

PFA CANADA REPORT NOVEMBER 2016

The 80th annual meeting of the Pierre Fauchard Academy was held in Denver, Colorado, October 22, 2016.

The Pierre Fauchard Academy is an international dental honor and service organization, dedicated to the recognition of outstanding dentists throughout the world. It seeks to pursue the highest ideals of dentistry in every country in both ethical and moral practice and through service to community, nation and profession.

Dr. Elmer Best organized the Academy in 1936. Named after Dr. Pierre Fauchard, the father of modern dentistry, who was born in Brittany, France in 1678, the academy has 10,788 fellows in 90 sections spread over 32 countries.

Our mission as fellows in the Academy is to recognize and grow leaders in the dental profession, their communities and society.

The officers for the 2016-2017 year are as follows;

Dr. Barry A. Feder, President
Issaquah, Washington

Dr. Richard Sawers, President elect
Adelaide, Australia

Dr. Cheri S. Newman, vice president
Shelby Township, Michigan

Dr. Michael Schafhauser, past president
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Ms. Loralie Lowder, executive director.

During the luncheon ceremony, Dr. Carol G. Summerhays, a San Diego based general dentist was presented with the 80th Pierre Fauchard Gold medal. It is one of the most prestigious awards in dentistry. It is presented annually to a dentist residing in the United States who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to the progress and standing of the dental profession and has truly exhibited service

and merit above recognized standards. Dr. Summerhays was also installed as President of the American Dental Association.

The Elmer S. Best Memorial award was presented to Dr. Peter Marc Bartold from Australia. This award was established in 1962 and is presented annually to a member of the dental profession from outside of the United States who has made significant contributions to the art and science of dentistry. As a reminder, our very own Dr. John O'Keefe was presented with this most prestigious award last year.

The Dental Trade and Industry award was presented to Quintessence Publishing. This award was established in 1994 and may be presented annually to honour an outstanding leader in the field for distinguished contributions to dentistry from a dental industry perspective.

Our very own Dr. Kevin L. Roach past president of the Academy in 2003, was presented with the Distinguished Service Citation Certificate. This certificate may be presented to a fellow of the Academy in appreciation for loyal and dedicated service. The recipient, nominated by the awards committee, must have the unanimous approval of the board of trustees. Dr. Roach also sits on the board of our Foundation as the immediate past president.

Among the 14 Model Section Awards presented, Canada took home two of them. Those awards went to the western provinces represented by Dr. Mitch Taillon and Ontario represented by Dr. Aldo Boccia. I accepted the awards on behalf of Mitch and Aldo.

It is with great sadness that we were informed of the passing of Dr. Aldo Boccia on October 30, 2016 after a courageous battle with cancer. Aldo loved serving his community and profession, but most of all he loved his family and friends. Among his many leadership positions, Aldo served as Ontario Section Chair for many years and PFA Canada had planned to honour him for his years of service with the PFA Award of Merit Certificate at our Canadian Annual Awards and Induction Ceremony to be held in Toronto, May 5, 2017. I had informed Aldo in early October that he would be receiving the award. We both cried during this phone conversation. He told me he planned to be present to accept. Aldo was a gentle giant in our profession and he will be deeply missed.

Details of all the awards and plenty of other information can be found on our website www.fauchard.org. Take a minute to log on.

As a reminder, please send to me your suggestions for nominees for fellowship. I ask that send these names on the attached form by November 15, 2016.

Respectfully submitted

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