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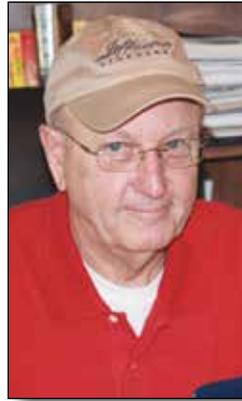
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## Editor's Notes

Bill Chesser, DMD, MAGD

Since the last issue of your Alabama Composite, people involved in organized dentistry have been busy. The Alabama AGD held its **Annual Review of Dentistry in September**, convening at the Sandestin Hilton under the direction of President, Dr. Toni Neumeier.

On another front, the first annual **National AGD Governance** meeting was held in **Chicago November 3-5**. Traditionally, AGD holds the Governance meeting at the same time and same place as the Scientific meeting. This year we are trying something different – separation of the two.

To prepare for the convening of the AGD House of Delegates (HOD) in Chicago, your **Region 19 met in Birmingham** at the Wynfrey Hotel **October 13-14**. Here, men and women – all busy dentists like you, who are giving of their time and talents – made decisions concerning the resolutions which would be coming up at the HOD in Chicago. Delegates from Alabama are **Dr. Toni Neumeier, Derrick Mendez, Bill Chesser, Gary Myers, and Ross Isbell**.

One such resolution which may be of interest to you concerns the **increase in dues for dental students from \$17 to \$ 20 per year**. Another move directs there be **term limits** on the Executive Committee positions of **National Editor**, as well as **Speaker of the House**. (Our current National AGD Editor, Dr. Roger Winland, has held his office for 21 years.)

Actions taken at the Chicago meeting direct that the Editor's office will be limited to three terms of three years each. The Speaker of the House will now be able to serve three terms of two years each.

Many of you attended the ADA meeting in Atlanta this year. Congratulations are in order for **Dr. Jeff Cole**, just elected as **President-Elect for ADA**. Dr. Cole is **Past President of the AGD**, and has been a powerful leader in our profession for many years. He brings huge potential to the table for dentistry.

More news of interest: Two items which may affect you are going to the 2018 Alabama Legislature from your Alabama Board of Dental Examiners.

(1) The concept of the Expanded-Duty Dental Assistant (**EDDA**) **will be removed** from the **Dental Practice Act**. Many reasons caused this removal, but basically, surveys of Alabama dentists showed that 2/3 of our licenses did not want the EDDA concept included, nor did they agree upon the duties they would be allowed to perform.

(2) Additionally, a rule will be presented allowing **Dental Hygienists to administer local anesthetic by infiltration**. Proper training will be required, of course, to be determined by the Alabama BDE. Questions? Contact a member of Alabama BDE.

Alabama AGD was honored at the National AGD meeting with two Awards of Excellence in 2017. In our membership category, we were named **Constituent of the Year**, and we won the **Academy Constituent Editor's (ACE) Award** for our quarterly newsletter, the **Alabama Composite**.

Other honors received included **Honorable Mention in Membership, Public Information, and Continuing Education**. Congratulations to all involved in the winning of these Awards. Please let us know what you think. **Get Involved!**



*ALAGD Delegates attending the pre-caucus meeting in Birmingham.  
(l to r) Ross Isbell, Bill Chesser, Gary Myers, Toni Neumeier and Derrick Mendez.*

# President's Message

Toni Neumeier DMD, MAGD



## DEAR AGD MEMBERS,

Have you noticed that leaves have turned into glorious colors over the past several days before making their yearly pilgrimage onto our lawns and driveways? Yes, Fall is here and the holiday season is just around the corner, which also means this year in dentistry is almost over. Let us use this moment to take one last look at our 44th Annual Review of Dentistry conference held in Destin from September 7-9.

The conference went very well. In spite of the pending threat from Hurricane IRMA, we were blessed with beautiful weather while we were in Destin...bright blue skies during the daytime, breathtaking sunsets, and clear moonlit nights. After networking with friends and colleagues at the welcome reception, exhibitor's party and dean's reception, there was the opportunity for quiet and peaceful walks on the beach to reflect on the day you just had, and to relax and refresh your mind for the learning you would do on next day.

