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DALLAS--Dr. Robert V. Walker, professor and chairman of the Division of Oral Surgery at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas, is the new president of the American Society of Oral Surgeons.

Dr. Walker was installed for a one-year term as leader of the society during its annual meeting last week in Houston's Shamrock Hilton Hotel. More than 1,900 members attended the five-day conference.

As president, Dr. Walker will be principal national spokesman for the organization of some 2,400 oral surgeons on such matters as its programs in advanced and continuing education, anesthesia, hospital affairs, legislation, health plans and insurance, audio-visual communication, and research. He also will chair clinical congresses and regular meetings of the society's board of trustees and executive committee.

The Dallas oral surgeon and professor served as vice-president of the society in 1971 and was president-elect during the past year. His term as president will end with the annual meeting of the group in Atlanta next September.

Dr. Walker also is past president of the American Board of Oral Surgery, which reviews and certifies specialists in the field. He was a member of the board from 1964 to 1970.

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Known for utilizing innovative surgical techniques, Dr. Walker has recently performed a radical new form of facial surgery to rebuild the features of four persons disfigured by a bone-growth defect and by severe accidental injury. He is the author of 37 published reports on his research and clinical procedures.

Dr. Walker is the twenty-first UT Southwestern faculty member or administrator to be named within the past six years to head a national professional organization.

He also served as president of the Southwest Society of Oral Surgeons in 1963 and was president of the Dallas County Dental Society in 1968. He was chairman of the International Association of Oral Surgeons' committee on research in 1966-68 and was president of the American Cancer Society Texas Division in 1968.

A graduate of Texas A&M College and Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dr. Walker also attended the Graduate School of Medicine of the University of Pennsylvania. He has been a member of Southwestern's faculty since 1956.

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