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AGD – The Voice of the General Dentist MEMBER BENEFITS

MEMBERSHIP

We are very excited about this upcoming year in the NCAGD. Our membership stands at 880 statewide. Your leaders are very energized about growing and have set a goal of recruiting 100 new members throughout this year. YOU CAN HELP!! Ask your friends, dental neighbors and other colleagues if they have joined the NCAGD. In this newsletter you will find benefits for joining which may help in your efforts.

If you have any questions or would like someone to talk to a new prospective member, please have them contact me. Also, look for new and exciting membership programs throughout the year to help with recruitment.

I look forward to serving you this year as membership chair.

Jennifer Bell, DDS,
Membership Chairwoman

ADVOCACY

- the only group who represents and protects the interests of general dentists

CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Local and national CE
- Annual meeting

CE TRACKING/ STATE BOARD TRANSCRIPT

- Tracks CE credits towards licensure (NC State Board recognized), FAGD and MAGD

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President's Message

John P. Pruitt, DDS, MAGD, FADI

Membership in the AGD during my presidency is a high priority. The AGD represents the general dentist's interests on a state, regional, and national level. Currently only 17% of us belong to the AGD nationally. Most of us were invited to join the AGD by a colleague and as members we should endeavor to support and promote the Academy.



Advocacy for our members gives us a voice and keeps us from being subject to the whims of state and national legislative bodies. If we can speak with a unified voice, others will be compelled to listen. If our organization does not represent enough of us our message becomes diluted. No other dental organization represents and promotes the general dentist as one of its core purposes. As a member you can get involved in advocacy efforts with the AGD interactive web site Capwiz.

Continuing education is another AGD core element. The AGD is involved with the promotion, tracking, validation, and authorization of CE credits. The PACE program validates CE providers so that all providers meet the same course approval criteria. The new bar code scanning system sends in your CE participation to the national office within hours of your course attendance. The AGD Fellowship and Mastership programs allow each of us to pursue the next level in ongoing continuing education.

Our annual meeting took place in Cary from February 15-17. This is one of our most important member benefits. We had excellent attendance from our membership and listened to some of the leading speakers in the country. It was not only informative, but was also a time of camaraderie and fellowship. If you have not attended an NCAAGD meeting I would encourage you to do so next year (February 20-22, 2009).

The AGD is a membership driven organization. We need your input, insight, and participation. The NCAAGD is always looking for members who are willing to serve as representatives of their prospective districts. We are also looking for ways to enhance the value of membership services for you.

Come join your colleagues for the national AGD meeting in Orlando, July 16-20. If I can answer any questions or help you as a member in any way please do not hesitate to call on me.

**Make your plans to join the
North Carolina contingent in Orlando
July 16 - July 20, 2008!**

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North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry Mastertrack Program

By Harold (Ted) Rogers, DDS, FAGD, NCAGD Mastertrack Program Director

In the last newsletter we expressed concern over the ability to continue the Mastertrack Program. Because of the high cost of each weekend (i.e. room rent, food, speakers, and supplies) we have agreed to place the program on hiatus until we have a full class (20-25 participants). We have secured a new location and have some interesting programs to present: "Traditional and Implant Prosthetics" and "Two Types of Endodontic Systems." In hopes to broaden our audience we are renaming the program. The NCAGD "Mastertrack Program" will now be known as "Learning the Art and Science of Comprehensive Dentistry." We want serious students of dentistry, eager to learn. Those who participate do not need to have received the fellowship award or mastership award. Any dentist whether he is pursuing the mastership, fellowship, or needing CE for licensure, can attend. You do not have to enroll in the entire program. You can attend only the courses that you want. All credits are applicable to licensure requirements of the N.C.State Board.

Generally, participants are awarded participation credit

Participant's Perspective on the NCAGD Mastertrack Program

When I chose to participate in the initial Mastertrack Program offered by the NCAGD, little did I realize the professional impact this program would have upon me and my dental practice. As an "older" dentist only recently receiving the Fellowship award, I had certain reservations in making the commitment to this new program.

From the first weekend of three seminars, I was able to bring back to my office information and techniques that have raised not only the quality of care I can offer my patients, but have also made dentistry more fun and innovative for me. In this small classroom setting, we had the opportunity for intimate question and answer periods, friendly debate among peers, lecture, and hands on experience from both nationally known and the younger, up and coming dental experts.

