

Chapter Ten

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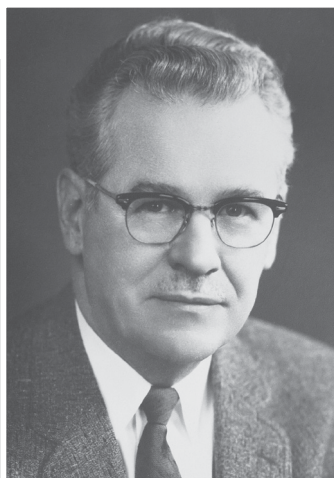
Academy Foundations

EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF PROSTHODONTICS

The Academy has long recognized the ongoing need to support education, research, and the clinical practice of prosthodontics. The Education & Research Foundation of Prosthodontics (E&R Foundation) was established in June 1960 by the foresight of Academy President W. Les Warburton. It incorporated on June 15, 1961, as a nonprofit corporation under the laws of the State of Utah and was recognized as a non-profit corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code on November 24, 1964.¹



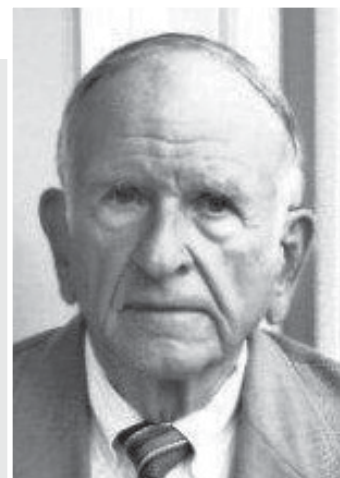
The E&R Foundation began out of need for educational, research, and scientific endeavors that would be autonomous from the Academy. The board of trustees of the E&R Foundation were Academy Fellows Ralph H. Boos (chair), Julian B. Woelfel, Chester K. Perry, Oliver C. Applegate, Dewey H. Bell, and Robert H. Sprigg.² In 1975, the E&R Foundation became affiliated with the Federation of Prosthodontic Organizations (FPO) as it became recognized by the ADA to represent the specialty of prosthodontics. The Academy of Denture Prosthetics, Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics, American Prosthodontic Society, American Academy of Maxillofacial Prosthetics, Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, American Equilibration Society, and American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, in cooperation with the FPO, recognized the mission of the E&R Foundation and became supporting affiliates. A major contributor was the Dalis Foundation by the efforts of Academy Fellow Alexander Lum Martone.



▲ Dr. W. Les Warburton



▲ Dr. Ralph Boos



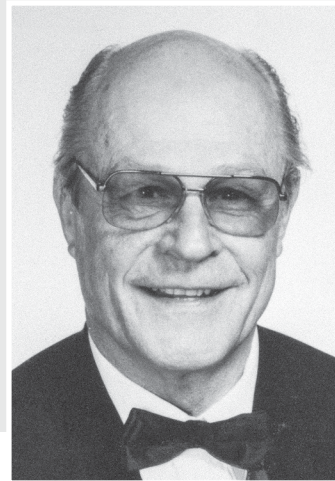
▲ Dr. Julian Woelfel



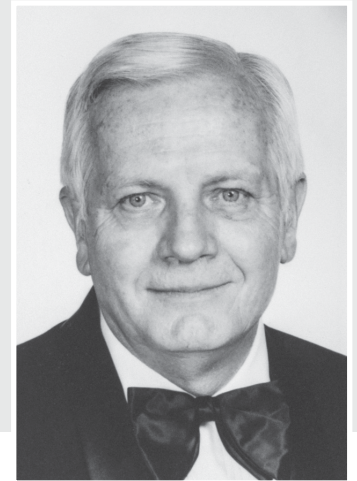
▲ Dr. Chester K. Perry



▲ Dr. Stephen G. Applegate



▲ Dr. Dewey H. Bell



▲ Dr. Robert Sprigg

The purpose of the E&R Foundation was designed to support scientific research, dissemination of knowledge, education in the advancement of dentistry within the discipline of prosthodontics, and to promote oral health and the public interest in prosthodontics. Research that was supported by the E&R Foundation was to be published in the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry*. Additionally, reprints of the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms (GPT), the Principles, Concepts and Practices (PCP) relating to prosthodontics, the minimum standards of prosthodontics, and *Add Youth to Your Smile by Prosthodontics*, originally written by Dr. William McCracken and revised by the Oral Health Committee, were made available at a nominal charge through the E&R Foundation.³ The statement of minimum standards was prepared by a committee of the Academy of Denture Prosthetics, then approved by the Academy fellowship, and subsequently reviewed and approved by the FPO.⁴ Reprints of these documents were provided through the E&R Foundation until 1993.⁵ Fellows Chester K. Perry, Thomas A. Curtis, Robert H. Sprigg, James S. Brudvik, and John B. Holmes served as executive secretaries of the E&R Foundation. Under their guidance, the E&R Foundation achieved many goals.

