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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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It is a great honor and privilege to be elected as President of the Academy for 2001-2002, and I sincerely thank you for this opportunity. I want to begin the year by expressing my deepest appreciation to Ron Baughman for outstanding service as President last year, and his service in the many other positions he held in previous years. Pat's efforts as our First Lady were similarly laudable as hostess and organizer and keeping the President out of trouble, and she also has supported us for many years with her excellent histotechnical skills. Our hats off to both of them for their hard work and dedication.

On behalf of all members of AAOMP I also want to express sincere appreciation to the many other individuals who have used their valuable time serving us and congratulate those who are just beginning their leadership roles. James Burns and James Kratochvil have just finished their term as Councilors and will be missed. Committee Members who have just finished their terms are Cindy Kleinegger, Constitution and Bylaws, Cathy Flaitz, Education, Bob Brannon, Fellowship, John Tiffie, Finance, Sadru Kabani, Laboratory Service, and Tom Morton, Professional and Public Relations. To all, a heartfelt thanks!! The Executive Council this year includes President-Elect Doug Damm, newly elected Vice President Carl Allen, Secretary/Treasurer Brad Neville, Editor Alan Gould, and Director of Education Susan Zunt. Our new Councilors are Stephen Ahing and Lee Slater, and the new member of the Board is John Fantasia. Congratulations also to all new committee

members. The collective success of our organization hinges on both our teamwork and the dedication and performance of many individuals. I also thank the numerous other people that I have not named who serve in one or more of the many non-committee roles.

On this note, some of the individuals who contributed substantially to the success of the Chicago meeting were Mark Lingen, Local Arrangements, and Ron and Pat Baughman, Brad Neville, Jennette Helfrich, and Liz Lenard. Thank you from all of us! Our Annual Meeting is largely focused on education and that aspect was, as expected, magnificently managed by Susan Zunt.

Hopefully you have noticed that there is now a "Fellow" login section at our Website (www.aaomp.org). If you are a Fellow you should have received an email with the appropriate password and ID but, if not, please notify our office (preferably by email). In this regard, I urge all Members to please confirm that we have your correct email address and demographic information on the site. The Fellows area will be used to share information that pertains more uniquely to Fellows than to all Members. Currently the complete 2001 report of the Long Range Planning Committee (please see comments below) is there as are the minutes of the Fellowship Meeting. The two areas (Members and Fellows) will otherwise be identical. An important reminder regarding the Website is that at the Fellowship Meeting it was noted that for next year's meeting the Executive Council has approved using an electronic format for the Abstracts & Clinical Pathologic Conference Cases booklet. This will mean that you will have the clinical and radiographic images sent to you in electronic format (clinical images in color) for your use, and if you want you can print your own copy. Of course we will send a printed copy of the file (black and white) to anyone who request one.

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Additionally, it should result in having some uniformity in the abstracts regarding font style and size.

Our budget and fiscal status, as always, received some attention during both the Council and Fellowship meetings. An important new source of income will occur as a result of the arrangement with Proctor and Gamble whereby our members provide case documentation and illustrations for publication in a CE format. We especially thank Cathy Flaitz for negotiating this arrangement to our benefit and thank the other members who will also provide cases. One of our goals this year is to try to modify a few income and expense items in support of a healthier bottom line. We hope that using our Website appropriately will reduce some of our printing and mailing expenses. Many substantial expenses occur during our Annual meeting and I would like to highlight two. Each year we have a welcome reception that is a very important social event where we can review our friendships and meet new members. Our cost for this event is significant and is covered by the registration fee of both the member and that of his or her spouse or guest. I respectfully remind everyone that all attendees of the reception should be registered. Secondly, the traditional Champagne brunch for spouses that is popular is also expensive, but my suggestion to forgo it in favor of a less costly social gathering was not well received. But it did lead to a perpetually generous individual offering to pay for the

event. The current plan is to continue the tradition next year but to creatively keep the cost to the Academy as reasonable as possible.

Sometimes it may not seem so, but the Council is trying to schedule future annual meetings at locations that are affordable to all members of our Academy. The balance between affordability and comfort is sometimes delicate. But we are trying. In turn, when it is possible, we ask that you try to stay in the hotel selected for the meeting. It is financially very helpful to the Academy when we meet our guest room minimums that help qualify for lower meeting room rates.