I'm certain that each of us has those areas of dentistry that we find uninspiring and even down-right boring. For me the two most prominent are oral medicine and phar-

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EDITOR'S NOTE: These courses are quality CE. Classes are small and you have immediate feedback from the presenters.

The presenters are top notch. You cannot find this quality CE for the money anywhere. Please help us keep the program alive!

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CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

As requested by the national AGD, the NCAGD constituent, along with other constituents, had to rewrite their bylaws following the national model. All constituents now have bylaws which, although similar in form, are unique to each state or region; we are all under one constitution and functioning by means of our specific bylaws.

This change reduces time and confusion should there be need again to have a hearing by the national Constitution and Bylaws Committee. The language is the same for all involved. Thereby, if a ruling has to be made, the committee will have no need to cross check constitutions and bylaws to determine if any violation has occurred.

The bylaws were unanimously approved at the business meeting on Saturday, February 16, 2008. On Sunday, the executive board met to discuss the events of the next business year. It was determined that we needed to increase our state constituent dues in 2009 from \$45.00 to \$55.00. This is only a \$10 increase, but it can give N.C. the needed money to cover the ever increasing costs of postage, meeting expenses, etc. We need to remember that it has been several years since we had a change in our dues. – Harold (Ted) Rogers, DDS, FAGD

2008 NCAGD Annual Meeting



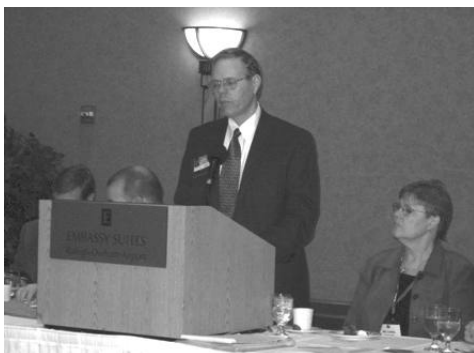
Dr. Gavin Harrell, President-Elect of the NCDS, speaks at the NCAGD Business Luncheon.

The 32nd Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Academy of General Dentistry was held on February 15-17, 2008 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Cary, NC. It was another successful

meeting consisting of a well balanced mix of continuing education, social activities, business and vendors. It was

nice to meet with old friends and to make some new ones. Our total registration was 121 people, 110 dentists and 11 spouses and guests.

Friday began with Dr. Tarun Agarwal with a full day on "Real World Cosmetics." A conflict in scheduling left us without scheduled speaker, Dr. Michael Ribera. Saturday's speaker, Dr. Michael Melkers was gracious enough to step in and give an all day lecture on composites including placement, contouring, color matching, layering and tinting. A number of different composite systems were discussed. I would like to express the gratitude of the NCAGD for his help in a time of need.



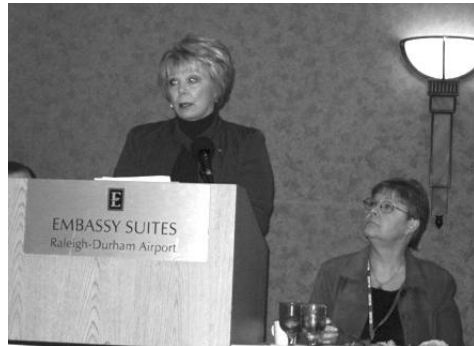
Dr. Jerry Butler, candidate for the NC Senate, addresses the NCAGD.

The NC State Board of Dental Examiners concluded the Friday continuing education with a presentation titled "Current Trends in Dentistry." Friday concluded with a beer tasting and a multicourse meal at "Bistro 64"

for those who registered for it. It was a tremendous success with participants not returning to the hotel until late.

Saturday started with a Past President's Breakfast followed by Dr. Michael Melkers and Dr. Jeanine McDonald presenting "Nuts and Bolts Occlusion" in the morning and a hands on program in the afternoon where participants learned quick and repeatable techniques to mount cases on an articulator. Dr. Lorne Lavine gave a full day lecture entitled "The Modern Dental Practice."

