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The Thirty-Fifth Annual Meeting AMERICAN ACADEMY OF GOLD FOIL OPERATORS Denver, Colorado

Minutes of Board Meeting

The board meeting of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators was held on Wednesday, October 7, 1987, in the Georgetown-Silverplume room of the Brown Palace Hotel, Denver, Colorado.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 p.m. by the president Dr. Julian J. Thomas. In attendance were: Dr. Allan G. Osborn, Dr. Michael Cochran, Dr. William J. Roberts, Dr. Richard V. Tucker, Dr. Bruce Smith, Dr. Nelson Rupp, Dr. William H. Harris, Dr. Alfred C. Heston, Dr. Glenn Birkitt, Dr. Perry Dungey, Dr. Chester J. Gibson, Dr. Ralph Lambert, and Dr. Harold Schnepper.

The minutes of the February meeting of the Board of Directors were approved as they appeared in the Gold Leaf.

Correspondence:

Letters of appreciation were read from the families of Dr. Ralph Boelsche, Dr. David Bales and Dr. James Gourley, acknowledging floral gifts sent at the death of loved ones. A letter from Dr. Tom Ginley of American Dental Association was read. He requested a representative from the Foil Academy Board attend a meeting in Las Vegas on October 10. Dr. William Harris volunteered to represent the group.

Correspondence by Dr. Allan Osborn, Dr. Ralph Werner and Dr. Lloyd Baum was presented. These letters were written to the editor of the Quintessence Publishing Company in response to a most derogatory editorial relating to direct gold restorations.

A letter was read from Dr. Lloyd Baum reporting on his continuing education course held in Mexico.

Dr. Thomas read a letter that he directed to Dr. Devine, President of A.D.A., relating to the change in meeting dates for A.D.A. annual session and the concerns of the Foil Academy regarding the conflicts of time with the A.C.D. and I.C.D. meetings. Dr. Devine's answer was also presented. The response was that the A.D.A. did not plan to rescind the action and that it was necessary for them to enforce a long standing rule—that no group can meet while A.D.A. is in session, therefore the Foil Academy must take this into consideration in planning future meetings.

Treasurer's Report:

Report was incomplete due to the outstanding meeting expenses to be covered. It was noted that \$25,000 was invested in a Certificate of Deposit and an additional \$10,000 in an open, but interest bearing, account. It was moved by the board that these funds be left as invested until after the February Board Meeting.

Local Arrangements Committee:

Dr. Ralph Lambert reported that preparations were in order for the clinic at the University of Colorado Dental School on Thursday, October 8, 1987. There would be seventeen patients and the program would be held in the Miles Markley Clinic. Transportation to the school was in order. It was also announced that Dr. David Gardner, Dean, would be the guest of the Academy at the banquet on Thursday evening.

Membership:

Dr. Glenn J. Birkitt, chairman.

306 dues paid active and associate

16 new associate members to be voted on at the business session

5 move to active status

1 reinstatement

2 move to life status

Public Relations: Dr. Chester Gibson, chairman

It was reported that a new approach was used to reach students through the Junior and Senior class presidents urging more interest in seeking the student Gold Foil Award. It was suggested that this committee look into a follow up program for the recipients of these awards. It was noted that the Academy must become more aggressive in seeking new members among these new dentists and study clubs. Continuing Education:

Dr. Michael Cochran reported on the 1987 summer course held at Indiana University. There were eight completing the beginning class and four in the advanced group. Interest and results continue to be impressive.

Literature and Research:

Dr. Michael Cochran requested that he and his group at Indiana be allowed to complete the work of compiling references to all material written on Direct Gold in dentistry. He suggested that someone else be appointed to the chairmanship of this committee and new assignments be made for them.

Nominating Committee:

Report by Nelson Rupp, chairman; Dr. Allan Osborn -President; Dr. Richard V. Tucker - President elect; Dr. William H. Harris - Vice President; Dr. Richard Hoard - new Council member.

