

## **Commission on Dental Accreditation Member Biographical Information**

### **Byron “Pete” Benson- Dallas, TX**

Dr. Byron W. (Pete) Benson, professor and vice chair in the Department of Diagnostic Sciences at Texas A & M Health Science Center Baylor College of Dentistry. A founding member and current director of the TAMHSC-BCD Maxillofacial Imaging Center, Dr. Benson is an internationally recognized expert in his specialty. He is a past president of both the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. Dr. Benson is a diplomat of both the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology and the American Board of Oral Medicine, as well as a fellow of both the American and International College of Dentists. He is a retired Navy Reserve captain and currently serves as the National Civilian Consultant in Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology to the Air Force Surgeon General.

Dr. Benson is a native of Ogden, Utah, receiving his undergraduate education at Weber State College (now Weber State University). He received his DDS degree from the University of Iowa in 1975, following which he served two years of active duty as a Navy dental officer assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Aircraft Wing in California. Following his active naval service, he spent several years in private general dental practice in Aurora, Colorado, later completing a residency in Dental Diagnostic Science and receiving a postdoctoral M.S. degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Dr. Benson has held faculty appointments at the Universities of Colorado and Pittsburgh. He joined the faculty at TAMHSC-BCD in 1987. Active in regional, national, and international continuing education programs, he is the author or coauthor of numerous scientific articles, abstracts, textbooks, and text chapters. He was appointed by the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology to serve on the Board of Commissioners for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

### **Michael Biermann- Portland, OR**

Dr. Michael Biermann received his DMD from the Oregon Health Science University in 1973. He currently runs a private practice specializing in pediatric dentistry. He was appointed to the Commission by the American Dental Association.

### **Richard N. Buchanan- South Jordan, UT**

Immediately prior to his current appointment as founding dean of the Roseman University of the Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine, Dr. Buchanan served as dean emeritus of the School of Dental Medicine at University at Buffalo - State University of New York after serving there as dean from 2002-10. He served as dean and interim vice president at Baylor College of Dentistry - The Texas A&M University System in Dallas from 1996 to 2002. His earlier experience also includes service as dean and in other administrative and faculty roles at the dental schools at University of Medicine and Dentistry, New Jersey Dental School and the University of Texas Health Science Center Dental School at San Antonio.

Throughout his career, Dr. Buchanan has been a member of numerous honorary, professional, community and university organizations. Highlights include: service to the American Dental Association as a member and vice-chair of the Council on Dental Education; service to the American Dental Education Association in a variety of capacities, most recently as Chair of the Council of Deans. He currently serves on the Commission on Dental Accreditation and as director of the Deans' Institute.

Dr. Buchanan earned his Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine in Philadelphia.

Dr. Buchanan currently serves on the Commission on Dental Accreditation Board of Directors, appointed by the American Dental Education Association.

**Kristi Schmitt Burr- Claridon, OH**

Kristi Schmitt Burr is the Executive Director and co-founder of the Basal Cell Carcinoma Nevus Syndrome Life Support Network, a non-profit patient advocacy organization. Kristi also serves on the Board of Directors of H.E.A.R.T.S., a homecare education reference non-profit; and is co-owner of Nature Cure of Ohio, Inc. She and her husband happily reside with their two rescue dogs and three Friesian horses, in Claridon, Ohio, where they farm 350 acres and produce prize winning maple syrup. Kristi studied Elementary Education at Kent State Univ., Ashtabula Campus. She is a public member on the Commission on Dental Accreditation Board of Commissioners.

**Thomas Cangialosi- New York, NY**

Dr. Thomas Cangialosi received his D.D.S. from Georgetown University in 1959. Dr. Cangialosi is endowed Professor and Director of Postdoctoral Orthodontics at the Columbia University College of Dental Medicine where he has also served as Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Education and Associate Dean for Student Affairs. He is a past Director and past President of the American Board of Orthodontics and has served on the AAO Council on orthodontic education for eight years, the last three as Chairman. He is currently an examiner for the ABO clinical examination and a consultant to the ABO written examination Committee. He has published and lectured nationally and internationally. He was appointed by the American Association of Orthodontists to serve on the Board of Commissioners for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**Eric R. Carlson- Knoxville, TN**

Dr. Eric R. Carlson, DMD, MD is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon and chairman of the department of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Tennessee Graduate School of Medicine in Knoxville. He also directs the oral and maxillofacial surgery residency program at that institution, and directs the oral/head and neck oncologic surgery fellowship at the University of Tennessee Cancer Institute in Knoxville. He currently serves as the oral and maxillofacial surgery commissioner to CODA, appointed by the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Elizabeth Curran- Mesa, AZ**

Elizabeth Curran CDT, RDT is Assistant Professor, Director of Laboratory Services at A. T. Still University, Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. After receiving her Associate of Science Degree and Certificate in Dental Technology from the Riverside Community College, she holds specialty certification in ceramics from the National Board of Certification in Dental Laboratory Technology, Registered Dental Technician status from the General Dental Council UK and a lifetime teaching credential from the state of California. She is currently a member of the Commission on Dental Accreditation Board of Commissioners, appointed by the National Association of Dental Laboratories.

