il am proud to be an associate member of the Academy of General Dentistry as a pediatric dentist," he said. It hank all of you, my friends and family, for the love and support you have given me. May the AGD go from strength to strength."

MWU CDMI Orientation

By Dr. Theresa Lao

During the orientation week of Midwestern University's College of Dental Medicine in Illinois (MWU CDMI), their inaugural class was introduced to organized dentistry. CDMI's Dean Lex MacNeil stressed to his students the importance organized dentistry has in our profession and stated that the MWU recognizes this, and wants their students to be exposed to this as early as possible in their career.

Dean MacNeil welcomed speakers and guests from the Illinois AGD, Chicago AGD, American Dental Association, Illinois State Dental Society and Chicago Dental Society. Present from IAGD were Drs. Ray Moy, Carolyn Demas and Theresa Lao Also attending was Mr. Randy Grove, Executive Director of ISDS, Ms. Kathy Ridley, ISDS Director of Education and Membership, along with ISDS President-Elect Dr. Robert Bitter.and CDS President Dr. Ian Elliot. Dr. Joe Hagenbruch represented the ADA. Dr. MacNeil introduced all these guests to MWU CDMI's inaugural class on August 31, 2011 in MWU's Littlejohn Hall. IAGD President Dr. Ray Moy focused on maintaining professionalism and integrity in

their chosen field, but also to remember to keep a solid balance between our life's work and family life. In the question and answer session that followed, Dr. Moy illustrated the impact of advocacy from professional organizations, which was a key to re-directing the Red Flags Rule recently.

Dr. Carolyn Demas, Chicago AGD President, spoke to the students about continuing education opportunities. She conceded that it may be something that they may not be concerned with at this point, but that they need to realize that there will be advancements in technology and knowledge during their career; that they will need to be aware and change too.

CDMI"S Dr. Frank Licari, Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, led the group on a tour of their newly opened Science Hall's second floor, where the dental school is housed. The new state of the art Simulation Lab is ready for the 131 students that will be MWU CDMI's Class of 2015.



Dr. Ray Moy



(L-R): Dr. Moy, Dean MacNeil and Dr. Carolyn Demas



(L-R): Dr. Moy, Dr. Demas, Dean MacNeil and Dr. Elliot



Drs. Demas, Sullivan, Bitter, Elliott and Licari



Dr. Carolyn Demas



(L-R): Dr. Demas, Kathy Ridley and Dr. Hagenbaruch



Dr. Joe Hagenbaruch



(L-R): Dr. Hagenbaruch, Dr. Sullivan, Kathy Ridley, Dr. Moy, Dean McNeil and Dr. Demas



(L-R): Drs. Demas, Hagenbaruch, Sullivan, Bitter, Elliott, and Licari

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Dr. Wachtenheim and Edie G'Sell



Seated (L-R): Drs. Bishop and Kozelka Standing (L-R): Drs. Mora, Wachtenheim and Lao



(L-R): Drs. Hess, Wachtenheim and Bishop





Dr. Carol and Mr. Everett



Dr. and Mrs. J. Scott Aiello





Drs. Wachtenheim and Saeed



(L-R): Drs. Lao, Mora and Maniakouris



(L-R): AGD Executive Director Chuck McFarland, Drs. Ghareeb, Harunani, Cole and ASDA President Ken Randle

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Seated (L-R): Susie Margolis, Drs. Margolis, Bishop, Zehak, Silfies, Moy and Wachtenheim Standing (L-R): Deb Noordhoff, Drs. Skreko, Demas, Kozelka, Mora, Hess, Saeed, Ashton, Cam Moy and Terri Hess



(L-R): Drs. Lao, Mora, Margolis and Bishop



Drs. Theresa Lao and Manuel Cordero



(L-R): Drs. Lao, Hess and Silfies



Dr. Denise Maniakouris



Dr. Susan Bishop



Drs. Lao and Margolis



(L-R): Dr. and Mrs. Moy and the Margolis Family

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