During these two and one-half days, we had 112 Alabama dentists, 32 Mississippi dentists, 32 spouses, 121 team members, 101 exhibitors for a total 402 attendees that came from AL, MS, GA, LA, MO, AR, TN, FL, NC, NY, and VA. This was a record-breaking number of attendees in the past 5 years! We also greatly appreciated several leaders in dentistry who either gave us presentations or attended CE courses with us. These include Dr. Jeff Cole (ADA president elect), Dr. Glenn Miller (Region 19 Director), Dr. Michael Reddy (UAB SOD Dean), Dr. Nick Russo (AGD Past President) and Dr. Charles Goodacre (past president of Loma Linda University).

Several of you have given us positive feedback, which has given board members more confidence in the changes that we made this year – such as changing meeting dates, location, and adding a keynote speaker for opening the ceremony, welcome reception, e-poster competition and lab communication and clinical case presentation.

The board members of ALAGD greatly appreciate all the support from both AGD and non-AGD members to let us declare this annual meeting was another great meeting. And we predict it will be another exciting meeting for next year, especially with your support of Dr. Derrick Mendez (President Elect) for next year's event.

Our next general attendance and board meeting will be held right after the Alumni weekend on February 4, 2018. We invite all ALAGD members to attend the meeting and

be more involved with this organized dentistry group in Alabama. Your voice and suggestions are what we need in order for us to protect our legacy.

Finally, I want to applaud our UAB Student AGD chapter that held its first meeting with elected officers on October 5. The purpose of this meeting was to plan the D1 recruitment luncheon with student chapter officers on Nov 8. The recruitment luncheon went well. Both Dr. Tim Smith (FAGD) and Amanda Ward (D3, vice president) gave inspiring presentations. We had 53 out of 63 students who submitted membership application forms. A total of 32 student member fees were donated to our student membership fund through our meeting registration site, plus nearly \$400 was achieved during fund raising activities at the meeting. We appreciate your encouragement and financial support for our newly formed student chapter! The student chapter plans to have additional fund raising activities and continuing education courses for both member and nonmembers in the future. All of you are welcome to participate in these events.

And remember to follow us on our website at [alagd.com](http://alagd.com).

Toni Neumeier, DMD, MAGD  
President, Alabama AGD



*Composite President Neumeier, President Elect Dr. Derrick Mendez and Past President Bill Ingram enjoying the Oral Arts Yacht.*

Back in 1985, the Alabama AGD was one of the first large groups hosted for a major meeting at the Sandestin Hilton, when it first opened. We enjoyed a good relationship with the hotel until four years ago, when your Board decided to try the Bay Side for awhile.

Although the Grand Hotel there treated us well, we found it just wasn't the same. Viewing the Bay or pool deck and grounds from your room just wasn't the same as soaking up the view of the Gulf of Mexico from the balcony of your Hilton room.

It was good to be back. The Hilton has updated its facility in many ways in the last four years. There are new Ball Rooms on the main levels, which improve flow between CE classes and the Exhibitors' area. Rooms have been modernized and beautified, and public areas are more colorful and easily navigated.

Dr. Toni Neumeier, AIAGD 2017 President, had the distinct honor to host this first meeting held in our "old stomping grounds", and STOMP we did! Plenty of fun, CE, networking, and reunion-ing was had by all.

Dr. Toni threw in a few new touches. Thursday morning began with a General Assembly, featuring the Keynote Speaker, Dr. Jeff Cole. As a Past President of National AGD, and President-Elect of ADA, Jeff was fully qualified to address the subject, "Leadership".

That evening, another new event was introduced, the President's Party. Everyone was invited to this event, held on the beautiful deck of the Hilton at sunset, Weather cooperated, and the stunning seascape provided the perfect backdrop for a glorious evening.

