Greetings to all Fellows. It is hard to believe how much of this year has gone by, and time seems to fly by faster each time. I would like to share a little synopsis of events during the last few months.

In April, I had the pleasure of visiting the Pierre Fauchard Academy’s Hall of Fame located in the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The University is known as the first dental college in the world and was founded in 1840. It is also the birthplace of the Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. The Hall of Fame is displayed in the hallway leading to the Dean’s office. The joke is that for students who have seen the Hall of Fame, well, that probably isn’t a good thing. All kidding aside, if you have the opportunity to visit, it is well worth the trip. I was given a tour of the school during my visit and, even with his busy schedule, Dean Mark Reynolds gave me an hour of his time. We hope to do more to promote the Academy at the school. That evening, our Maryland Section, hosted by Section Chair Dr. Charles Fine, held an induction ceremony at a local restaurant.

Later in April, our Executive Director, Loralie Lowder, and I traveled to Australia to attend the Section meeting in Adelaide, where 64 Fellows were inducted. The meeting was held in conjunction with the 38th Australian Dental Congress. During this meeting, the Pierre Fauchard Academy along with the Congress held an event called “The Emerging Speakers Program.” At this event, five or six up-and-coming speakers are judged on their presentations and the winner is awarded a monetary prize. Our Immediate Past President, Dr. Rick Sawers, has been trying to bring this idea to other Sections. It truly is a remarkable program and in total alignment with our mission statement: “To recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession internationally.” After visiting Australia, I was supposed to meet with our Sections in South Korea and The Philippines, but unfortunately became ill and had to return home. I would like to thank our Section Chairs and Fellows for their understanding and courtesy, and Loralie for continuing on to South Korea and The Philippines in my absence.

In June, Loralie and I attended the New York State Section meeting in Buffalo. It was the first time a Pierre Fauchard Academy President has attended their meeting, with the exception of Past President Dr. Fred Halik who was a New York Fellow. I don’t think I have ever met a more cohesive group of Fellows. We were warmly welcomed and made to feel part of the group. The induction of 10 new Fellows took place at the Section’s breakfast meeting. As each Fellow was introduced, their CV was read. As I listened to each Fellow’s accomplishments I could not help but be impressed and amazed at the caliber of dentists we have in our Academy. The future of dentistry is in good hands.

Speaking of the future, the Academy’s is bright. At our annual meeting in September we will begin with the first phase of our Strategic Plan, governance. We continue to learn and grow in order to strengthen our future. We have tremendous leadership coming up through the ranks and our Sections are working hard. Thank you to all our Fellows for their continued support.

As you read this issue, I will have completed my Presidential year. It has been my honor to serve. Leading the Academy has been the highlight of my professional life. I have met so many wonderful people this past year and traveled to many wonderful places. Our Fellows are the leaders in dentistry. They are the “doers” in dentistry and I am honored to be associated with this organization. You may remember back in October as I was inducted, I dedicated my year to our Past President, the late Dr. David Campbell. Dr. Campbell was the epitome of the word gentleman. He loved the Academy and instilled in me that same love. It has been my pleasure to serve and I am thankful for having had this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Dr. Terry L. Brewick

This year as President-elect of our Academy has flown by. I would like to personally thank Dr. Cheri Newman for her friendship and guidance during this past year.

It was my honor to represent Dr. Newman this past quarter in Michigan, the United Kingdom and Ireland. The hospitality and camaraderie I found in these Sections was outstanding. In Michigan, Dr. Sherill Behnke and Dr. Pat Boyle were excellent hosts. The Michigan Section is one of the best Sections in the United States and I would like to thank Drs. Behnke and Boyle for their leadership in their Section’s success as a Model Section.

June found me in London at Chudlers House for the Induction of 22 new Fellows in the United Kingdom (UK) Section. Congratulations to our new UK Section Chair, Dr. Derek Mahony, on organizing such a stellar black-tie event. The enthusiasm that all our new Fellows demonstrated was heartwarming.