A letter of resignation was read from Dr. Ralph A. Boelsche in the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Dr. William J. Roberts was appointed by the president to serve in this position for one year.

The new Secretary-Treasurer will be sought by the 1988 nominating committee. The suggestion was made that a new philosophy of the duties of this office be considered giving more emphasis to strong leadership here rather than just that of record keeping and the handling of funds. This will be further discussed at the Board Meeting in Chicago.

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Necrology:

The following names were read: Dr. Paul P. Weaver, Ellensburg, WA Dr. Loren V. Hickey, San Diego, CA

Special Clinician:

Dr. Harold Schnepper, chairman

It was brought to the attention of the board that since the Continuing Education Committee grew out of the efforts of thisgroup there had been no strong guidelines for this committee this year. It was noted that Dr. Schnepper, Dr. Allan Osborn, Dr. Richard V. Tucker, Dr. Bruce Smith and Dr. James Vernetti had conducted Direct Gold seminars in Austria, Germany and Italy, finding in these countries extreme interest and fresh awakening of Gold Foil. It was suggested that there should be better communications between the Academy and the committee members in the European countries and Japan.

Old Business:

It was announced that Dr. David Bales continues to request more information be sent to him for publication in the Operative Journal. It was decided that this should be put into the hands of the Public Relations Committee.

The plans for the special project — a meeting in Germany in 1989 were again discussed. It was noted that this will in no way take the place of the annual meeting of the Academy. Dr. Schnepper reported on his visit with Dr. Joseph Schmidseder of Munchen and of the request for speakers and operators for this project. It was reiterated that the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators will offer this effort its full support.

New Business:

Dr. Thomas displayed for the board the new trophy for the distinguished member award being presented by G.C. International, represented by Mrs. Jolan Deeley. It was the desire of this company

to design a new trophy for this, the 35th anniversary year, and to continue to provide it in the future. This was most graciously accepted by the board.

Mr. Vic Williams came before the board to announce the presentation of gold lapel pins designed and manufactured by Williams gold. These pins represent the Foil Academy logo and each of the founders and Board members will receive one at the Thursday evening banquet. These pins will be available in the future to all members at the cost of \$40.00 each with \$20.00 of that amount being turned over the the Academy to be placed in a special fund. The directives of this fund would be under a special committee.

Mr. Williams also asked the board to consider giving a second award that would be provided by Williams Gold. The idea was enthusiastically received. It was decided to research the criteria, guidelines and qualifications for the selection of a recipient.

Meeting Plans:

1988 meeting will be in Washington, D.C. with Georgetown University being the host school and Key Bridge Marriott as the headquarters hotel. The dates for this meeting will remain Wednesday, October 5, Thursday, October 6, and Friday, October 7. It was announced that Dr. William Cotton will serve as local arrangements chairman at the dental school.

1989 meeting will be in Seattle, WA and the University of Washington has offered to be the host school. The headquarters hotel and the exact dates will be published in the future.

Dr. Osborn announced that the February Board meeting will be held in the Westin Hotel Chicago on Wednesday, February 17, 1988, at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. William J. Roberts Secretary-Treasurer

Valediction

It is with the very deepest regret that we must accept the resignation of Dr. Ralph Boelsche as Secretary-Treasurer.

Central Office has for some years arranged our accommodation, tours and entertainment, and maintained close control of all aspects which engender success at our meetings. Mrs. Nell Fawcett has personally travelled to our venues and inspected, hassled, encouraged and generally prepared the ground for the wonderful series of annual meetings that we have been privileged to enjoy in the past several years.

This has naturally meant considerable hard work, far beyond the call of duty, and we are greatly indebted and extremely grateful. We now have a vibrant, active and growing Academy which we can all cherish and which has emanated from this hard work. We receive regular news pertaining to upcoming meetings and happenings within the Academy. We shall all miss Dr. Boelsche's inspiring presence but can be most grateful that Mrs. Nell Fawcett, with all her considerable talents, will continue to serve the Academy.

