



## **Midwestern Society of Orthodontists**

### Electronic Newsletter Articles July 2016

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## PRESIDENT'S GREETINGS

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Board of Directors and Delegates will be making their way to “The City of the Broad Shoulders” for our 2016 Ad Interim meeting Friday, March 11. The goal is to conduct our association business and showcase the Swissotel in downtown Chicago, which is also the location of our Annual Session, November 4-5, 2016. In appreciation, Chicago has decided to dye the Chicago River green and have a rather large parade/party to celebrate the MSO being in town for our Ad Interim – nothing to do with St. Patrick’s Day, I’m sure!



The last year has been a busy one with the planning committee working very hard with Burmeister and Associates to organize our Annual Session (November 4-5) and ensure “smooth sailing” into the next year. Indeed, we have several important MSO issues that require our attention/action as we move forward.

First and foremost, I would like to address the Trustee selection process in which our current MSO Trustee, Dr. **Brent Larson** progresses up the officer ladder to require a replacement. Last summer/fall a Trustee Selection Committee, chaired by Dr. **John Kanyusik**, interviewed five incredibly well-qualified candidates. Every one of those individuals has shown the highest level of dedication to the association. The selection committee has put forward Dr. **Michael Durbin** as the MSO’s trustee candidate to be slated by the MSO Nominating Committee to present to the membership at our November 5 MSO Annual Business Meeting. The MSO-approved trustee nominee will be presented to the AAO for their acceptance. All candidates would have been superb trustees and I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to each who offered to serve. We are very fortunate that MSO has a very deep bench of talent.

The MSO Delegation to the AAO 2016 House of Delegates also will share in deliberations with the MSO Board during our Ad Interim Board Meeting. We welcome MSO member input on your suggestions to represent you at the upcoming AAO House of Delegates held during the 2016 AAO Annual Session in Orlando, Florida.

We offer a special thanks to Dr. **Spencer Pope** of Flossmoor, Illinois, who is joining the MSO delegation to serve as vice-chair. Spencer is a past president of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists, our Illinois Director to the MSO, currently a member on COOP, helped set up the pilot DOS program in Illinois and has extensive experience within the Chicago Dental Society.

Lastly, I would like to genuinely thank all who serve within the MSO. Interacting with these outstanding individuals over the last eight years has been one of the best

experiences of my life. These individuals are what make the MSO a leader amongst leaders. I am honored to be part of this organization.

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## **MSO Components**

### **IOWA**

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The Annual Meeting of the Iowa Society of Orthodontists will be held October 2-3, 2016 at Hotel Vetro, Iowa City. The Sunday session will feature presentations by the University of Iowa Department of Orthodontics. Tours of the newly renovated clinical facilities also will be offered. The morning session on Monday will feature Dr. **Mike Chaffee** presenting on the use of TADs. On Monday afternoon Dr. **Andy Hayes** will be presenting on Class II correction using the Powerscope appliance.

Details are being finalized for the implementation of a *Donated Orthodontic Services* program in Iowa to provide access to care for those families that cannot afford needed orthodontic treatment. Efforts are being made to recruit Iowa orthodontists to support this endeavor.

In legislative news, the Iowa Senate passed House File 2387, which calls for the Dental Board and the University of Iowa to study the issue of dental licensure. One bill that didn't survive the legislative funnel was House File 2388, which would have allowed a dental hygienist to perform oral screenings and provide educational services without the supervision of a dentist. The bill and its Senate companion didn't survive due in large part to the great grass roots efforts of the members of the Iowa Dental Association.

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## **ILLINOIS**

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**William Beam**, Secretary-Treasurer

The Illinois Society of Orthodontists' final meeting for the 2015-2016 season was held April 4 in Lombard. We offered our gratitude and congratulations to Dr. **Mike Erhardt** as he completed his tenure as president of the ISO. The Board members for the upcoming 2016-2017 season will be as follows:

Betsy Ulrich (yours truly!) – President

Randy Wright – President-Elect

Doug Head – Vice President

William Beam – Secretary/Treasurer

Trustees – Eric Barnes, Libby Graham, Marita Janzen, Randall Markarian, Scott Prose and Pranav Patel

One of our guests of honor at the meeting was the University of Illinois' Dr. **Chuck Greene**, who was given the ISO 2015-2016 Merit Award. Congratulations, Chuck, and thank you for your many years of service to our profession.

In other notable ISO news, Dr. **Steve Marshall** received the American Board of Orthodontics O.B. Vaughn Special Recognition Award at the AAO Annual Session in Orlando. Congratulations, Steve!

The Illinois DOS program continues to provide free orthodontic treatment to underprivileged Illinois children. As of February, volunteer Illinois orthodontists have finished treatment for 217 children and an additional 81 are still in active treatment, for an overall value of \$1,174,109 for services rendered. Thank you to the 113 volunteer orthodontists who have worked to make this program such a success. We are always looking for more volunteers, so if interested please contact Drs. **Mike Durbin** or **Spencer Pope**.

Dr. **Ara Goshgarian**'s leadership as the Chair of the MSO Delegation to the AAO House of Delegates helped guide the House to another successful conclusion. Thank you to Ara for serving as chair for the past three years. Also serving as delegates from Illinois were Drs. **Mike Durbin** and **Spencer Pope**.

Next season's ISO lecture series kicks off Monday, September 26 in Lombard with a practice management focused group of speakers. For more information about ISO lectures, check the ISO website at [isortho.org/Meetings](http://isortho.org/Meetings), and other ISO news and photos can be seen at [isortho.org/News](http://isortho.org/News).

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Some of the recent highlights occurring in the Manitoba Orthodontic Society (MOS) are as following:

- The spring business meeting of the MOS occurred on April 23, 2015.
- We have decided to pursue the same format as our fall meeting: business lunch followed by a lecture/seminar, which was provided this year by GAC. The response to our first meeting following this format was quite positive and we hope to continue to encourage more MOS members to attend the business meeting.
- The local chapter of *A Smile for Life* is now well underway with several participating orthodontic teams initiating treatment for pre-screened candidates.
  - The Canadian Association of Orthodontics (CAO) 2016 Annual Session will be held in Victoria, BC from September 17-19 at the Fairmont Empress Hotel.

