



The Westerner

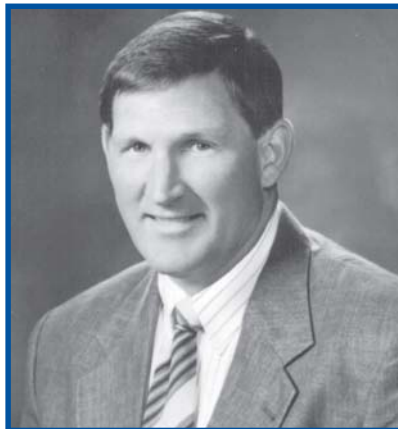
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President's Message

from the desk of dr. carlsen.....

I enjoyed the recent mini-bios about our new board members John Bond and Andy Harsany, and thought that the membership should know a little about their current President. I have been in solo private practice in Huntington Beach now for 30 years, including my year as an associate. Approaching my 60th, I still enjoy the practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery very much and believe that I have a good balance in my practice life of dento-alveolar, implant and orthognathic surgery. Providing general anesthesia/sedation procedures provides great satisfaction to me because I can make so many people comfortable with their procedures. While many OMS's are turning away from orthognathics, I feel strongly that I would lose my skills in an area that brings together the essence of our training. Despite lower reimbursement levels, there still exists a high level of gratification in correcting significant occlusal/facial imbalances and basking in some of the appreciative smiles from patients who are happy with their overall result, as most are. As a first year resident at USC and LA County Medical Center, I enjoyed removing wisdom teeth for USC students, but never imagined how fortunate I would be to be performing orthognathic surgery and offering grafting and implant related services that we routinely offer now. I barely had experience with saggitals and still remember the sound of Harold Hargis' one-hit saggital splits. My first experience viewing a maxillary down-



Dr. Gary Carlsen

fracture that Bob Fontanessi was performing left me a bit queasy, but I persevered in finding additional training in Texas with Epkar and Wolford, like so many others. I can thank Jack Lytle (he took out my wizzys) Marsh Robinson, Don Cooksey (a wonderful teacher), Marion Mills and Bob Steiner for early-on good impressions about our great profession . Although I was accepted to Medical School, I decided on dentistry but was attracted to OMS early due to the Marsh Robinson Study Club. Despite Marsh's fame, I will always remember him in the outpatient clinic at the dental school, patiently helping dental students remove broken bicuspid root-tips (usually from the maxillary sinus).

I met my wife, Anne, at USC on a blind date because someone thought it was cute that her last name was Carlson (NOTE: spelled -son, not -sen). Getting married and making the Olympic Team

(discus) in 1968 made it a VERY good year! After 36 years, it's only getting better. I am also very fortunate to have Anne's excellent business/accounting skills in my practice and at home in Corona del Mar. We have one wonderful daughter, Lara Ramey, and two grandkids, Austin who is almost 5, and Annie at 2 ½ , who live in San Diego—guess who babysits a lot? Anne and I enjoy walking, golf, and travel together. We both scuba dive and have been fortunate in the past to visit the Red Sea, Micronesia, Australia and most recently Tonga for sailing, diving/snorkeling adventures. Last year Anne was thrilled to catch a ride on a manta ray in the Sea of Cortez. We have been boat owners for years (*Decompression*—42 foot power) and recently joined the Balboa Yacht Club to add a new dimension to our boating passion. I enjoy digital photography and videography as well as video editing. Last year I became interested in astronomy, and now spend some time on nights when the viewing conditions are good finding objects with a Celestron (C11) SCG auto-guiding/finding telescope. I think you get the picture that I try to enjoy life while I'm living it!

