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### **AMERICAN TOPICAL ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS**

The election of officers to the Board of Directors of the American Topical Association was ratified in November. Two new members have joined the Board effective November 1st. They are Dr. Frederick Skvara and Mr. Jack Denys who will serve respectively as 1st Vice President and 2nd Vice President. The balance of the Board members are returning from their last terms in office.

The ATA has a nine member Board. For the new term from now until mid-2008 they are:

**President:** Robert J. Mather of Waukesha, Wisconsin who will be serving his second term as President of the Association. Mr. Mather has been cited as being largely responsible for the resurrection of MILCOPEX in recent years.

**1st Vice President:** Dr. Frederick C. Skvara of Bridgewater, New Jersey. Dr Skvara is currently the contact person for the Medical Subjects Unit and is the Chapter Director of the ATA.

**2nd Vice President:** Mr. Jack A. Denys of Somerville, New Jersey. Mr. Denys has been an active topical exhibitor and was on the Suggestion Awards Committee of the ATA. Jack will also take on the newly opened volunteer position of Assistant Editor starting in January of 2007.

**Treasurer:** Dorothy Smith of Lewisville, Texas. Dorothy is entering her second term as treasurer and is a past president of the ATA from 1996 to 2000. She also served as ATA Secretary from 1984-95. She served as the Convention and Exhibition Chairperson from 1984-92.

**Secretary:** Catherine Fechner of Maywood, New Jersey, who will be making her second successive term as secretary. She also served in this capacity in 1954-55 and again in 1962-63. Catherine is a Charter Member of the ATA.

**Director:** Jerome (Jerry) Husak. Jerry founded the ATA in 1949 and has been involved in the oversight of the association throughout the following years as the Executive Director from 1949 to 1984 and as Treasurer from 1952 to 1961 and also as a Director since 1984. Mr. Husak also was the Topical Time editor from 1949-77.

Director: George Griffenhagen of Vienna, Virginia. George is also a past president of the ATA, a position he held from 1976-79 following being Vice President from 1971-75. He has served several terms as director since then. Since 1992 he has also been the editor of Topical Time. Additionally, he served as Publicity Director from 1982-91 and Study Unit Director from 1972-76.

Director: Alan J. Hanks of Aurora, Ontario Canada. Alan has had several terms on the Board and is also responsible for Judges Accreditation since 1998. He was the Chapter Director from 1981-84.

Director: Dalene Thomas of Lakewood, Colorado. Dalene is to serve her second term as director following being the ATA Secretary from 1996 to 2000 and ATA President from 2000 to 2004. Dalene also heads up the Lighthouse Study Unit and is the Study Units and Affiliates Director.

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