



Midwestern Society of Orthodontists

Electronic Newsletter Articles Fall 2022

A compilation of the news articles that were posted on the MSO web site in Fall 2022.

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MSO Components

ILLINOIS

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Recent/Upcoming Meetings:

October 7, 2022

ISO Lecture for Doctors and Staff

Hummingbird Associates--Orthodontic Practice Management Consulting

Speakers: **Tracy Moawad** and **Cassie Kellner**

January 27, 2022

ISO Lecture for Doctors

Facial Asymmetry: What are the Limits? • Looking at bimaxillary protrusion from a different perspective • Game Changers in Open Bite Treatment.

Speaker: Dr. **Flavia Artese**, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Illinois Updates:

ISDS

- Governor Signs ISDS Workforce Legislation to address workforce shortages in the dental office. The law will take effect on January 1, 2023.
- Governor Signs Bill for Insurance Coverage for Children with Cranial Facial Anomalies. Health insurance companies will be required to provide coverage for the medically necessary care and treatment of cleft lip and palate for children under 19. The effective date is set for January 1, 2024.
- State of Illinois maintains Executive Order requiring dental offices to test unvaccinated staff weekly and require universal masking in the office.
- ISDS submitted a letter to the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) in response to proposal by Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

that would change the Illinois Dental Practice Act regarding on-site emergency kits, telehealth provisions, and changes to anesthesia requirements.

ISO

Defining our future: ISO is trying to determine how to improve attendance at live CE meetings. We have changed format to a half-day meeting, trying a Friday meeting versus Monday, changed venues to determine a good fit for our organization, hosted a wine and cheese social hour after one meeting, and are working on different types of speakers that are pertinent to a wider audience. We are focusing on quality speakers and trying to determine topics that will be appealing to new and younger dentists.

Board Structure: The board is developing committees to simplify/streamline tasks for future officers. A “buddy system” for trustees to partner with officers to get exposed to each committee is being drafted.

University Relations:

- University of Illinois Chicago – over 400 applicants to residency and 60 interviews are pending.
- Southern Illinois University – starting a New Residency Program offering 2 resident positions. Application deadline is December.

Congratulations to Dr. **Randall Markarian** as the new 8th district Trustee to the ADA representing Illinois. As he serves the ADA, I look forward to stepping into his role as the Illinois Director to MSO. I have been a trustee with the Illinois State Dental Society and look forward to maintaining communication between our specialty and the ISDS.

Anne Bronwen Richards

Rock Island, Illinois

IOWA

Rachel Stiles, President

Chad Morarend, President-Elect

Jeremy Grabowski, Vice President

Clayton Parks, Secretary/ Treasurer

The 2022 Iowa Society of Orthodontists (ISO) meeting was held October 2-3 in Iowa City. Sunday's agenda included speakers from the University of Iowa, Department of Orthodontics and was held at the College of Dentistry. On Monday, Dr. **Neal Kravitz** offered his *Orthodontic Pearls*. His experience as both a private practice clinician and a teacher, as well as his positive energy and love for orthodontics, made for an educational and enjoyable day.

Thanks in part to the dedication of several representatives from the ISO working with an Iowa Dental Board (IDB) committee, there are some favorable proposed changes to the Iowa Administrative Code pertaining to Registered Dental Assistants (RDA) that will have a positive impact on orthodontists in the state of Iowa. The first proposed changes provide a more realistic pathway for candidates to become registered dental assistants by eliminating several barriers to achieving RDA status. The second proposed changes address barriers to orthodontic assistants to achieve Expanded Function status by separating placement of orthodontic bonding systems from applying cavity liners and bases/desensitizing agents. We are hopeful these changes will be adopted when reviewed by the entire IDB at a future meeting.

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) is being held November 4-5, 2022, in Des Moines. The last time IMOM was held in Des Moines, over 1,400 patients were treated and provided with nearly \$1 million in free dental care. Since IMOM began in 2008, thousands of dentists, dental professionals, and lay volunteers from across the state have come together to provide over \$10 million of free dental care to more than 15,000 patients.

