

## **Fellowship Charge**

IN ACCEPTING THIS HONOR, YOU ARE CHARGED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

TO CONTINUE YOUR COMMITMENT TO LIFE LONG LEARNING. AS DENTAL SCIENCE AND CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE ADVANCES, IT IS YOUR DUTY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO STAY CURRENT. WHEN WELL-FOUNDED RESEARCH AND CLINICAL EXPERIENCE ENABLE US TO DELIVER BETTER CARE, IT IS YOUR OBLIGATION TO INCORPORATE THESE CONCEPTS INTO PRACTICE.

YOU HAVE GAINED KEEN INSIGHT INTO THE PROCESS OF CONTINUING EDUCATION THROUGH YOUR LONG HOURS OF PARTICIPATION, ATTENDANCE, AND SELF-INSTRUCTION. AS AN AGD FELLOW, YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO USE THAT RECOGNIZED EXPERIENCE TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CONTINUING EDUCATION IN YOUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES AND SOCIETIES, AND THROUGH THAT EFFORT, CONTINUALLY RAISE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. YOU MUST ALSO BE WILLING TO SERVE AND TO LEAD—WHETHER IT IS IN THE FORM OF STUDY CLUBS, LOCAL SOCIETY MEETINGS, DENTAL SCHOOL AFTER-CURRICULUM PROGRAMS, CONSTITUENT OR REGIONAL MASTERTRACK PROGRAMS, OR OTHER AFFILIATED HEALTH CARE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES—YOU HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY.

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LASTLY, DO NOT VIEW FELLOWSHIP AS AN ENDPOINT IN YOUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. RATHER, ACCEPT THIS HONOR IN TRIBUTE TO YOUR PAST EFFORTS, AND LET IT BE THE IMPETUS, THE DRIVING FORCE THAT PROPELS YOU TO THE NEXT LEVEL—BECOMING A MASTER IN THE ACADEMY OF GENERAL DENTISTRY.

FELLOWS, YOU ARE ABOUT TO ACCEPT A HIGHLY REGARDED AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AND WITH IT COMES THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND EXPECTATIONS. CELEBRATE YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT TODAY, AND BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY OF PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE TOMORROW.