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## Minnesota

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**Heather Horton**, Secretary/Treasurer

Dr. **Ron Snyder** will be presiding over the 2016-2017 year and has organized two great meetings. The MAO Summer meeting will be on Friday, September 16, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Mall of America. Dr. **Laurie McNamara McClatchey**, from Michigan will present on, *Orthodontic and Orthopedic Treatment in Growing Patients: New Approaches to Old Problems*.

The MAO Annual Winter Meeting will be on Friday, January 6, 2017 at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel. Our speakers for the doctors' session will be from the University of Kentucky. Dr. **Jim Hartsfield** will be speaking on craniofacial genetics and Dr. **Sarandeep Huja** will be speaking on rapid tooth movement. The staff program will involve *Warrior Team Coaching* workshop to help orthodontic teams learn how to address conflict and **Paul Gange** from Reliance Orthodontics will give an update on orthodontic adhesives.

The MAO Executive Board met year round to continue planning for meetings and addressing important issues that affect the fellow members. Please contact the Executive Secretary, Denise at [denise.schouweiler@getasmile.com](mailto:denise.schouweiler@getasmile.com) with any questions or concerns. Be sure to check our website, [mnortho.org](http://mnortho.org) for membership information and updates on upcoming events and news. We thank Dr. **David Resch** for his time in developing/maintaining our website.

Dr. **Brent Larson** was elected AAO Secretary-Treasurer at the AAO Annual Session in Orlando, Florida this past May 2016. He will continue to serve as MSO's Trustee for another year. Please join us in congratulating him! We are thankful for all his efforts in representing us.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the MSO Annual Session in Chicago from November 3-5, 2016. Dr. **Kevin Denis** will be elected as MSO Secretary-Treasurer. He will be handing over his duty as Minnesota Director to the MSO to Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha**. Thank you, Kevin!

The MAO proudly supports the Minnesota Mission of Mercy to providing free dental care for over 2,000 patients. The next MnMOM will be held on July 22-23, 2016 at Concordia College in Moorehead, Minnesota

The *Smiles Change Lives*® program has continued to be strong in Minnesota thanks to all the generous providers that have signed up. We are proud to say that about half the orthodontists in the state are participants and we thank you for your kind support of

kids that benefit from the program. If you would like to be a provider, please go to [smileschangelives.org](http://smileschangelives.org) or 888-900-3554 to sign up. Thank you to Dr. **Steve Litton** for all his time and efforts to growing this program in Minnesota.

Dr. **Steve Litton** is serving as president of the Minnesota Dental Foundation and has launched a pilot program along with *Smiles Change Lives*® called the *Minnesota's Heroes Orthodontic Program*. The mission is to provide free orthodontic treatment for kids and spouses of Gold Star Families (immediate family members of those killed in Iraq/Afghanistan, post 9/11) who are considered "in need" of orthodontic care. There will be a review and selection process using SCL forms and periodic evaluations. In hopes to match the families in need with an orthodontist near their homes, we encourage orthodontists to consider providing care for them, if asked. If you have questions about the program, please contact Dr. **Jim Miller** at [goldenvetortho@gmail.com](mailto:goldenvetortho@gmail.com).

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The combined Missouri/Kansas meeting is tentatively planned for January 27-28, 2017 in Kansas City. Speakers are being finalized now and more details will be available this fall. Please check the [MoOrtho.org](http://MoOrtho.org) website for updates concerning the meeting.

Thanks to Dr. **Jim Klarsch**, Missouri has been approved by the AAO for matching CAP (Consumer Awareness Program) funds. There will be a small dues increase to cover the match from the AAO. If there are any questions, please contact Dr. Klarsch.

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## **NORTH DAKOTA**

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**Jeremiah Danel**, Secretary

The North Dakota Society of Orthodontists is pleased to welcome another new member, Dr. **Tyler Prestwich**. Tyler, a native of Orem, Utah, attended Brigham Young University receiving his BS in Physiology and Developmental Biology. Following his undergraduate studies, Dr. Prestwich attended the University of Michigan receiving a PhD in Cellular and Molecular Biology. From Michigan, Tyler traveled to Omaha, Nebraska, where he earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Creighton University. To conclude his education, Tyler headed East to the University of Iowa competing his orthodontic residency.

Dr. Prestwich began his orthodontic career in 2014 in Yuma, Arizona. Following a year in the Southwest, he relocated to Minot, and joined the practice of Dr. **Dennis Sommers**, forming Sommers & Prestwich Orthodontics. Welcome to North Dakota, Tyler!

The North Dakota Society of Orthodontists held their annual business meeting on April 29 and clinical presentations were given by Drs. **Brian Jespersen** and **John Warford Jr.**, both from Bismarck.

North Dakota was well-represented as part of the MSO's delegation at the 2016 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Orlando with Dr. **Dennis Sommers** serving as a delegate, and Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** and Dr. **Daniel Keith** serving as alternate delegates.

Dr. **Daniel Keith** was recently named as the MSO's representative to the Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM).

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**Ryan VanLaecken**, Secretary/Treasurer

The South Dakota Society of Orthodontists had their annual business meeting in conjunction with the MSO Annual Session at the Mayo Clinic last fall. It was decided at that meeting to fund the AAOF at the \$5,000 level. Our own, Dr. **Rick Fuchs**, is in line for the presidency of the AAOF.

As yet we do not have a separate CE meeting so our next SDSO business meeting will be in conjunction with the MSO in Chicago this fall.