Committees — 1987-1988

PROGRAM

Dr. Richard V. Tucker

Dr. William H. Harris

Dr. William R. Cotton

MEMBERSHIP

Dr. Ludlow W. Beamish (C)

Dr. Glenn E. Cordon

Dr. David Edwards

Dr. Leonard Portnov

Dr. Don Benson

Dr. Ralphe Boelsche

EDUCATION

Dr. Frank K. Egglestone (C)

Dr. William S. Frank

Dr. Ronald J. Zokol

Dr. Glen Birkitt

Dr. Henry A. St. Germain

Dr. Peterson Howark Jr.

LITERATURE & RESEARCH

Dr. Michael Cochrane (C)

Dr. David J. Bales

Dr. Douglass B. Roberts

Dr. A. Ian Hamilton

Dr. Timothy J. Carlson

Dr. Francis J. Robertello

Dr. Robert Birtcil

SPECIAL CLINICIAN

Dr. Harold E. Schnepper (C)

Dr. James P. Vernetti

Dr. Jack G. Seymour

Dr. Paul T. Dawson

Dr. Jose E. Medina

Dr. Chester T. Gibson

Dr. Ronald K. Harris

NOMINATING

Dr. Julian J. Thomas (C)

Dr. Robert Wolcott

Dr. Perry Dungey

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Dr. Chester J. Gibsqn (C)

Dr. Leonard Silverglade

Dr. James V. Gourley

Dr. Richard J. Hoard

Dr. Craig Bridgeman

Dr. Thomas Allensworth

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER

Dr. Bruce B. Smith (C)

Dr. George W. Ferguson

Dr. Nelson Rupp

INTER ACADEMY LIAISON

Dr. Allan G. Osborn (C)

Dr. Julian J. Thomas

Dr. Nelson W. Rupp

Dr. Ralphe Boelsche

NECROLOGY

Dr. James P. Vernetti (C)

Dr. Paul H. Loflin

Dr. William J. Roberts

President's Message

During the last half dozen years, we have seen a fair number of our Senior Members making the transition from Active to Life membership. This single factor could have reduced our Active list. It is indeed satisfying to see that the reverse is true and that we have been achieving a small but steady growth annually, of vital new blood, which becomes more pronounced at each meeting.

In the same period we have been blessed by the combined talents, dedication, and extreme hard work of Dr. Ralph Boelsche and Mrs. Nell Fawcett in the Houston office, who have proven to be the fountain of our success.

Never in the history of Dentistry have so many members of our profession been so keen to prove that "Newtons Apple fell UPWARDS," meanwhile members with the perspicacity to eschew the blandishments of the itinerant 'snake oil salesmen' continue to critically analyse old and new, utilising all modalities based upon mature and rational clinical judgement, thereby allowing gravity to work, as it apparently always has, in the preferred manner.

It is a privilege to belong to, or to be allowed to serve this Academy. A very close relationship exists between members. The clinical sessions continue to demonstrate enviable clinical skills, whilst the scientific lectures by various members over the years have demonstrated a wide range of interests and capabilities.

Let us then salute our new members, offer grateful thanks to our senior members, and encourage those who are worthy to join with us in this wonderful Academy.

Our New Board of Directors



Dr. Woody Rupp 1987/1988 Board of Directors: Dr. Allan Osborn - President, Dr. Richard Tucker - President-Elect, Dr. Bill Harris - Vice President and Executive Councillors - Dr. Michael Cochran, Dr. Alfred Heston and Dr. Richard Hoard.



Dr. Allan G. Osborn receives Presidential Gavel from President Dr. Julian Thomas.



Dr. Allan G. Osborn presenting Dr. Julian Thomas with Past President's Plaque.

Banquet Gathering



Dr. Ralph Lambert thanking the Academy for a splendid and inspirational clinical session.