Anne and I recently enjoyed the AAOMS meeting in San Francisco. It was nice to have time to actually get some continuing education units and spend time with friends and exhibitors. Yes, I spent too much money buying an AED and, thanks to Andy Harsany, a lazer unit. I was

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District VI Trustee Report December 2004

Dear Colleagues:

I have recently returned from AAOMS' 2004 Dental Implant Conference, which was held December 3 and 4, at the Sheraton Hotel and Towers in Chicago. Many thanks to the Committee on Continuing Education and Professional Development and the Dental Implant Task Force for another outstanding program. This annual conference continues to grow both in size and stature. As more than 1,300 OMSs, their staff and referrals can attest, it is truly one of the best programs on dental implants held anywhere. The hands-on hard and soft tissue programs held just prior to the conference sold out well in advance of the meeting, and most Dental Implant Conference symposia and break-outs were filled to capacity as well.

If you couldn't make it this year, please make a New Year's resolution to come to Chicago in 2005. Bring your dental implant team and referring dentists with you. You and they will thoroughly enjoy the educational programs, the wall-to-wall exhibition and the holiday spirit of which Chicago has in abundance.

Following the Dental Implant Conference, AAOMS officers and the Board of Trustees met with senior staff in Rosemont to consider a lengthy agenda. Following are the highlights of our December 2004 meeting:

OMS Foundation Vice Chair Dr. Gerald Hanson and Executive Director Frank Kurtz met with the AAOMS Board to discuss the OMSF's plans for 2005. The OMSF, in conjunction with the Alliance, is contributing \$60,000 to help fund the Third Molar Study's final year of research. Please continue to SUPPORT your FOUNDATION!

The results of the AAOMS Committee on Hospital and Interprofessional Affairs' 2004 Scope of Practice and Trauma Survey, which was conducted online and, if requested, in hard copy format, indicated that approximately 96% of the 24% of AAOMS fellows and members



Richard Crinzi, D.D.S. who responded were affiliated with at least one hospital. Of these, 30% were affiliated with at least two hospitals. 55% of the respondents were active on at least one hospital committee, most often on surgery/OR/ invasive procedures, executive and credentialing committees. In addition, 34% of respondents hold administrative positions at their primary hospital. Of the 1,331 respondents who reported a hospital affiliation, 1,153 responded to a question about whether they were on a trauma call schedule at any hospital. Of these, 232 said they were NOT on a trauma call schedule. While the results of this survey are not definitive, they do provide a base for further study. CHIA will meet in March 2005 to review the data and determine those areas that require further study.

The Trustees reviewed the report of the Commission on Professional Conduct (CPC) and noted the Commission's Confidential Agenda in November included action on or review of 50 cases. The CPC is the ethical arm of the AAOMS that reviews formal member complaints and helps fellows/members comply with the *AAOMS Code of Professional Conduct*. The *Code* is available on the AAOMS web page or upon request. Further, the Trustees discussed the House of Delegates recent

action to seek additional changes to the advertising section of the AAOMS *Code*. The HOD specifically asked to amend *Code Section I.1.03 – "Advertising of a Dental or Medical Specialty"* to require OMSs to use a disclaimer when they advertise a specialty "not recognized by the American Dental Association or American Board of Medical Specialties." The Commission recommended and the BOT agreed that it will work together in 2005 to develop communications to fellows/members on the need to restructure the *Code's* advertising section based on increasing legal and state law concerns and to attempt to reach a balance between the sometimes conflicting advertising policies between dentistry and medicine. Currently, the CPC and AAOMS Legal Staff will provide Advisory Opinions to fellows/members seeking guidance on advertising issues. Advisory Opinions are strictly educational and not meant to be disciplinary, except in egregious cases. Also, educational efforts will continue in 2005 with *AAOMS Today* articles and a 2005 Annual Meeting ethics seminar which will focus on advertising issues related to use of degrees and fellowships, including state law issues involving the advertising a medical degree without a state medical license and advertising of degrees from non-accredited institutions or correspondence programs. The BOT will discuss further at its June meeting.