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## MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES

### Jackie Miller to receive 2016 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 in dentistry and/or their state or local community. Jacqueline (Jackie) M. Miller, DDS, MS, was selected by the Board of Directors as the recipient of the 2016 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Miller was recognized for her more than 20 years of humanitarian and volunteer work with the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and the American Association of Orthodontists. In 1992, while still in her orthodontic residency, she went on her first medical and dental mission as one of the founding members of Washington Overseas Mission (WOM), a Washington, Missouri non-profit group organized the next year. The humanitarian organization provides healthcare, construction, water, scholarships and daycare for the people of Honduras and other third-world countries. She has been vice-president of WOM since its founding and has completed 18 dental and construction trips and helped organize 23 dental mission trips. Dr. Miller was also instrumental in establishing a daycare and dental clinic in Pimienta, Honduras.

A member of the Washington Rotary Club since 1993, the organization has recognized Dr. Miller for her service. She received the organization's Rotarian of the Year Award in 1999, the Outstanding Achievement Award in 2001, the Rotary District Award in 2007 for authoring six humanitarian grants, and the Rotary International Foundation "Service Above Self Award" in 2009. She was the 2006 recipient of the St. John Mercy Hospital "Spirit of Mercy" Physician Award, and the 2007 Crider Health Center Community Partner for Mental Health Award.

Along with her volunteer dental ministry work, Dr. Miller is committed to service to others in multiple ways. On the community level, she has served on the boards of several medical, educational and community organizations including the United Way, the Washington Board of Public Works and the Washington Fair Parade Board. She provides dental education and toothbrushes to more than 3,000 area students annually during National Children's Dental Health Month in February and works annually with Give Kids a Smile and participated in Smiles for a Lifetime. She is active in her church, Our Lady of Lourdes, where her activities include lecture, cantor, choir, the auction committee and serving at parish breakfasts and dinners.

Dr. Miller has served in numerous offices and capacities in organized dentistry and orthodontics. She is a past president of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontics (MSO), and was the first female to serve in that post. She has represented the MSO at the AAO House of Delegates, including two years as delegation chair. She served on the 2011 AAO Annual Session Planning Committee as Staff Co-chair. She is a past president of the Missouri Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Miller is active in the Greater St. Louis Dental Society, where she has served on the board, as president of its Southwest County District Society, and represented the organization as a delegate to the Missouri Dental Society.

Other professional memberships include the World Federation of Orthodontists and the American Dental Association. She is a Fellow of both the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, and a clinical instructor at St. Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education, Division of Orthodontics.

At the recent 116th Annual Session of the AAO in Orlando, Florida, Jackie received the AAO Humanitarian Award. Miller attributes her philanthropic efforts to her parents, Dr. Francis and Jackie Miller, who instilled in their children that “we have a responsibility to share our talents and treasure and that service is a way of life.”

Dr. Miller attended Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri, from 1985-1987, where she earned senior class status after two years and was accepted into the University of Missouri at Kansas City (UMKC) School of Dentistry. There she was elected to the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honor Society, served as president of the dental school student council, and completed an outreach dental mission trip to Venezuela. She earned her DDS from UMKC in 1991, graduating with distinction.

In 1993, Dr. Miller completed her orthodontic residency program at the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry, earning an MS and certificate in orthodontics. She has been in private practice as an orthodontic specialist since then.

Dr. Miller is a resident of Washington, Missouri. She and her husband, Timothy Huber, will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary this December and are so proud of their five children. Dominic, Samuel and Claire are attending college and Luke and Maria are in high school. Her hobbies include spending time with her family, reading, walking, boating, baking and cooking.

Congratulations, Jackie, on receiving this well-deserved honor and for your service to your community, dentistry, orthodontics and beyond.

## Graduate School Programs

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

We are preparing to say farewell to the Class of 2016 “Bro Club.” Drs. **Jed Arbon** and **Terry Schmitt** are moving to North Carolina to join a practice. Dr. **Patrick Brady** is returning to the Chicago area. Dr. **Justin Hughes** is returning to Virginia to practice with his father, Dr. **Herbert Hughes**. Dr. **Chris Wermerson** is still searching his options.

The Class of 2016 won first place, again, in the CDABO competition for best resident-treated case at the AAO Annual Session in Orlando in May (see picture at right). The competition included 199 cases from 66 programs across North America. Last year we won first place, and the year before that we came in second place. We are so very proud of our residents and faculty!



Also at the meeting, Dr. **Steve Marshall** was presented the O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award. We are fortunate to have Dr. Marshall as a visiting professor. We are delighted to report that Dr. **Tim Trulove**, an Iowa orthodontic alum, was elected to serve as a director of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Dr. **Robert Staley** is approaching his last official day here with us – he is set to retire on July 1. We will all miss his teaching and guidance, which we’ve become accustomed to after 45 years!

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## UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA



JP Houle during his oral/clinical exam with examiners Nick Karaiskos and Grant Duncan

Congratulations are in order to our four graduating third-year residents after successfully completing their 36-month master's course and also passing the Royal College examinations. Drs. **Jordan Nemes** and **JP Houle** moved back to Quebec while Drs. **Omar Khatib** and **Santosh Jayachandran** will be moving to Alberta. Congratulations are also in order to Assistant Professor Dr. **Fabio Pinheiro** who was also successful in the RCDC examinations.

Dr. **Omar Khatib** represented Manitoba at the AAO Charley Schultz competition and all four third-year residents took part in the CDABO case displays in Orlando.



(L to R) Billy Wiltshire, Johan Schalkwyk, Richa Sharma and Robert Ward.

At the European Orthodontic Society meeting in June 2016, Manitoba had three presentations, being represented by Drs. **Billy Wiltshire**, **Robert Ward** and **Richa Sharma**. Congratulations are also in order to Drs. **Matt Kotyk**, **Richa Sharma** and **Billy Wiltshire** on their publication of *Bisphenol-A Release* in the *Journal of the American Dental Association* (July 2016).