Friday the Exhibit Hall was the site of our annual door-prize drawings, as well as really tasty snacks and drinks. Thousands of dollars of gifts were given away, to the tune of screams of joy and cheering. Thanks to Dr. Bob DeShazer, Master of Ceremonies for this event.

President Neumeier also added an E-Poster Contest. Students, as well as recent grads, participated, and winners are pictured elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our President-Elect, Dr. Derrick Mendez, is well on his way to planning our 2018 Annual Review, and it promises not to disappoint. Mark your calendars for September 6-8, 2018. Bring your families, staffs, and yourselves for one of the best bargains in CE offered.



*Dr. Jeff Cole, Keynote Speaker for the General Assembly. Jeff is to be congratulated on being elected President Elect of the ADA.*



*President Neumeier with Dean Michael Reddy.*



*Scott Herndon conducts the CPR update.*



*President Neumeier opens the 2017 Meeting by introducing the Keynote Speaker Dr. Jeff Cole.*



*Hands on instruction for Hygienists.*

# Good to be Back!



*President Toni Neumeier and Gary Myers present President's plaque to Dr. Rachael Osborne.*



*Gary Myers and Derrick Mendez are taking care of business behind the scene.*



*Speakers John and Karen Comisi win a nice door prize.*



*Dr. Kendall Brickman (2017 graduated), Dr. John Comisi (Judge for e-poster), Yunhee Choi (D3), Bright Chang (D3) and Dr. Toni Neumeier (2017 President of ALAGD)*



*Speaker Dr. John Burgess and his host Dr. Bill Adams at the Speakers's luncheon.*



*Big Winner at the Exhibit Hall Party.*



*Pretty ladies enjoy the President's Party.*



*Past Presidents and guests gather for photo-op at the President's Party.*

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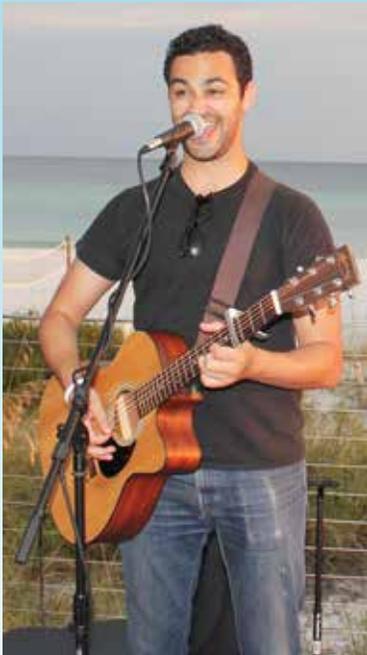
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*Friends Kim Stiegler and Ray McLaughlin enjoying the cruise around the bay on the Oral Arts yacht.*



*Enjoying the Oral Arts Yacht are Dr. John Comisi, Linda Colle and Dr. Jeff Cole.*



*D3 student James Harb provided entertainment for the President's Party. His Father is a dentist in Birmingham.*



*Dr. Bryan Edgar presides over the HOD.*



*President Dr. Maria Smith opens the Annual AGD Meeting.*



*Editor Roger Winland. Editors never get photos of themselves. Roger has been Editor for 21 years.*



*Dr. Toni Neumeier accepts the Constituent of the Year Award for AGD from President Smith.*



*Editor Bill Chesser accepts the Newsletter Award for ALAGD from President Smith.*



*ALAGD Delegates Drs. Bill Chesser, Gary Myers, Toni Neumeier, Derrick Mendez and Ross Isbell.*

# L AGD MEETING



2018 AGD Officers: (L-R) Maria Smith, Immediate Past President; Roger Winland, Editor; Mohamednazir Harunani, Treasurer; Bryan Edgar, Speaker of the House; Michael Lew, Secretary; Connie White, Vice President; Niel Gajjar, President Elect; Manuel Cordero, President.



Posting of the Colors opens the 2017 Annual Meeting of the House of Delegates.



Region 19 Delegates and Officers.



The AGD Singers lead the HOD in the national Anthems for the U.S. and Canada. Directed by Dr. T. Bob Davis at the piano.



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