Several papers relating to the Outcomes Assessment Project on Anesthesia have been prepared and submitted for publication in JOMS. "Office-based Ambulatory Anesthesia: Outcomes of Clinical Practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons" appeared in JOMS in 2003; "Office-based Ambulatory Anesthesia: Factors that Influence Patient Satisfaction of Dissatisfaction with Deep Sedation/General Anesthesia," has been accepted for publication, and "The AAOMS Age-Related Third Molar Study" has been submitted to JOMS. Three additional papers are in progress and

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About Our Members

Al Steunenberg - A Diversity of Talent

It is always of interest to me to bring to our readers attention a **Notable Personality** in the membership of our Western Society. Such is Al Steunenberg and surely no stranger to most of us. Al was born in Caldwell, Idaho and received his dental degree in 1966 from the University of Missouri/Kansas City. In 1969 he received his MS degree in dentistry from the same University. His oral and maxillofacial training took place in Wadsworth Veteran's Administration, Kansas City General Hospital all in Missouri. In addition he spent time at Charity Hospital in New Orleans where he later served as Assistant Professor.

Prior to Al's involvement in dentistry and oral and maxillofacial surgery he graduated from Kansas State University with a major in geology and geophysics. He worked for a major oil company exploring for oil for six years with a two year period of off duty from the company in order to serve in the military.

Over these many years Al has served our specialty as a lecturer at the University of Pacific School of Dentistry, as an attending staff member at Highland General Hospital, as the chairman of the loss prevention committee of CALAMOS/SCPIE, just to mention a small number of his commitments and dedications to our specialty.

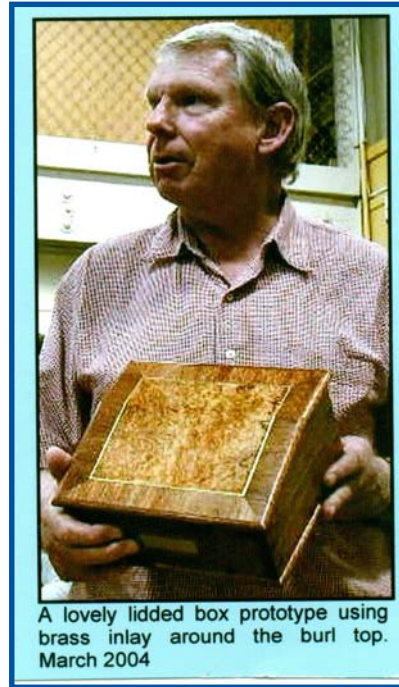
Perhaps his most noteworthy accomplishment was his perseverance in bringing both the Northern and Southern California OMS Societies together to form CALAOMS. The year was 1986 and due credit must be given to Al's dear friend and colleague Lee Reeve who together with Al was instrumental in accomplishing this union.

Al Steunenberg's interests go beyond oral and maxillofacial surgery. For

example he is a member of the Oregon California Trail Association an organization dedicated to preserving the history and location of the immigrant trails crossing Oregon and California.

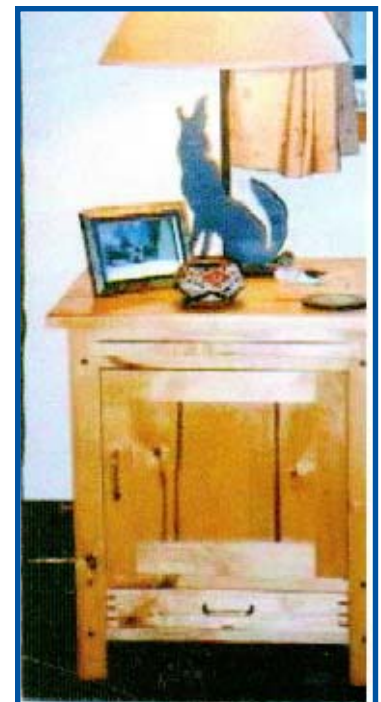
As a hobby Al is a dedicated woodworker and over a period of many years has designed and produced innumerable pieces of magnificent furniture. It was about eight years ago that five individuals met in Al's garage and established the Diablo Woodworkers Club. Today this group has grown to 300 members nationwide.