The top priority of the Iowa Dental Association (IDA) during the 2023 Legislative Session is continuing efforts to increase Dental Wellness Plan (Medicaid) reimbursement rates to match Hawk-I rates. Medicaid rates in Iowa have not increased in Iowa in 20+ years.

Melissa Bernhardt

West Des Moines, Iowa

MANITOBA

Susan Tsang, President

Lindsay Jay Robertson, **Secretary/Treasurer**

Ines Guedes, Director to the CAO

Future Meeting Dates:

- The 2023 Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) meeting will be held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida on September 27-30.

Recent Activities:

- Due to the ongoing need of orthodontic assistants in Manitoba, 10 local orthodontists accepted to teach in the ortho module offered by the Red River College from May to June 2023.
- The Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) has opened a consultation process on a proposed bylaw for the use of Neuromodulators and Dermal Fillers. Members have been encouraged to ask questions related to the bylaw.
- One of the University of Manitoba full-time orthodontic professors resigned, so the College is in the process of advertising a new position. Therefore, a position will be open soon. In Canada, it has been increasingly difficult to hire orthodontic faculty as most licensed orthodontists prefer to work in private practice.
- Two new orthodontic residents started their orthodontic program last July at the University of Manitoba. They are both from Winnipeg.
- A new graduate orthodontist raised a concern that the AAO career search tool does not allow the use of “Canada” as a key word option. When this key word is used, the webpage automatically changes it to “Canada in Kansas”, “Canada in Texas”, and even “Canada in Colombia”.

Fabio Pinheiro

Winnipeg, Manitoba

MINNESOTA

Alisa Madson, President

Gregory Ross, President-elect

Heather Horton, Secretary/Treasurer



Meetings

The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists held an evening virtual study club meeting for our members on September 27, 2022. Radiologist Dr. **Dania Tamimi** reviewed reading CBCTs for Orthodontists, which was an extremely informative and dynamic session.

The MAO is currently planning its annual meeting, which will take place on Friday, January 6, 2023. The headline speaker will be the renowned **René Rodriguez**. Considered by many as the leading authority on leadership and influence, René Rodriguez is a best-selling author, keynote speaker, leadership advisor, and transformational speaker coach. For the last 27 years, René has been researching and applying behavioral neuroscience to solve some of the toughest challenges in leadership, sales, and change. As an entrepreneur and CEO of multiple companies, René integrates a practical business approach that inspires his audiences to take action. The second speaker will be **Andrea Cooke**, a veteran in clinical procedures and clinical productivity. Since effectively training clinical team members is a critical portion of the advancement of clinical productivity and profitability Andrea works with teams to increase efficiency, improve communication, and guide the office to a new level of excellence.

The MAO is looking forward to the MSO annual meeting in 2023 under the leadership of MSO President-elect Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha**, which will be held at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Members Update

Dr. **Deb Lien**, chair of the legislative affairs committee, is continuing to help to run the AAOPAC for Minnesota. The AAOPAC conference was held April 4-6, 2022 in Washington, DC and was well attended. Dr. Lien was awarded the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Distinguished Alumni Award in September.

Dr. **Steve Litton** continues to serve as the President of the Minnesota Dental Foundation. After a two-year hiatus, the Minnesota Mission of Mercy was held in St. Cloud, Minnesota on July 28-30, 2022. The Minnesota Mission of Mercy recruits dentists from around the state to provide free dental care to thousands of people in need. The MAO has made a donation to the Minnesota Mission of Mercy on behalf of the members.

Dr. **Heather Horton**, current Secretary/Treasurer, will be serving as President-elect of the MAO in 2023. She will be attending the AAO Leadership conference during the AAO Winter Conference 2023 in Las Vegas. We would like to thank Drs. **Deb Lien**, **Nellie Kim-Weroha**, and **Estee Wang** for serving on the AAO House of Delegates on behalf of the MSO this past AAO Annual Session 2022 in Miami.

