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1867-1868

Doctor Lawrence, of Lowell, Massachusetts, was elected seventh president of the Association at the 1867 meeting in Cincinnati. The westernmost state dental society represented at that meeting was the Missouri State Dental Association.

Doctor Lawrence was a member of a committee that recommended that dental students be accepted as members of the American Dental Association and suggested qualifications for their membership. He presented a paper at the 1867 meeting on the subject of chemistry in which he asserted that too little attention was given by the profession to the importance of chemistry. He was a professor of prosthetic dentistry. Doctor Lawrence was born in New Hampshire in 1816 and died in 1893.

President Johnson, who had attempted to remove Edwin M. Stanton, secretary of war, was impeached by the House of Representatives in 1868 but acquitted by the Senate. The fourteenth amendment was ratified. Alaska was formally transferred to the United States October 18, 1867.