Check in on their web site to see some beautiful samples of an accomplished craftsman. (www.diablowoodworker.com/al-steun.html) Pictured here are a few examples of Al's workmanship.



A lovely lidded box prototype using brass inlay around the burl top. March 2004

Don Devlin



At Long Last

Please look back in your Western News Letter file to our May, 1999 for the editorial I wrote for that issue. I'm certain each reader treasures these News Letters and has them filed for future reference. I'll pause while you locate that issue. For the few of you unable to locate this editorial let me review its contents.

In that issue of the Westerner an editorial appeared questioning a grave unjust omission by our national organization, AAOMS. The editorial brought to your attention the fact that upon two occasions Professor Hugo Obwegeser had been rejected for honorary membership. As was pointed out in the editorial the rejection revolved around Professor Obwegeser's strong belief that an oral and maxillofacial surgeon must not only have a dental degree but also a medical degree.

It was difficult for many of us in the specialty to imagine how an individual having such a profound affect on American oral and maxillofacial surgery could be treated in such a manner. Most AAOMS members would have a difficult time recalling the contributions made to oral and maxillofacial surgery by at least seventy-five percent of those already given honorary membership to AAOMS. Is there anyone in the specialty who would not instantly recognize the name Hugo Obwegeser and furthermore recall many of his contributions?

Who most graciously invited all of those of us interested to visit the University in Zurich and spend as much time as they wished to learn many new techniques that he had developed? In September in San Francisco at last our House of Delegates overwhelmingly voted in favor

of Honorary Membership to Professor Obwegeser. A special thanks to Terry Slaughter, Howard Davis and Bruce McIntosh along with countless others who persisted in this just cause. Two of our recent past presidents, now deceased, Rich Simeone and Jack Gamble were great supporters of Professor Obwegeser receiving this honor.

Let's all plan to be in Boston next September at the AAOMS Annual meeting to pay tribute to a man who has had a most profound influence on our specialty during this past century.

Don Devlin, Editor

President's message cont.

trying to recruit exhibitors for the upcoming Western Society annual meeting at the St. Regis Monarch Beach Resort in Dana Point, California over the 4th of July weekend in 2005. I didn't want to make their participation contingent on my purchases, but some of the new toys are hard to pass up. We all enjoyed celebrating Elgan Stamper's great year as President of AAOMS on the evening harbor cruise, with views of the city lights and Alcatraz Island. Keep in mind that in conjunction with honoring Elgan Stamper at the St. Regis meeting, we will offer a 4th of July cruise in Newport Harbor with great sight-seeing as well as fireworks to highlight an evening of relaxation. After enjoying the Foundation's golf tournament at the Presidio and Beach Blanket Babylon, Anne and I stopped at Andy and Karen Harsany's beautiful home in San Jose. The real treat, however, was a visit to their new stand-alone office building close by. Converted from a bank to a 2,500 sq. ft. surgicenter, it has the warmth of a fireplace in the reception, a great lay-out with rooming OR's and total digital integration. I was inspired by their well planned effort. Anne and I enjoyed the

drive home with a night in sleepy Cambria and some sightseeing at Morro Bay.

Spending a year or so as President of the Western Society is a wonderful way to get to know more of the membership of the society through its board activities at the annual Caucus and our single annual meeting. I want to encourage every member to attend the annual meeting in 2005 at the St. Regis. It is your yearly opportunity to also get to know other members of the various western states. It is a wonderful venue close to great beaches, golf courses, the Laguna Beach Festival of the Arts, the Pageant of the Masters and fine dining. Please consider bringing your family as well! Dr. Jay Malmquist will help define the dynamics of a cutting edge implant practice and Dr. Anthony Pogrel will update us on the nuances of our everyday oral surgery practices, helping us to reduce the risks that still make the dento-alveolar surgery the most likely cause of liability exposure in our daily practice lives.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the St. Regis in 2005!