Estee Wang
Maplewood, Minnesota

MISSOURI

John Firth, President

Amy Schulte, President-Elect

Jeffrey Cavanaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Mike LaFerla, Past President

The Missouri and Kansas Orthodontic Societies finally held their combined meeting in Kansas City in February after 2 years of postponing. The weather left a lot to be desired and resulted in several people not able to attend. The meeting itself was well attended and featured great lectures/talks. Don't miss the next one, which should be in 2024.

The 2022 MSO meeting is combined this year with the SWSO and SAO in Austin, Texas. It should be a great meeting in a great location. If you haven't registered please consider digging out your boots and cowboy hat and join the excitement.

The state of Missouri has a new Dental Director. Dr. **Jacqueline Miller** started her new position August 18, 2022. Missouri is lucky to have such a caring and compassionate person in that position. Knowing Jackie, she will do an exceptional job!

In Joplin, KCU's new dental school has progressed significantly and is on schedule to open in fall of 2023. The building has started internal finishes and from my understanding, equipment will be installed in late spring/early summer with plenty of time to check prior to the school's first class starting in August 2023. KCU School of Dental Medicine has completed the accreditation process and is now in the process of interviewing for their first class of students.

Michael LaFerla

Joplin, Missouri

NEBRASKA

Peter Longo, President

Leslie Ellingson, Secretary

Meenakshi (Minnie) Vishwanath , Treasurer

Jared Schoettger, Past President

2022-23 Meeting Dates

- Omaha Study Club – January 20, 2023. Dr. **John Pobanz** and Dr. **Eric Wu**, *Aesthetics, Function and Control*, Shadow Ridge Country Club, Omaha, Nebraska
- Nebraska Society of Orthodontists – Risk Management Presentation by AAOIC, late January/early February 2023 (final date TBD), Omaha, Nebraska
- UNMC Grad Ortho Alumni Program – no date set

Legislative Action/Component Activities

- Leadership Development Conference
 - Extended invitation, not yet confirmed
- Legislative efforts
 - Legislative session 2022 unremarkable for ortho/dental colleagues
- Report from Treasurer
 - Balance as of 10/10/2022
 - checking: \$25, 370
 - savings: \$3,387

Emily Willett

Lincoln, Nebraska

NORTH DAKOTA

Daniel Keith, President

Emerson Ehlis, Vice President

Jeremiah Danel, Secretary

North Dakota has been quiet on the orthodontic front since our previous update. 2023 is a legislative year in ND, though, so we would anticipate some dental-related bills to move forward as we get closer to that time. More to come during the Spring 2023 NDSO update.

North Dakota would like to congratulate Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** as she completed her 3-year term as MSO Delegation Chair at the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami. Dr. Fallgatter's tireless work during some incredibly challenging/interesting times, with the House operating both virtually and in-person, was appreciated by all of us within the MSO. Her leadership as Chair will be missed, however, we are excited to announce that she has been appointed as the MSO representative to the AAO's Council on Communications (COC). Thank you for your past, present, and future service Dr. Ali! Additionally, Dr. **Dennis Sommers** (Minot) and Dr. **Daniel Keith** (Bismarck) had the privilege of serving the MSO as delegates in Miami.

Starting at the 2022 MSO Annual Session in Austin, North Dakota will have a new representative to the MSO Board. Dr. **Emerson Ehlis** of Fargo will replace Dr. Keith who will transition to the role of Secretary/Treasurer.

Daniel Keith

Bismarck, North Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA

Ryan VanLaecken, President

Keri Barrow, Secretary/Treasurer

South Dakota Medicaid has announced several improvements to the dental benefit. The yearly maximum for adult Medicaid dental services has increased from \$1,000 to \$2,000. This applies to all adult Medicaid recipients ages 21 and older. Some services are exempted from the annual max. These services include two exams, two cleanings and two sets of bitewings. Emergent dental services and dentures and partial dentures are also exempt when corresponding documentation is submitted with the claim. Medicaid will also cover sealants once in a 2-year period. Severe pain or swelling will be considered a medically necessary reason for extraction of third molars. In addition, if extraction of one third molar is considered medically necessary, all third molars proposed for extraction will be approved.