We bid a warm Manitoban welcome to our incoming first-year residents who start their three-year program on June 27. Dr. **Amin Neishaboory** hails from Australia, Dr. **Caley Hoediono** is from Ontario and Dr. **Catherine Fontaine – Sylvestre** is from Quebec.

We also bid a warm welcome to our alumnus, Dr. **Robert Ward**, who is coming back to the program as a part-time Assistant Professor in Orthodontics and congratulate him on his appointment as incoming President of the Manitoba Society of Orthodontists.



Santosh Jayachandran trying out the new iTero

We indeed are proud to announce the arrival of our new digital pan/ceph unit and Itero scanner. The scanner was donated by Australian alumnus, Dr. **Grant Duncan**.

This year, 2016, marks an important year for the Graduate Orthodontic Program. It is its 50<sup>th</sup> Golden Anniversary as well as the 20<sup>th</sup> year of service of Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** as Program Director and Professor and Head of Orthodontics. To mark



this occasion, we will be hosting a celebratory alumni function at the Canadian Association of Orthodontists Annual Meeting in September 2016 in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

Graduating resident Omar  
Khatib (R) presenting a clock to  
Billy Wiltshire (L)

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## MAYO CLINIC

The academic year is quickly drawing to a close. Mayo Clinic Orthodontics has been very busy this past year. We had a successful accreditation visit in May from the Commission on Dental Accreditation and we want to thank our entire staff, both present and former members, all who contributed to produce this excellent outcome.

We want to thank all who were able to attend the Mayo Orthodontic Alumni Dinner at this year's AAO Annual Session in Orlando, Florida. It was great to get together again and catch up with each other.

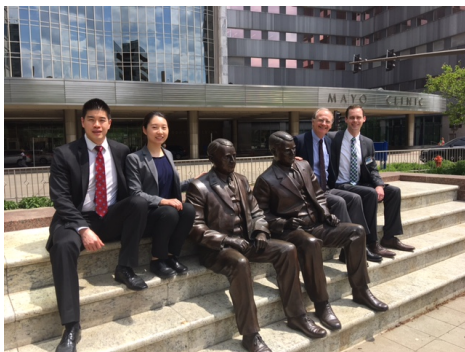
Our chief resident, Dr. **Eric Wu**, also has been very busy this past spring. He presented his research, *Abrasion of Composite Materials Used for Orthodontic Bite Turbos* at the AAO meeting in Orlando. He was awarded his MS in May following his defense in March. Dr. Wu will be moving to Washington, DC and transitioning to private practice. He will be missed at Mayo Clinic.

Our second-year resident, Dr. **Eric Orbison**, successfully completed the written segment of the American Board of Orthodontics certification examination taken in April. His research is well underway. He is also excited to be stepping into his new role as our chief resident and as new father in September!

Dr. **Peini Zhu**, our third-year resident, attended both the Moyer's Symposium and the recent AAO Annual Session in Orlando. After a year of living apart, she will be joined this summer by her husband who is an endodontist. He will be practicing in the local community. Dr. Zhu is also planning to take the Tweed course in the fall.

In July Dr. **Paul Meyer** will begin his orthodontic training. Dr. Meyer is a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. Although from South Dakota he has spent quite a bit of time in Minnesota and previously attended Luther College in Decorah, Iowa.

We have received word from the American Board of Orthodontics that Dr. **Li-Ping Chew** (Class of 2014) completed the clinical examination and was awarded board certification. Dr. Chew presently practices in Gulfport, Mississippi.



The program welcomed Dr. **John Kanyusik** last month as a guest consultant. John is well known throughout the MSO for his depth of knowledge and his dedication to the orthodontic profession. We are deeply indebted to him for his continuing support of our residency program.

(L to R) Eric Wu, Peini Zhu, John Kanyusik, Eric Orbison

We will see you in November at the MSO Annual Session in Chicago.

Have a great summer!

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## UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The University of Minnesota graduated the Class of 2016 on June 8 at the McNamara Alumni Center. It is always a great event with the families to celebrate the occasion. Of our six residents, only one will remain in Minnesota and five will leave the area for other parts of the country. Dr. **Rosemary Lelich** will remain in the Twin Cities while Dr. **Matt Goergen** will go back to Denver to be a part of his past group practice. Dr. **Farah Kar** will be going to Atlanta to join her family's dental group practice. Dr. **Brieanna Lise Newton** will be practicing in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and Dr. **Charlene Tai** will be joining her mother's practice in Vancouver, BC. Dr. **Ariana Weissend** will be joining a group practice in Denver. They have truly been a wonderful class and we wish them all the very best. I am proud to say that they all successfully completed the written portion of the American Board of Orthodontics Examination. Drs. Tai and Kar also successfully passed the Canadian Orthodontic Board Examination. It is quite an effort by these two to successfully complete both board examinations.

Of note is that Dr. **Matt Goergen** was selected and presented an abstract of his research at the European Association of Orthodontics meeting in Stockholm, Sweden. Matt's research title was *Nasal Septal Deviation and Facial Form During Ontogeny*. Dr. **Ariana Weissend** also was selected and presented an abstract of her research at the American Association of Orthodontics Annual Session in Orlando. Her research title was *Bioactive Coatings for Orthodontic Appliances to Prevent White Spot Lesions*. Congratulations and thank you to Matt and Ariana for being excellent representatives of the Division of Orthodontics of the University of Minnesota.

Our new class started on June 27, and it has been a busy time with orientation. The new class includes three new graduates of the University of Minnesota – Drs. **Molly Dillon**, **Dustin Ditch** and **Rachel Hoganson**. Dr. **Olya Kats** is from the University of Illinois and Dr. **Hani Hamden** was in private practice in the West Metro. Finally, Dr. **Amy Tasca** is starting the two-year clinical program for the combined PhD degree and certificate in orthodontics. Amy came from the University of Missouri Kansas City. She did her research with Dr. **Kim Mansky**, bone biologist and faculty member of our department.

