Dr. Rick Sawers

Hello Everyone,

Welcome to my first Presidents’ report. I am delighted to have been appointed President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, only the second Australian to hold this office. It amazes me that a man from the Australian semi-desert bush country would be able to become a dentist (my family members were sheep pastoralists for generations), and to then be recognized as a Pierre Fauchard Academy Fellow and rise to this position. It is a pleasure to be able to serve the Academy in this way and I am really looking forward to the year ahead.

The Atlanta meeting was excellent. The executive committee met first to complete planning for the meetings and events, and then the Board of Trustees met to review the past year and engage in planning for future years. The Awards luncheon was well attended, as was the dinner, and the convivial atmosphere encouraged social engagement between the Fellows and their partners. I thank Dr. Gerri Ferris for the wonderful Sunday brunch, and would also like to acknowledge the great work done by our Executive Director, Loralie Lowder and her Executive Assistant, Kayla Shoemaker. Dr. Terry Brewick’s attention to detail ensured the events were successful and the support provided by Dr. Lynne Halik and helpers was wonderful. I also thank our sponsor, Burkhart Dental, for its support for the meeting and have written to thank them personally.

We lost Immediate Past President Dr. Mike Schafhauser, who retired from the Board on completion of his term. Mike has been a great member of the PFA leadership team and his knowledge of the Constitution, bylaws and parliamentary process will be missed by us all. The Oral Health Foundation has “grabbed” Mike to sit on their Board and I know they (and we) will benefit from his presence. Dr. Barry Feder has moved into the position of Past President and will continue to help the Board and executive committee with his knowledge of the Academy and his ability to attend section meetings. He provided the Academy with terrific leadership and, together with Kristi, made a great team that brought wonderful support to all of the Regions they visited. Dr. Terry Brewick is now our Vice President and we will gain from his extensive knowledge of the Academy. Dr. Hal Hale has replaced him as Trustee for Region 10 and was able to attend the meeting as an observer. We have also lost Dr. Francisco Omar Campos from the board as he has completed his term as Trustee for Latin America (Region 7). Omar will be missed by us all, and the Board has benefitted from his gracious meeting style and advocacy for his Region. He will be replaced by Dr. Louis Felipe Jiminez, whom we are all looking forward to meeting next May.

I would also like to acknowledge the support given to the Academy by the Oral Health Foundation and especially the President, Dr. Gary Lowder. The relationship between the two bodies is on a strong footing, thanks to his guidance and support for the Academy. Gary has completed his term as President and this position is now held by Dr. Howie Mark. We have committed to maintaining the close relationship and look forward to working with him. I also acknowledge the work, friendship and support of the Foundation Executive Director, Jennifer Teale.

My first official meeting occurred in Matsushima, Japan, where my wife Bec and I attended the 48th meeting of the Japan Section of the Academy, together with Dr. Armyl Bañez (Region 9 Trustee) and his wife Myrna. It was a great meeting ably chaired by Dr. Yamagami, Chair of the Japan Section. The meeting was developed by Dr. Yamamoto who is from Sendai, the nearest large city. She was a wonderful host and met us at the Sendai railway station to ensure we were on the correct train to Matsushima. The town and coastline is beautiful and we delighted in visits to the shops, temples and the terrific seafood. During the meeting, I was able to present the copy of the Hall of Fame plaque to Emeritus Professor Toshio Morioka who has been admitted to the PFA Hall of Fame for his extensive work in, and dedication to, dentistry throughout the world and especially in Japan and Korea. It was a delight to be able to present this to him and he was quite overcome by the recognition. At the meeting of the Japan Section,
As we settle in to winter in Michigan, I am sitting by the fire with a cup of hot chocolate thinking about this past year for the Pierre Fauchard Academy. We have come a long way in 2017, and have added more than 350 new Fellows to the Academy in the last year. Our worldwide membership now includes almost 11,000 Fellows. We have been working hard to grow all of our sections, with a special emphasis internationally, including the following:

- The induction of Fellows in Region 12, our new region which covers Africa.
- Efforts by our Trustee for Europe, Dr. Sami Nikolakakos, have made it possible for our Academy to grow quickly in Europe.
- A great deal of expansion and growth in Asia, including in China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Malaysia, Pakistan and Uzbekistan.
- We have also seen growth in membership in the United States. Several section chair vacancies have been filled in areas that had been vacant for some time.