From London, Loralie Lowder (Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), her assistant Ms. Kayla Schumaker and I traveled to Ireland. We were met at Shannon Airport by the Section Chair for Ireland, Dr. Paul O’Dwyer. Paul was a travel guide extraordinaire! The amount of scenery Paul showed us along with his Irish stories, not to mention the pints of Guinness, made for a memorable two days. The highlight of the trip was meeting Drs. Brian and Anne O’Connell. Dr. Brian O’Connell is Dean of Dental Affairs at Trinity College in Dublin and was inducted as a new Fellow into the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Together, Paul and Brian will build the Irish Section into an outstanding one. Next year, as President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy, I look forward to revisiting these 2 Sections and seeing the progress they will have made.

Respectfully submitted,

—Dr. Terry L. Brewick
President-elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the Vice President

Dr. Jerry L. Dushkin

Greetings to all Fellows worldwide.

At the time of writing, I have just returned from Hong Kong where I had the privilege of representing our President, Dr. Cheri Newman and the Academy at the Hong Kong Section’s Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony. This Section has been resurrected over a few short years and has become a strong and vibrant entity since Dr. Jeffery Tsang became Section Chair through the initiatives of our Trustee for Region 9, Dr. Armyl C. Bañez. Dr. Tsang has a reputation for one success after the other. Thank you, Dr. Tsang and your leadership team, for all that you do within and outside of the Pierre Fauchard
Academy. The Hong Kong Section is indicative of our Academy as a whole. Over the last few years our Academy has grown not only in size but in worldwide recognition. We started by getting our financial house in order and ensuring that our actions are always for the long-term good of the Academy, while being cost-effective and prudent. Our mission is to recognize and develop outstanding leadership in our profession internationally. No association, school, charity, research facility or other institution would be able to thrive without solid leadership. Our Fellows are the leaders of the dental profession. You have been chosen and nominated to Fellowship by your peers because of your accomplishments.

Fellowship in the Pierre Fauchard Academy is a distinct honor, and those who proposed you as a Fellow believe you represent and possess the highest principles of ethics and professionalism. Your constant effort to maintain these standards as well as your activities to gain and share knowledge, and your expertise for the benefit of the dental profession and hence the public that we serve, is remarkable. We encourage you to continue growing in our profession, in your communities and in society. Our Academy appreciates and understands all that you do and your role in establishing the matrix on which our profession thrives. Bravo for all that you have done, and for all that you continue to do and will do.

Most sincerely yours in Fellowship,

—DR. JERRY L. DUSHKIN
Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

It now remains for me to thank those with whom I have worked. I am grateful for the support and direction from Past Presidents of the Academy. They have always been willing to listen and suggest solutions to issues. Their help has been warmly received and implemented. The Board of Trustees has been great and helped to steer the Academy in new directions based on its wish for continued growth and development of our Academy as a truly International body. I am grateful to you all for putting up with an Aussie as a member of the Executive.

Finally, I would like to thank our management team. We are fortunate to have Loralie Lowder, our Executive Director, as our stable base. She adopted the Academy as her extended family and is dedicated to it. Her team members, Kayla, Nikki and Liz, continue to perform so well and respond to challenges offered to them. Without you, the Academy would wither. Thanks for your wonderful help to me and to the whole Academy. You are the consistent team, while Boards of Trustees come and go. With you at our helm, our Academy will continue to flourish.

Thank you all.

Respectfully submitted,

—DR. RICK SAWERS
Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

From the Desk of the Immediate Past President

It is hard to believe that this is my final report for my term as a member of the Executive body of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. The time has seemed to pass so quickly, yet I feel there is much more I wanted to achieve in my time there.

I have just returned from the meeting of the UK Section of the Academy. This Section was languishing but has been reinvigorated with a new Section Chair, Dr. Derek Mahony, and a support team for him. A terrific evening dress induction occurred at Chandos House, Marylebone, London during which the newly inducted Dr. Mahony was involved in bringing about 20 dentists into Fellowship in the Academy. The Board was represented by President-elect Dr. Terry Brewick, Dr. Ghabi Kaspo (Trustee for Region 4) and Dr. Sami Nikolakakos (Trustee for Region 1), our Executive Director Ms. Loralie Lowder and her Executive Assistant, Ms. Kayla Shoemaker. The evening proceeded very well and the new inductees were delighted to be part of the Academy. Time was spent by members of the Executive Team discussing the direction and goals of the Academy. This time was well spent as our inductees have promised to introduce more new Fellows to ensure strong growth of their Section.