A major improvement this year is that we are now using three new iTero scanners as a replacement for impressions and study models. The new scanners also are in use for multiple digital needs of Invisalign, SureSmile, appliances and retainers.

We are excited that Dr. **Estee Wang** will increase her time with us as an adjunct faculty. She will be with us one day per week and will participate in both the Cleft Lip and Palate Board and the Craniofacial Anomaly Clinic, providing expertise for those patients. She will also continue her usual duties in the clinic and provide additional seminars.

Bringing us completely up to the present, all twelve residents and many faculty members enjoyed the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Orlando.



The residents showed three of their finished cases at the display program of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. A well-attended alumni reception, fine daily lectures and the AAO-sponsored evening events at Sea World and Universal Orlando made for yet another memorable AAO Annual Session.

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## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Orthodontic Graduate Residents and Support Staff were happy to oblige Dr. **Brett Cascini**'s request for a group photo during his retirement event in December 2015 after 28 years of service.



If we were a mouthful of teeth we would certainly need a lot of your straightening expertise!

At this time, however, it is with great sadness that we pass along the information of the passing of one of our highly respected colleagues, Dr. **Brett Cascini**. Dr. Cascini passed away on May 17, 2016. He had a private practice in Lincoln for 30 years and additionally was a part-time UNMC Dental College faculty member of the orthodontic section for 28 years. At his request, no services were held.

### **Publications**

Kearney RC, Premaraj S, Smith BM, Olson GW, Williamson AE, Romanos G. *Massive Open Online Courses in Dental Education: Two Viewpoints: Viewpoint 1: Massive Open Online Courses Offer Transformative Technology for Dental Education and Viewpoint 2: Massive Open Online Courses Are Not Ready for Primetime*. J Dent Educ. 2016; 80(2):121-7.

Luong KV, Wang L, Roberts BJ, Wahl lii JK, Peng A. *Cell Fate Determination in Cisplatin Resistance and Chemosensitization*. Oncotarget. 2016 Mar 16.

### **International Orthodontic Conference 2016**

Presentations were made by both Drs. **Thyagaseely (Sheela)** and **Sundaralingam (Prem) Premaraj** at the conference:

Premaraj S, *The Biology of Orthodontic Tooth Movement: Current Concepts and Applications to Clinical Practice*. Presented at the International Orthodontic Conference, Feb 8, 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Premaraj T, *Cone Beam-CT Evaluation of Volumetric Changes in the Upper Airway Following Repositioning of Mandible to Centric Relation or Surgical Removal of Adenoids in Patients with Sleep Difficulties*. Presented at the International Orthodontic Conference, Feb 8, 2016, Colombo, Sri Lanka.

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## SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2015; they have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably.

The orthodontic program at The Center for Advanced Dental Education of Saint Louis University welcomes 14 new graduate students this June. They include:

Dr. <b>Evangelos Akli</b>	University of Athens
Dr. <b>Erin Allbritton</b>	Baylor College of Dentistry
Dr. <b>Kimberly Baptist</b>	Southern Illinois University
Dr. <b>Ross Brenner</b>	Indiana University
Dr. <b>Michelle Clinton</b>	University of Texas San Antonio
Dr. <b>Drew Colantino</b>	Harvard University
Dr. <b>Erin Fraundorf</b>	University of Louisville
Dr. <b>Nikoleta Konstantoni</b>	University of Athens
Dr. <b>Catherine Loner</b>	University of Louisville
Dr. <b>Tony Nguyen</b>	Baylor College of Dentistry
Dr. <b>Brian Patterson</b>	University of Texas Houston
Dr. <b>Alexander Sy</b>	New York University
Dr. <b>Jessica Thai</b>	Virginia Commonwealth University
Dr. <b>Brian Wilson</b>	University of Oklahoma

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold their next meeting March 10-12, 2017 at the Ritz-Carlton in St. Louis. Many fine speakers will enlighten the audience including **Char Eash** (Practice Consultant), **Jay Bowman**, **Faisal Quereshy** (Oral Surgeon) and others. Dr. **S. Jay Bowman** will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact [mocalb@slu.edu](mailto:mocalb@slu.edu) for information on the OERF meeting.

In addition, the SLU orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the summer and fall of 2015. All MSO students and faculty are encouraged to look at the schedule on our website (it is updated periodically) and if they find a presentation they would like to attend, please let us know.

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## University of Missouri - Kansas City

### Dr. Donald J. Thompson - UMKC Mourns Loss of National Orthodontic Educator

To the regret of many of friends and former orthodontic residents, Dr. **Donald J. Thompson**, DDS, MS, 79, died Saturday, May 14, 2016 at home. He leaves his wife of 56 years, Miriam (Shaw) Thompson, his son Jeffrey J. Thompson, DDS, MS, his wife Grace (Quirk) Thompson and their daughters, Caroline and Georgia, and his son Douglas J. Thompson, DDS, MS, and his wife Kelley (Romans) Thompson, DDS, and their children Emily, Spencer and Pierce. Born in Humansville, MO and raised in Dunnegan, MO, the son of Zela (Gilpin) and James O. Thompson, he was a lifelong resident of Leawood, KS. After graduating from



Dr. Don and Miriam Thompson

Humansville High School in 1954, Don attended Southwest Missouri State with dual majors in Biology and Chemistry. He then attended the University of Missouri Kansas City School of Dentistry, graduating as Salutatorian. While in dental school, he married his college sweetheart, Miriam Shaw, in 1959. Prior to completing his orthodontic residency at Saint Louis University in 1965, he served as a Captain in the United States Air Force Dental Corps from 1961 to 1963. Dr. Thompson entered the private practice of orthodontics with his brother, Herald Eugene (Gene) Thompson in 1965. They practiced as partners until Gene's death in 1984. He practiced alone until 1991, when Dr. Jeff Thompson joined the practice. Dr. Doug Thompson joined the practice in 1995. After 38 years in practice, Don retired on December 31, 2003.



