

## AMERICAN BOARD OF DENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

# Minutes of the 53rd Annual Meeting of Diplomates

**April 28, 2003****Hyatt Regency Hotel  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin****I. Call to Order**

President Caswell Evans called the 53rd meeting of the diplomates to order and welcomed the 66 members and guests present.

- A. There were 12 past presidents in attendance, a record number. Dr. Evans recognized Dr. E. Joseph Alderman, Dr. Myron Allukian, Dr. Brian Burt, Dr. Joseph Doherty, Dr. Chester Douglass, Dr. Robert Dumbaugh, Dr. Dushanka Kleinman, Dr. Jay Kumar, Dr. Gene Lewis, Dr. Stanley Lotzkar, Dr. Linda Niessen, and Dr. Gary Rozier.

B. Introduction of New Diplomates

While none of the diplomates who were certified in 2002 were present to receive their lapel pins, Dr. Evans announced their names and read a brief bibliography of each of them. They were: Dr. Amit Chattopadhyay, Dr. Olapeju Simoyan, and Dr. George Taylor. Dr. Irene Hilton, who was certified in 2001, was present and was introduced for the first time.

- C. Dr. Evans asked for a moment of silence for Drs. Bruce Butler and Viron Diefenbach, who passed away during the past year. It was also noted that Dr. Herschel Horowitz had been ill. A card was circulated during the meeting for all to sign, wishing Dr. Horowitz a speedy recovery.

- D. The minutes of the 2002 Meeting of Diplomates, which were published in the *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* [2002;62(4): 249–50], were approved.

**II. Report of the Executive Secretary**

As of April 26, 2003, there were 143 certified active diplomates, 31 life members, and 26 inactive (retired), for a total of 200 living diplomates. This represents a net loss of 1 active diplomate. We have added 3 new diplomates, but have lost 5. Rick Ames, Dick Graves, and Gene Lewis became Life Members. Bruce Butler and life member Viron Diefenbach are deceased.

We have 11 candidates taking all or part of the board examination this year and we have a total of 20 board-eligible dentists, having lost five whose eligibility ran out after five years without taking the examination. We will have six dentists who will lose their eligibility if

they do not take the 2004 examination. Dr. Lotzkar predicted a rosy future for the board, as we continue to receive a large number of applications each year from qualified candidates.

**III. Report of Officers and Directors**

A. Dr. Lotzkar gave the Treasurer's Report

We started our fiscal year on May 1, 2002, with a total bank balance of \$35,048.13. Income during the year—which consisted of application and examination fees, re-registration fees, receipts for the board dinner meeting, and a bank credit—amounted to \$20,175.00. The opening bank balance plus income amounted to \$55,223.13. Total expenditures for the year were \$20,329.12. These include travel and per diem expenses for board directors and officers to the annual meeting, costs for the board dinner and lunches at the meeting, executive secretary honorarium, certificate graphics and lamination, office expenses, printing, and insurance. The result is a checking account balance of \$34,894.01, or roughly an \$860.00 increase from last year. This figure includes a restricted fund of \$3,600.15 for the expenses of the annual board symposium; \$1,034.00 was drawn from this account last year. With this balance, we will probably not be required to solicit additional funds from our sponsor in the coming year.

In addition to the checking balance, the board also carries a certificate of deposit of \$11,961.81. Income from interest in fiscal 2003 was \$263.22. Thus, the total funds available to the board are \$46,855.82, about \$1,100.00 higher than last year, and the highest amount in our history.

B. President's Report

Dr. Evans provided comments on his six years on the board. He stated that it had been a unique and distinguished honor to have served on the board, and that he enjoyed the opportunity of working very closely with a number of colleagues whom he might never have grown to know. He also noted that this year was one of significant transition in that Dr. Lotzkar had decided to end his 21 years of exemplary service as executive secretary. He praised Dr. Lotzkar as a competent leader and educator who guided many diplomates and direc-

tors along their path to the presidency of the board. His services will be sorely missed. Dr. Evans described the process for recruiting a replacement for Dr. Lotzkar by contacting all currently active diplomates, and related that Dr. Robert Dumbaugh had been selected to assume the duties of executive secretary after the close of the meeting. Dr. Evans presented Dr. Lotzkar with a signed certificate from the board recognizing him for his many years of service. Commenting that he understood that Dr. Lotzkar, for many years, had voiced interest in an official University of Florida rocking chair, Dr. Evans presented him with a photo of the personalized chair that would be delivered to his home in Gainesville, Florida. And finally, Dr. Evans announced the creation of the Lotzkars Fund, honoring Stan Lotzkar's 21 years of untiring and dedicated service to the American Board of Dental Public Health, and also in recognition of Phyllis Lotzkar's support over these many years. This unique fund is established under the auspices of the American Association of Public Health Dentistry Foundation and will provide a lasting memorial and tribute to individuals who have served the board and its membership in such an efficient and effective manner for so many years. All donations to the Lotzkars Fund can be made to the foundation and will be used solely to advance the missions and

objectives of the American Board of Dental Public Health. Donations to the fund will be acknowledged by the fund to both the Lotzkars and the donors. Dr. Evans then took the privilege of making the first donation to the fund.

Dr. Evans introduced the new officers and directors of the board. They are Dr. Raymond Kuthy, president; Dr. Robert (Skip) Collins, vice president-auditor; Dr. Terri Dolan, treasurer; Dr. B. Alexander White, director; Dr. Reginald Louie, director; and the new director-elect, Dr. Isabel Garcia. Dr. Evans gave special thanks to Phyllis Lotzkar for proctoring the written examination last Friday.

C. Dr. Evans turned the chair over to the incoming president, Dr. Ray Kuthy, who delivered some short remarks and presented Dr. Evans with the President's Plaque. The business meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Thereafter, under the leadership of Dr. Dushanka Kleinman and a cast of tens, Stan and Phyllis Lotzkar were entertained by fellow diplomates with a light-hearted presentation to commemorate their careers and lives together in dental public health.

### ABDPH DIPLOMATES

Dr. Raymond A. Kuthy, president of the American Board of Dental Public Health, announced that the following dentists have passed the board certification examination given in April 2003 and are now diplomates of the board: Dr. Robert E. Davenport, Dr. Wayne M. Deutsch, Dr. Barbara F. Gooch, Dr. Earl Ernest Guile, Dr. Christine Heng, Dr. Umo Isong, Dr. Michael McCunniff, Dr. Susan W. Mongeau, Dr. Arwa I. N. Owais, and Dr. Athanasios I. Zavras.

Dr. Kuthy also announced that the next board examination will be given on April 30–May 2, 2004, in Los Angeles, California, at the Airport Marriott Hotel. Application forms and/or information concerning the requirements for board certification may be obtained either by writing to Dr. Robert H. Dumbaugh, 892 Overbrook Place, West Palm Beach FL 33413, or by e-mail at [ABDPH@bellsouth.net](mailto:ABDPH@bellsouth.net). Applications will be accepted at any time but must be received by September 15th of the year before a candidate wishes to take the examination. Once declared board eligible, the examination must be taken and passed within a five-year period.