The dedication and hard work of Fellows, Section Chairs and Trustees has paid off. We all share the common goal of making the Academy great. It was a pleasure working under the leadership of Dr. Barry Feder last year and I look forward working with our new President, Dr. Rick Sawers, this year.

Respectfully submitted,

—DR. CHERI S. NEWMAN
President-elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
From the Desk of the

Vice President

I am humbled and honored to be elected Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. I pledge to work diligently for our Academy for the years to come. For the past four years I have served as Trustee for Region 10. The Section Chair from Kansas, Dr. Hal E. Hale, of Wichita, KS will assume the position of Trustee for Region 10. Hal is very active in the American Dental Association and Past President of the Kansas Dental Association. He has completely re-built the Kansas Section and will do a superb job of servicing the Academy as its Region 10 Trustee. In addition to my previous duties as Trustee, I co-chaired the Annual Meeting in Atlanta with our wonderful Executive Director, Loralie Lowder. I would like to thank Loralie for her dedication to our Academy. It was at our Annual Award function that the Academy presented Dr. John Kois with the Fauchard Gold Medal Award. As a graduate and mentor of the prestigious Kois Center in Seattle, WA, it was my immense pleasure to see Dr. Kois receive the top award that the Academy can bestow on an American Dentist.

Please know that I am available for any question about the Academy. I can be contacted via e-mail at tbrewick@govparkdental.com. I look forward to meeting many of you over the next four years.

Best Regards,

— Dr. Terry Brewick
Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the

Immediate Past President

Seattle right before Thanksgiving in the US—and it’s raining! No surprise there! I thought I’d take this opportunity to let you all know what occurred during the past few months. In August, I attended the reorganization of the Montana Section under the leadership of our Section Chair, Roger Keisling. Seven new Fellows were inducted, and each tasked with bringing two new Fellows to the section meeting next year. Roger held the induction ceremony in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Corps of Discovery Continuing Education Seminar at his house on the Missouri River—a beautiful setting. In September, I represented our Academy at the annual FDI meeting in Madrid. Loralie Lowder, Armyl Bañez, Gerri Ferris, Ghabi Kaspo and Sami Nikolakakos were present. As you know, my main focus over the last year was two-fold: Strengthen our International Sections and Districts, and make the Central Office more efficient and responsive. International representation of PFA at FDI is important. I think it’s very interesting that the current FDI President, Kathy Kell, the past two presidents and the President-elect are all PFA Fellows. Our presence at FDI gives our members another forum for an international meeting and induction ceremony. The contacts made at FDI are also invaluable for our organization.

Our Central Office, under the direction of our Executive Director, Loralie Lowder has become much more streamlined and efficient in answering inquiries made by our Fellows worldwide. Our website is easier to use and contains lots of Academy information. We have also added one full-time employee and another part-time employee. I believe our Central Office is more responsive than ever, which is saying a lot when you reflect that we are an International organization in over ninety countries and have a membership roll of almost eleven thousand Fellows. I’d like to take this opportunity to tell you how important international collegiality and interpersonal contacts amongst PFA Fellows can be. I have made friends all over the world simply by emailing section chairs when I know I will be in their country and seeing about getting together for coffee, lunch or dinner. Personal (and professional) relationships are incredibly important in this age of email and social media, and help to cement our profession worldwide and lead to a better understanding of international relationships. I would urge you all to make similar connections through our Academy.

At the ADA annual meeting in Atlanta (another forum for local and international inductions) I turned over leadership of our Academy to Rick Sawers, from Adelaide, Australia. I know he will do a great job, and will support him any way I can. I would also like to congratulate Cheri Newman, who becomes our President-elect, and Terry Brewick on his election as Vice President. Thank you to the entire Board of Trustees for all their hard work and support this past year, it would have been impossible to do this job without them. Special thanks to Loralie Lowder, for tirelessly doing an incredible job in running this organization and helping me out countless times.

