



# FAP News

WINTER 2024

## President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

At the 2023 Florida Association of Periodontists (FAP) Executive Council Summer Meeting, the Dr. Robert T. Ferris Award was listed at the end of the agenda for consideration of a nominee. I have to admit that I was unfamiliar with the history and criteria for nomination, knowing only that this is the most prestigious award our Association can bestow upon a member. Our Executive Director, Marlinda Fulton, was present in May 2013 when then-President, Dr. Gary Altschuler, proposed an award to recognize an outstanding FAP member. The Executive Council agreed with his proposal and bestowed the first "Florida Association of Periodontists Lifetime Achievement Award" to Dr. Samuel Low at the 2014 Winter Meeting. Later that year, FAP leadership renamed the award the "Dr. Robert T. Ferris Award" and presented it to its namesake, Dr. Robert T. Ferris at the 2014 Summer Meeting. Since that time, only two other FAP members have been so honored: Dr. Stuart Feldman at the 2019 Winter Meeting and Dr. James Antoon at the 2020 Winter Meeting.



Nominees for this lifetime achievement award must have been members of the Florida Association of Periodontists and made contributions to the field of periodontology in more than one area, over a period of 25 years or greater. Service includes, but is not limited to, teaching in predoctoral or postdoctoral education programs, participation in volunteer dental programs benefiting the community at home or abroad, developing a continuing education module or contribution to the literature. Nominees have held leadership positions in the Florida Association of Periodontists, as well as the Florida Dental Association (either local, district and/or state components) or the Florida Board of Dentistry, service on the American

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## 2024 Winter Meeting

RESERVE YOUR ROOM – ROOM BLOCK EXPIRES SOON

February 9-10, 2024

HILTON ORLANDO

19th Annual Senior Residents' Day

Corporate Forums

Dr. Luiz Gonzaga & Dr. William Martin  
Utilizing the Interdisciplinary Approach in  
the Contemporary Implant Practice

*See Meeting Details &  
Registration Form Inside.*



## 2024 Important Dates

|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| January 26-29        | Southern Academy of Periodontology<br>Omni Richmond – Richmond, VA  |
| <b>February 9-10</b> | <b>2024 FAP WINTER MEETING<br/>Hilton Orlando</b>                   |
| February 16          | Florida Board of Dentistry<br>Fort Myers, FL – Crowne Plaza         |
| May 17               | Florida Board of Dentistry<br>Jacksonville Tapestry Park            |
| May 30-June 1        | Florida Mission of Mercy<br>Lakeland, FL (Volunteer!)               |
| June 20-22           | Florida Dental Convention<br>Gaylord Palms - Orlando                |
| June 20-23           | Southern Academy of Periodontology<br>The Breakers - Palm Beach, FL |
| <b>August 9-10</b>   | <b>2024 FAP SUMMER MEETING<br/>Hilton Orlando</b>                   |

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## President's Message (cont'd)

Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Board of Trustees and/or leadership positions in the AAP. Concurrent members of the FAP Executive Council, as well as former recipients, are not eligible to receive this award. The recipient is recognized and receives a plaque at the Winter Business Meeting following their election. This award is meant to be periodic (versus annual). You may ask, "Why does writing this down matter?" I am reminded of a terrific book that I read earlier this year, entitled, The Basque History of the World, by Mark Kurlansky. The Basques were among the most ancient civilizations in Europe, but their language and achievements as a nation were relatively unknown because they had no written, only oral, history until the 16<sup>th</sup> century! And, as any respondent who ever faced the Florida Board of Dentistry will tell you, "If it was not written down, it didn't happen."

The recipients of the Dr. Robert T. Ferris Award represent the best of our Association. They are giants upon whose shoulders we stand. We are surrounded by stars in this organization, but the recipients of this award are more like comets, appearing infrequently, and leaving a long and brilliant tail behind them. FAP members may nominate an active, lifetime or retired member in good standing by submitting a nomination form to the FAP Executive Council. Most importantly, a nominee's achievements must match the award criteria. Details and deadlines for nomination will be forthcoming on our website!