When you read this article, the meeting of the full Board in San Francisco will have occurred. As well as the usual committee meetings prior to the full Board meeting, an additional day was planned for governance training to ensure that the Board has a better grasp of the role of Director and how that role works with the management team at Central Office. This event was presented by Dr. Deb Cockrell (Trustee for Region 8), who is also a graduate of the Institute of Company Directors.

Dr. Rick Sawers
LEADERSHIP - “The challenge of leadership is to be strong, but not rude; be kind, but not weak; be bold, but not a bully; be thoughtful, but not lazy; be humble, but not timid; be proud, but not arrogant; have humor, but without folly.” – Jim Rohn

Leadership can often seem overwhelming, and the challenge and sentiments embodied in the quote above may make it seem impossible to achieve. One key element of leadership is respect. If you don’t have the respect of those you are working with, you will not be as effective as you could be. I have visited many PFA Sections and watched their different styles of leadership. I love to see the comradery and respect that the Fellows have for each other and for the leaders in their group. It is also impressive to see how the Sections that share this mutual respect thrive and do great things.

I’ve wondered why some people naturally gain respect, while others have to command or, worse, demand it? Earning respect is in direct correlation to treating others with the same. Showing respect sounds like a basic skill, and yet somehow complaints about being disrespected are abundant. Often, we want to react to something when we should respond. Two very different approaches to a situation, with very different outcomes. “It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you’ll do things differently.” – Warren Buffett, investor

As long as we are always striving to be a better version of ourselves then we are on the right track. I am going to challenge myself and anyone reading this to take note of your leadership style and the manner in which you conduct yourself and accept the things that you may need to improve on and give yourself the proper accolades for the things that you are doing.

Ultimately, your personal leadership legacy will most likely be the positive, personal impact you created, one follower at a time.

With regards,

—LORALIE LOWDER
Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy

SUSTAINABLE GOALS FOR A FUTURE-PROOF ACADEMY

by Dr. Armyl C. Bañez

When one celebrates milestones and achievements, it’s almost a given to ask: What’s next? What’s to come?

This holds true for most of us, even for our organization, the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Guided by our highly-skilled and highly-productive officers and members, the Academy continues to introduce programs and tools that are able to advance how we practice our profession while aiming to change lives in the process. Through the years, we have proven to be effective in creating positive impact in the communities we serve.

We have been committed to pursuing our vision and mission. We have promoted dental health through research and projects. We have gathered together to champion our cause. Now, what does the future hold for us?

Since I was appointed as an Asian Trustee, I came up with a personal formula. I call this ‘4Cs to successful governance.’ The 4Cs are Communication, Cooperation, Coordination, and Control. I recall writing about this in a previous article for the Academy. Along with these 4Cs, I recognize the importance of sustainability, to be able to move forward and continue what we have started, to continue progressing as a united organization.

The Pierre Fauchard Academy was started more than 83 years ago and has become a globally-recognized organization of dental professionals from all over the world. We continue to grow because more people trust our cause. However, as we are growing, there is definitely a need to form policies that would sustain what is presently being implemented and create new ones that would benefit the generations to come.

We need to plan ahead to see clearly the direction in which we want to take the Academy. We need to think of more ways to target more dentists to join us, to organize more activities where we could share our best practices, and to plan more programs to be of service to more communities.

As we aim to reach 100 years and more as an organization, it is crucial to future-proof the Academy by integrating sustainable development goals into what we are doing—Continuity is important these days, especially as we are living in a fast-paced world. There is more to consider, such as innovating to remain relevant, creating policies that help to secure the Academy’s future—a bright future that we aim to share not only with more dentists across the globe, but with more people who need our expertise the most.