Well, that’s about it from Seattle. I look forward to supporting our Academy any way that I can. I want to thank you all for an incredible year and for having given me the opportunity to serve as President. I wish each and every Fellow and their families and friends a happy, safe and wonderful Holiday Season!

Respectfully submitted,

—Dr. Barry Feder
Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
Firstly, I want to thank all Fellows who attended the 2017 PFA Annual Meeting in Atlanta. We opened our Annual Session with our Board of Trustee Meeting on Friday morning. As the Executive Director, I can assure you that your PFA Board members volunteer a great deal of their personal time and effort for the Academy. The same time and dedication is given by our many Section Chairs to keep us moving forward as an organization. My sincere appreciation to all of those who make the PFA the wonderful organization and family that it is.

The PFA President’s Reception on Friday evening was absolutely wonderful! It was great to see so many PFA Fellows and friends at the reception, as well as the board members of both PFA and the Oral Health Foundation of the PFA. I want to extend a sincere thank you to PFA Fellow Dr. Kathryn Kell for coming to the reception, I am sure that as the FDI President that she had a very full schedule. I was fortunate enough to attend the 2017 FDI World Dental Congress in Madrid and was thrilled to see Dr. Kell take her place as the President of FDI.

The President’s Reception was followed by our Section Chair Caucus on Saturday morning, where there was great collaboration among the Section Chairs and Trustees from each Region. I want to welcome some of our newest Section Chairs, Dr. Tom Ochola (Kenya), Dr. Sarah Godbold Machowski (South Carolina), Dr. Kim Gardner (Ohio), Dr. Martha Keels (North Carolina), Dr. Andrea Richman (Massachusetts), Dr. Juanita Villamil-Silvey (Puerto Rico), Dr. Irving McKenzie (Jamaica), Dr. Cheryl Billingsley (Virginia) and Dr. Raymund Tanaka (Arizona).

The 81st PFA Awards Luncheon on Saturday was graced with our honored awardees: Dr. John Kois, recipient of the 2017 Fauchard Gold Medal; Mr. Chris Klamet who received the 2017 Dental Trade and Industry Award on behalf of Nobel Biocare; and, although unable to be present in Atlanta, our 2017 Elmer S. Best Award was presented to Dr. Mahesh Verma in Madrid at the PFA European Luncheon and Induction Ceremony.

The change of PFA Officers for the 2017-2018 year took place at the President’s Dinner on Sunday Night. The evening was elegant and warm, as friends and PFA Family came together to honor our outgoing and incoming Presidents. I want to thank outgoing President Dr. Barry Feder for all of the work that he did this year and for the many years before his Presidency that he served the PFA. I also want to thank Dr. Feder’s wife, Kristi Feder, for her constant support of both PFA and her husband. I also want to welcome Dr. Rick Sawers as our current PFA President and let him know that I am here to help in any way to make this another wonderful year for PFA.

Thank you to all that attended and assisted the PFA 81st Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

—LORALIE LOWDER
Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy
Dr. Rick Sawers receiving the PFA President’s medallion from Dr. Barry Feder in a way that only they could think up.

2017-2018 PFA Board of Trustees and Officers.
Back row L to R: Dr. Francisco Omar Campos, Dr. Armyl Bañez, Mr. Dan Jonker, Dr. Patrick Meaney, Dr. Denise Habjan, Dr. Ghabi Kaspo, Dr. Gerri Ferris, Dr. Ken VanMeter, Dr. Jerry Dushkin, Dr. Hal Hale, Dr. Samireh Nikolakakos, Dr. Pankaj Patel, Ms. Lorali Lowder. Front row L to R: Dr. Dan Castagna, Dr. Cheri Newman, Dr. Rick Sawers, Dr. Barry Feder, Dr. Terry Brewick.

L to R: Dr. Armyl Bañez, Dr. Jerry Dushkin, Mrs. Petty Dushkin, Mrs. Laila Kaspo, Dr. Myrna Bañez and Dr. Ghabi Kaspo.

PFA 2017-2018 President Dr. Rick Sawers and Mrs. Bec Sawers.