Sincerely, Dr. Susan D. LaMar

## Get Ahead on Your To-Do List...

Remit your 2024 FAP Membership Dues and avoid receiving a paper dues statement! Go online at **[www.floridaperio.org](http://www.floridaperio.org)** (look at left side of homepage). \$250.00 and your yearly dues cover two meetings – Winter 2024 and Summer 2024, up to 10 hours CE (usually more!).



# 2024 Winter Meeting Information

## Friday, February 9

AN FAP TRADITION AND MEMBER BENEFIT!

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Residents' Day

1:30pm-5:00pm 3.5 CEUs

Nova Southeastern University/University of Florida

You are invited to attend and support the NSU/UF Senior Residents as they present their case studies. An interesting and informative afternoon. Support the Third Year Residents!

5:00pm-6:30pm FAP Welcome Reception

NSU Alumni and Friends Reception Location: TBA

6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

## Hilton Orlando – February 9-10, 2024



Set over 26 lush acres, Hilton Orlando is near the major parks, minutes from International Drive. The resort offers seven options, from fine dining at Spencer's to leisurely lunch at Tropics Pool Bar & Grill. There are two pools, a lazy river with cabanas, a waterslide, sports courts, and an expansive spa. Bring your family!!

1 Night Deposit required (Refundable), Cancellation Policy 72 hours prior arrival. Discounted Resort Charge \$15.00. Rate: \$249.00 + taxes

Booking link: [www.floridaperio.org](http://www.floridaperio.org)

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Parking 50% off self-parking fee - \$17.50 (regularly \$35.00).

6001 Destination Parkway, Orlando 32819

**ROOM BLOCK ENDING: Thursday, January 18, 2024**

## Saturday, February 10

### Registration/Light Breakfast

7:00am-8:30am

### Visit Vendors

7:00am-8:30am • 10:30am-11:00am • 2:30pm-3:00pm

### Corporate Forums (Tentative) –

Visit FAP website for more information.

8:00am-8:55am

1 CEU each

### Dr. Luiz Gonzaga & Dr. William Martin

### Utilizing the Interdisciplinary Approach in the Contemporary Implant Practice

9:00am-4:00pm

5 CEUs

Register your dental team members/referring dentists/prosthodontists!

### Lecture Description:

Emphasis on positive treatment outcomes for implant-based care is at the forefront of today's implant practice. Predictable esthetic and functional success for our implant patients relies on many factors, including comprehensive assessment and planning, the quality of the implant site and tissue response and selection, and proper use of appropriate implants, components, and materials. This recurring success often requires clinicians to have clear lines of communication and common treatment philosophies.

With the maturation of the field of implant dentistry regarding technology, manufacturing, and materials, we have realized and improved treatment efficiency in addition to both esthetic and functional predictability. Streamlining patient care to minimize surgical insult and improve restorative longevity has become the vanguard of clinical demands and continuing education.

This presentation will focus on a sound treatment philosophy incorporating the latest technology and digital options. Patient presentations highlighting step-wise planning and treatment will concentrate on clinical situations ranging from single-tooth replacement to edentulous arches, focusing on immediate implants and esthetic outcomes.

Continuing education vouchers will be distributed at the conclusion of each lecture.

*FAP reserves the right to change the meeting schedule as deemed necessary.*



## UF/NSU Presentations

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Residents' Day

*An FAP Tradition and Member Benefit – Free CE!*

Friday, February 9, 2024

1:30pm – 5:00pm

3.5 CEUs

#### Nova Southeastern University

Dr. Alejandro Baez:

“Challenging Scenarios, Exceptional Outcomes: Acellular Dermal Matrix Root Coverage”

Dr. Maria Sepulveda:

“Unveiling Gingival Recession: Exploring the Effectiveness of Four Distinct Treatment Pathways”

Dr. Ovadia Chocron:

“Guided Bone Regeneration: From Simple to Complex”

Dr. Robert Kelley:

“Submerged vs. Non-Submerged Healing of Implants Subjected to Contour”

Dr. Megan Leyva:

“Aesthetic Harmony: The Art and Science of Periodontal Plastic Surgery”

#### University of Florida

Dr. Raul Perez:

“Navigating the Complex Rehabilitation of the Atrophic Maxilla”