By embracing sustainability, we are able to change the world one bright smile at a time for more years to come.
In what was probably one of our most successful induction ceremonies ever, our induction ceremony for the Pierre Fauchard Academy in Australia was held on Friday, May 3rd at the Playford Hotel in Adelaide – known fondly as the ‘City of Churches’ due to the large number of churches it contains. More than 60 new Fellows were inducted, and 160 Fellows, friends and guests attended our breakfast induction ceremony which is always held bracingly early in the morning. We were delighted that Dr. Cheri Newman (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) and Ms. Loralie Lowder (Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) could join us, together with Past Presidents Drs. Mark Sinclair and Rick Sawers. We welcomed over 60 seriously-impressive colleagues to Fellowship. Following the induction ceremony, Dr. Patrick Meaney (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy for Australia) thanked Fellows and guests for attending a very successful breakfast.

The Pierre Fauchard Academy is committed to recognising leaders and supporting leadership development. To this end, our Foundation provides student scholarships to each of the dental schools in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. The recipient from the University of Adelaide Dental School, Mr. Siong Sheng Eng, received his award from Dr. Chris Pazios, (Section Chair for South Australia and Northern Territory). In conjunction with the Australian Section Heads: Drs. Susan Wise, Greg Gee, Chris Pazios and Andrew Thomson, together with Dr. Patrick Meaney (PFA President for Australia) and Dr. Deb Cockrell (Trustee for Region 8). New Fellows together with Drs. Patrick Meaney (PFA President for Australia), Deb Cockrell (Trustee for Region 8), Cheri Newman (President of PFA), Rick Sawers (Immediate Past President of PFA) and Ms. Loralie Lowder (Executive Director of PFA).
The Quebec Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its Awards and Installation Ceremony on Sunday May 26, on a beautiful terrace in the Place D’Armes hotel overlooking Old Montreal. Dr. Lisa Bentley (Trustee for Region 6) welcomed guests and provided the opening remarks. Unfortunately, Dr. Cheri Newman (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) could not be in attendance due to an unforeseen illness. Greetings were read on her behalf by Dr. Jerry Dushkin (Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), who was happy to lend a helping hand.

The event was a huge success, with the presentation of 5 awards and the installation of 15 new Fellows. Congratulations to our new Fellows! They are Drs. Stephane Bisson, Jean-Sebastien Charette, Zovinder Der Khatchadourian, Marie-Claude Desjardins, Isabelle Fortin, Mario Fortin, Nicholas Gosselin, Bassel Kano, Lisa Kattan, Guy Lafrance, Nicolas Laliberte, Francois Parent-Leveille, Marc Rober, Hilal Sirhan, and Mr. Benoit Desrosiers, together with Dr. Barry Dolman (Chairman of PFA for Canada), Dr. Jerry Dushkin (Vice President of PFA), Dr. Sam Sgro and Dr. Lisa Bentley (Trustee for Region 6).

As readers may know, the Pierre Fauchard Academy is an honorary dental association that was established in 1936. Fellowship of any of the 120-plus Sections of PFA is by invitation only. Existing Fellows can nominate colleagues to any of the Section Chairs. Please contact Drs. Susan Wise (Victoria/Tasmania), Greg Gee (Western Australia), Chris Pazios (South Australia/Northern Territory), Andrew Thomson (Queensland) or Deb Cockrell (New South Wales/Australia Capitol Territory) for further details.

Sincerely,

—Dr. Deb Cockrell
Trustee for Region 8

Australian Dental Association, our Region provides support for the Emerging Lecturer competition. We would like to thank Dr. Alan Broughton for ensuring that our talented new colleagues also had the opportunity to be part of the main Congress schedule. Contenders for this competition included Drs. Suman Bellur, Linda Gu, Shahrulk Khan, Jilien Patel and Emijla Ports. As is usual for this competition, the standard of the presentations given was extremely high and the Pierre Fauchard Academy thanks the judging panel, which comprised of Drs. Karin Alexander, Cheri Newman, Stephen Liew and Deb Cockrell. After much deliberation, Dr. Jilen Patel was awarded the 2019 Emerging Lecturer Award, and Dr. Linda Gu receiving the Encouragement Award.
Nicolas Laliberte, Francois Parent-Leveille, Marc Rober, Hilal Sirhan, and Mr. Benoit Desrosiers.