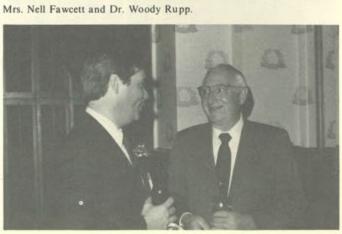






Social Hour





Dr. Dick Tucker tells a tall story.



Ms. Cheri Kratz in discussion with Dr. Ron Harris.



Dr. Miles Markley with the Bridgeman family.



Dr. Ralph Lambert, Dr. Bridgeman and Dr. D. Fredrickson.



Dr. Beamish, Dr. Merchant and Dr. Schnepper plotting.





Mrs. Nell Fawcett, Mrs. Hazel Osborn, Dr. & Mrs. Tim Carlson and Mr. Fawcett.





Clinic Session



Dr. Matt Panar with a Class V.



Dr. Barry Evans with a Class V.

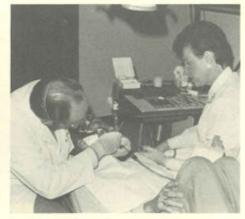


Dr. Bruce Smith with a Posterior Class V.



Dr. Bill Harris with Dr. Mel Lund, and Dr. Ron Dr. Rodney Spowart from B.C., Canada. Zokol.





Dr. & Mrs. Thomas Larson.



Dr. Ron Harris from Indianapolis.



Dr. Dick Tucker explaning his procedures.



Distinguished Member Dr. Chester Gibson with Barbara assisting.



Dr. Bob Wolcott, Dr. Michael Cochran and Dr. Dr. Simon Gamer from Beverly Hills. Bob Birtcil.





Dr. Rockwell Hammond.



Dr. Melvin Lund (Indiana), Dr. Giancarlo Gallo (Alba, Italy), and Dr. William Cotton (Georgetown).



Dr. Dan Fredrickson explains the use of a matrix in Class III situations.



Dr. Warren Johnson assisted by Mrs. Johnson.

Didactic Session



Dr. Ludlow Beamish Early History

Dr. Beamish traced the background that was required in order that excellence as an objective could flourish. Commencing with the development of steel in the English Midland, thus allowing for hand instruments, continuing into early education and the role of power and electrification in the development and application of technique. Through anaesthesia and the later development of the air-rotor. Dr. Beamish stressed the role of Study Clubs for self criticism and personal development and looked finally at the role of the National Bureau of Standards has played in ensuring dependable and high quality products of known performance.



Dr. Harold Schnepper Evolution in Dental Schools

Dr. Schnepper examined the role of Dental Schools in cavity design commencing with the 1st School in Baltimore, and noting that many of the principal designs originally evolved through men not connected with schools.

Cavity design became properly established under G.V. Black whose work was continued by his son Arthur. A great deal of the work on design in the early years however was carried on by Dr. Wedelstaedt and Dr. Searle. This was followed in the 30's by the refinements in the north Western region of the country under the leadership of Dr. W.I. Ferrier and followed in the 40's and 50's by the lingual approach Foils designed by Dr. B. Smith and Dr. Jeffries. Finally, in the 60's under the influence of Dr. Lloyd Baum and Dr. Harold Schnepper the Loma Linda lingual approach foil was developed.



Dr. Eugene Merchant Evolution of Study Clubs

Dr. Merchant showed how, following the publication of papers on operative dentistry in 1891 by Dr. G.V. Black, Dr. E. Wedelstaedt after a number of visits to Dr. Black in Jacksonville, Illinois, formed the G.V. Black Study Club in St. Paul in 1897, and then encouraged Dr. V. Conzett to form a Study Club in Iowa, which became the Wedelstaedt Study Club, this led in turn to the Woodbury Study Club in 1906 in Omaha. This has led to more than 264 Study Clubs in existence today as already listed in the Directory of Study Clubs.

Dr. Merchant showed a number of the prominent members from whose influence we have all benefitted, including various designs and their continued refinement as promoted by some of these individuals, and some of the instruments they developed.