L to R: Immediate Past President Dr. Barry Feder, President Dr. Rick Sawers, President-elect Dr. Cheri Newman, Dr. Michael Schafhauser reading the pledge, Vice President Dr. Terry Brewick, New Region 10 Trustee Dr. Hal Hale, Treasurer Dr. Dan Castagna and New Region 2 Trustee, Dr. Ken VanMeter.
The Annual Meeting of the Pierre Fauchard Academy was held October 21 to 23, 2017 in conjunction with the American Dental Association Meeting. The Annual Luncheon and Awards Ceremony was well-attended and a great opportunity for Fellows and partners to meet again and to make acquaintance with existing and new Fellows, and Awardees. Following a welcome speech by Dr. Terry Brewick, the incoming Vice President, greetings were made by the President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, Dr. Barry Feder, and Burkhart Dental was thanked for its generous support as Sponsor.

During the Luncheon, ten new Fellows were inducted. Congratulations to Drs. Charles M. Carpenter (Pennsylvania), Jenipher Ober-Oluoch (Kenya), Johnson Wambugu (Kenya), Irving Fitz Godfrey McKenzie (Jamaica), Juanita E. Villamil Silvey (Puerto Rico), Jean Louise Creasey (California), Raymond Tanaka (Arizona), Douglas Fain (Texas), Jonathan Siebrasse (Ohio) and Mayoor Patel (Georgia). Model Section Awards were given to: Colorado, USA (Section Co-chairs Drs. Beth Kreider and Ellen Sachs); Georgia, USA (Section Chair Dr. Annette Rainge); Japan (Section Chair Dr. Akiyoshi Yamagami); Ontario, Canada (Section Chair Dr. Drew Smith); Quebec, Canada (Section Chair Dr. Sam Sgro); Southern California, USA (Section Chair Dr. John Taylor); Taiwan (Section Chair Dr. George Wen-Shao Cheng); Virginia, USA (Section Chair Dr. Cheryl Billingsley); and Western Canada (Section Chair Dr. Mitch Taillon).

The Elmer S. Best Memorial Award was established in 1962 and is presented annually to a member of the dental profession from outside of the United States who has made significant contributions to the art and science of dentistry. The 2017 Elmer S. Best Award recipient was Prof. (Dr.) Mahesh Verma. He is Director – Principal of the Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Sciences in New Delhi. This institute is declared a ‘Centre of Excellence’ and is engaged in dental education and specialized patient care.

Born on August 25, 1957, Prof. (Dr.) Verma received his Bachelor of Dental Surgery degree (BDS) from Kerala University in 1980 and a Masters in Dental Surgery (MDS) from the same University. He has been associated with dental education and patient care at Maulana Azad Medical College since 1985, and has worked in various academic positions. Dr. Verma stands out as a professional of rare eminence. He is an important member of many regulatory bodies in India, an honorary visiting faculty member to various Universities in India and abroad, a motivator and a leader in increasing public awareness and knowledge on disease prevention, and has shown the highest integrity as an administrator. He has also provided medical care to the poor and underprivileged, and has successfully held community programs every year for over two decades. Dr. Verma was the principal investigator on the prestigious project “New Millennium Indian Technology Leadership Initiative,” and responsible for developing “indigenous dental implant technology” which has since been patented and shall make quality dental implants available in India at an affordable cost.

Dr. Verma has previously been awarded the Padma Shri Award which is the fourth highest civilian award presented by the President of India, the Dr. B.C. Roy National Award, the State Award by the Delhi Government, the Vashisht Chikitsa Ratan Award by the Delhi Medical Association, and the Health Care Personality of the Year Award in 2012. In addition, he holds numerous Fellowships, including in the Royal College of Surgeons (England), the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow), the Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh), and the American College of Dentists. He is a Past President of the Indian Dental Association (National) and is also an honorary member of the American Dental Association and the British Dental Association.
The first Indian to have received this honor.