An issue that I believe deserves our highest priority this year is summarized in the 2001 Report of the Long Range Planning Committee. The future that was studied by the LRPC a decade ago is here and since that time we did not experience the progress that we had hoped for. I urge you to read the entire report if you haven't already done so and would like to highlight parts of it here. From the report: *The academy is at a decision crossroad. The academy needs to decide if it wants the specialty of oral and maxillofacial pathology to continue its present course and number of specialists OR whether it wants to significantly increase the opportunities for practice and expand the specialty and the academy. It continues, "The greatest potential for expansion of opportunities to practice lies in large medical laboratories, especially hospitals and medical centers. It is time for serious consideration of*

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We have sent out a few bulk emails to our membership, but unfortunately there have been a few that have been returned for various reasons. If you did not receive an email on June 26th, then either you don't have an email address listed with us or this message was returned to us. We can accept multiple email addresses.

Fellows, we will be sending out the Fellows' Business Meeting Minutes via email and they will also be on the Fellows' portion of the website. **If you do not have an email account or access to a computer, you may call our office for a hard copy to be sent to you.**

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development of optional "double-degree" training programs that would award M.D. degrees (in addition to DDS or DMD degrees that the dentists in training would already have) and lead to the opportunity for certification by both ABOMP and the American Board of Pathology."

We need advocates of both or other positions to boldly come forward, and to logically and resolutely assert why their position is better than the other. To this end, the Education Committee will help organize a symposium on the topic at our 2002 Annual Meeting in New Orleans.

As a member of the LRPC that prepared that report, and current member of a hospital pathology staff, I see the optimal future OMFP's as having both dental and medical clinical knowledge, general pathology training that would satisfy AP board eligibility, and specialty training in head and neck pathology. Impossible, unaffordable, impractical, wishful thinking? Perhaps. But, I wholeheartedly believe the report notes several issues that are so likely to negatively impact our future that it is imperative that we look at possible alternatives to our training and practices with a seriousness and resolve that we have not previously shown. As the report notes, "This would be a major and complex change for our Academy, would require a great deal of work by the AAOMP, ABOMP, and those involved with training programs." I sincerely hope we can begin work on this matter this year.

Once again, I thank you for this opportunity. I strongly encourage and welcome your suggestions and input on any issue that will improve our practices and the service we provide to other clinicians and patients. Have a great summer.

Thanks to John Wright

Much thanks go to former AAOMP President John Wright for his tireless efforts to have supporting language included in AAOMS's practice guidelines. The second paragraph of the Introduction of the most recent version of the *Parameters and Pathways, Clinical Practice Guidelines for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*, read: The parameters of care for pathology have their foundation in knowledge that is continuing to expand. Increased understanding of the nature of these diseases, their biologic behavior, and their response to therapy form the basis of practice standards. Evidence-based medicine demonstrates that treatment decisions and their outcomes should be based on a definitive pathologic diagnosis obtained either by preoperative biopsy or post-treatment submission of surgical specimens. When reasonable, submission of specimens to Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists is encouraged, as this increases the likelihood of diagnostic accuracy and, therefore, appropriate management. This document does not replace existing biomedical knowledge; it merely provides the basis for definitive indications for therapy, parameters of therapy, goals of therapy, and the range of outcomes.

Congratulations to the "Gorlin Award Winner"

Josephine Wu

Long Island Jewish Medical Center, NY

Title: "Anticancer Activity of Scutellaria
Baicalensis on Head and Neck Squamous Cell
Carcinoma"

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Chicago Clinical Pathology Conference Diagnosis

Case 1: Thalassemia

Case 2: Florid osseous dysplasia

Case 3: Pyostomatitis vegetans

Case 4: Medication-induced stomatitis
(methotrexate ulceration)

Case 5: Aneurysmal bone cyst arising
in psammomatoid ossifying
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AAOMP News

“In September 2000, the Board of Governors of the Canadian Dental Association approved a new combined dental specialty called Oral Medicine and Pathology. The Canadian Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology and Oral Medicine had its inaugural meeting on May 28, 2001 in Montreal with 22 members and 4 residents in attendance. The President is Stephen Ahing (ahingsi@ms.umanitoba.ca), the President-elect is Ralph Brooke (rbrooke@uwo.ca), the Secretary is Dean Kolbinson (usask.ca) and the Treasurer is Monica Zieper (zieper@ohsu.edu). Drs. Ahing and Zieper are also members of the AAOMP. A new combined Fellowship Exam was held on June 2, 2001. Competency-based educational standards have been set by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.”