No changes have been made to Medicaid coverage for orthodontics. KELO, the local news station, recently did a story on the gap in coverage when it comes to orthodontics.

This November, Medicaid expansion will be voted on. Further changes might ensue.

Keri Barrow

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

WISCONSIN

Todd Connell, President

Pam Hanson, President-Elect

David Kennedy, Vice President

James Kolstad, Secretary/Treasurer

Melanie Hammerbeck, Trustee

Nicolas Branshaw, Trustee

Alison Mantel, Trustee

The 2022 WSO Spring Conference was held April 1, 2022. The featured presentation, *Current Evidences of OSA: The Role of the Orthodontist* was presented by Dr. **Ki Boem Kim** and *A Sleep Surgeon's Perspective on Evaluating the Upper Airway* was presented by Dr. **Abhay Sharma**.

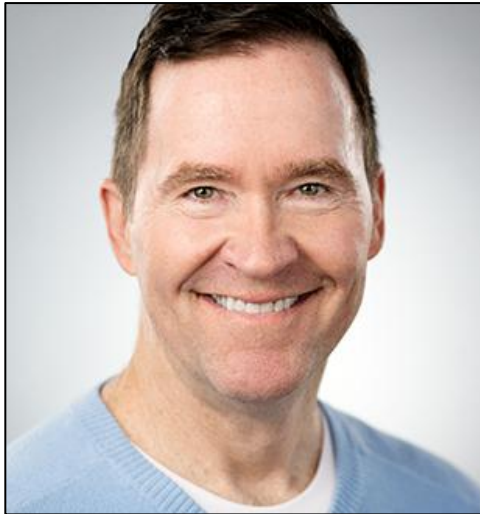
The 2022 WSO Fall Conference will be held October 14, 2022 at the Renaissance Milwaukee West. The featured presentation *Practice Growth and Scale* will be presented by Dr. **Brian Amy**.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists at 920-560-5626; Fax 920-882-3655; or visit our website at www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com

Mike Maslowski

Oshkosh, Wisconsin

Tom Stark receives 2022 Shepard Award



The MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was created in 1987 to honor Dr. Shepard and recognize those orthodontists who perform service to mankind in a combination of service to orthodontics and service in other areas of dentistry and/or their state or local community. The Board of Directors of the MSO unanimously selected Dr. **Thomas M. Stark** of Ames, Iowa as the 2022 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award recipient.

Tom attended Iowa State University where he earned his BS in Distributed Studies in 1980, and then he received his DDS from the University of Iowa in 1983. Tom was blessed to be accepted into the Baylor

Department of Orthodontics in Dallas, Texas, where he received his MSD degree in 1985.

Tom and his college sweetheart wife, Cindy, then moved back to Ames, and they now live two blocks away from their respective fraternity and sorority houses where they first met. Tom joined Dr. Bill Iversen, the co-founder of Ortho2 Computer Systems in his orthodontic practice in the summer of 1985; and he bought the practice when Bill moved to Colorado in 1987. Growing up, one of Tom's beloved parents Maurie and Mary Stark's favorite sayings was 'to whom much has been given, much will be expected.' Tom has tried to emulate their example and contribute his time, talent and treasure to many worthy causes in his community, his church and the dental and orthodontic profession.

Tom served as president of the Boone and Story County Dental Study Club, as president of the Iowa Society of Orthodontists, was Iowa's director to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists from 1996-2002, and served as president of the MSO in 2002-2003. He also served on the Council on Orthodontic Health Care for several years, was the general chair of the MSO's 2002 annual meeting in Minneapolis, was an MSO delegate to the AAO's House of Delegates multiple years, and served on several national AAO committees. Tom is also one of the founding members of the CGCG orthodontic study club!

