

Southern ENDODONTIC Study Group

2026 Newsletter

Join us on Florida's Gulf Coast for the 2027 Annual Meeting at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

June 17-19, 2027 • *Book Your Room Today!*

In keeping with our tradition of meeting excellence, the 71st SESG Annual Meeting will take place at [The Ritz-Carlton, Naples](#), a Five-Diamond hotel on Florida's Gulf Coast. The beach resort offers timeless luxury shaped by more than four decades of legendary service.

The hotel recently went through an extensive renovation and offers endless possibilities for all our SESG attendees. Enjoy water activities, The Ritz-Carlton Spa, swimming (three pools) and of course, the beautiful beach on the Gulf of Mexico. You can also hop on the free shuttle and travel to the Ritz sister property – [The Ritz-Carlton, Tiburón](#) – and enjoy all the amenities there, including their own special water park, The Reservoir.

When not enjoying SESG dinners, the Ritz has a wide variety of restaurants, including Nolita featuring Italian cuisine, Sofra offering Mediterranean dishes, Dusk serving sushi and small plates, and for a lovely intimate dinner, The Grill. If looking for more casual, Gumbo Limbo and the Sand Bar.

The Jim Tate Open will take place at [Tiburón Golf Club](#), just three miles from the meeting venue. The course offers

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The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (above) sits right on Florida's Gulf coast, while its sister property, The Ritz-Carlton Tiburón (below), is nearby in Naples, with a golf course and water park!



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Letter from the SESG President

Greetings, fellow members!

I hope this note finds you well as summer comes to an end and we prepare for fall and cooler temperatures. I enjoyed connecting with many of you in beautiful Lake Tahoe! Many thanks to Dr. Tres Manasco, Marlinda Fulton, and the other members of executive committee for putting together another wonderful annual meeting! I have been a member of the SESG since 2013 and each year my family and I look forward to catching up with old friends and meeting new ones!



Our annual meeting returns to the Gulf Coast of Southwest Florida in 2027 at the beautiful, oceanfront **The Ritz-Carlton Naples, June 17-19!** Interesting fact: Naples, FL is the only city in the world that has two Ritz-Carlton properties. You and your families will be able to enjoy the amenities of both resorts during your stay in Naples. If you want to catch a break from the ocean or one of the three pools at the host resort, take a short shuttle bus ride over to the Tiburon resort where you will find world class golf and a waterpark with fun slides and a lazy river!

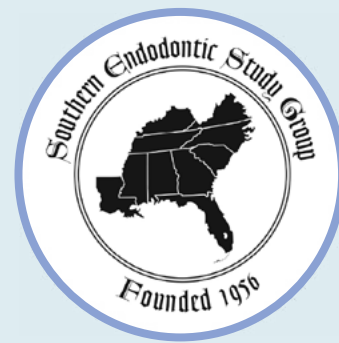
For those flying into the meeting, the Southwest Florida International Airport (RSW) is only a short Uber ride to the resort. There are many fine dining options on property and really no need for a rental car unless you plan to venture south to Marco Island which is only a 25-30 minute drive. While on property, make sure you catch a sunset from the Gumbo Limbo oceanfront restaurant and witness the historic ringing of the bell to signify the “official” end of day. Breakfast is served daily at Nolita and features an AMAZING breakfast buffet. For the sushi lovers in the crowd, I highly recommend DUSK. Be sure to take advantage of other complimentary resort opportunities like a one-hour ride on the E-Bikes.

For 2027 we will welcome back **Drs. Samuel Kratchman** and **Bruno Azevedo** who have both been presenters at SESG in the past. They both promise to present new information and technique on Endodontic Surgery and CBCT with focus on AI respectively in a fun entertaining environment.

It is my pleasure to serve such an amazing organization and lead such a wonderful and talented group of individuals. I look forward to welcoming you all to the beautiful Ritz-Carlton oceanfront in Naples this coming June. As always, make sure you get your dues in early and register for the meeting (brochure coming soon) as it is sure to be a great one and the room block will fill up fast. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Marlinda at the SESG office.

All my best,

Dustin S. Reynolds, DDS, MS
President, SESG 2026-27



2026-2027 Executive Council:
Serving June 2026-June 2027

Dr. Dustin Reynolds,
President
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Dr. Lisa Selem,
Vice President and Membership Director
Cumming, GA

Dr. Gabriel Holley,
Secretary
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Dr. Thomas Brown,
Treasurer
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Dr. Tres Manasco,
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Important Links:

[Renew Your Membership](#)
[SESG New Member Application](#)

Membership Report

Membership By the Numbers:

139 Active Members
87 Retired/Life Members
226 Total Members as of 8/1/2026

Welcome New SESG Members!