The Business Luncheon was sponsored by Delta Dental of NC. At the business session we had the honor of hearing from Dr. Paula Shannon Jones, President-Elect of the AGD; Dr. Carol A. Wooden, Regional Director Region 19 of

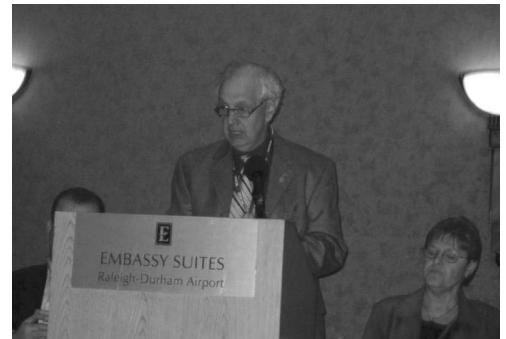


Dr. Paula Shannon Jones, President-Elect of the national AGD, addresses the NCAGD with Dr. Carol A. Wooden, Region #19 Director of the AGD, looking on.

the AGD; Representative Harold Brubaker, NC House of Representatives; Dr. Gavin Harrell, President-Elect of the NCDS; Dr. Jerry Butler, a candidate for NC Senate; and Dr. Gary Oyster, Legislative Chairman of the NCDS.

Dr. Stan Hardesty, President of the NCAGD and NC State Board of Dental Examiners, awarded Dr. Harold "Ted" Rogers the NCAGD's Distinguished Service Award for his many, many years of impeccable service to the NCAGD.

Dr. Hardesty called for a vote on a revision of NCAGD by-laws that passed. The new by-laws bring the NCAGD up to date with by-laws and regulations of the AGD national organization. These new by-laws are listed on the NCAGD website, www.ncagd.org.



Dr. Gary Oyster gives a legislative update at the NCAGD Business Luncheon.

Dr. Paula Jones, President-Elect of the AGD, then installed our new officers for 2008-2009. They consist of Dr. John Pruitt, President; Dr. Stan Hardesty, Immediate Past President; Dr. Keith Yount, President-Elect; Dr. Glenn Miller, Secretary/Treasurer and Dr. Danielle Tart, Vice President.

Saturday ended with a reception for all attendees and guests. On Sunday, Dr. Michael Weinsfeld gave a very informative presentation on "Risk Reduction."

The Annual Meeting was an extremely enjoyable experience. I would like to thank all members who gave of their time and efforts to make the NCAGD Annual Meeting such a resounding success.

– Michael L. Mock, DDS, Editor



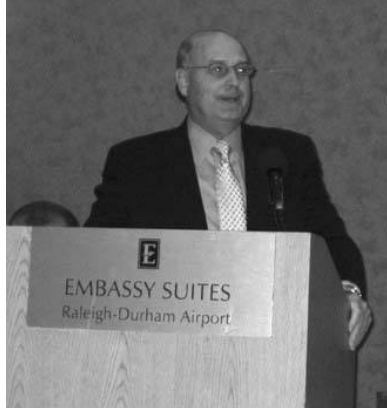
Dr. Paula Shannon Jones, President-Elect of the national AGD, installs NCAGD officers for the 2008-2009 year at the NCAGD Business Luncheon. From left to right Dr. Stan Hardesty, Immediate Past President; Dr. Danielle Tart, Vice President; Dr. Glenn Miller, Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Keith Yount, President-Elect; and Dr. John Pruitt, President



Dr. John Pruitt, President of the NCAGD, presents Immediate Past President, Dr. Stan Hardesty, with the NCAGD 2007-08 President's Plaque at the NCAGD Business Luncheon.



Dr. Paula Shannon Jones, President-Elect of the national AGD, and Dr. Carol A. Wooden, Regional Director Region 19, give their input to the NCAGD Board of Directors.



NC Representative Harold Brubaker addresses the NCAGD.



2008 NCAGD Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Harold "Ted" Rogers received the 2008 NCAGD Distinguished Service Award during the 2008 NCAGD Annual Meeting. The award was presented by Dr. Stan Hardesty, NCAGD President, during the NCAGD Business Luncheon on Saturday, February 16.

Dr. Rogers graduated from the UNC School of Dentistry in 1980. Following graduation, he served in the Army Dental Corps for three years. He has been a solo general practitioner in Clayton, NC for 25 years.

