Meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM by President Ted Ramage. Members present were Drs. evenly, Eichmiller, C. Bridgegaman, Carlson, Cochran, Keene, Bruce Smith, Dick McCoy, Marty Anderson, and Ron Harris. The agenda for the meeting was distributed to all present. Minutes of the Number 6, 1996 annual meeting were approved as published in the Gold Leaf in January.

Journal Report:

The agenda was changed to allow the report by the Journal editor and managing editor. Dick McCoy reported that things are going well with the Journal. Worthwhile manuscripts continue to be received. 73 were received in 1996 and 38 were accepted for publication. There were 70 more subscriptions than at the same time in 1995. 1800 issues were mailed, the highest since 1994. The symposium planned by Dr. Eichmiller on amalgam alternatives was not approved by NIDR, so will not be available this time. Operative Dentistry is now on-line. The address is: http://weber.u.washington.edu/~opdent.

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Marty Anderson gave the financial report, which shows a profit for the year. The fund equity is very healthy. In the next few years, the terms of office of editor and managing editor will expire, so the membership is alerted to think about possible successors.

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From The Desk of the President

As your President, I would like to invite you to the AAGFO annual meeting in “Spectacular by Nature” Vancouver, B.C. on September 10-13, 1997.

Your scientific committee chairman, Fred Eichmiller, has developed an excellent program consisting of the following speakers: Dr. Warren Johnson, Dr. Rick Hoard, Dr. Ferracane, Dr. Small, and Dr. Max Anderson.

The scientific program is scheduled for all day Thursday, September 11th, for members and guests. It continues on Saturday morning for members, guests, spouses, or accompanying guests.

The clinical session is being developed by Craig Bridgman with the local assistance of David Thorburn. The clinical session will be held at the University of British Columbia Dental School on Friday, September 12th in the morning.

The social program consists of a welcoming party on Wednesday, September 10th, in the Westin Bayshore Hotel. We have scheduled a cruise and dinner to enjoy Vancouver’s spectacular harbor, leaving from the Bayshore Hotel on Friday evening, September 12th.

The annual banquet will be held at the Bayshore Hotel on the evening of Saturday, September 13th.

The Westin Bayshore Hotel has been chosen for its splendid harbor-side location.

Vancouver in early September is traditionally sunny and dry, with an average temperature of 65°F (18°C). Bring comfortable walking shoes and a light jacket as there is great walking adjacent to the hotel in Stanley Park. Vancouver’s recently expanded airport now has direct flights from all over North America and Europe, which will make your access to our meeting more convenient.

We look forward to seeing you here in September.

Dr. Ted Ramage DDS, FICD, FACD
Dr. George A. Brass

Dr. George Brass passed away on Saturday 18th January 1997 at the age of 82. Born in Yorkton, Saskatchewan, the son of a well known and highly respected dentist, it was natural that George Brass would himself pursue the profession of Dentistry, and his was a truly illustrious career. All of us were fortunate to have been the recipients of his wisdom, his dedication, and above all, his enthusiasm for his chosen profession where he shone as an outstanding example of the true professional. It was at the time of entering university that a career as a professional hockey player beckoned, for no less a team than the Detroit Red Wings were anxious to sign George to a full contract.

George Brass graduated from Northwestern University Dental School in Chicago in 1939 and upon returning to Canada, joined the Canadian Dental Corps, with which he saw service in Great Britain, Western Europe, the Mediterranean, and Italy. Later he would be a member of a delegation sent over by the Canadian Government to Italy to honour the fallen, in ceremonies throughout Italy. Demobilised in 1946, with rank of Major, George returned to Northwestern University Dental School to graduate study with special emphasis upon cast gold restorations.

From the time he completed his graduate studies and until 1958, George Brass taught restorative dentistry at the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta. When the new faculty was established in Manitoba in 1958, George was invited by Dean Nielson to Chair the new Department of Restorative Dentistry. He gave a rich course of study which, with its accent upon gold, enabled his students to graduate with fine clinical skills, and a solid grasp of the basic principles so important to everyday practice. To the student he was always known affectionately as "The Boomer" on account of his powerful and penetrating voice. Following his retirement in 1979, the University conferred the title of Professor Emeritus; Dr. Clifford Miller, Associate Dean of Northwestern University Dental School travelling to Winnipeg to deliver the keynote address.