The Fauchard Gold Medal is one of the most prestigious awards in dentistry. It is presented annually to a dentist residing in the United States who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession and has truly exhibited service and merit about recognized standards. The 2017 Fauchard Gold Medal was awarded to Dr. John Kois. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania, School of Dental Medicine and his M.S.D. and Certificate in periodontal prosthodontics from the University of Washington, School of Dentistry. He maintains a private practice limited to prosthodontics in Tacoma and Seattle and is an Affiliate Professor in the graduate restorative program at the University of Washington. Dr. Kois continues to lecture nationally and internationally, is a reviewer for many journals and co-Editor in Chief for The Compendium of Continuing Education in Dentistry. Dr. Kois is the recipient of the 2002 Saul Schluger Memorial Award for Clinical Excellence in Diagnosis and Treatment Planning, and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the World Congress of Minimally Invasive Dentistry and the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry. He is also the recipient of the 2014 Dr. Thaddeus V. Weclew Award, which is presented annually to a dedicated educator who embodies the spirit of comprehensive dental care. He is a Past President of both the American Academy of Restorative Dentistry and American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, and a member of numerous other professional organizations. In addition, he continues to work with restorative dentists at the Kois Center, a didactic and clinical teaching program.

The 2017 Dental Trade and Industry Award was awarded to Nobel Biocare, a world leader in the field of innovative implant-based dental restorations – from single-tooth to fully edentulous indications, treatment planning, CAD/CAM, guided surgery solutions and biomaterials. Nobel Biocare’s goal is to empower dental professionals to give quality of life back to their patients. This philosophy is built on more than 60 years of continuous innovation, all stemming from Per-Ingvar Brånemark’s groundbreaking discovery of osseointegration in 1952. Since then, the company has helped its customers treat millions of patients. Nobel Biocare offers practical, hands-on training programs that cover every step of the treatment workflow and every stage of professional development. Taught by industry experts, these courses help you stay up-to-date with the latest trends and techniques. Nobel Biocare is part of the Danaher Corporation, a global science and technology innovator committed to helping its customers solve complex challenges and improving quality of life around the world. Its family of world-class brands have unparalleled leadership positions in some of the most demanding and attractive industries, including health care, environmental and industrial. Mr. Chris Klamet received the 2017 Dental Trade and Industry Award on behalf of Nobel Biocare at our Annual Meeting.

The 2017 Hall of Fame Award was awarded to Emeritus Professor Dr. Toshio Morioka of Japan, for his work and dedication to dentistry globally and in particular in Japan and Korea. The award was presented to Dr. Morioka by Dr. Rick Sawers (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy for 2017-2018), during his visit to the Japan Section of the Academy. The Distinguished Service Citation
was awarded to Dr. Gary W. Lowder, outgoing President of the Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Foundations, for his dedication and service to the Oral Health Foundation of the PFA. In addition, Dr. Francisco Omar Campos (outgoing Trustee for Region 7) was recognized at the Annual Meeting Luncheon and Awards Ceremony.

Canada was well-represented at the Annual Meeting of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. We were honored to have Dr. Larry Levin (President of the Canadian Dental Association) present at our Annual Meeting Awards Luncheon, together with its President-elect and our Section Chair for Western Canada, Dr. Mitch Taillon. Dr. Kevin Roach, a Past President of the Canadian Dental Association, Pierre Fauchard Academy and Oral Health Foundation of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, was also present. Of 120 sections spread across the world, nine Sections received Model Section Awards this year. I am proud to say that three of them went to Canada. Our Model Sections were Quebec (Section Chair Dr. Sam Sgro), Ontario (Section Chair Dr. Drew Smith), and Western Canada (Section Chair Dr. Mitch Taillon).
In addition, the following Canadian PFA fellows were inducted into the American College of Dentists on October 19, 2017: Drs. Debora C. Matthews (Halifax, NS), Heather Carr (Halifax, NS), Mark S. Douglas (Entobicoke, ON), Wajahat A. Khan (Kingston, ON), Janet S. Leith (Nepean, ON), Sahza Hatibovic-Kofman (London, ON), Sunita Joshi (Mississauga, ON), Joyce Ling (Vancouver, BC) and Harry W. Ames (Edmonton, AB). Congratulations to all! Please mark your calendars for our next Canadian Awards and Induction Ceremony which will be held in Charlottetown, PEI on August 24, 2018 in conjunction with the Canadian Dental Association’s annual convention. Should you wish to nominate anyone to Fellowship, please send me their name and your phone number, so that I may contact you.