Dr. Charly Nicole Edwards	Univ. of Tenn. HSC (2022)	Vestavia Hills, AL
Dr. Laís Alberti Ferreira	University of Pittsburgh (2026)	Austin, TX
Dr. Zak James	Med. Univ. of SC-MUSC (2023)	Concord, NC
Dr. Martin Edward Kersh	Tufts University (1992)	Lawrenceville, GA
Dr. Bryce F. McCreary	Univ. of Tenn. HSC (2006)	Lakeland, TN
Dr. Timothy B. Meyers	Univ. of Southern Cal. (2007)	Simpsonville, SC
Dr. John S. Pickering	Univ. of Tenn. HSC (2025)	Arlington, TN
Dr. Alexander Richter	University of Pittsburgh (2025)	Auburn, AL
Dr. Jaime Silberman	Columbia University (2000)	Boynton Beach, FL
Dr. Josh Steven Todd	Endo-Ft. Gordon, GA (2017)	Pensacola, FL
Dr. Bruno J. Walkowiak	University of Pittsburgh (2025)	Sumter, SC

Congratulations on Obtaining Retired/Life Membership!

Dr. James Ballard
Dr. Brown Franklin Kimbell, Jr.
Dr. Tom Kleitches
Dr. Samuel Mesaros

Let's Grow the SESG Membership!

Please invite your peers to join one of endo's best kept secrets – the Southern Endodontic Study Group! Email a copy of this newsletter to them so they can see what we are all about.

New Members:

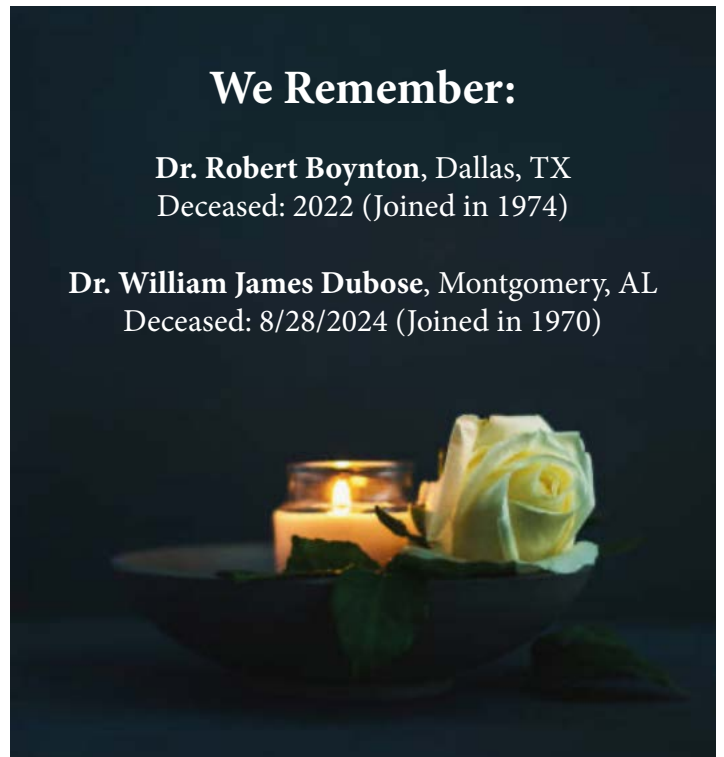
[Click here](#) to complete the membership application.

The more the merrier!

We Remember:

Dr. Robert Boynton, Dallas, TX
Deceased: 2022 (Joined in 1974)

Dr. William James Dubose, Montgomery, AL
Deceased: 8/28/2024 (Joined in 1970)



2026 Annual Meeting Recap



We had a wonderful time in Lake Tahoe for the 2026 Annual Meeting

The 70th meeting of the Southern Endodontic Study Group at The Ritz-Carlton, Lake Tahoe welcomed a total of 150 attendees, including 59 Endodontists, 54 spouses and guests, 13 older children (ages 13–20), and 25 children aged 12 and under.

Fourteen companies were represented at the meeting, which took place June 11-13, 2026. Be sure to check out the full list of vendors on page 8. Thank you to Brasseler USA for providing educational support for the featured speaker, Dr. Frank Setzer.



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Golf Outing: The weather cooperated (finally!) and The Jim Tate Open was a great success. Thank you to the 25 “duffers” who participated and a special thank you to **Dr. Ryan Burleson** for overseeing the tournament. Congrats to:

- Dr. Ryan Burleson – Low Gross
- Dr. Brandon Scott and Dr. Bryan Benbow – Low Net
- Frankie Olmsted – Low Net (Woman) and Closest to the Pin
- Eric Gleis – Long Drive 1st
- Dr. Chris Noel – Long Drive 2nd

New this year... Pickleball! Thank you to **Michele Manasco** for overseeing this event with seven players battling it out. In the winners' circle: Davis Dolan and Luke Manasco.



A job well done! Thank you to Dr. Tres Manasco, 2025-2026 President, for his dedication and leadership.