Dr. Merchant continued through the contemporary scene in Gold Foil and showed slides and material from around the continent.



Dr. Ron Zokol Contemporary Gold Foil

Dr. Zokol demonstrated a variety of approaches to gold foil application in current practice using slides from a number of sources. Techniques for isolation to give good access in standard and unusual situations as well as simplified techniques utilising Goldent for those occasions where commencement can prove more difficult, were shown.

Dr Zokol noted that in the pursuit of excellence and development members of this Academy, and various Study Clubs, a great deal of personal self discipline led to "well rounded and harmonious individuals" whom he was proud to be able to identify as friends.

Clinique Critique



Clinic critique by Dr. Bob Allen.

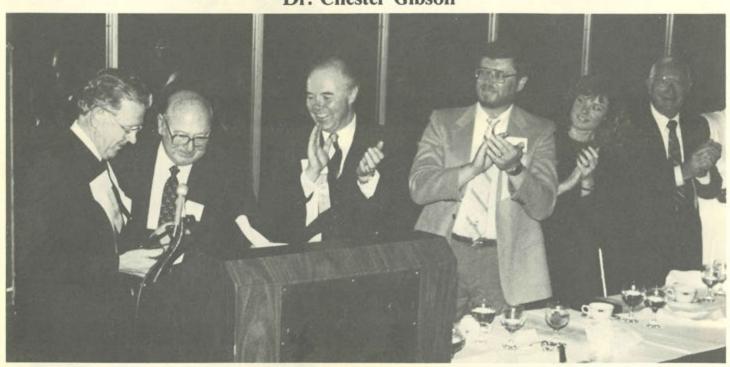


Clinic critique by Dr. Don Benson.



Dr. Allan Osborn presenting Membership to Dr. Jan Drews from West Germany.

1987 Distinguished Member Award Dr. Chester Gibson



Dr. Tony Romano presenting the Distinguished Member Award to Dr. Chester Gibson.

I recall some years ago in Florida when this Academy recognized the need, and implemented the procedure for, recognizing certain senior members who were good citizens, and, in an extraordinary way, had served this organization.

When Chester Gibson was notified he had been chosen for the Distinguished Member Award he was taken unawares. "I'm not good enough, I haven't been around long enough, and I haven't done that much!", he proclaimed.

But you do qualify, Chet, - eminently!

Because number one, I know your birth date and you are a senior member. I only wish I knew how you and Paul Dawson can remain so youthful.

Number two, you have done, and continue to do, a great deal, in and out, of Dentistry.

Number three, I know you are a good citizen, because I called the Sheriff at McMinnville, and, except for a few, colorful incidents, you have a fairly good record.

Dr. Gibson has contributed to organized dentistry in an outstanding fashion-like being President for his local society, receiving a Mastership and Fellowship from the Academy of General Dentistry, being elected a Fellow in the American and International Colleges. He is a highly respected dental practitioner whom I have often heard say, "I go to the office to see my friends," and he has served his community in many ways - but other outstanding dentists have done the same thing. What makes Chet different is that he has done some things that make him outstanding among outstanding dentists. Chester Gibson is an exquisite operator. He has the fanciest home-made rubber dam napkins in all of dentistry. He has designed a most useful set of amalgam pluggers. Chet was one of 18 dentists selected from across the country to establish the Board of Operative Dentistry. When the rigorous tests for certification were formulated, he was not satisfied just being a Founding Member of the board, so he applied to take the written examination, and after being out of dental school for 35 years he passed it - a feat deemed most

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Dr. Chester & Fairy Gibson with Distinguished Member Award.

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difficult by recent Master degree graduates. Recently, Chet went on to pass the other components of the certification examination: case presentation, oral examination and clinical examination. He is now the first Founding Member in history to become a fully Certified Member of the Board of Operative Dentistry.

Chet has had the responsibility of directing three different study clubs. Tomorrow we will learn from our lecture program how indebted we are to our early teachers and leaders. We must realize also our debt to present day study club directors who carry on, and even embellish, the work of earlier mentors.