Respectfully submitted,
—Jerry L. Dushkin
Trustee for Canada

The Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy celebrated its 2017 Annual Meeting in Valencia on September 30th and October the 1st and 2nd. The solemn act of induction of new academicians was chaired by Prof. Leopoldo Forner Navarro, on behalf of the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry of the University of Valencia. He was accompanied by Prof. Josep Maria Ustrell Torrent (President of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), Dr. Samy Nikolakakos (Trustee for Europe), Dr. Anna Hospital Ribas (General Secretary of the Spanish Section) and the President of the National Journals Valencia’ 2017, Dr. Hipólito Fabra Campos. Founded in 1936 in Minnesota by dentist Elmer S. Best, the Pierre Fauchard Academy is comprised of 119 Sections spread across the world, with more than 7,000 Fellows. The Spanish Section of...
the Pierre Fauchard Academy has 50 Fellows who are also members of the Spanish Dental Odontological Organization. Prof. Josep Maria Usteal Torrent, holds the position of President of the Spanish Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy for a year, and was appointed at the National Conference ‘El Burgo de Osma’ in 2016.

The Valencian stomatologist Dr. Hipólito Fabra Campos was President of the Organizing Committee of the Conference, and Past President Prof. Leopoldo Forner Navarro delivered the master class “Joaquin Sorolla y la Medicina.” The solemn act of induction of new Fellows was conducted by Dr. Felipe Garín Llombart, Honorary Director of the Prado Museum and Professor at the Polytechnic University of Valencia, and was held in the Degree Room of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Valencia. These seminars and induction ceremonies have welcomed many academics from other autonomous organizations, actively participating in the General Assembly and scientific sessions held at the Hotel Triy Valencia Oceanic. Other participants were important lecturers, including Drs. Carmen Carda Batalla, Joan Josep Guarro Miquel, María José Viñas Pinedo and Enrique Llobell Lleó, President of the Official College of Dentists of Valencia. During the solemn induction ceremony, Dr. Anna Hospital Ribas, who is a forensic stomatologist, read a summary of the curriculum vitae of the new Fellows. Our newly inducted Fellows are Dr. Carmen Carda Batalla, sponsored by Dr. Pere Riutord Sbert; Dr. Joan Josep Guarro Miquel, sponsored by Dr. Hipólito Fabra Campos; and, Dr. María José Viñas Pinedo, sponsored by Dr. Sebastiana Arroyo Bote. The next 2018 Conference will be held in Palma de Mallorca, and will be organized by Dr. Emilio Martinez-Almoyna Rullán.

Sincerely,

—Dr. Anna Hospital Ribas
General Secretary of the Spanish Section

USA
Kentucky

The Kentucky Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy met for its annual breakfast meeting on Saturday August 26, 2017 in French Lick, Indiana, in conjunction with the Kentucky American College of Dentists and International College of Dentists annual meetings. Dr. Jerry Caudill was inducted as a new Fellow into the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is the Kentucky State Dental Director, was in private practice for many years and has held leadership positions in the Academy of General Dentistry. He is also a member of the American Dental Association, the Kentucky Dental Association, the Louisville Dental Society and the American Dental Education Association. We welcome Dr. Caudill to the Pierre

L to R: Drs. Tom McConnell (Section Chair) and Jerry Caudill (new Fellow).
Greetings from the Oklahoma Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. On Friday April 28th, 2017 we held our annual meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting. We were honored to have many distinguished guests in attendance including Dr. Richard Haught (Past President of the American Dental Association), Dr. Ed Braly (President of the Oklahoma Dental Association), Ms. Lynn Mean (Executive Director of the Oklahoma Dental Association), and Dr. Raymond Cohlmia (12th District Trustee for the American Dental Association and Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry). In total, 80 Fellows and guests attended our breakfast meeting.