Gary Carlsen, DDS President, WSOMS

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WSOMS
ANNUAL MEETING
July 1-5, 2005

The St. Regis
Monarch Beach
Resort & Spa
Dana Point, CA

District VI News

Dr. Crinzi (cont.)

new research is now being conducted on the safe use of Propofol. Progress is also underway with the Outcomes Project's orthognathic surgery study. There are presently 25 participants and 125 patient records have been added to the database in the last month.

Noting the growing popularity of the Dental Implant Conference, the Board asked staff to research the possibility of holding the December meeting in Chicago through 2010.

Third quarter financial statements were reviewed. Treasurer Dr. Ira Cheifetz noted that revenue and expenses are tracking significantly better than budget. The association will transfer more monies into reserves than the original budget anticipated. Accountants Blackman, Kallick and Bartlestein will conduct the annual audit in mid-March 2005.

In an effort to help fill full time faculty positions, the Board approved a discounted ad rate for faculty postings in JOMS. Elsevier, Inc., publisher of JOMS, has agreed to adjust their fees to accommodate the discount.

The Board reviewed the Membership Services Department's 2005 Membership Recruitment and Retention Plan, which includes activities designed to capture new international members, encourage residents about to complete their OMS training to take advantage of the graduated dues structure, and reactivate the membership of those OMSs who have dropped their AAOMS affiliation.

The 9th Annual State Advocates Forum, held November 12 and 13 in Nashville, TN, has built on its reputation for providing a program that considers policy, legislative and regulatory issues and strategies to become an increasingly significant resource for the dental advocacy community. The year's meeting was well-attended with excellent participation. The Board approved the

2005 Forum for November 11 and 12, in Tucson, AZ.

AAOMS' practice management virtual seminars have become increasingly popular during the last year. The latest virtual seminar on HIPAA security attracted over 550 individuals at 146 paid sites, making it the most successful practice management virtual seminar to date. The Board acknowledged the membership's acceptance of the seminars and approved the following topics for future programs: Buy-ins and Pay-outs; Implant Marketing; Rebirth of the Referral Network; Organization + Communication + Accountability = Profitability; Retirement Planning/Long-term Planning; and Office Design and Construction. The next virtual seminar, entitled "Professional Practice Benefit Planning," will be held January 19, 2005.

The OMSSAT is a great success in terms of the information it provides to OMS program directors and the education imparted to candidates. ABOMS and AAOMS are establishing a working group to identify ways in which to broaden its use.

The AAOMS is a member of the American Dental Education Association and a supporter of its activities and programs. In addition to institutional memberships, anyone who is interested in dental education can join ADEA. The cost of membership is \$125. For more information, visit the ADEA Web site at: <http://www.adea.org/about.html>.

The triennial review of the AAOMS Strategic Plan is scheduled for March 2005. In anticipation of the review, AAOMS President Dr. Daniel J. Daley, Jr., appointed representatives of each district to the 2005 Task Force on Priorities.

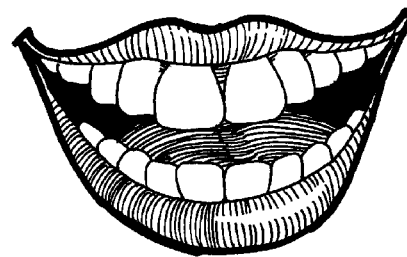
One final reminder about the National Dental Board of Anesthesia Fellowship. Currently applicants for this ADSA program must pass a three-hour, 150-question, multiple choice written examination to qualify for NDBA

fellowship, after which they may apply for Diplomate status of the NDBA by way of an application and a small fee until March 2005. The examination is being offered at the following locations: Las Vegas, Sunday, February 27, 2005, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, and Charleston, SC, Sunday, March 20, 2005, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. **After March 2005, Diplomate applicants will be required to take both an oral and a written examination.** OMSs considering applying for fellowship are encouraged to do so before 2005.