Dr. Tamara Jandali:

“A Contemporary Approach to Esthetic Crown Lengthening”

Dr. Christina Rostant:

“Perfect vs. Realistic Esthetics: What is Achievable”

**FAP Members: Invite not only a referring dentist to this meeting, but a Prosthodontist as well! Registration fee for each is \$200.00.**

## 2024 Winter Meeting Speaker Bios

**Luiz H. Gonzaga, DDS, MS**, is a highly accomplished dental professional with a wealth of experience in implant dentistry. He graduated from the Catholic University of Brasilia College of Dentistry in 2004 and pursued specialized training in Implant/Periodontics at IPESP Brasilia, where he graduated in 2009. Dr. Gonzaga's commitment to excellence was recognized when he was awarded the prestigious ITI scholarship in 2009, which allowed him to complete an Implant fellowship.



In 2011, he was accepted into a residency program at the University of Florida, where he earned his Master's degree in Prosthodontics in 2014. Currently, Dr. Gonzaga serves as a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Florida Center for Implant Dentistry. His expertise in implant dentistry has made him a sought-after speaker, and he is an ITI speaker and Fellow of the International Team for Implantology. He is also a member of esteemed organizations like the American College of Prosthodontics and the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr. Gonzaga's contributions to the field extend beyond his clinical work. He currently holds the position of leadership development committee member of ITI Global and is the Past President of the Florida Prosthodontic Association. He has presented lectures nationally and internationally, sharing his knowledge and expertise in implant dentistry. Additionally, he has published research in peer-reviewed journals and collaborates with esteemed institutions such as the University of Michigan, the University of Kentucky, and the University of Sao Paulo. Dr. Gonzaga is a reviewer for multiple peer-reviewed journals such as the Journal of Prosthodontics, JPD, IJOMI, and IJPRD.

Despite his many professional responsibilities, Dr. Gonzaga remains dedicated to his patients. He practices at the Center for Implant Dentistry five days a week, focusing on treating complex cases involving surgical or prosthetic needs with dental implants. Outside of dentistry, he enjoys spending quality time with his lovely wife Erica and their daughter Stella.

**Will Martin, DMD, MS, FACP** is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Florida's College of Dentistry. He received his DMD from the University of Florida and completed his MS and Certificate in Prosthodontics from Baylor College of Dentistry. Dr. Martin joined the faculty at the University of Florida in 1999 and currently serves as the Director of the Center for Implant Dentistry.



Dr. Martin is a Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists, International Team for Implantology and Associate Fellow of the Academy of Prosthodontics. Dr. Martin has authored numerous peer-reviewed scientific articles and abstracts. He has co-authored several textbooks on implant dentistry, specifically the ITI Treatment Guides Vol. 1 and 10, S.A.C. Classification in Implant Dentistry (1st Edition) and most recently the 2nd Edition. He is the past Chairman of the Section USA of the ITI and maintains a part-time practice limited to Prosthodontics within the Center for Implant Dentistry. He lectures both nationally and internationally on esthetic and implant dentistry.

# Florida Board of Dentistry Report

*Submitted by Dr. John W. Thousand, IV, FAP Secretary*

The Board of Dentistry met on Friday, November 17, 2023 in Gainesville, Florida. All Board members were present with the exception of consumer Board member, Mr. Ben Mirza.

There were seven disciplinary proceedings, one petition for modification of a final order one voluntary relinquishment of a dental license.

There were two petitions for variance or waiver of rule. One was from a company that runs prison healthcare and wanted the rule of requiring all owners of dental practices be dentists. This was denied. The second was from a licensed dentist (New Jersey) requesting he be allowed to work as a forensic odontologist without a Florida license. The Board approved this waiver as he would be practicing under the supervision of a medical examiner and not be seeing “live” patients.

Discussion on licensure compacts were presented (the enactment of a compact can only be done by the legislature, the Board was interested in the topic as licensure falls under the purview of the Board). The first being council of state governments, basically to allow licenses to go through multiple states. This was military related. Allowing a “privilege to practice” from a CODA approved school. This presentation was geared to creating a universal system for allowing people to treat anyone in the state of Florida.