Chet has been a tremendously supportive and influencing member of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators. He has served in many capacities, including Editor of Gold Leaf, President of the Academy, and when he was program chairman he arranged, in Hawaii, one of the finest meetings the Academy has ever seen.

There are many other things in dentistry that should be said about Chet, but there is more to Chester J. Gibson than just dentistry. He worked hard to earn his education. In his youth he was a logger and because of his agility he was selected for climbing and topping those huge Oregon trees. He loves to fish, and he is the luckiest fisherman I've ever seen. He repeatedly gets the biggest fish and then modestly attributes it to skill. He has a green house and loves to garden. He operates a hazelnut farm and an agate mine! He is one of the most well-versed individuals on trees that I've known. I have seen him identify trees previously completely unknown to him merely because they were related to trees he did know. He has a deep interest in wild flowers and birds and he does pretty well, but just between you and me, he needs a lot more work on the varying plumage of Pine Siskens.

Now, I must point out that Chet doesn't do all this by himself. His great wife Fairy keeps him in the right orbit and she still had enough time to raise two children, Sue and Scott. And, of course, Barbara is his competent and faithful helper at the office. Let me give you an insight to his Oregonian politeness — in most matters. One day last summer on a fishing trip in Canada he summed up his feelings after a rather animated and unrewarding discussion between us concerning Golden and Bald Eagles.

"That's Romano's all right — he said."
"You can listen to him — about 40%!"

"Well," I responded, "That's better than you can do in most gold

But, tonight Dr. Chester Gibson is our gold mine, and it is with a great deal of pleasure and admiration that I present to you the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators

DISTINGUISHED MEMBER AWARD

Recognition of Founders



President Dr. Julian J. Thomas.

Our celebration of the 35th Anniversary of this Academy is an excellent opportunity to recognize those far-sighted individuals who created this Academy. These dedicated men came together from all over North America to meet at the Chase Hotel in St. Louis. Their purpose was the same as ours today — to promote excellence in operative dentistry through the use of rubber dam and direct filling gold. They have earned our deepest gratitude, and we will be forever in their debt for the opportunity and inspiration they have provided to us who follow.

This is also an excellent time to recognize the ones who have maintained the high ideals and dedication that created this Academy. We are indeed fortunate to have a strongly motivated, highly skilled and forward looking group of young members. It is very reassuring to know that they are the ones who will see this Academy into the twenty-first century.

Julian J. Thomas President

Founding Members



Founding Members (left to right): Drs. Bruce Smith, Harold Schnepper, Bill Cody, Robert Wolcott, Eugene Merchant, Paul Dawson and Miles Markley.

Reply by Dr. Bruce Smith on behalf of the Founders



Dr. Bruce Smith replies on behalf of Founding Members.

Thank you President Julian Thomas, for your kind remarks. In response for the founders of our academy, I must say that to a great extent James Mark Prime of Omaha, Nebraska, was indirectly the true founder of our academy, at least he wrote of the idea in 1931.1 This was mentioned by Dr. Gerald Stibbs in a paper in San Francisco in 1949 and again in the Mid-Winter meeting in Seattle.

Dr. Bruce Smith had also come upon Prime's report and hearing Dr. Stibbs, Seattle paper, approached him to see if he felt it was worth trying to unite gold foil dentists. It seemed such a great idea to band together not only for strength and support but to exchange techniques, to see various types of equipment, to better our skills for the patients, and to allow students a chance to see good gold foil operations.

Dr. Stibbs suggested writing to various men to see if adequate interest was present to start such a group. So under the initial name of International Society of Gold Foil Operators, Dr. Smith sent out mailings to the dental schools and dental leaders in the United States, Canada, South America and Europe. The replies were surprising and very encouraging. By March of 1952, things had reached a point where mailings were becoming a financial burden for one person and it was time to "go through proper local channels" to receive the backing of the Northwest Associated Gold Foil Study Clubs. This was secured at their annual May meeting.