The final days of the year always serve as a time of reflection; a time to think about those who are so meaningful to us, the important events that have shaped our lives so far, and our hopes and plans for the future. As 2004 draws to a close my thoughts are with all of you who contribute so much to the health and well-being of the patients in our district, as well as with those from our community who are using their skills a world away in Iraq, Afghanistan and other areas of unrest. May we all be home next year at this time to enjoy the peace, happiness and beauty of the holiday season. Best wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

In Good Health,

Richard A. Crinzi, DDS, MS
District VI Trustee



Are you Reading Your Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery?

by Dr. Don Devlin, WSOMS Editor

The Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery continues to be the “Gold Standard” for current information in our specialty. Leon Assel as the new Editor has not missed a beat since assuming the role of Editor following the thirty years of dedicated service by Dan Laskin. ‘

It has always been my purpose to select articles from the Journal for the quiz which have a practical value to each reader. See how you score on these questions.

1. A patient with a maxillary palatal defect presents for consideration of repair. The defect was brought about as a result of a resection for a large cancerous lesion of the hard palate. You are considering using a temporalis muscle flap for the repair. You understand the following to be true.
 - a. Generally there is little difficulty in reaching the oropharynx or crossing the midline due to the length of the flap.
 - b. The anterior part of the temporal flap is the longest rather than the middle and posterior part of the temporal flap.
 - c. The viability of the muscle flap depends on the muscle fascia not being prematurely lost.
 - d. The use of a split-thickness skin graft on the fascia is usually unsatisfactory.
2. It is important for the oral and maxillofacial surgeon managing facial trauma to be knowledgeable regarding patients experiencing cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) rhinorrhea and otorrhea. You believe which following statement to be true.
 - a. The majority of post-traumatic CSF leaks require some type of direct intervention.
 - b. B2-Transferrin has been found to be highly sensitive and specific for identifying CSF.
 - c. Prophylactic antibiotic therapy is of benefit to decrease the incidence of meningitis.
 - d. An MRI scan is now the gold standard as opposed to high-resolution computed tomography in identifying the location of the CSF leak.
3. You are confronted with a patient having sustained an orbital fracture. In consideration of the management of their fracture you realize which one of the following statements is true.
 - a. In an orbital fracture occurring two weeks ago and exhibiting established enophthalmos bone is a satisfactory material to be used when orbital floor or wall is in need of reconstruction.
 - b. Should you wish to use titanium mesh in the orbital reconstruction the internal fixation may be unstable resulting in corrosion.
 - c. Bone resorption using porous polyethylene for orbital wall reconstruction is a frequent finding.
 - d. Silicon sheeting is a poor material to use in the posteromedial areas of the orbit.
4. Condylar process fractures occasionally do present themselves following severe head trauma. During the last 40 years considerable progress has been made in the development of biodegradable miniplate systems. You realize that:
 - a. A resorbable poly-L-lactide (PLLA) miniplate slowly degraded and physical stress is gradually transferred to the healing bone.
 - b. Osteoporosis occurring beneath the PLLA miniplate will occasionally cause loss of the plate.
 - c. The fact that the PLLA miniplate is radiolucent causes artifacts on computed tomography.
 - d. Metal mini-plate devices and screws requires a more sophisticated technique in their placement than resorbable miniplates.
5. In 1893 George Caldwell modified the English surgeon Heath’s approach to the maxillary sinus through the canine fossa by the addition of an inferior meatal antrostomy (IMA). Which of the following do you believe to be true?
 - a. The opening created by an inferior meatal antrostomy remains open for many years thus allowing proper sinus drainage.

Are You Reading? (cont.)