**Geri Ann DiFranco- Park Ridge, IL**

Dr. DiFranco graduated from Loyola University with her degree in 1985. She specialty is Periodontics. She is currently in private practice. She was appointed by the AADB.

**William Dodge- San Antonio, TX**

Dr. William Dodge received his D.D.S. at the University of Southern California in 1971. He is now a general dentist and faculty member in the Department of Comprehensive Dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio's dental school. Dr. Dodge serves as the dental school's vice dean. He has also served as a clinical consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation and served on the Predoctoral Review Committee, and on the Board of Commissioners, appointed by the American Dental Education Association.

**Kevin Donly- San Antonio, TX**

Kevin Donly is currently a Professor and Chair in the Department of Developmental Dentistry and Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Previous positions include Professor and Associate Director of the Center for Clinical Studies at the University of Iowa, Associate Professor, Pediatric Dentistry at the University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston and Associate Professor, The University of Texas Medical School. He received his D.D.S. in 1984, Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry in 1986, and M.S. in 1986 from the University of Iowa.

Dr. Donly is a Diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, is past President of the American Society of Dentistry for Children and past Chair of the Public Information Committee and Council on Postdoctoral Education for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry. Currently he is the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Academic Trustee-at-Large and the Director of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Comprehensive Review Course. He has published over 300 chapters, manuscripts and abstracts associated with pediatric dentistry and dental restorative materials research and clinical utilization. Presently, he is a principal investigator on a RO1 Grant sponsored by the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. He has received grants or research support from the 3M, ESPE, Premier, Bisco, GC, Dentsply, Ivoclar, Kerr, Procter and Gamble, Church and Dwight, Optiva, Oral-B, Enamelon, Atrix Laboratories, Inc. and Guidor companies.

He currently serves as the representative of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry on the Commission on Dental Accreditation Board of Commissioners.

**Joseph Elaison- San Francisco, CA**

Joe Elaison is a third-year dental student at the University of California, San Francisco and is beginning his first year as a student commissioner with CODA, appointed by the American Dental Education Association. Joe currently serves as the President of the student body at UCSF School of Dentistry, Vice-President of his school's chapter of ADEA, and was a previous clinical research fellow at UCSF.

**Lori Gagliardi- Pasadena, CA**

Dr. Gagliardi has been involved in dentistry for more than 30 years. She began her career in dentistry by graduating from the Pasadena City College Dental Assisting Program in 1979 and working at the USC School of Dentistry until 1988. In 1990, she completed her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene at the USC School of Dentistry. In 1995, she completed her Masters Degree in Education and in 2007, completed a Doctorate Degree in Organizational Leadership and Education at the University of La Verne (Ed.D.).

Currently, Dr. Gagliardi is the Program Director for the Dental Assisting Program at Pasadena City College. In addition to teaching both dental assisting and dental hygiene courses, she participates in

numerous committees on campus including the curriculum and instruction committee representing the Health Sciences Division. Additionally, she has served as Co-Director/Dean of the Health Sciences Division in 2008-09.

Dr. Gagliardi's background includes experience in private practice, public health, sealant clinics, education and consulting. In addition to serving on many advisory boards for dental assisting and dental hygiene programs and dental health initiatives, she actively participates in various professional organizations for dental assisting and dental hygiene. Dr. Gagliardi is currently the Director of the Public Policy Council for the California Association of Dental Assisting Teachers and she was recently appointed as the Commissioner for Dental Assisting and Chair of the Dental Assisting Review Committee for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). She was appointed by the American Dental Assistants Association to serve on the Commission's Board of Commissioners.

#### **Robert M. Giasolli- Orange Country, CA**

Mr. Giasolli is a microsystem and manufacturing engineer with over 12 years of executive experience and more than 25 years of applied physics experience with a focus on cutting edge engineering. He received a Bachelor's degree in Applied Physics from the University of Texas at El Paso and a Masters degree in Manufacturing Systems Engineering from Louisiana Tech University. He has product development and design experience developing RF/Optical, Sensor, Biomedical and MEMS modules. He has successfully developed multiple high technology electromechanical products in high-volume manufacturing and startup environments.

Mr. Giasolli currently serves as the CTO and VP of Engineering for Innovasc a company he founded, the VP of Americas for MANCEF, and a CODA public commissioner. He co-wrote many of the chapters for both the series of the International Micro Nano Roadmap and was co-editor of the 2nd Edition. With his BS in Applied Physics and a MS in Manufacturing Systems Engineering he has served as a consultant, lead designer, and project engineer for numerous, a fabless RF semiconductor company, and most recently Innovasc, an innovative biotech start-up, manufacturing endovascular devices.