The Chairman’s report began with a roster update of the Oklahoma Section. We currently have 157 Fellows, including 117 active Fellows and 40 life Fellows. Following our financial report, our discussion included an overview of how to pay dues online and retrieve other information online through fauchard.org. Dr. Raymond Cohlmia introduced the 2017 PFA Scholarship winner and the PFA Senior Award winner, both of whom attend the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. Third-year student Clark Plost was this year’s scholarship winner and fourth year student Kaitlin Polk was the recipient of the senior award. Our own Fellow, Dr. Doug Auld, gave a fantastic presentation about ethical situations in the dental office. All those in attendance were very involved in the discussion of ethics and had a great time. The 2017 Distinguished Service Award for Oklahoma was presented to Dr. Rieger Wood. Dr. Wood was chairman of the first Oklahoma Mission of Mercy in 2010 and chaired the event again in 2015. He is the Assistant Director for the AEGD Program at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and a part-time clinical instructor. Rieger has received many awards in dentistry and was well deserving of the award. The highlight of the meeting was the induction of our new Fellows. We are honored to welcome to our Academy Drs. Matt Gray, Trey Homsey, Jennifer Jenkins, Sara Spurlock and Phoebe Vaughan. These are fantastic individuals who will be a true asset to the Academy.

Once again, the Oklahoma Chapter of the PFA was honored to be very involved both physically and financially with the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy (OKMOM). This is a free dental clinic for the public, sponsored by the Oklahoma Dental Association, Oklahoma Dental Foundation, and the Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation. The event was held on February 3rd and 4th, 2017 in Woodward, Oklahoma. This two-day clinic is designed to meet the oral health needs of patients of all ages by providing free dental care to as many adults and children as time, volunteers and supplies will allow. Since 2010, OKMOM has treated 13,497 patients, and in total provided $10 million worth of donated dental care. The 2018 OKMOM will be held in Durant, Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

—Tom A. McConnell
Section Chair for Kentucky
Oklahoma continued

The Southern California Section Installation was a Huge Success. Not only was Dr. Carol Gomez Summerhays our Pierre Fauchard Academy honoree, we also had the pleasure of inducting 14 new Fellows at our May 6th installation. For those of you who do not know, I moved to Southern California from Oklahoma seven years ago. That fact has little merit in the big picture with the exception that I did not “grow up” with my peers in the California Dental Association. My first awareness of who Dr. Summerhays was, well, when she was up there at “the big table” as our American Dental Association 13th District Trustee and I was down there among the masses at the 2011 California Dental Association House of Delegates. Suffice to say, this was the first time that I really got to spend time conversing with “our” American Dental Association Immediate Past President. How lucky we in the state of California are to have such a bright, genuinely talented lady among our ranks. It was an honor to be able to bestow this award upon Dr. Summerhays.

As nice as that was, I was even more proud, as Chair for the Southern California section of Pierre Fauchard Academy, to welcome 14 new Fellows. Part of my duties in the selection process is to read the Curriculum Vitae for each nominee. It is truly awe inspiring to see the level of service that each and every one of our candidates devotes in service to others. Our newly inducted Fellows are: Drs. Nissim Benbasset (San Gabriel, CA), Gregg Chan (Torrance, CA), Gary Glassband (Long Beach, CA), Ramesh Gowda (Anaheim, CA), David Guoy (San Clemente, CA), Karin Irani (Beverly Hills, CA), Lars Bjorn Jonsson (Laguna Hills, CA), Rebecca Lee (Porter Ranch, CA), Michael Madden (Culver City, CA), Steven McNicholas (Laguna Hills, CA), Edmund Munsef (San Diego, CA), Christopher Truhan (Westlake Village, CA) and Frank Wilkinson (Laguna Hills, CA).

Lastly, we had the privilege of announcing the “Teacher and Student of the Year Awards” for our local dental schools. I cannot begin to evaluate which is the bigger honor, to be nominated by your mentors or by the students you teach. Our Student of the Year from the University of California Los Angeles was Melisa Korenevsky and our Teacher of the Year was Dr. Marc Hayshi. From USC our Student of...
the Year was Bin Na and our Teacher of the Year was Dr. Christopher Truhan. From Loma Linda University, our Student of the Year was Mason Segura and our Teacher of the Year was Dr. Todd Cochran. From Western University College of Dentistry, our Student of the Year was Ho-Hyun Sun and our Teacher of the Year was Dr. James Ywom. Congratulations to all!