The 2019 Pierre Fauchard Distinguished Service Awards were presented during the awards ceremony. Dr. Serge Langlois received this Award, which was presented to him by Dr. Lisa Bentley. Dr. Claude Lamarche also received the 2019 Distinguished Service Award, presented by Dr. Sam Sgro (Section Chair for Quebec). Unfortunately, Dr. Lamarche was absent and the award was accepted by Dr. Jerry Dushkin on his behalf.

The 2019 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Bernard Laporte by Dr. Barry Dolman (Chair of PFA Canada), to Dr. Pierre Tessier, President of the Foundation of the Ordre des Dentistes du Québec (ODQ; Quebec Dental
The Hong Kong Section held its Annual Meeting and Induction Ceremony on August 2, 2019 in conjunction with the Hong Kong Dental Association Meeting. The Hong Kong section is more vibrant than ever, and successful. From being virtually dormant a few years ago, the Hong Kong Section now has more than 50 Fellows, including six new Fellows inducted at our meeting. Congratulations to our new Fellows, Drs. Yim Ching Kong, Lionel Lao, Man Kam O, Eduardo Lau Do Rosario, Katherine Wong and Kit Lit Yeung.

The meeting was held under the leadership of Dr. Jeffery Tsang, Section Chair for Hong Kong. We were honored to welcome Dr. Jerry Dushkin (Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) who had the privilege of representing Dr. Cheri Newman (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), Dr. Armyl C. Bañez (Trustee for Region 9) and his wife, Dr. Myrna Bañez (Fellow). We were also honored to welcome Dr. Haston Liu, President of the Hong Kong Dental Association, who exchanged gifts with Dr. Jerry Dushkin. Since the guidelines now permit the induction of worthy candidates with less than 5 years of experience, we anticipate welcoming more new Fellows for Hong Kong. We were honored to welcome Dr. Jerry Dushkin (Vice President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) who had the privilege of representing Dr. Cheri Newman (President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), Dr. Armyl C. Bañez (Trustee for Region 9) and his wife, Dr. Myrna Bañez (Fellow). We were also honored to welcome Dr. Haston Liu, President of the Hong Kong Dental Association, who exchanged gifts with Dr. Jerry Dushkin. Since the guidelines now permit the induction of worthy candidates with less than 5 years of experience, we anticipate welcoming more new Fellows.
in the future. While in Hong Kong, Drs. Jerry Dushkin and Armyl C. Bañež spent time with two of our new inductees, Drs. Eduardo Lau Do Rosario and Dr. Lionel Lao who reside in the neighboring island of Macau and were attending the meeting in Hong Kong. We have since begun a new Section in Macau. After the Induction Ceremony, together with Drs. Jerry Dushkin, Armyl C. Bañež and Myrna Bañež, we attended the gala dinner of the Hong Kong Dental Association.

In June 2019, Dr. Terry Brewick (President-elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) arrived for a 3-day visit to Ireland together with Ms. Loralie Lowder (Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy) and her Executive Assistant, Ms. Kayla Shoemaker. The PFA has had a presence in Ireland for many decades. Previous Irish Section Chairs have included Professor Robin O'Sullivan (RCSI) and Professor Christopher Lynch (UCC). The current Section Chair is Dr. Paul O'Dwyer, Group Clinical Advisor with Dental Care Ireland and Adjunct Faculty, Institute of Leadership, RCSI.

A cultural itinerary of castles, scenic drives and ancient monuments was coupled with the investiture of Fellowship in the Academy of Professor Brian O'Connell – Dean of Dental Studies at Trinity College Dublin. This happy occasion also saw the visiting dignitaries tour Trinity College and visit the Book of Kells. A celebratory meal was held that evening at Peploe’s Restaurant in Dublin, kindly sponsored by Dental Care Ireland to mark the President-elect’s first visit to the Irish Section.

Further plans are now in place to host an education day, scientific conference.
Ireland continued

The South Korean Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its meeting on May 11, 2019 in the picturesque city of Tongyeong. Three new Fellows were inducted by Dr. Park ILL Hae (Section Chair for South Korea). Our guests in attendance included Dr. Armyl C. Bañez (Trustee for Region 9), his wife Dr. Myrna Bañez, and Ms. Loralie Lowder, Executive Director of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. Congratulations to our new Fellows, Drs. In SON, Changmok KIM and Sunghwan PARK!