Dr. Thompson was the 2008 recipient of the ABO Dale B. Wade Teaching Award. Don is pictured here with and UMKC Orthodontic Residents following the award ceremony: (l-r) Drs. Jason Burckhard, Ian Ballou, Chuck Schumacher, Patrick Briscoe, Larissa Freytag, Tara Cash, Paul Anders and Mike Barlow



Dr. Thompson served as an Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Missouri Kansas City, Department of Orthodontics, from 1965 to 1982 and from 1992 to 2003. From 2003-2014 he assumed responsibilities as Clinic Director for the Advanced Education Program in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics. Don was an active member of numerous local, regional and national dental and orthodontic organizations. He served as President of the St. Louis Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation in 1977, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists in 1993 and the Tweed Study Club of the Midwest in 1994.



Dr. Thompson was likewise active in civic organizations, involved in the Boys Scouts of America as a troop committee member and leader of two trips to Philmont Scout Ranch. He volunteered for the United Way and as a deacon at The Village Presbyterian Church. An avid golfer, Dr. Thompson was formerly a member of Indian Hills Country Club and the Aspen Glen Club in Colorado. He had a lifelong passion for running, snow skiing, hiking, and traveling. For over thirty years, Don and Miriam spent several weeks on Sanibel Island, Florida, which was his favorite place to run. In addition to his love of the outdoors, Dr. Thompson enjoyed building model cars and ships.

Don was a mentor and friend of orthodontic residents during his years as the steady anchor and dedicated clinic director of the advanced education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. Dr. Thompson stewardship and generosity was a singular note that all alum relied upon. Don's quiet disciplined determination to support the profession was unparalleled. Our loss is also the nation's loss of a leader who dedicated his life to the enrichment of the lives of those who were entrusted to his care. He will be sorely missed by us all.



Top: Don Thompson was an avid outdoorsman, often leading the way on the trail for scout troupe sons Doug

## 2016 Blackwell Lecture

Genetic Studies of Malocclusion: facial phenotype and genetics.

The 2016 Blackwell Lecture was held on Friday June 3, 2016. Our featured speaker was Dr. **Lina M. Moreno Uribe**, DDS, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Orthodontics, University of Iowa.

Dr. Lina Moreno Uribe is from Medellin-Colombia, where she received her DDS in 1991 from the Instituto de Ciencias de la Salud CES. She completed her first Orthodontic residency at the University of Antioquia in 1995 and practiced Orthodontics for 3 years at the CES clinic. In 1998 she emigrated to the U.S, and began her Doctoral studies in Oral Sciences with a concentration in Human Genetics. She graduated in 2004 from the University of Iowa and completed her Postdoctoral training in 2006. She completed her second orthodontic residency in 2008 and became an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Iowa. Dr. Moreno is a staff orthodontist with the Cleft Palate Team at the University of Iowa. Her orthodontic practice is primarily dedicated to the treatment of patients

with craniofacial anomalies. Dr Moreno's research interests are in genetics of orofacial clefts and craniofacial variation.

During the lecture, Lina presented the newest evidence of genetic influence on facial phenotyping, and offered the opportunity for the assembled +40 listeners to speculate on what the future holds for genetic testing before beginning orthodontic therapies.



Left: Residents and Alumni enjoy Dr. Moreno's engaging presentation. Right: Drs. Laura Iwasaki, Leo Rogers Chair of UMKC Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics joins Dr. Moreno for an introduction before the start of the morning lecture.



...AND DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND THE 2017 BLACKWELL LECTURE!!

We are pleased that Dr. **Tung Nguyen** has committed to coming to Kansas City next June to be our Blackwell Lecturer. He is an Associate Professor and Director of the Dentofacial Deformities Clinic, University of North Carolina Chapel Hill. Dr. Nguyen research interest are 3D imaging and craniofacial orthopedics.



## Graduation 2015 for Drs. McCoy, Gilbert, and Sander

The success of our recently graduated residents was celebrated during our graduation gala held in December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Some 60+ family, residents, staff and faculty gathered at Indian Hills Country Club to honor Drs. **Matt McCoy**,



**Danielle Gilbert** and **Kristen Sander**. Our newest alums have now spread out over the country with Dr. Gilbert back to practice orthodontics in Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Kristen Sander decided to stay close by, and is associating in Kansas City. Dr. McCoy decided to point west, where he has established his orthodontic practice near a trout stream in Pocatello, Idaho.

Above- Big sister Dr. Kristen Sander says good bye to her “Pod Noir” colleagues Drs. Andrew McDonald (L) and Andrew Eichholtz (R)

Right: Big sister Dr. Daniele Gilbert (center) gives “Yellow Pod” classmates a good bye hug- Drs. Mark Greenburg and Whitney Hewitt.

Below: The “Brown Pod” choir gathers at the piano to sing a fond farewell to Dr. Matt McCoy (L), with Drs. Steven Shaw (center) and Kelcey Loveland (R)



Dr. Jim Osborne presents the graduation certificates to our newest alums.



# Dr. Jeff Thompson name 2016 Orthodontist of the Year

Dean **Marsha Pyle** greeted a 100+ crowd gathered together for the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni lunch on Thursday April 7. Part of the meeting was dedicated to recognizing the 2015-2016 work done by outgoing president of Dr. **Dustin Burleson**, and introducing Dr. **Patrick Briscoe** as 2016-2017 president of the Alumni board. The highlight of the meeting was dedicated to honor Dr. **Jeff Thompson**. Dr. **Jim Osborne**, Director of Orthodontic Clinics, officiated the ceremony which awarded Jeff the title of 2016 UMKC Orthodontist of the Year.

After graduation from Washington University, Jeff returned to Kansas City and joined his father in his orthodontic practice. A practice that was started in 1947 by his uncle, Dr. **Gene Thompson**. In 2008, Dr. Jeff founded Jeff Thompson Orthodontics in Leawood, KS.



Dean Marsha Pyle welcomes all to the 2016 UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Luncheon.