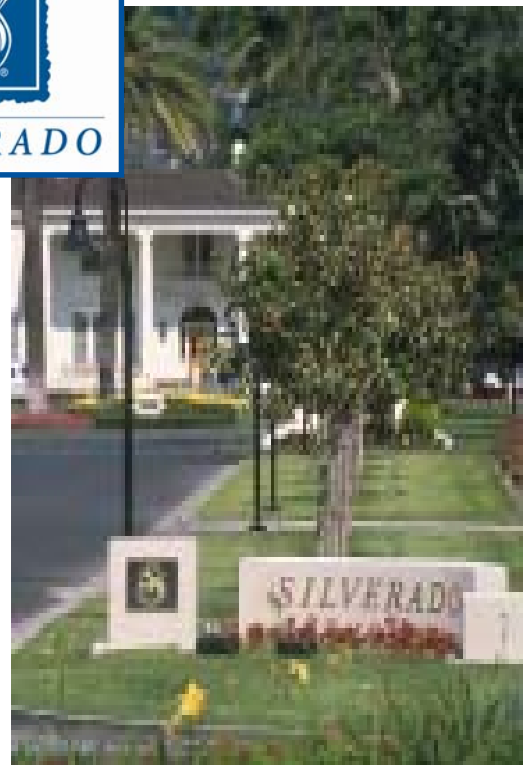
- b. Creating an antrostomy through the middle meatus of the nasal cavity is more physiologic than one created through the inferior meatus.
 - c. When a nasal antral window is created in the area of the inferior meatus the ciliary flow pattern is now redirected.
 - d. It is advantageous to perform an antrostomy at the inferior meatus to allow dependant sinus drainage.
6. We all have opinions regarding the relationship of mandibular third molars (partially or completely impacted) and the risk for angle fracture as a result of a traumatic injury. Which one of the following is true.
- a. Mandibular strength is derived from the maintenance of medullary bone.
 - b. Partially erupted lower wisdom teeth produce a point of weakness in the mandible which make it susceptible to fracture.
 - c. Deeply impacted wisdom teeth are associated with an increased risk of angle fractures.
 - d. There is relatively no difference between the incidence of angle fractures in patients with or without lower impacted wisdom teeth.

Bonus Question but not from the Journal

7. The distance from goal post to goal post on a football field is
- a. 100 yards
 - b. 115 yards
 - c. 120 yards
 - d. 130 yards

FOR YOU WHO PLAN AHEAD

Please plan to attend the 2006 Western Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Annual Meeting at the Silverado Gold and Country Club in the beautiful Napa Valley of California. The meeting will be held July 1-4, 2006, and will offer 8 hours of continuing education provided by Dr. Michael Pikos. There will be family activities, golf and tennis planned, and luxurious spa facilities to pamper you.



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How did you score?

Six correct.....Board president
Five correct.....Professor
Four correct.....Assistant Professor
Three correct.....Lecturer
Two correct.....Let's spend more time reading the Journal

An Update from the Secretary's Desk

Thanks to all the members who have paid their 2005 dues. For those who have not responded, I will be sending out a reminder notice in early January. If you have a new associate or partner in your office who is interested in joining the Western Society, please contact me (WesternOMS@AOL.COM or 775-626-4478) and I will send an application for membership and dues notice. This year I will also be deleting any non-paid members from the active membership after following with a letter advising such.

On another note, for any Western member, state president, AAOMS delegate and alternate who will be attending the Summer Caucus on August 20, 2005, I would like your opinion as to the meeting site. Several doctors have asked that it be held in San Jose rather than the Westin at the San Francisco airport. Please let me know which site you prefer.

We are still looking for articles for the Westerner column "What Our Members Are Doing". If you have a special project you would like to share with the society, please contact Dr. Don Devlin (our Westerner Editor) or me with your articles.

The easiest for me is to attach the article and any pictures (JPEG or TIFF format) to an e-mail. (That way there won't be any retyping errors, and the pictures are much clearer than scanning!)

The by-laws revisions are being published for the second and last time. Please remove the ballot page and fax it to me as soon as possible (775-626-4479).