SESG 2026 Annual Meeting in Lake Tahoe

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Recognition Our 2026 Annual Meeting Vendors

Thank You!

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2026 General Business Meeting Minutes

Saturday, June 13, 2026 • Meeting minutes will be officially reviewed at the next business meeting, June 2027

Dr. Tres Manasco, President, Presiding
Dr. Manasco reviewed the SESG Conflict of Interest Statement.

Call to Order:

Dr. Manasco called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introduction of Guests:

Dr. Manasco thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. SESG Membership Dues
2. AAE Foundation

Approval of the Agenda: Motion to approve the revised agenda. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes (July 12, 2025): A motion was made to approve the minutes. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report

- Dr. Tom Brown, SESG Treasurer, reported the previous fiscal year remained financially flat. As of June 15, 2026, the operating account—including the money market balance—totaled \$245,000. He noted that meeting costs continue to increase with no anticipated relief and that several meeting-related expenses are still outstanding. Dr. Brown expressed appreciation to Marlinda for her ongoing efforts in helping SESG monitor and manage meeting expenditures.

SESG Foundation Update

- Dr. Brown explained that the Foundation serves as a mechanism to provide scholarships for new endodontists and residents, enabling them to attend the SESG meeting by offsetting associated costs and supporting membership growth. Currently, the Foundation holds \$47,000, which is maintained through the Florida Dental Association Foundation. A motion was made to approve the treasurer's report to include the foundation update. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

Membership Report

- Dr. Dustin Reynolds presented the membership report. He welcomed new members, previously approved by the SESG Executive Council: Drs. Charly Nicole Edwards, Zak James, Martin Edward Kersh, Bryce McCreary, Timothy Meyers, John Pickering, Josh Steven Todd, Bruno Walkowiak, Alexander Richter, Lais Alberti Ferreira, and Jaime Silberman. He also announced those approved for life/retired membership: Drs. James Ballard, Brown Franklin Kimbell, Jr., Tom Kleitches and Samuel Mesaros.

- He reviewed the necrology report: Dr. Robert Boynton and Dr. William James Dubose.
- Dr. Reynolds encouraged everyone present to recruit new members into the organization.
- A motion was made to approve the membership report. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

New Business:

Incoming SESG Officers

- Dr. Manasco announced Dr. Gabriel Holley has agreed to serve as the incoming secretary. The 2026-2027 SESG Executive Council officers are:
 - President – Dr. Dustin Reynolds
 - Vice President/ Membership – Dr. Lisa Selem
 - Secretary – Dr. Gabriel Holley
 - Treasurer – Dr. Thomas Brown (3-year term, 2024-2027)
 - Immediate Past President – Dr. Tres Manasco
- Motion made to approve the 2026-2027 SESG Executive Council. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

2027 Meeting

- Dr. Reynolds thanked Dr. Manasco for the great meeting and announced the SESG will be going back to the beach, June 17-19, 2027, Ritz-Carlton, Naples Beach. He is working on securing speakers and more to come later.

Additional Agenda Items:

1. Dues Increase — Dr. Brown reported the last dues increase occurred in 2013 and the current dues level of \$100 no longer covers operating expenses. He also explained the dues structure will be revised to encourage consistent annual renewal rather than intermittent participation based on meeting attendance:

- Standard yearly dues (starting for fiscal year 2027) – \$200.00
- One year lapse in renewal – \$250.00
- More than one year lapse – \$400.00, with the following year after this will be the standard dues (\$200.00)

Motion to accept the proposed dues increase for 2027. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

2. AAE Foundation — Dr. Dustin Reynolds reminded members that he previously proposed SESG become a sustaining donor to the AAE Foundation. The matter was deferred to the Executive Council for further review. At this time, the proposal remains on hold until the new dues structure is implemented and the Council can fully assess the organization's financial position. Dr. Reynolds encouraged members to consider making individual contributions to the AAE Foundation in support of its mission.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made at 12:20 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Motion adopted unanimously.

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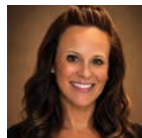
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2027 Annual Meeting at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

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More details about the meeting will be posted on the website soon. Complete information will also be available in the SESG meeting brochure, which will be digital this year and emailed to you.

Book Your Room Today!

2027 SESG Annual Meeting June 17-19 at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

Secure your accommodations for the SESG 2027 Annual Meeting [by clicking here](#) or calling 877-590-8187, mention Southern Endo Room Block. Reserve your room early — **we will sell out**. Room block expires Monday, May 17, 2027.

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Room rates start at \$489.00/night plus \$45.00 resort fee = \$534.00 (plus taxes). Limited number of rooms at these rates. Valet Parking: Reduced from \$45.00 to \$20.00 daily for meeting dates.