Sincerely,

—PARK ILL HAE
Section Chair for South Korea

and information seminar for the Irish Section in the coming 12 months. Existing Fellows will be contacted in due course and plans for the investiture of new Fellows are in development.

It is hoped that President-elect Dr. Brewick will return to Ireland in 2020 during his term in office as President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy to further strengthen Irish ties with this worthy organisation.

With Kind Regards,

—PAUL O’DWYER
Section Chair for Ireland

Dr. Park ILL Hae (Section Chair for South Korea) together with our Section General Secretary and Dr. In SON, Dr. Changmok KIM and Dr. Sunghwan PARK (new Fellows).

L to R: Dr. Ricardo Gatbonton (Section Chair-elect for The Philippines Section) and Dr. Ye Myint Aung (Section Chair for Myanmar).

L to R: Dr. Paul O’Dwyer (Section Chair for Ireland), Professor Brian O’Connell (newly invested Fellow) and Dr. Terry Brewick (President-elect of the Pierre Fauchard Academy).
The Taiwanese Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its meeting on June 2, 2019 at the Howard Plaza Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. The Founding Section Chair for the Taiwan Section, Dr. Harry Fay, was present at the meeting, together with Dr. Armyl C. Bañez (Trustee for Region 9), and Fellows from the Taiwan Section.

The Philippines Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy held its meeting and induction ceremony on May 16, 2019 at the Conrad Hotel in Manila. Dr. Armyl C. Bañez (Trustee for Region 9) and our Executive Director, Ms. Loralie Lowder, graciously attended this event. Our new Section Chair, Dr. Ricardo Gatbonton, performed the induction ceremony. Congratulations to our new Fellows, Drs. George B. Alindogan, Ramon Segundo C. Bernano, Ailene S. Dario, Caroline N. Franco, Darwin P. Gaba, Abelyn G. Jahns, Ma. Theresa P. Lugtu, Elvira A. Padlan, Clarissa Jane F. Pe and Charles P. Sia.

Sincerely,

—Dr. Ricardo Gatbonton
Section Chair-elect for The Philippines

New Fellows together with other Fellows and dignitaries of the Pierre Fauchard Academy.
**United Kingdom**

The United Kingdom Section held its first meeting in recent years on June 22, 2019. The evening took place at the beautiful Chandos House located in London, England and was attended by more than 50 Fellows. Several of our Executive Officers and Trustees were also in attendance.

We welcomed Dr. Richard Sawers (Immediate Past President of the Pierre Fauchard Academy), Dr. Terry Brewick (President-elect), Ms. Loralie Lowder (Executive Director), Dr. Samireh Nikolakakos (Trustee for Region 1) and Dr. Ghabi Kaspo (Trustee for Region 4). The meeting was well organized by the UK Section Chair and UK Section Co-chair, Dr. Derek Mahony and Dr. Yasmin George.


Best Wishes,

—**Dr. Derek Mahony**

Section Chair for the United Kingdom

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**Hawaii**

The Hawaii Section held its annual breakfast meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii in conjunction with the Hawaii Dental Association Meeting on April 11, 2019. Our Keynote speaker, Dr. Peter Moy, gave the address and spoke about the emerging generation of dental school graduates, their education experience and foreseen impact on the profession of dentistry. Dr. Peter Moy was a graduate of the Queen’s Hospital General Dental Residency Program in Honolulu and has great affection for the Hawaii dental community. It was a great session and very well received.

Sincerely,

—**Dr. Andrea S. Braun**

Section Chair for Hawaii

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Greetings from the Oklahoma Chapter of the Pierre Fauchard Academy. On Friday, April 26th, 2019 we held our annual meeting in Tulsa, Oklahoma in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting. After many years of holding breakfast meetings, this was our first luncheon meeting. It was very successful and well attended with in total 82 Fellows and guests present. We were honored to have many distinguished Fellows and guests in attendance including Dr. Jeffrey Cole (President of the American Dental Association), Dr. Richard Haught (Past President of the American Dental Association), Dr. Raymond Cohlmia (12th District Trustee for the American Dental Association and Dean of the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry), Dr. Shannon Griffin (President of the Oklahoma Dental Association), Ms. Lynn Means (Executive Director of the Oklahoma Dental Association) and Dr. Tamara Berg (Immediate Past President of the American Association of Women Dentists).

