

Minutes of National 2005 CODE meeting

The well attended meeting (45+ participants) was held Thursday, February 24, 2005 from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Fairmont Hotel in Chicago. **Announcements of open operative positions were made by meeting attendees. Web master Dr. William Johnson also reminded members the listing of open faculty positions on the CODE web site will be provided free to all member institutions. Send announcements to: wwjohnson@unmc.edu**

The presentation, Ethics in the Dental Profession—Quo Vadis? by Dr. Richard Simonsen was informative and thought provoking. An excellent discussion followed. The presentation is one which would be of interest for students and faculty of dental schools.

Synopsis: Ethical standards in the profession are under challenge from several quarters. The "cosmetic" bandwagon seems to have brought out the worst in some manufacturers of dental materials. These manufacturers are tempted to market heavily advertised, yet untested, materials targeted at expanding their share of the market, only to have some of these products fail. It also brings out the worst in some colleagues who over promote themselves, and the weekend courses they have taken, as making them more qualified to carry out extensive, and sometimes unnecessary, full-mouth reconstruction with untested materials on patients who have not been given full disclosure. This presentation will discuss some of the issues involved and the role of academia in alerting students to the pitfalls of the path to quick riches.