Included in the daily resort fee:

- Two beach chairs and towel service for two at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (Beach Resort)
- One beach umbrella
- Driving Range access at Tiburón Golf Club, daily for two guests
- One fitness or yoga class daily
- Two-hour rental of two resort bicycles per day
- Basic Wireless Internet access in the meeting space up to 2Mbps ("Simple Wi-Fi")
- Enhanced Wi-Fi access in guestroom
- Access to the Teen Lounge, VUE
- Reservoir water park access at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón, up to four guests per room
- All guests also receive access to the complimentary shuttle to and from The Ritz-Carlton Naples, Tiburón

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Champagne Lobby Bar at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples



Water Park at The Ritz-Carlton, Tiburón



Casual beach front dining at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples

Support the Next Generation of Endodontists: SESG Foundation

The purpose of the Southern Endodontic Study Group Foundation (SESG) is to provide financial assistance to endodontic residents and early career (up to 3 years post residency) endodontists so they may attend an SESG meeting. This will help to ensure the sustainability of the organization as these residents/endodontists will hopefully join the group and attend future meetings.

The foundation will cover the meeting registration fee and cost of lodging for the meeting days at the base room rate, including taxes, resort fee if applicable, and self-parking. Any registration costs for guests or children the recipient chooses to bring will be the responsibility of the recipient. Travel to and from the meeting will be the responsibility of the recipient.

To be eligible, the recipient must be attending an endodontic residency, located in the SESG region or have graduated from an endodontic residency no more than three years prior and be practicing in the SESG region. The recipient must be a member in good standing in the AAE. The recipient must complete an application to the SESG Executive Council three months prior to the meeting start date. From the pool of applicants, the executive council will review the applications and select the number of recipients based on available funds for that year two months prior to the meeting. This will allow time for recipient(s) to make travel plans and hotel reservations.

Together we can support the next generation of endodontists and introduce them to our group!

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Applicants will submit a CV, a letter of recommendation, and a short (no more than 300 words) essay describing their interest in attending SESG. The executive council will solicit applications by sending request letters to all endodontic program directors within the SESG region and to AAE members practicing no more than three years who live in the SESG region.

The funds raised for the foundation will be housed by the Florida Dental Association Foundation and will be placed in an investment fund to increase the amount of available funds to support the awards. The SESG Executive Council and Executive Director will oversee the operations of the foundation, to include, fundraising activities, application review, and distribution of funds.

Volunteer Leadership Opportunity

We invite interested members to consider candidacy for the position of Treasurer of the Southern Endodontic Study Group (SESG).

According to the SESG Bylaws, "The Treasurer shall be the custodian of assets, sign checks for disbursements, keep accurate accounting of receipts and disbursements, and report such record to the Group at the annual meeting." The Treasurer serves a three-year term, with a limit of two consecutive terms.

Dr. Thomas Brown has completed his first term and remains eligible for re-election. The official election will be held during the General Business Meeting in June. Members interested in running for the position are asked to notify the SESG office: southernendo10@gmail.com.

From the SESG Office

Get ready — the SESG is going completely digital

Beginning this year, the newsletter, dues statement, meeting brochure, and vendor brochure will no longer be printed or mailed. All materials will be delivered electronically. Please be sure to update the SESG office with any changes to your email address or let us know your preferred email. We don't want you to miss anything!

New email address

A quick note about email communication: After 13 years, the SESG has transitioned to a new email address. Spectrum is no longer supporting Roadrunner accounts (sesg10@tampabay.rr.com), and it is only a matter of time before the old address becomes inactive. To ensure uninterrupted communication, please use our new email moving forward: southernendo10@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Don't miss out!

If you plan to attend the 2027 Annual Meeting, we encourage you to reserve your room early — details are included in this newsletter. The room block will sell out.

Southern Endodontic Study Group

2027 Dues Renewal Notice



DUE BY JANUARY 1, 2027

PAY BY CHECK	PAY BY CREDIT CARD*	DESCRIPTION: YOU SAVE ON DUES BY KEEPING YOUR MEMBERSHIP CURRENT
\$200.00	\$206.00	Standard yearly dues for a current/active member (i.e. you remitted dues in 2026)
\$250.00	\$257.50	Dues if you had a one-year lapse in renewal (i.e. your last dues payment was in 2025 – you did not renew in 2026)
\$400.00	\$412.00	Dues if you have had more than one year lapse. The following year after this will be the standard dues.
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*Please note all credit card payments must include a processing fee.

If you are unsure of the date of your most recent renewal, please contact the SESG office for confirmation.



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Let's work together to increase membership!

We welcome new members and past members. Encourage your fellow colleagues to join the Southern Endodontic Study Group. Great meetings, beautiful venues, outstanding clinicians, and enjoyable camaraderie are just a few benefits of membership. Invite a colleague to join. [Forward this link](#) or direct them to: www.southernendo.org.