The next discussion was from the American Association of Dental Boards with regards to having an expedited license in several states that are in network with the compact.

The office of Veteran Licensure Services gave an informative report to the Board on military pathways for expedited licensure. A new bill passed to create this office and a new veteran was appointed to oversee this office. There have been 544 applications for dental health in the state in the past five years. This office will save the veterans money and make the process to get licensed easier.

The Board reviewed the annual regulatory plan and the motion to ratify was completed.

The Board continues to work on the tele-dentistry bill (Senate bill 302). There are some marketing issues.

Council on Dental Hygiene – Rule Update: the Board approved three proposed rule revisions. The first was putting language in the rule on remediable tasks to dental hygienists that mirrored what is already in statute. The second lowered the reactivation of a hygiene license fee by five dollars and the third was to require a dental hygiene applicant who graduated from a nonaccredited dental college who failed the hygiene exam on the first attempt to complete a twenty-hour remedial hygiene course offered by a CODA-approved education institution. The rule language on this was reinstated because a program now meets this requirement.

To view the complete minutes, go to: <https://floridasdentistry.gov/meeting-information/past-meetings/> or <https://floridasdentistry.gov/>

The next BOD meeting is  
February 16, 2024, in Fort Myers, FL.

## Time to Renew for 2024!

Don't forget you can pay your 2024 membership dues today at [www.floridaperio.org](http://www.floridaperio.org). Dues for 2024 are \$250.00. Yearly membership dues include two meetings per year, February 2024 and August 2024. Up to 10 hours of continuing education for the year and sometimes more, plus at each meeting, welcome reception, lunch and business meeting.

Dues Increase Notice: The FAP Executive Council voted in October to increase the 2025 FAP Membership Dues to \$350.00. This increase will be voted on at the February 10, 2024, Business Meeting in conjunction with the FAP Winter Meeting in Orlando.

According to FAP Bylaws: *Annual membership dues will be determined by the Executive Council and voted on the FAP governing body.*

Per FAP Bylaws, governing body is defined as: *The governing body of this Association shall be the active, faculty and lifetime members.*



# FAP Summer Meeting Review

Thank you to all who attended the 2023 FAP Summer Meeting, it was a great one! Friday kicked off with the management of medical and airway emergencies in the dental office, followed by the FAP Welcome Reception. Our main speaker on Saturday was Dr. Craig Misch, sponsored by **Geistlich BioMaterials** and **BioHorizons**. We want to recognize our corporate forum presenters: Dr. John Russo, sponsored by **Salvin Dental** and Dr. Irina Dragan, sponsored by **Geistlich**.

There were 136 attendees at the meeting and 20 vendors. If you have not attended an FAP meeting in a while, please consider doing so this February. Over eight hours of continuing education is available at NO COST to FAP Members!



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## Welcome New Members:

Dr. Maggie Misch-Haring - Univ. of Alabama-Birmingham  
Dr. Anthony Pikos - Univ. of Alabama-Birmingham  
Dr. Rachel Voigt - USAF Post Graduate Dental School/UTHSCSA  
Dr. Sharlene Demehri – Nova Southeastern University

## Welcome New Resident Members:

Dr. Adrienne Fetner - UF  
Dr. Natalie Williams - UF  
Dr. Stephanie Dye - UF

# AAP District III Trustee Report

*Submitted by: Drs. Cecil White, Jr. and Walter Colón, II, AAP District III Trustees*

## Member Communications

- District 3 completed their Town Hall in the spring of 2022. These live, interactive forums aim to provide members with a way to engage with their trustees and learn about Academy initiatives.
- As a reminder, the AAP Member Directory is available online via AAP Connect. You can access the Member Directory through the top navigation bar.
- The AAP Annual Meeting in Austin was a remarkable success! The District 3 Forum was held on Friday, November 10, was well attended, and the usual business was conducted. No unresolved district issues remained.

## Continuing Education

- In addition to annual meeting programming, the AAP e-Learning Center continues to provide members access to high-quality CE programming from the comfort of your home or office.
- The AAP offers a series of live webinars throughout the year, featuring periodontal thought leaders discussing a variety of relevant topics. Visit [perio.org](http://perio.org) for a list of upcoming webinars.
- The AAP continues to review various letters of support, related to state and/or federal issues relevant to periodontics, and signs-on as appropriate. Recent topics include Medicaid Access, the Oral Health Literacy and Awareness Act, and student loan reform (the REDI Act).