Have a Happy New Year

Linda MacDonald, Executive Secretary

PLAN AHEAD

The St. Regis Monarch
Beach Hotel
July 1-5, 2005

It's time to mark your calendars for the Western Society meeting for the year 2005. We will return to a more traditional Fourth of July weekend meeting from July 1st to checkout on July 5th, and there will be a wonderful July 4th fireworks display. The St. Regis Monarch Beach in Dana Point, CA will provide great family fun as well as on-site golf, shopping and a Spa atmosphere.

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BYLAWS REVISIONS

WSOMS Bylaws Revision: In a recent review of the WSOMS Bylaws the Board of Directors has made recommendations for changes to reflect the way our organization currently operates. This is the second and final publication of the changes. Please send in the ballot at the end of page 11.

Recommended changes are indicated by italicized and underlined text while text to be deleted is indicated by strikethrough.

Section II - Qualifications and Privileges for Membership

A. Active Member

Membership shall be limited to members *in good standing* of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons who ~~hold active member or fellowship status and who~~ practice their specialty within the geographical confines of the society. All Active Members shall have the right to vote and hold office in the Society. Active Members shall be responsible for full dues and/or fees.

B. Associate Member

Membership shall be limited to members *in good standing* of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons who ~~hold active member or fellowship status and who~~ practice their specialty outside the geographical confines of the society. Associate Members shall be responsible for full dues and/or fees. Associate Members may not vote, serve on committees or hold office in the Society.

The above changes have been recommended to allow any member in good standing in the AAOMS to be an active or associate member of the WSOMS. This would allow retired members of the AAOMS to continue as active or associate members of the WSOMS.

Section III -Membership Procedures

A. Applications for membership are available upon request from the Executive Secretary of the Society.

B. All applications, when completed, shall be forwarded by the Executive Secretary to the Board.

C. Upon approval by the Board, applications shall be presented at the annual business meeting of the Society. Acceptance shall be by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

~~D. Candidates who are rejected for membership shall be permitted to re-apply for membership at the next annual meeting.~~

The recommendation to strike this paragraph is based on the fact that membership in the AAOMS is a prerequisite for membership in the WSOMS. The Board of Directors could not conceive of an instance a member in good standing of the AAOMS would be denied membership in the WSOMS.

Section V - Termination of Membership

A. Any member of the Society may resign by notifying the Secretary-Treasurer, in writing, and returning the Certificate of Membership.

- B. A member shall be disqualified from active membership by failure to limit practice exclusively to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. If exclusive practice is resumed, the member may re-apply for membership after demonstrating that the practice has been limited to Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for three years.
- C. Members who fail to pay the required dues and/or fees within six months from the due date shall be terminated for non-payment of dues and/or fees. Before a member may be terminated for nonpayment of dues and/or fees, a registered letter will be sent at least 30 days prior to termination. Members who desire to re-activate their status within the Society after termination for nonpayment of dues and/or fees may be reinstated with the payment of a penalty equal to any past dues and/or fees.
- ~~D. A member may be expelled from the Society on the basis of written charges showing action by the member in violation of the Code of Professional Conduct or pledge of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Such charges shall first be investigated by the Ethics Committee. A member shall have the right to appeal. The Board shall hear the appeal and act as the Judiciary Committee. Final actions of disciplinary hearings will be published in the next *Westerner*.~~

The recommendation to strike this paragraph is based on the fact that membership in the AAOMS is a prerequisite for membership in the WSOMS. Should a member be in violation as stated above, it would be the AAOMS who would initiate any investigation and hold a hearing if necessary. It would be redundant and possibly for the WSOMS to conduct a parallel investigation.

Place the ballot in the enclosed "Ballot Envelope", place the the ballot envelope in another envelope with your return address on it. The outside envelope will allow the office to track those eligible to vote. According to the current bylaws, only active and life members have voting privileges.

WSOMS BALLOT FOR BYLAWS CHANGES

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