Alumni Society Board of Governors Election

Vote for brief biographies of candidates seeking to become members of the School of Dentistry’s Alumni Society Board of Governors.

Vote for four dentists and one dental hygienist who will serve a three-year term beginning September 1, 2015. Then clip and mail your ballot to the School of Dentistry at the address below. Envelopes must be postmarked by August 15, 2015.

- **Heather Bunce** (RDH, BSDH 2011) is a clinical dental hygienist in Chelsea, Michigan, and an adjunct faculty member at Lansing Community College. She is working on her master’s degree in education and scheduled to graduate next year. Heather has worked as a PA 161 dental hygiene provider and is a member of the ADEA, ADHA and MDHA.

- **Dr. Jeffrey Halvorson** (DDS 1983, MS 1992) is an endodontist in Grand Rapids. He is an active member of WMDDS and MDA, chairing various committees. A member of the Michigan Dental Association Foundation’s Board of Directors, he was previously a member of the MDA House of Delegates. Dr. Halvorson is an examiner for the Michigan Endodontics Board and also serves on U-M’s Endodontic External Advisory Committee.

- **Dr. Bruce Lee** (DDS 1987) has practiced in Traverse City since receiving his dental degree. A member of the ADA, MDA, and Resort District Dental Society, he serves on the Peer Review Committee of RDDS.

- **Dr. Michael Palaszek** * (DDS 1982) is president of the West Michigan District Dental Society Foundation and is immediate past president of the Kent County Dental Society. He also served on the Peer Review Committee of the West Michigan District Dental Society.

- **Dr. Carl Pogoncheff** * (DDS 2009, MS 2012) has a private practice in Lansing and teaches prosthetics at the U-M School of Dentistry. A member of the MDA, ADA and American College of Prosthodontists, he is also a diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and is on the Editorial Review Board of the Journal of Prosthodontics.

- **Dr. Wes Schulz** (DDS 1972) retired from his Traverse City practice in 2013. He has been a clinical instructor at the School of Dentistry and held a staff position at University Hospital in Ann Arbor. A past president of the Resort District Dental Society, Dr. Schulz served seven years as trustee to the MDA and was a member of the ADA House of Delegates.

- **Audrey Taylor** (ASDH 2012, BSDH 2014) is the director of ancillary services at Care Free Medical and Dental, a non-profit clinic in Lansing, Michigan. In addition to supervising the dental clinic and PA 161 program, she also developed and implemented the Pay It Forward dental initiative. Audrey is a member of ADHA, MOHA, Phi Kappa and Sigma Phi Alpha honor societies.

*Incumbent*

**ELECTION BALLOT**

Vote for 4 dentists:
- **Dr. Jeffrey Halvorson**
- **Dr. Bruce Lee**
- **Dr. Michael Palaszek** *
- **Dr. Carl Pogoncheff** *
- **Dr. Wes Schulz**

Vote for 1 hygienist:
- **Heather Bunce**
- **Audrey Taylor**

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**James Homon** (MS orthodontics 1988) of Columbus, Ohio, received the Ohio Dental Association’s Marvin Fisk Humanitarian Award for establishing KidSMILES. The clinic provides oral health care to children 18 and younger whose families earn too much to qualify for Medicaid but do not have private dental insurance. Started in December 2012, the clinic is staffed by volunteer dentists, hygienists and other dental professionals. Each visit is $10, regardless of the services provided, including comprehensive dental care.

The Dental Class of 1976 held its annual reunion in late October in New York City. Pictured (left to right): Drs. David Loder, Jay Wernsley, William Frecca, Richard Jankowski, James Roahen, Richard Fox, Tim Gietzen and James Lennan.

Ralph Attanasio (MS prosthodontics 1995) of Delray Beach is the new president of the Florida Dental Association. The 7,000-member association, established in 1884, is the fourth largest dental association in the U.S.