#### **Henry Greenwell- Louisville, KY**

Dr. Henry Greenwell is Professor and Director of Graduate Periodontics at the University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He is a Director of the American Board of Periodontology and currently serves as co-Chair of the Board. He also serves as a consultant to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA), is Chairman of the CODA Periodontics Review Committee and is a Commissioner on the Commission on Dental Accreditation, appointed by the American Academy of Periodontology. Dr. Greenwell has served the American Academy of Periodontology as Chair of the Research, Science and Therapy Committee, Chair of the Periodontal Therapy Committee and currently serves on the Education Committee. He has served the American Dental Association with a 5-year term on the National Board Test Construction Committee, Periodontics section. Dr. Greenwell has over 25 years of higher education experience as a faculty member, Periodontics program director, and department chairperson. He received his D.M.D. from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry.

#### **Kent L. Knoernschild- Chicago, IL**

Dr. Kent L. Knoernschild is Director of Advanced Specialty Education Program in Prosthodontics and Co-Director of the Comprehensive Dental Implant Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has received a B.S. degree in Microbiology from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana, a DMD from the University of Southern Illinois and a Prosthodontics Certificate from the University

of Iowa. He is a Director for the American Board of Prosthodontics and he conducts a private practice limited to Prosthodontics. Dr. Knoernschild serves on the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Board of Commissioners, appointed by the American College of Prosthodontists.

**Judith Messura- Winston-Salem, NC**

Dr. Judith Kaye Messura received her DMD from the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry. She is currently a General Dentist at the University Dental Associates in Winston Salem, North Carolina and is a member of the Board of Directors. Among other consultant positions, she has been appointed by the AAHD and ADEA to serve on the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Board of Directors.

**Brad Wesley Neville- Charleston, KY**

Brad W. Neville, D.D.S., a native of West Virginia, Dr. Brad Neville is a 1977 graduate of the West Virginia University School of Dentistry. He did his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology at Emory University and joined the faculty of the Medical University of South Carolina in 1980, where he is currently a Distinguished University Professor and Director of the Division of Oral Pathology. Dr. Neville is a Diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, and currently is a Director of this specialty board. In 2005-2006, he served as President of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. He is the co-principal author of two textbooks: Oral & Maxillofacial Pathology [3rd Edition, 2009] and Color Atlas of Clinical Oral Pathology [2nd Edition, 1999]. He has served as a Commissioner on the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) since 2010, appointed by the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.

**Robert Ray- Washington, DC**

Dr. Ray is an orthodontist in private practice. He is serving his last year as a commissioner on CODA, appointed by the American Association of Dental Boards. Presently Dr. Ray is on the Executive Committee of NERB and a NERB Examiner. Dr. Ray is also on the Board of Directors of ADEX. Dr. Ray was the Past Chairman of the District of Columbia Board of Dentistry. He received a BS degree from Rutgers College in 1979 and a DMD from Tufts Dental School in 1973.

**Yilda M. Rivera-Nazario- San Juan, Puerto Rico**

Dr. Yilda M. Rivera is a pediatric dentist in private practice. She was the Past Dean of the University of Puerto Rico, School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Rivera is serving as Consultant faculty to Lutheran Medical Center and the Universidad del Este in the Dominican Republic. Dr. Yilda M. Rivera was faculty and former Dean of the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine and Past president of the Puerto Rico Dental Association. Currently she serves as Consultant Faculty to Lutheran Medical Center and to the East Central Dental School in the Dominican Republic. She attended the University of Puerto Rico School of Dental Medicine, where she received a D.M.D. and degree in Pediatric Dentistry. She currently serves as a American Dental Education Association representative on the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Board of Commissioners.

**Charlotte Royeen- St. Louis, MO**

Dr. Charlotte Brasic Royeen is a public commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. She has a Doctorate in Philosophy from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Virginia. She currently works as dean and a professor in Occupational Therapy and Occupational Science at Saint Louis University, Edward and Margaret Doisy College of Health Sciences.

**Steven E. Schonfeld- Eureka, CA**

Since 1991, Dr. Schonfeld has maintained a full-time private practice limited to periodontics and implant surgery in Eureka, California. Between 1976 and 1991, he was a full-time faculty member at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry and the Graduate School. At the dental school, his appointment was in the Basic Science and Periodontology departments. At various times, he chaired the Microbiology/Immunology Section and the Department of Periodontology. He received his DDS from New York University and his PhD and Certificate of Advanced Training in Periodontology from the University of Southern California. He currently serves on the CODA Board of Commissioners, appointed by the American Dental Association.