Dr. Rogers is a Fellow of both the Academy of General Dentistry and the Academy of Dentistry International. He is a member of the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the Academy of Operative Dentistry. He has served as President of the NC Fourth District Dental Society (1992-93) and was President of the Johnson County Dental Society (1995-2007). He has also served on the Board of Directors of the UNC Dental Alumni Association.

Dr. Rogers has been actively involved with the NCAGD for many years. He has held all the officer positions and served as the 2002-03 NCAGD President. He then served as Secretary of AGD Region 19 (NC, SC, GA & AL) and is presently the AGD Region 19 Treasurer.

Since the inaugural session in 2006, Dr. Rogers has been serving as the NCAGD Mastertrack Program Director. He also currently chairs the NCAGD Constitution and Bylaws Committee and serves nationally on the AGD Constitution, Bylaws and Judicial Affairs Council.

In addition to dental volunteerism in his community, Dr. Rogers has been very active in both his church and his local Masonic lodge. He and his wife Dorothy have two children, Leslie and Lisa, and five grandchildren.

– Lynette L. Smith, DDS, FAGD



Dr. Stan Hardesty, 2007-08 NCAGD President, presents the NCAGD Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Harold (Ted) Rogers.

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May 15-18, 2008

NCDS Mentoring Reception* at
NCDS Annual Session, Myrtle Beach, SC
May 16, 2008

Region 19 Leadership Conference and
Pre-Caucus, Charleston, SC
June 27-28, 2008

AGD Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL
July 16-20, 2008

Annual Fall Pig Pickin' and
NCAGD Board of Directors Meeting,
Snipes Farm, Carboro, NC
November 7, 2008

AGD Leadership Conference, Chicago, IL
November 21-22, 2008

NCAGD Annual Meeting, Cary, NC
February 20-22, 2009

AGD National Board of Directors Meeting,
Asheville, NC
April 10-11, 2009

* This reception is being cosponsored by the
UNC Dental Alumni Association
and the NCAGD

Continuing Education

The AGD Program for Continuing Education (PACE) is an evaluation of the educational processes used in designing, planning and implementing continuing education. Approval by the AGD does not imply endorsement of course content, products or therapies presented, nor does this approval imply that a state or provincial board of dentistry will accept courses for re-licensure. Approved program providers are expected to comply with all relevant state and federal laws. Continuing education offered by approved program providers will be accepted by the Academy for Fellowship/Mastership credit and by the NC State Board of Dental Examiners for license maintenance.

The NCAGD's PACE key role is to raise and maintain the quality of continuing dental education programs presented to our constituent. All program provider approvals, whether for new approvals or re-approvals, must complete the same application that covers 14 standards of quality of continuing education in order to be eligible to offer FAGD/MAGD and State Board credit hours.

To acquire an application for your dental organization either go to the AGD website or contact the national office at 1-888-AGD DENT (243-3368) ext 4335. North Carolina in addition to the application requires a \$50 fee to recoup expenses for processing the application. Once your application is completed mail it to Dr Cheryl Siegel at 4505 Fair Meadow Lane, STE 209, Raleigh, NC, 27607. If you have any questions feel free to call me at 919-881-9258.

– Cheryl Siegel, DDS, CE Chairwoman

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GOES TO WASHINGTON

The Academy of General Dentistry held its second annual advocacy conference March 10 & 11 in Washington, DC. The conference titled "A Great Dentist Goes to Washington" focused on training general dentists in advocacy and in how to interact with their individual Congressmen and Senators.

The first day of the conference focused on training the general dentists on current issues and on how Congress works. In addition to providing training, this conference allowed the AGD and its members to be heard on important legislative issues introduced to improve dental access to care for children and to prevent "meth mouth." The second day included visits to Capitol Hill where each attendee met with his Congressman and Senators. The specific bills discussed were the Children's Dental Health Improvement Act, Deamonte's Law and Meth Mouth Prevention.

North Carolina was represented by four dentists at the 2008 AGD advocacy conference. Drs. Dan Cheek, Lyn Smith, Ben Smith and Jerry Butler attended on behalf of the NCAGD. Dr. Cheek currently serves on the AGD Council on Legislative and Governmental Affairs which organized both the 2007 & 2008 advocacy conferences.

—Lynette L. Smith, DDS, FAGD



**Dr. Lyn Smith and
Congresswoman Virginia Foxx**



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