George Brass was a Life Member of the American Academy of Gold Foil Operators, and it could be said that gold foil was his first love in dentistry. He extolled the virtues of G.V. Black and was proud to have been a part of the school from which the great man had originated his work. In 1972, with the formation of the Winnipeg Ferrier Society taking place on the very day when Canada defeated Russia in that great hockey series, George was a man transported. Throughout the 20 years of the existence of the study club, only the occasional illness prevented his attendance. A charter Member of the Operative Academy, George anticipated the annual journey with considerable pleasure. He both lectured and gave table clinics at these meetings, enjoying the scientific and social aspects of the meetings equally. He was awarded the Thos Hinman Bronze Medal. In Canada, George Brass was one of the founding fathers of the Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry, and was later made an Honourary member of that organization. He was also President of the Canadian Section of the International College of Dentists, a member of the Royal College of Dentists, life member of the Canadian Dental Association and the first Honourary Member of the Manitoba Dental Association.

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Dr. George A. Brass — continued.

George was proud of his Scottish ancestry and would, on occasion, turn out in full regalia to the annual dinner meeting of the Winnipeg Ferrier Society. He was a member of The Burns Society in Winnipeg, avowing a healthy suspicion of all Sassenachs. He knew a great deal of Robbie Burns' poetry by heart, and took particular pleasure in narrating the “Ode to a Haggis” prior to slaying the “wee beastie”. His was a life full of achievement, of helping others, of leading by example... we are privileged to have been counted amongst his friends.

Dr. Allan Osborn
EDITOR

ASSOCIATED FERRIER STUDY CLUBS

Annual Meeting

Ferrier Luncheon

New Board for Associated Ferrier Study Clubs.
President Bob Murray exhorts the troops.

Dr. Bruce Smith presents Dr. Robert Murray with the Past President’s Gavel.

Dr. Ted Ramage encourages all to come to A.A.G.F.O.

Dr. Ramage with Editor Dr. Allan Osborn.

Trap shooting and golf have once again become a part of the Annual Ferrier Meeting.
Clinic Session
Agenda

Wednesday, September 10
2:00 pm  Registration, Thompson Foyer
2–5:00 pm  Board Meeting, Boardroom
6–9:00 pm  Socializing in the Trafalgar Room. Cash bar

Thursday, September 11
7:30–8:30 am  Breakfast for members and professional guests
              (spouses sleep in)
8:00 am  Registration, Thompson Foyer
8:30–10:00 am  Lecture, Dr. Richard Hoard, “An In-depth Look at Gold Casting”

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**Agenda**

**Thursday, September 11 - continued.**

9:15 am Motor Coach Pickup for Spouses' Tour
10:15-11:45 am Lecture, Dr. Warren Johnson, "The Key Elements Necessary for a Successful Conservative Gold Restoration"
12:30-1:30 pm Lunch for Attendees and Professional Guests, Marine Room
1:30-3:00 pm Lecture, Dr. Jack Ferracane, "Research Developments in Dental Composites"
3:15-4:45 pm Lecture, Dr. Bruce Small, "Direct and Indirect Composites: A Clinical Overview"

**Friday, September 12**

6:30-7:30 am Breakfast buffer for members, spouses, and guests
7:15 am Buses depart for UBC Dental Clinic
Noon Buses return to Hotel
12:30-1:30 pm Lunch on your own. The afternoon is free
6:00-10:00 pm Break for members, spouses, and guests
7:00 pm Banquet. Distinguished Member Award.
Installation of officers

**Saturday, September 13**

7:00-8:30 am Breakfast Buffer for members, spouses, and guests
8:15 am Business meeting for membership
8:30-11:00 am Lecture, Dr. Max Anderson, "An Inside View of Third Party Systems"
11:00 am Essay, Dr. Daryl Farley, "Slide Review of Clinical Procedures"
Noon Lunch on your own. The afternoon is free
6:00 pm Social hour
7:00 pm Banquet. Distinguished Member Award.

**PLEASE NOTE:** It is always difficult to make last minute arrangements to accommodate members who suddenly appear at a meeting without having made advance reservations. Hotel reservations must be received by the Westin no later than August 10. If you wait until arriving at Vancouver, you will be taking a chance on accommodations.

In the case of our foreign members: if you plan to attend but have a problem paying in U.S. currency, you may return the reservation form below, indicating your preferences and then pay the fees at the meeting.

Reservation Forms should be returned directly to the Westin Bayshore Hotel.

Please indicate on the lower portion if you would be interested in operating next year in Minneapolis. There will be a two day session of foils and castings.

**NAME**

Spouse’s name (if attending) ____________________________

Address ____________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip/Postal Code ____________

Telephone (including area code) Home (____) ____________ Office (____) ____________

Registration fee: (US dollars please)

Member @ $250
Professional guest @ $275
Spouse or other guest @ $100 each
Spouses’ Tour and Luncheon, Thursday @ $60 each
Plus: Friday evening dinner cruise @ $40 each

Number $ Totals

Total enclosed

Return with check payable to AAGFO to: 17922 Tallgrass Court, Noblesville, IN 46060

I would like to operate next year ________ casting ________ foil ________