In the Ames community, Tom has served as a director and long-time member of the Ames Noon Rotary Club, a past board member of the Story County United Way, a long-time director with First American Bank, and an active member in his church. He has participated weekly with St. Cecilia's Perpetual Adoration for over 25 years. In 2017-18, Tom and Cindy co-chaired St. Thomas Aquinas Church's successful \$5 million dollar capital campaign 'Catching Souls...Our Catholic Mission'.

Tom served as an adjunct faculty member in the University of Iowa's orthodontic department for over 15 years, and he looks forward to resuming that position and sharing the spot with his

youngest son Mikey upon his anticipated move back to Ames in May 2024, after Mikey completes his orthodontic training at Tom's alma mater, Texas A&M (Baylor) Department of Orthodontics.

Next to his faith, Tom's most important priorities are his wife and family. Tom has been happily married to the love of his life Cindy for over 40 years! They are the very proud parents of four wonderful children: Emily, a CPA like her mom; John, PhD in mechanical engineering; Steve, an attorney, and the aforementioned Mikey. They absolutely adore their children's four loving spouses and girlfriend, and their favorite titles are 'Papa' and 'Nana' to grandsons Jimmy, Robbie, Charlie, Theo and Tommy.

In his free time, Tom enjoys fly fishing, waterskiing, golf and upland bird hunting. He likes to call himself a 'permanent beginner' because he isn't very good at any of them!

On a personal note, Tom feels completely surprised and humbled to receive this honor, especially considering the tremendous list of previous recipients. Tom had the good fortune to actually meet Dr. Earl Shepard in 1986 in St. Louis. Tom clearly recalled how that giant of a man seemed to carefully size up this young orthodontist. Hopefully, Tom has made him proud.

Graduate School Programs

MAYO CLINIC

Greetings from Mayo Clinic!

Mayo Clinic and the division of orthodontics is pleased to congratulate **John E. Volz**, D.D.S., M.P.A. on his recent retirement! Dr. Volz is a graduate of the Marquette University School of Dentistry and received his orthodontic certificate and master's degree at the University of Missouri – Kansas City. After retiring from the United States Army at the rank of Colonel and 12 years in private practice, Dr. Volz joined Mayo Clinic in 2007 where he served as Residency Program Director for 10 years. Dr. Volz and his wife, Barbara, have relocated to their hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where they are looking forward to traveling and having more time with their family. Thank you Dr. Volz for your many years of service to the future generation of orthodontists!



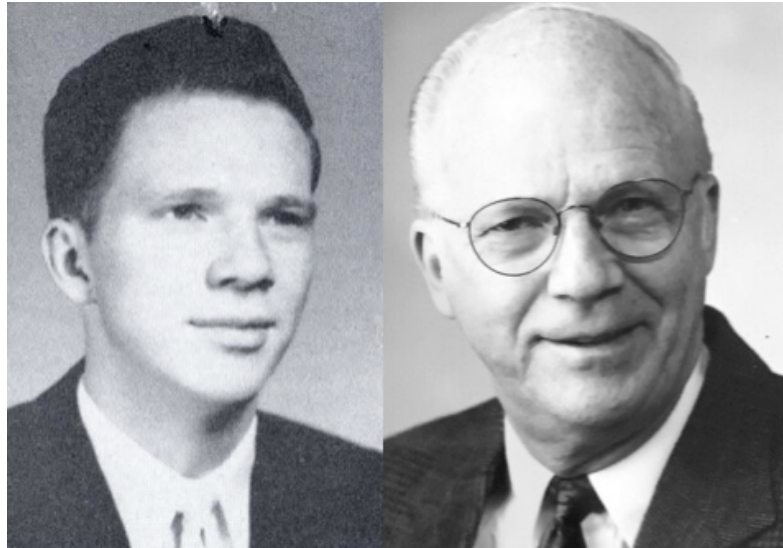
Dr. John E. Volz

The division continues its search for our next hospital-based orthodontist to join our team. If you or anyone you know may be interested, email me or check our posting here:

<https://jobs.mayoclinic.org/job/rochester/orthodontist/33647/33065802560>

This summer we said goodbye to our founding father of orthodontics at Mayo Clinic, **A. Howard Sather**, D.D.S., M.S.D. Dr. Sather received his undergraduate, dental, and master's degrees at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Sather joined Mayo Clinic in 1959, establishing the orthodontic residency in 1966, and serving as its Program Director for 20 years. Dr. Sather was instrumental in the formation of the Minnesota Society of Orthodontists and served as its first president in 1963. He served on the AAO's Council on Orthodontic Education, Council on Insurance, and ADEA's dental education committee, in addition to many other national organizations. In 1997, Dr. Sather received the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Sather retired from

Mayo Clinic in 1997. He is remembered fondly by all who knew him as a compassionate practitioner, and as a kind, gentle, and humble man.



Dr. A. Howard Sather

Finally, I am pleased to introduce our orthodontic resident staff for 2022-23. Dr. **Lauren Wright** (PGY3) was recently appointed Chief Resident in Orthodontics by the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education and was honored by the department with the Dental Specialties Fellow of the Year award at July's graduation ceremony for her commitment to leadership and outstanding patient care. We look forward to Dr. Wright defending her thesis entitled *Comparison of Maxillary Transverse Diagnostic Methods in Pediatric Patients who have Completed a Polysomnogram for Diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnea* this spring. Dr. Wright is a graduate of the University of Indiana School of Dentistry. Dr. **Elisa Herrman** (PGY2) is a graduate of the Oregon Health and Science University School of Dentistry and the University of Notre Dame. Her master's thesis is entitled *Factors Influencing Nasoalveolar Molding Treatment Completion in Infants with Cleft Lip and Palate*. Dr. Herrman's enthusiasm for orthodontics is infectious and continues to make our residency stronger. Our newest resident staff member is Dr. **Rachel Thorstenson**, a graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and the University of North Dakota. Dr. Thorstenson has hit the ground running in her first quarter of residency and has been a vital contributor to our team and patient care.



L to R: Dr. Lauren Wright, Dr. Elisa Herrman, and Dr. Rachel Thorstenson

Having had a successful application and interview seasons, we look forward to our upcoming Match selection this November and welcoming our newest member of the resident staff in June.

From all of us at Mayo Clinic, we wish you good health and a happy and safe holiday season!

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

The orthodontic program at the Center for Advanced Dental Education of Saint Louis University welcomed 14 new graduate students this June. Included are, Dr. **Alexander Besmer**, Columbia University; Dr. **Logan Carter**, A.T. Still University. MO; Dr. **Angela Chan**, Loma Linda University; Dr. **Dylan Handlin**, Southern Illinois University; Dr. **Michael Hudson**, Southern Illinois University; Dr. **So Hee Kim**, A.T. Still University, AZ; Dr. **Courtney Mietz**, Midwestern University, AZ; Dr. **Hardik Patel**, Midwestern University, IL; Dr. **Maria Roxas**, Boston University; Dr. **Logan Smith**, University of Colorado; Dr. **Stafford Thomas**, Midwestern University, IL; Dr. **Aileen To**, Texas A & M; Dr. **Sarah Zaki**, Indiana University; Dr. **Jessie Zhu**, University of Kentucky

SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR ADVANCED DENTAL EDUCATION Graduate Program in Orthodontics Class of 2024



Alexander
Besmer



Logan Carter



Angela Chan



Dylan Handlin



Michael
Hudson



So Hee Kim



Courtney Mietz



Hardik Patel



Maria Roxas



Logan Smith



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Thomas



Aileen To



Sarah Zaki



Jessie Zhu



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Tweed Room Renovation

Updates to our 1st year Orthodontics classroom were finished in August 2022. Newer cosmetics and technology were added to make it a more inviting atmosphere.