The E&R Foundation implemented research and contributed to the dissemination of knowledge with funds received from members, individuals, and other organizations wishing to further expand the benefits of prosthodontics. In 1964, Dr. Harold Harris, the Research Projects Committee chair, completed a survey of research projects in the



◀ Dr. Alexander Lum Martone, past-president, presents a check from the Dalis Foundation to E&R Foundation Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Henry Ebel.

field of complete denture prosthodontics in dental schools across the United States and Canada. This survey listed the various projects underway, together with the names of the researchers in each project. The FPO concluded operations at the end of 1994, and the E&R Foundation ceased activities after disbursing funds for the 1995 Prosthodontic Research Symposium in Chicago.

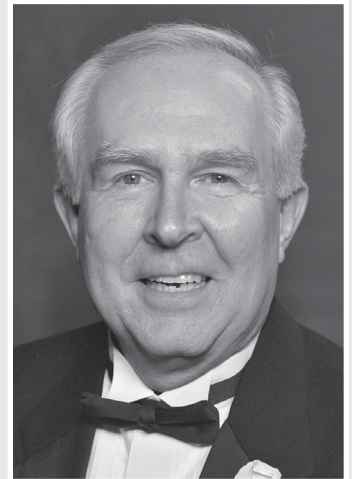
ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS FOUNDATION

Discussions for the development of an Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation (Foundation/APF) began in 1990. After reviewing the financial statements for the AP, Academy Fellow Clifford W. VanBlarcom recommended that the AP establish a new foundation to better align it with the current tax codes—becoming an IRS 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization—and to improve the ability for contributions to be received from the Academy membership and other external contributors. Also, the APF would better align itself with the mission and goals of the Academy of Prosthodontics as the APF served to financially and programmatically support education, research, and the clinical practice of prosthodontics. The APF provided grants for educational purposes, outreach services, leadership projects, and funded prosthodontics resident research. Reprints of the Glossary were provided through the Foundation beginning in 1993. Academy research findings resulting from grants were often presented at the Academy's annual meetings.⁶

The APF's objective was to build a financial base over several years through member donations, with the plan of using some of the income from the Foundation's investments to support aspects of the annual program that qualified for Foundation grants. Also, the Foundation members engaged in outreach work within communities of need. Those included both inner-city residents and Native Americans on many reservations throughout the United States. To that end, in early 1992, Dr. VanBlarcom visited with members of the home office dental staff at the headquarters of the Indian Health Service (IHS) in Rockville, Maryland. The goal was to offer Academy member prosthodontic services, particularly denture care, on selected reservations. The reception received in the Department of Health and Human Services was approving, cheerful, and exciting! In Dr. VanBlarcom's discussion with the chief of dental services, the Academy offered to provide personnel from the AP to staff the first of what became many future outreach projects throughout the IHS system.

The long list of subsequent outreach clinics in many different locations with various members of the AP in participation has become the new norm for the AP in the last few decades of the first century of its existence as highlighted in Chapters 15 and 17. Additionally, members have seen fit to provide funding themselves and many have sought out a wide variety of donors who have seen how this endeavor helps all of us fulfill our obligations to those who have needs that could not be addressed otherwise.

In addition to the Community Outreach Program, the AP Foundation engaged in numerous other efforts, such as supporting the Nomenclature Committee and the Academy scientific programs. The Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms is the standard



▲ Dr. Clifford VanBlarcom,
Secretary-Treasurer, Academy of
Prosthodontics (AP) Foundation

bearer in dentistry. The Academy's Nomenclature Committee has worked continuously on the Glossary of Prosthodontic Terms, and now solicits input from other groups within and outside of the discipline of prosthodontics. The Academy of Prosthodontics annual scientific program is the primary means of promoting scientific advancement and learning as well as fellowship in prosthodontics for the Academy members and guests.

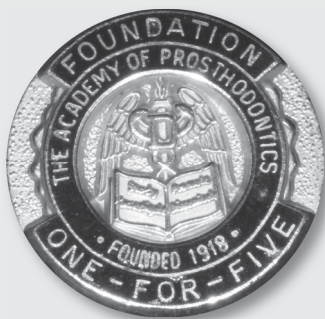
The Academy of Prosthodontics mission is to:

- promote the art and science of prosthodontics to the profession and the public,
- disseminate knowledge concerning prosthodontics throughout the profession,
- encourage study and investigation of the various phases of prosthodontics and related subjects, and
- provide or conduct outreach services to the community of need.

Support of the key mission ensures an organization that is able to work throughout the year in advancing prosthodontic science and patient care. Financial support of the Foundation is critical from members of the Academy as well as from others with an interest in prosthodontics. In this regard, numerous contributions have been received by the membership as well as from the AP Executive Council in recognition of Academy fellows who have passed away. Significant contributions were received as a result of the 1994 One-for-Five program whereby members pledged a five-year contribution. Major contributions were received from Academy Fellows David Wands, Donald Kramer, and Louis Blatterfein. Subsequently, the opening night Welcome Dinner was changed to the Louis Blatterfein Welcome Dinner.