We had a total of 58 guests at this year’s luncheon, including our special guests Dr. Dan Castagna (Treasurer of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) and Dr. Denise Habjan (Trustee for Region 5). I also would like to thank Drs. David Richards and Christina Do for their tremendous help in presenting our program. We would love to have more of you attend our luncheon as we honor these outstanding individuals. We would also love to have more nominees. I charge each of you to find that special person who you think is a candidate for our Academy and to forward his/her name to me or the Central Office in Utah. I wish you all a great year!

Respectfully,

—John E. Taylor
Section Chair for Southern California

New Fellows and Awardees for Southern California.

Two new Fellows were inducted into the Pierre Fauchard Academy during the Tennessee Second District Dental Society Meeting on Sept. 21, 2017, in Knoxville, TN. Congratulations to Drs. Danny Adkins and Matthew Heaton, both of whom are periodontists. The Tennessee Section held a second

L to R: Drs. Zack Carden (Fellow), Karl Meyer (new Fellow), Reuben Pelot (Section Chair for Tennessee) and Jim McDaniel (Fellow).
On November 11, 2017, the Virginia Section inducted a record number of Fellows into the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Twenty-three dentists were inducted as Fellows during the lovely ceremony held in Richmond, Virginia at the exclusive Hondo’s Chophouse. Everyone was able to “catch up” with their colleagues and celebrate their achievement of Fellow in PFA. All arrangements were planned by Dr. Cheryl Billingsley (Section Chair for Virginia) with the assistance of Dr. Gerri Ferris (Trustee for Region 3) and Dr. Billingsley’s husband. A slide show was also developed by Dr. Billingsley featuring each new Fellow. Our Fellows, family members and friends particularly enjoyed this! Next year, due to the great success of this dinner, we will again hold an induction ceremony in Richmond, VA. Recently installed Fellows have stated, “That was such a lovely night and ceremony.” We are grateful to all who participated in making this a very memorable experience.

Sincerely,

—CHERYL BRADFORD BILLINGSLEY
Section Chair for Virginia
The Wisconsin Section held its Annual PFA Section Meeting on Friday, November 3, 2017 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. During the meeting, 6 new Fellows were inducted. Our new Fellows are: Drs. Darryl Stich, Paul Luepke, Leo Huck, Shaheda Govani, Colleen Grenne and Brian Watkins. Congratulations to all!

Sincerely,

—Gene Shoemaker
Section Chair for Wisconsin

Save the Date

January
The Massachusetts Section will hold its annual meeting on January 26, 2018.

The Colorado Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy will be holding its joint breakfast meeting with the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists, in conjunction with the Rocky Mountain Dental Convention, on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 6:45 am. The breakfast will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1450 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO 80202. In addition, the Metro Denver Dental Society’s Awards Gala and President’s Dinner will be held on January 18, 2018 from 6:30 pm to 10 pm at the Pinnacle Club, Grand Hyatt, Denver. Fellows are cordially invited to register for and attend both events.

February
The 2018 OKMOM will be held in Durant, Oklahoma on February 2nd and 3rd at the Choctaw Event Center. For more information, please visit okmom.org.

March
The Arkansas Section will be holding a meeting in honor of the late Dr. Tom Smith, former Section Chair for Arkansas on March 9, 2018 and installing new Fellows. Dr. Smith’s wife, Dr. Kathleen Smith, and their 3 children will be there. The meeting will be held at the Little Rock Marriott Hotel, 3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock, AR 72201. Please, if many of the Fellows in Region 10 could attend it would be greatly appreciated by the Smith family and the Arkansas Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.

April
Please save the date for the next Oklahoma Chapter of the PFA! We will meet for a breakfast meeting on Friday April 20th, 2018 at 7 am in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma during the Annual Oklahoma Dental Association Meeting. Our breakfast meeting will be held at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, 1 N Broadway Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102.

August
The PFA Canadian Awards and Induction Ceremony will be held in Charlottetown, PEI on August 24, 2018.
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### Mission

Our mission as Fellows in the Pierre Fauchard Academy is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.