## Dental Education

- Under the direction of the Education Committee, the AAP launched a series of on-demand modules called AAP Education Access, to fill the gaps in periodontal education. These modules intend to connect periodontal programs with thought leaders discussing topics not commonly covered.
- The Academy continues to offer AAP Hour for postdoctoral programs, where periodontal residents can view a pre-recorded lecture, and then continue the conversation with the presenter via an interactive online session.

## SCIENCE

### Disease Classification

- The AAP continues to leverage the updated disease classification as appropriate. Efforts to encourage the disease classification in ICD-10, CDT codes, and SNODENT/ SNOMED are ongoing.
- Conversations with the European Federation of Periodontology are underway, to identify ways to continue the conversation about the disease classification with target audiences.
- All AAP members are encouraged to follow the AAP on various social media channels and repurpose the content on their own accounts.

### Dental Hygiene

The AAP Dental Hygiene Engagement Initiative has officially launched. The initiative includes:

- Downloadable study club resources to help members develop and deliver high-quality periodontal content to hygienists that positions them as a local expert and mentor.
- A hygienist recognition program that rewards hygienists who participate in AAP member study clubs helps to incentivize sustained engagement.

## LEADERSHIP

### Board of Trustees

- The Board of Trustees met in-person three times (AM22, May, and August), and virtually once (August).

### Volunteers

- The Volunteer Qualifications and Awards Committee reviews applications for positions on various committees and task forces and uses a lens that aims to best represent the diverse make-up of AAP membership.
- The AAP offered its Leadership, Engagement, Action, and Development Program (LEAD) in September, with 15 participants in practice for less than ten years. Since launching in 2017, the program has welcomed 88 member participants, several from District 3.

## 2024 STRATEGIC PLAN

- The 2024 Strategic Plan was approved by the Board at its May meeting.

Please contact your District III Trustees with any questions.

*Save the Date...*

**2024 AAP Annual Meeting**

October 31-November 3

San Diego, CA

Visit [www.perio.org](http://www.perio.org) for more information





NEXT NEWSLETTER: Spring 2024

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*Registration form for the  
2024 FAP Winter Meeting Inside.*

**Reminder:** The 2022-2024 Biennium ends February 29, 2024. If you are short on CEUs, register for the FAP Meeting. Your CE credit will be uploaded to CE Broker for you!



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# FAP 2024 WINTER MEETING - REGISTRATION FORM

February 9-10, 2024 • Orlando Hilton

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## – EARLY REGISTER FEES –

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a member of the FAP. No fee for Dr. Luiz Gonzaga & Dr. William Martin/Corporate Forums/FAP Business Meeting & Luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a retired FAP member: \$50.00 registration fee includes Drs. Gonzaga & Martin/Corporate Forums/FAP Business Meeting & Luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member periodontists: \$350.00 includes Drs. Gonzaga & Martin/Corporate Forums/FAP Business Meeting & Luncheon.

\_\_\_\_\_ Referring Dentists (non-periodontists or prosthodontists) \$200.00 – includes Drs. Gonzaga & Martin/Corporate Forum/  
FAP Business Meeting Luncheon

Name of Referring Dentists: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ All Dental Team Members (non-dentists, non-periodontists) \$35.00 – includes Drs. Gonzaga & Martin/Corporate Forums – *Lunch on their own.*

Name of Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

## Late Registration Fees from Feb. 7-10, 2024 – Add \$50.00 to above fee schedule.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the NSU/UF Residents' Presentations on Friday, February 9th

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the FAP Welcome Reception on Friday, February 9th, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, I will be attending the Business Meeting Lunch Saturday, February 10th, 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

***Only those indicating by checking above will be given a lunch ticket. Please, if you commit to attending lunch, we ask that you do stay for the luncheon and business meeting.***

If you need a vegetarian option for Saturday luncheon check here: ☐

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if no meeting fees are due*



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