Establishment of The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

The American Academy of Dental Radiology, at its annual meeting in Bandera, Texas, on Oct. 20, 1979, voted unanimously to establish The American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology.

The objectives of the Board are to elevate the standards of oral and maxillofacial radiology to promote optimal health care. To this end, the Board will endeavor to improve the quality of education and knowledge of oral and maxillofacial radiology for members of the health professions. Consistent with these aims, the Board will establish qualifications for certification of specialists, conduct specialist examinations, and perform those other necessary functions which would fulfill the Board’s objectives.

The original Board members were elected by the American Academy of Dental Radiology and consist of the following: Benjamin Ciola, Veterans Administration Medical Center in West Haven, Connecticut; Robert Goepp, Zoller Memorial Clinic at the University of Chicago; Stephen R. Matteson, University of North Carolina; Donald D. Weissman and Dr. Stuart C. White, both from UCLA. Board members elected the following officers:

President, Donald D. Weissman
Vice-President, Robert A. Goepp
Secretary-Treasurer, Benjamin Ciola

President Donald D. Weissman

The Board’s new president, Don Weissman, has been variously engaged in clinical dentistry, radiology, research, and dental education. He earned his dental degree from New York University in 1937 and served in the United States Army Air Force in Africa and Italy. He initiated his interest in dosages from ionizing radiation at Edgewood Arsenal in 1950. He joined the faculty at UCLA in 1967 as research dentist and has pursued his “second career” in radiology since. Author, lecturer, Fellow and officer of the American Academy of Dental Radiology, Fellow of the American College of Dentists, and member of Sigma Xi, and many other professional societies, he brings to the Board an encompassing, dedicated wealth of expertise in radiology and dentistry.
Vice-President Robert A. Goepp

Bob Goepp is the Board's new vice-president. Bob obtained his bachelor and dental degrees from Loyola in Chicago. He was awarded Master's and Ph.D. degrees in pathology from the University of Chicago. Currently Bob is professor of oral pathology and director of the Zoller Memorial Dental Clinic at the University of Chicago. He is a member of the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, the Medical Radiation Advisory Council of the F.D.A., and the Council on Dental Research of the American Dental Association and a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral Pathology. He is a past-president of the Academy and has served the Academy on numerous committees. His research interests are diversified and range from radiation effects on repopulation kinetics of mouse epithelium to human fertility control.

Secretary-Treasurer Benjamin Ciola

Our secretary-treasurer is a native of Connecticut. Ben received his bachelor's degree from Fairfield, his dental degree from St. Louis, interned in oral surgery at Yale-New Haven Hospital, and obtained his M.S.D. degree in dental radiology from the University of Alabama, where he was a National Institute of Health Fellow. He has received the Hatton Award for his research efforts correlating chromosomal aberrations and exposure to low-level amounts of radiation. He was a faculty member at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. In addition, he was a member of the Clinical Sciences Advisory Panel for the National Dental Curriculum study conducted by the Council of Education of the American Dental Association. Currently he is a faculty member at Yale University School of Medicine and Chief of Dental Services at the West Haven Veterans Administration Medical Center. Ben has been on innumerable Academy committees and chaired the Fellowship Committee. He is currently a member of the Executive Council.

Stephen R. Matteson

Stephen R. Matteson is a native of New Jersey and received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1962. After serving 2 years in the United States Air Force, he practiced general dentistry in New Jersey for 9 years. He obtained graduate training in oral radiology at the University of Connecticut and, in 1975, joined the faculty at the University of North Carolina as head of the Section of Oral Radiology. Dr. Matteson is an active member and Fellow of the American Academy of Dental Radiology. He is also a member of the North Carolina Radiation Protection Commission.
Stuart C. White

Stu was born in Pasadena, California, and, like all good Californians, graduated from the University of California at Berkeley. He received his dental degree from UCLA and went on to the University of Rochester, where he obtained a Ph.D. degree in radiation biology and biophysics. He is currently associate professor and chairman of the Section of Oral Radiology at UCLA School of Dentistry. He has served the Academy on numerous committees and is currently its chairman for continuing education. His current research interests lie in the fields of radiographic referral criteria, xeroradiography, and dosimetry.