The trustees under President George Ellsperman set up a committee to help investigate the formation of the academy. The committee consisted of: Dr. Ralph Plummer, Dr. John H. Williams, Dr. Arthur G. Schultz, Dr. Gerald D. Stibbs with Dr. Bruce Smith, chairman.

So a formative meeting was planned with Dr. Stibbs and his lovely wife Gloria corresponding with the interested parties and creating a file of names and addresses. Most of the replies were favorable though three schools expressed disapproval from their operative departments heads. (Hopefully their students found time to better their education after graduation).

Dr. George Hollenback was strongly in favor of the idea and suggested an alliance with Dr. Charles Stebner of Laramie, Wyoming. Charlie had a fine group of study club men interested in starting a rubber dam academy and the two ideas seemed to work together.

The first meeting was held in the Adele room in the Chase Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, September 11th at 6:00 p.m. 1952. Dr. Stibbs became ill at the last minute and was unable to go. He turned over his ticket and hotel reservation to Dr. Ralph Plummer.

Upon arriving in St. Louis, Dr.'s Smith and Plummer knew a moment of anxiety as they checked the Chase Hotel dinner reservations and phoned other hotels to verify arrivals. However, thirty-six men had indicated they would attend and thirty-six arrived at the table for dinner. It seems men who use gold foil are concerned and dependable individuals.

The enthusiasm of the group was very heartening. Many fine suggestions and ideas were brought out. For a more detailed report

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one should read "A History of the Academy" in our Journal. The Journal of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, Vol. 1 p. 28-30, Oct. 1958, Vol. II, p. 32-34, May 1959, by Plummer, Smith and Stibbs.

Lester Myers, Harry True, Victor Ernst, Ralph Plummer, Charlie Stebner, J.C. Metcalf all contributed papers to the meeting and at this time, through Lester Meyers' motion and Miles Markley's second, the names was changed from "The International Society of Gold Foil Operators" to "The American Academy of Gold Foil Operators."

The election of officers was followed by appointment of a constitution and by-laws committee and later in 1953 the first Rubber Dam Committee was formed with Dr. Stebner and chairman, adding to his duties of vice-president.

The records of the first meeting were turned over to the secretary, Dr. Stibbs, in January 1953 and between then and fall, over 850 letters were sent out reporting progress and notifying the dental world of the academy's existence.

Dr. Robert Nelson, with the help of Dr.'s Colgan and Harold E. Nelson, made many trips to Bethesda, Maryland to finalize the

Necrology

Dr. Raymond P. Bassich Jr. New Orleans

Dr. Leroy E. Knowles Los Angeles

Dr. Charles Santangelo Plymouth Meeting

Dr. Robert R. Taylor

Dr. Robert R. Taylo Westervill, Ohio

Dr. Louis Green Winnipeg, Canada design or logo of our Academy. Working there with a highly talented artist, they completed a design of significance and simplicity that has been acclaimed through the years.

Thus an idea became a reality and the academy was launched. So much was done by so many fine men. The meetings that followed bring back many memories. The second meeting in Cleveland, with Jim Courtney's great help, the third in Miami — our first operating meeting, held at the Dade County Clinic, the storm blowing open our banquet windows in the Atlantis Hotel. A few years later, our near despair when an errant secretary lost all the records. And above all this, the fine men, some who achieved greatness before they came into the group and others who have made their mark in dentistry later. It's been a wonderful experience and so, on behalf of the founders, it's a pleasure to thank you for your dedication of this meeting, but also for your care and service in making the academy so highly respected as it is today. The only academy where men actually operate in front of each other to benefit the public and the profession.

¹J.M. Prime, Gold Foil, J.A.D.A., 18:1477-1484, 1931.

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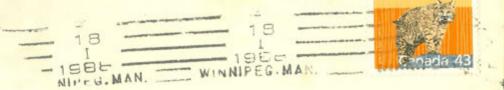
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