From 1991 to 2010, the immediate past-president of the Academy of Prosthodontics served as president of the Foundation. In an effort to improve continuity, a past-president of the Academy now serves as president of the Foundation for a period of six years (see Table 10-1. AP Foundation Presidents and Secretary-Treasurers).

A portion of the research and investigation component of the mission is achieved by the Student Research Grant Committee. The purpose of this committee is to support



► Dr. David Wands

◄ One-for-Five AP
Foundation lapel pin





◀ Dr. Donald Kramer

▶ Dr. Donald Kramer at the ADA Outreach



the research mission of the Academy by awarding annual research grants to students. This committee promotes, organizes, and manages student selection for this award. This committee is composed of five Academy members; at least three of these must be Fellows. Members serve for a three-year term and may be reappointed for additional terms. One of the members of the committee is responsible for calling committee meetings, interacting with the Academy leadership, and providing an annual report to the Academy. Full-time residents enrolled in an accredited prosthodontic program are eligible for the grant and may apply. Pre-doctoral students who are mentored by faculty in accredited prosthodontic programs are also eligible. International applications are welcome and encouraged.

Over the years, contributions have come from Active members, bequests from estates, Indian Health Service grants, Native American tribal funds, the Snyder Foundation, and the Editorial Council of the *Journal of Prosthetic Dentistry* as well as corporate donors. The Foundation operates with a volunteer board of directors and officers and maintains very low administrative costs. Currently the board of the Foundation is implementing a strategic plan to strengthen our support from Academy members and corporate contributors so that the Academy of Prosthodontics can continue to fulfill its mission in the future.

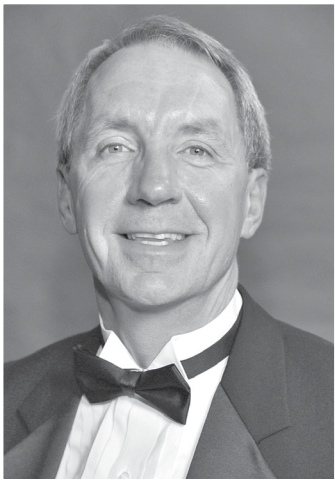
It is the combination of efforts on the part of the members of the Academy that have led this group into a leadership position in the specialty and discipline of prosthodontics. Many years ago,



▶ Dr. Louis Blatterfein

◀ Louis Blatterfein Welcome Dinner

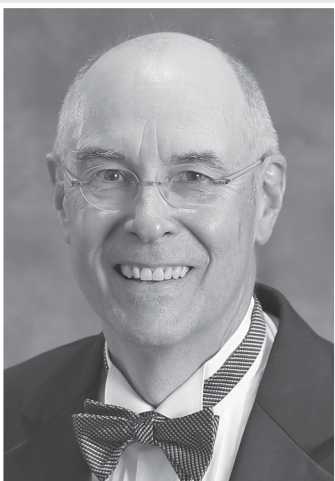




▲ James Chandler, Secretary-Treasurer of the AP Foundation, 2011–2022



▲ David Eggleston, President of the AP Foundation, 2011–2016



▲ Steven Eckert, President of the AP Foundation, 2017–2022

the Academy recognized a number of critical factors that, when combined, resulted in the establishment of the specialty of prosthodontics. Obviously, the need for education is required for any discipline. Ongoing research charts the path for the future, while provision of such care to all people in need is the ultimate goal. The Academy of Prosthodontics, in 1918, had the vision to set forth on a path that continues. Indeed, there have been changes in direction over time, but these corrections to course have only served to redirect prosthodontics. Within the Academy, there are many fellows who donate time, money, and professional and other expertise toward worthwhile causes, such as the Community Outreach Program, under the auspices of the Academy of Prosthodontics Foundation and outside of the organization. The Foundation is also a benefactor, receiving gifts of time, expertise, money, and supplies from individuals and corporations to facilitate the care of patients in need.

TABLE 10-1. ACADEMY OF PROSTHODONTICS (AP) FOUNDATION PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARY-TREASURERS

Year	President	Secretary-Treasurer
1991	Douglas C. Wendt	Clifford W. VanBlarcom
1992	Dewey H. Bell	
1993	Dale E. Smith	
1994	Brien R. Lang	
1995	Charles C. Swoope	
1996	George W. Smutko	
1997	Ronald P. Desjardins	Donald C. Kramer
1998	Gerald N. Graser	
1999	James L. Lord	
2000	George A. Zarb	
2001	Edward J. Plekavich	
2002	Howard M. Landesman	
2003	Richard J. Grisius	Clifford W. VanBlarcom
2004–2005	Gary S. Rogoff	
2006	George A. Murrell	
2007	Jonathan P. Wiens	
2008	Gary R. Goldstein	
2009	Steven D. Campbell	
2010	Charles J. Goodacre	
2011–2016	David W. Eggleston	James Chandler
2017–2022	Steven E. Eckert	

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