Welcome Picnic

Our annual picnic was held September 16, 2022, on the premises of Dreiling-Marshall Hall. With games, food and prizes, a good time was had by all.



Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation (OERF) Annual Meeting.

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation meeting was held at Gaylord Hotel in Nashville, TN on September 8-10, 2022. Dr. **Peter Buschang** was the Merit Award Recipient this year. Speakers included Drs. **Matthew Ng, Vishnu Raj, Peter Buschang, Jason Cope** and Ms. **LeeAnn Peniche**.



Reception for Two Presidents.

A reception was held at Saint Louis University, DuBourg Hall in the Pierre Marquette room on August 16, 2022. Dr. **Patrick Foley** became the President of American Board of Orthodontics, and Dr. **Mitchell Levine** became the President of American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine. All SLU faculty members and residents gathered to honor for their new appointments.



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AAO and Associated Entities

THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS (ABO)

The American Board of Orthodontics 2022 Constituency Report

Fall 2022

The ABO is committed to upholding our mission to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education, and professional collaboration.

ABO Yearly Update

Clinical Examination Update:

- The ABO conducted Scenario-based Clinical Examinations in February, July and November, 2021 and February 2022. A total of 1,175 examinees were certified or recertified during 2021 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2022. Listings by constituency for all examinations are located on the [ABO website](#).

Upcoming Clinical Examinations are scheduled for October 2022 and February 2023. Online registration for these examinations can be accessed through the [ABO website](#).

Following the successful completion of the ABO Written Examination and graduating from a CODA accredited advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in the United States or Canada, the orthodontic professional may register for the ABO Scenario-based Clinical Examination. The examination is composed of four domains using ABO provided patient cases and is designed to objectively evaluate an orthodontist's knowledge, abilities and critical thinking skills. The examination is graded on a pass/fail basis and scored by multiple ABO examiners to ensure accuracy and consistency. Clinical Examinations are held at Pearson Vue Testing Centers worldwide with travel to St. Louis no longer required.

Preparation materials are routinely updated and are located on the ABO website and include a study guide, sample cases and videos. Tools previously created to assess case outcomes will continue to be used within the scenario-based examination process, including the Electronic

Cast Radiograph, Case Management Form and cephalometric superimposition technique and interpretation. Electronic Cast Radiograph Evaluation (CRE) grading has been added as an additional assessment tool thru Ortho Share 3D and is available free of charge by completing the registration information on the ABO website and submitting a license agreement to access the software. The ABO also suggests examinees complete an objective analysis of patient cases as these critical thinking exercises will strengthen an examinee's skillset when preparing for the examination while providing an opportunity for self-evaluation on case outcomes.

The ABO is excited to announce that board certified orthodontists now account for 58% of AAO orthodontists in the specialty. Reaching this significant level of certification is an important accomplishment. Board certification allows us to have a stronger voice to make a collective impact on setting the standard of care for our specialty. Please take a moment to view the video, "[Leading the Specialty](#)" celebrating this milestone. We are leading the way, together.

Certification Renewal:

- Certification Renewal is required every 10 years for board certified orthodontists to remain in an active status while pursuing the commitment to lifelong learning and personal dedication to excellence. For those who have Lifetime certification in place, voluntary certification renewal is encouraged. The renewal process may be started 36 months prior to the expiration date printed on the board-certified orthodontist's certificate. There are two options from which to choose to satisfy this requirement: Complete an online board case examination consisting of an average of 50 multiple choice questions (BCE); OR case report examination (CRE) for one case with a DI of 10 or greater submitted by mail. Continuing Education credits via online AJODO publications are required for both options. The ABO routinely distributes reminder emails, letters and mailed pieces to those up for renewal. This [Motion Graphic Video](#) outlines the process. A study guide is located on the ABO website to prepare for the examination.