Jeff has taught for 20 years in the UMKC Advanced education program in orthodontic, joining the clinical orthodontic faculty of the UMKC School of Dentistry in January of 1995. Dr. Thompson has served the profession of orthodontics in many capacities. He has served the Southwest Society of Orthodontists in many capacities including Secretary/Treasurer (2006), First Vice President (2007), President-Elect (2008), and President (2009). He also served as a delegate to the American Association of Orthodontist House of Delegates, and as a member of the AAO Council of Communications, and on the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Board of Directors. While he was a member of the AAOF Board of Directors, he chaired the Budget & Audit committee. As a long-time member of the Kansas Association of Orthodontists, Jeff

has served that organization in many capacities, including that of President. He also assists the Kansas Dental Board as one of the examiners of the Specialty of Orthodontics for licensure in the state of KS.

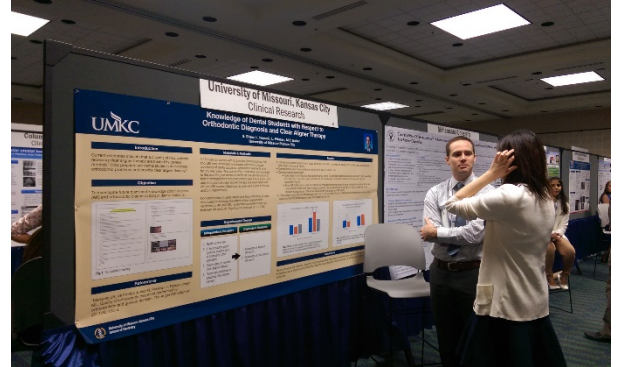
Congratulations Jeff on being recognized as the 2016 UMKC Orthodontist of the Year

Jeff and Grace Thompson took a moment to enjoy the best wishes of the alumni who gathered to celebrate Jeff's

## Orlando 2016: Dr. Steven Shaw represents UMKC at the Charlie Schultz Competition

Dr. **Steven Shaw** Represented UMKC at the AAO 2016 Charlie Schultz Competition.

Every year at AAO, more than 60 orthodontic residency programs send one representative to the Charlie Schultz poster competition. The research topics presented are widely varied, from the genetics to biomaterials, to education research. Thank you Dr. Shaw for proudly representing UMKC. His research focused on knowledge of dental students with respect to orthodontic diagnosis and clear aligner therapy.



## UMKC Faculty a Presence in Orlando 2016 AAO

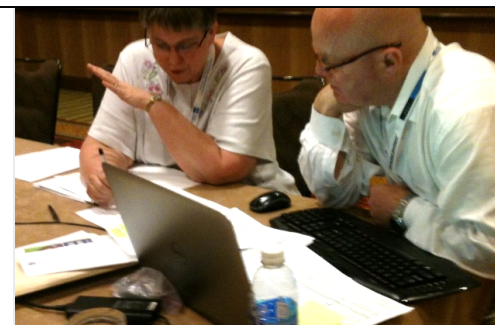
Your full time UMKC faculty often are saddled with responsibilities during the annual AAO meeting. Drs. Venugopalan, Iwasaki, and Nickel had various duties to perform during the meeting. Dr. Iwasaki is now the chair of PARC, which is the body who aids the AAOF to fund research projects. Drs. Venugopalan and Nickel were moderators for research presentations. Dr. Nickel, as chair of the AAO Council on Scientific Affairs had additional duties associated with the AAO House of Delegates and AAO Subcommittee meetings.



Right: During the meeting of the AAO Council on Scientific Affairs (COA), Council Chair Dr. Jeff Nickel consults with AAO Librarian and Secretary Ms. Jackie Hittner. Every year it is the duties of the 8 members of COA to review submitted abstracts for presentations at the AAO



With a large image screen (above), Dr. Venugopalan (Left, and above) opens the scientific session on aligner therapeutics. Shanker was a co-moderator of this AAO lecture session with Dr. Orhan Tuncay.





meeting, as well as review the manuscripts submitted for the AAO Hellman, Graber, and Sicher Research Awards.



Meeting of COSA Chairs and AAO Trustees at the Annual AAO Meeting: Dr. Jeff Nickel (far left) is the 2015-2017 Chair for the Council on Scientific Affairs.

On Friday, April 29, the 2016 AAOF Planning and Revue Committee (PARC) gathered to attend the Society of Educators Meeting: L-R: Executive Director Mr. Robert Hazel, Dr. Saran Huja (U.Kentucky, Vice-Chair); Dr. Laura Iwasaki (UMKC, Chair); Dr. Sunil Kapila (UCSF, Immediate Past Chair). PARC has as its mission to adjudicate submitted research proposals seeking funding, and to make funding recommendations to the AAOF Board

During the Society of Educators meeting, Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Vesna Ferrar** take a moment to talk. Dr. Ferrar research interests are focused on creating common educational objectives for the discipline of orthodontics for pre-doctoral level and graduate level education programs in the US.



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## **AAO and Associated Entities**

### **American Association of Orthodontists Foundation (AAOF)**

#### **AWARDS PROGRAM**

As of this year, the AAOF has funded just under \$11 million in awards. See this link for details:

<http://aaofoundation.net/AwardsProgram/AbouttheAAOF AwardsProgram.aspx>).

A recent update on the *Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection Project* is on the AAOF web site ([www.aaofoundation.net](http://www.aaofoundation.net); Awards; Collection Project).

#### **2017 AAOF AWARDS PROGRAM**

The materials for the 2017 Awards Program are now available on the web site (<http://aaofoundation.net/AwardsProgram/Fundingfor2017.aspx>). This year is a transitional year towards an on-line submission process that long has been in the making.