The Section Chair report began with a roster update of the Oklahoma Section. We currently have 111 Active Fellows plus 45 Life Fellows. Following our financial report, discussion included how to find information on www.fauchard.org, plus a quick refresher on paying dues online. We also discussed the upcoming PFA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, California. Our memorial report included a moment of silence for the loss of one of our Fellows this past year, Dr. Joseph Dean Robertson.

Dr. Raymond Cohlmia introduced the 2019 PFA Scholarship and the PFA Senior Award winners from the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. Third-year student Meredith Corwin was this year’s Scholarship winner, and fourth-year student Tarandeep Panu was the recipient of the Senior Award. We were honored to have Meredith in attendance for our meeting.

Our keynote speaker was Mr. Scott Adkins, lobbyist for the Oklahoma Dental Association. Mr. Adkins presented us with a very informative update regarding dental health issues being discussed...
in the Oklahoma State Legislature, with emphasis on the recently-passed medical marijuana laws for the State and their impact as well as on opioid prescriptions changes that have been updated for Oklahoma prescribing doctors.

Last year’s recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, Dr. Doug Auld, presented the award to this year’s recipient. The 2019 Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. Raymond Cohlmia for his outstanding contributions to the art and science of dentistry, plus his tireless work for the profession, community and dental school.

The highlight of the meeting was the induction of our new Fellows. We are honored to welcome into our Academy Drs. Adelaide Allen-Steed, Drew Hendrix, Jeff Hermen and Justin Power. They are all outstanding individuals for our profession and community and will be a true asset to the Academy. Drs. Adelaide Allen-Steed and Drew Hendrix had prior dental obligations and could not be in attendance during the meeting. Their membership certificates and pins were sent to them after the meeting.

Once again, the Oklahoma Section was honored to be very involved both with volunteers and as a financial sponsor for the Oklahoma Mission of Mercy. This free two-day dental clinic for the public is sponsored by the Oklahoma Dental Association, Oklahoma Dental Foundation and Delta Dental of Oklahoma Oral Health Foundation. The event was held on February 1st and 2nd in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds. This clinic is designed to meet the oral health needs of dental patients of all ages by providing free dental care to as many adults and children as time, volunteers and supplies will allow. Due to the success of the 1,970 volunteers, we achieved a total of $1,512,266 in free dental care for 1684 patients. On average, each patient received $898 in donated dental care. The 2020 Mission of Mercy will be held in Stillwater, Oklahoma on February 6th and 7th.

Our next Oklahoma Section meeting will be held on April 17th, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Once again, this will be held in conjunction with the Oklahoma Dental Association Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

—Dr. Matthew Cohlmia
Section Chair for Oklahoma

At its recent induction ceremony, the Oregon Section welcomed 2 new Fellows. Congratulations to Drs. Michael Matsuda and Kasra Rafta.
The Tennessee Section recently inducted two new Fellows from our second district in Knoxville. Congratulations to Dr. William Drake of Maryville, Tennessee, and Dr. James Erppenbach of Knoxville. We are delighted to welcome these two fine young men into our Academy. At the same ceremony, we honored our Executive Secretary, Ms. Diane Landers of Maryville, Tennessee, with the Pierre Fauchard Appreciation Award for her many years of service to our Section and for helping us to further our agenda.

In June, the Tennessee Section of the Pierre Fauchard Academy also held a joint meeting with the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. Dr. Cheryl Billingsly attended our meeting to address Tennessee Fellows who were representing the Pierre Fauchard Academy. She is currently the Trustee for Region 3 and was born in Tennessee. Dr. Billingsly did a wonderful job promoting PFA and was very well received by the group.

Sincerely,

—Dr. Reuben Pelot
Section Chair for Tennessee
Mission

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

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