The members of the Pediatric Dentistry Review Committee for 2007 are: Drs. Steve Adair (chair), Ann Steiner, Paul Walker, Murray Dock, and Connie Killian. Dr. Indru Punwani’s tenure on the Review Committee ended in October 2006. The Review Committee thanks him for his years of diligent service. His successor is Dr. Ann Steiner, a general dentist from California, who was assigned to the committee by CODA.

The Pediatric Dentistry Review Committee meetings of July 11, 2006, and January 10, 2007, dealt with accreditation issues relative to advanced education programs in pediatric dentistry. The Committee considered site visitor evaluations and progress reports regarding about 40 advanced education programs in our specialty, and we forwarded our recommendations regarding their accreditation status to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). Of particular interest is the number of new training positions approved by the Review Committee during 2006-07. In January 2006 we approved an increase of 2 positions in one existing program. In July 2006, we approved 3 positions in a new program and 1 new position in an existing program. In January 2007 we approved 7 positions in 3 new programs, 10 new positions in existing programs, and a one-time increase of 1 position in an existing program. One of the existing programs will be accepting 3 or 4 new positions in alternate years. Thus the total of new positions approved between January 2006 and January 2007 is 23-24. Additional enrollment increase requests are expected during the balance of 2007.

Consultants (site visitors) whose terms of service will end in October this year are Brenda Bohaty, Jeffrey Dean, John Peterson, and Barbara Sheller. We thank them for their service to the Commission and to the specialty. In addition to the members of the Review Committee, the current roster of site visitors includes: Richard Burke, Jr, Steven Chussid, Martin Donaldson, Kevin Donly, Shahrbanoo Fadavi, Carole Hanes, Michael Kanellis, Ronald Kosinski, Michael Milano, Amr Moursi, Man Wai Ng, Robert Primosch, Fouad Salama, Brian Sanders, Dennis Sipher, Rebecca Slayton, Erwin Turner, Richard Udin, and Michael Webb. This brings the total number of site visitors to 24. Dr. Michael Roberts has been nominated for appointment in October 2007. Those who were appointed in October 2005 were invited to a site visitor training session on June 5, 2006, in Chicago, and the turnout was good. This session was held in conjunction with a broader training session for consultants sponsored by the American Dental Association. Thus, there was no cost to AAPD for this training. Another means by which new site
visitors are trained is by sending them on a site visit with an experienced consultant prior to their first “solo” site visit.

Beginning January 2007 the new Review Committee structure began to take shape. As mentioned above, the Pediatric Dentistry Review Committee welcomed its general dentist member, Dr. Steiner. In January 2007, Dr. Paul Walker will rotate off the committee and will be replaced by an as-yet-to-be-named public member. Meanwhile, CODA has established an ad hoc committee to study the mechanisms by which review committee membership can be expanded if the workload exceeds the capabilities of the two specialist and two non-specialist members. In the event that committee membership is increased, the balance between specialists and non-specialists will have to be maintained.

In January, the committee received the results of the Reliability and Validity study of the specialty’s accreditation standards. This study was conducted by surveying a large number of individuals in the communities of interest—program directors, administrators, specialty associations and boards, specialty practitioners, and others—regarding the degree to which the specialty’s standards address the ability of training programs to produce capable and knowledgeable practitioners. Each specialty’s standards are being reviewed simultaneously. The Review Committee had time at its January meeting for only a cursory review of the study. It will be reviewed in depth at our July meeting by the addition of an extra half-day of committee deliberation.

Finally, this will be my last report as the CODA commissioner for pediatric dentistry and chair of the Review Committee. My term will end at the ADA meeting in October, at which time a new commissioner will be named. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past 4 years. I thank the Board for its past and ongoing support of the Review Committee as we continue to work with the Commission and our advanced education programs for the benefit of pediatric dentistry specialty education.

RECOMMENDATION: None.

Respectfully submitted,

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