**Kathi Shepherd- Detroit, MI**

Kathi Shepherd is the Director of Educational Development and Assessment at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry. Prior to this role she was the Director of the Dental Hygiene Program for thirteen years. She has been a Commission on Dental Accreditation dental hygiene curriculum consultant for five years and is serving her first year as the ADHA appointed commissioner. Ms. Shepherd has held numerous positions in professional organizations at the local, state, and national levels. She also practices dental hygiene one day a week. She received Master of Science in Healthcare Education from the University of Detroit Mercy in 1995.

**James Sherrard- Norwich, CT**

Dr. Sherrard is a tenured Professor and Chairman of the Nuclear Department at Three Rivers Community College in Norwich, CT. He is a retired US Coast Guard officer, a registered Professional Engineer, and continues to be very active in accreditation and assessment activities for ABET, DETC, NEASC, COE, and ACE organizations. He is also the chair of the Standing Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors for Higher Education in Connecticut, chair of the Town of Groton Planning Commission, and serves on the Governor's Nuclear Energy Advisory Council. He previously served as the public member on the Endodontics RC.

**Paul G. Sims- Butte, MT**

Dr. Paul Sims is an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon in a full time private practice in Butte, Montana. He received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from the University of Missouri and then completed a four year residency on Oral Surgery at the same university. After spending two years on active duty in the United States Air Force in Washington DC he returned to Kansas City. He was in a private practice with another surgeon and was an associate professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Over 31 years ago he relocated to Butte, Montana and has been in a full time practice since. He recently completed ten years on the Montana Board of Dentistry with the last seven as President of the Board. He is currently an examiner with the Western Regional Examining Board and served as its President. He is a past chairperson of the ADA's Council on Dental Education and Licensure and a current Commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation, appointed by the American Association of Dental Board.

**J. Steven Tonelli- North Reading, MA**

Dr. Tonelli is the managing partner of a 25 employee practice, Dental Health Concepts, in No. Reading, Mass. He has served organized dentistry in many capacities including the Chairman of the Yankee Dental Congress, a 25,000 attendee meeting sponsored by the Massachusetts Dental Society. He holds a D.M.D. degree from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and a General Practice Residency Certificate from Memorial Hospital and the University of Massachusetts Hospital in Worcester. He has been a visiting faculty member at the L. D. Pankey Institute in Key Biscayne,

Florida. Dr. Tonelli is currently an Overseer of the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and he is currently the Chairman of the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**Perry Tuneberg- Rockford, IL**

Dr Perry K Tuneberg practices general dentistry in Rockford, IL. He is a 1982 graduate of Northwestern University School of Dentistry and a recipient of the NUDDS Distinguished Alumnus Award. Dr. Tuneberg is a Past President of the Illinois State Dental Society and currently serves on the ISDS Committee on Governmental Affairs. He served as the 8<sup>th</sup> District Trustee to the American Dental Association Board of Trustees. Additional ADA appointments include the Council on Membership, board member for the ADA Foundation, and the CODA Oversight Committee. Dr Tuneberg serves as an examiner for CRDTS. He currently serves as an ADA appointed Commissioner for the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

**Christopher S. Wenckus- Chicago, IL**

Christopher S. Wenckus, DDS, FICD, received his DDS Certificate from the University of Illinois in 1971 and his Licensure in Endodontics in 1974. He currently has a private practice, limited to the specialty of endodontics, and serves as an Associate Professor with Tenure and Department of Edodontics Head at the University of Illinois. He serves as a Commission for the Commission on Dental Accreditation, appointed by the American Association of Endodontists.

**B. Alexander White- Boston, MA**

B. Alexander White was appointed by the AAPHD. He graduated from the University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill. He is currently in private practice.

**John N. Williams- Indianapolis, IN**

Dr. John N. Williams serves as the Dean of the Indiana University School of Dentistry a position he has held June 2010. Prior to this time, he served as dean at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Dentistry (2005-2010) and the University of Louisville School of Dentistry (1999-2005). Dr. Williams previously served as Associate Dean for Educational Programs at Louisville for over seven years. Dr. Williams served concurrently in the Office of the Provost, University of Louisville (1988-91) as an Assistant University Provost.

He is a 1974 graduate of Transylvania University (Lexington, KY) and a graduate of the University Of Louisville School of Dentistry (1980). Prior to entering dental school, he served as a Legislative Analyst (1974-76) for the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission.

Upon graduation from dental school, he entered private general dental practice and served part-time positions at the Louisville Memorial Primary Care Center (FQHC) and at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women. He completed his MBA degree in 1987. In 1986, he joined the Department of Community Dentistry at the University of Louisville. He served as co-principal investigator of the 1987 statewide oral health survey. This first statewide study served as the basis for important oral health policy decisions including workforce planning and public outreach programs for Kentucky.

Dr. Williams serves as an American Dental Education Association representative on the Commission on Dental Accreditation's Board of Commissioners.