Written Examination Update:

- The 2022 ABO Written Examination was administered to 412 examinees on April 5, 2022 at Pearson Vue Testing Centers in the United States and Canada with a 90% pass rate. The ABO Written Examination is a comprehensive exam that assesses the examinee's knowledge of basic sciences and clinical concepts based on criterion-referenced testing. The examination is composed of 240 multiple-choice questions on subject areas outlined by CODA divided into 4 modules. Requirements, eligibility and examination resources, and the most current reading list, are all located on the [ABO website](#). Once the examination is successfully completed, it does not expire.

Educational Update:

- The ABO conducted a Written Standard Meeting in St. Louis, MO April 27-29, 2022. Attendees participated in a benchmarking exercise for the examination.
- The ABO's campaign, "[It Takes A Specialist](#)", on the importance of using an orthodontic specialist, continues to evolve, with additional online digital components offered showcasing a variety of tools which require talent for success. The video has been met with favorable response and is available for use by board certified orthodontists in their offices and social media channels.
- The ABO continues to update online Educational Toolkit resources for board certified orthodontists. Items include brochures, suggested website copy, patient and team materials, videos, window clings, Brand Standards Guide and pathway graphic. Each doctor has access to their own personalized online dashboard which allows multiple office listings on the public online orthodontist locator, user-specific notifications, tracking of personal CE credit hours and the ability to print a complimentary verification letter.
- The ABO's website has been upgraded with benefits including improved functionality and overall enhanced user experience with easier access to online tools.
- The ABO's Facebook page has moved. Please follow us here: [facebook.com/americanboardoforthodontics](https://www.facebook.com/americanboardoforthodontics)
- The ABO has again requested an unmanned tabletop display for board certification materials at the individual constituency Annual Session meetings.
- Complimentary ABO measuring gauges for new residents will be provided to requesting CODA-accredited orthodontic programs.
- The ABO Advocacy Program continues to be successful with an ABO-appointed advocate volunteer assigned to each CODA accredited orthodontic program in the United States and Canada. The program will be evaluated to ensure content and communications continue to meet the specific needs of the schools.

The College:

- The College of Diplomates (CDABO) continues to provide assistance to the ABO as needs are identified. Information on this organization and what they offer can be found on their [website](#). Most of the ABO directors were in attendance at the 2022 summer meeting in Sonoma.

GORP:

- The ABO participated in the 2022 GORP Meeting and picnic held in Ann Arbor at the University of Michigan. Dr. Patrick Foley shared information about the ABO and his path to becoming a director with the residents. ABO staff were available to answer questions on board certification.

2022-2023 ABO Directors:

- The ABO Directors for the 2022-2023 year are as follows:
 Dr. **Patrick Foley**, President, representing the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists
 Dr. **Timothy Trulove**, President-Elect, representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists
 Dr. **Jae Hyun Park**, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists
 Dr. **Roberto Hernandez-Orsini**, Director, representing the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists
 Dr. **Stephen McCullough**, Director, representing the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists
 Dr. **P. Emile Rossouw**, Director, representing the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists
 Dr. **Anthony Puntillo**, Director, representing the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists
 Dr. **David Sabott**, Immediate Past President, representing the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists

The AAO House of Delegates confirmed Dr. **Daniel J. Rejman** as the new 2022-2023 ABO Director representing the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists.

ABO at 2022 AAO Annual Session

- 2023 ABO award recipients were announced during the 2022 AAO Annual Session. Congratulations to the following individuals:
 - Dr. **Lawrence Andrews** - Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award
 - Dr. **John Grubb** - Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics
 - Dr. **Henry Fields** - Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award
 - Dr. **Frans Currier** - O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award
- The ABO hosted the following events during the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach, FL:
 - ABO Educator/Advocate Workshop
 - ABO Open House/Info Sessions
 - ABO Emeriti and Examiner Breakfast
 - Welcome Reception New Board-Certified Orthodontists – This inaugural meet and greet with photo opportunities was held to celebrate orthodontists who completed the board certification process since the Clinical Examination transition to testing centers.
 - ABO Booth in Exhibit Hall

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