#### **NEW DIRECTION/STRATEGIC PLAN**

The AAOF BOD is well into the process of making an organizational assessment, looking to the future of the Foundation. One of the steps involved is holding a face-to-face session, with the outside facilitator, involving 18 directors and key volunteers and an equal number of those from “outside the tent” to determine a possible new direction. This session is scheduled for late July, with the consultant’s report expected in November, so look for further announcements between now and then and perhaps, especially, toward the end of the calendar year.

#### **PLEASE REMEMBER THE AAO FOUNDATION IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS**

If you have not already included the AAOF in your estate plans, please complete and return your completed Keystone Society form, which can be found at (<http://aaofoundation.planningyourlegacy.org/keystone-society>) and, thus, become an AAOF Keystone member. The future of our specialty is in our hands.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

See the AAO Foundation website at [www.aaofoundation.net](http://www.aaofoundation.net) for more information. Or, if you should have any questions or concerns, please call **Robert Hazel**, AAOF EVP, at 800-424-2841, #ext. 546 ([rhazel@aaortho.org](mailto:rhazel@aaortho.org)), or me at your convenience.

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## **American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee (AAOPAC) Extra**

### **Your Government Affairs Team is Working Hard During this Historic Election Year**

Since the AAO's Professional Advocacy Conference earlier this year, the RAISE Act has gained momentum in the House and the Senate. Within the weeks following the Conference, 21 bipartisan House Members agreed to sign onto the House bill (H.R. 1185), bringing the current total to 75 cosponsors. Senator **Kelly Ayotte** (R-NH) has agreed to lead the bill in the Senate, and plans to introduce the bill later this summer. The AAO's legislative counsel have been in conversations with targeted Senate Democrats, with the hopes of securing a co-lead to introduce the bill on a bipartisan basis, as it was introduced in the House.

### **AAOPAC Update**

The AAO Political Action Committee ("AAOPAC") has raised more than \$70,000 since January 1, 2016. By comparison, AAOPAC raised approximately \$7,750 during the same time period in 2015. Since January 1, 2016, the Constituencies have raised:

SAO \$16,241.00  
PCSO \$11,625.00  
MSO \$7,075.00  
SWSO \$6,308.32  
NESO \$6,131.00  
RMSO \$6,020.00  
GLAO \$5,050.00  
MASO \$2,575.00

During this two-year election cycle, AAOPAC has already contributed over \$200,000.00 to more than 50 federal candidates and plans to contribute even more. "AAOPAC contributes to policy makers whose views are consistent with the goals of the orthodontic specialty," says **Kevin Horner**, the AAOPAC Board Member who represents the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

Decisions on which candidates to support are made by the AAOPAC Board of Directors, comprised of representatives from the constituent organizations and liaisons from the AAO Board of Trustees and the Council on Governmental Affairs. The Board reviews policy positions, votes taken on issues of importance to the AAO, as well as leadership roles and committees of jurisdiction.

AAO leaders, staff, and legislative counsel work to educate legislators about the economic importance of the orthodontic specialty and how policies and proposed legislation impact orthodontists and orthodontic patients. The repeal of the medical

device tax and the RAISE Act are just two examples of the impact the orthodontic profession is having on Congress.

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## **American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee (AAOPAC)**

### **AAOPAC Report**

The AAOPAC met with the Council on Governmental Affairs (COGA) in Washington, DC, June 13-15, 2016. I have outlined below all information, issues and reports discussed at the AAOPAC portion of the combined meeting.

Annual Session Successes:

- Pre-Annual Session emails raised over \$38,000
- Raised \$7,220 following Sean Murphy's HOD presentation
- 100 contributor pins were distributed
- 30-40 members visited the hospitality suite each day

Lessons learned from Annual Session:

- HOD presentation received great feedback
- 20 new and younger members attended Happy Hour
- Give PAC presentations at Fall constituent meetings
- Educate new and younger members about the AAO's political agenda by hosting complimentary AAOPAC events at the Fall constituent meetings and Annual Session

Upcoming Initiatives:

- Dues statements
- PAC email each month from an AAO member
- Obtain and utilize Political Outreach Leaders (POLs)

AAOPAC has raised over \$350,000 since November 2014, and has already contributed more than \$200,000 to 50 candidates during the 2016 election cycle.

### **Republic Strategies Report**

**Ashley Cavossa**, from Republic Strategies, gave a report regarding AAOPAC fundraising efforts. As of June 10, 2016, receipts totaled \$77,825 compared to \$19,800 for the same time period in 2015, and the number of contributors has increased from 54 to 160.

Completed action items include:

- PAC website updated with suggested contribution levels; streamlined process for online contributions
- Leadership solicitation
- Campaign kickoff email
- Updated PAC pledge cards
- PowerPoint Presentation - AAOPAC in DC
- POL training manual
- Monthly conference calls

- Constituency article
- Constituency competition

Current State Captains were contacted and asked to participate as POLs. To-date, 18 have agreed (11 of those from SAO). The PAC Board was asked to help engage POLs by contacting the top 25 contributors in their constituencies. Suggested selling points include:

- Maximum time commitment of a few hours each week
- POLs are invited to attend the Professional Advocacy Conference, all expenses paid

The PAC Board discussed hiring a professional canvassing firm to contact members instead of using POLs, and experimenting with this approach in a couple of states. **Ashlee Morehouse**, from Republic Strategies, discussed doing a money bomb campaign this fall utilizing the POLs, then possibly hiring a professional canvassing group at a later time, if funds are available, and then compare the two methods.

The issue of bundling campaign contributions was discussed as it relates to AAO members who work for Dental Service Organizations. Broadly speaking, bundling contributions is legal, and Republic Strategies will look into this further.

### **Legislative Counsel Report**

A preview of the 2016 Presidential election and an in-depth review of the Senate and House races for 2016. The AAOPAC Board approved the Contribution Plan for this election cycle as recommended.

The Board discussed participating in an upcoming fundraising dinner in St. Louis with former President **George W. Bush**, honoring Missouri Senator **Roy Blunt**. The AAOPAC approved participation in a \$10,000 fundraising dinner in St. Louis on June 27, 2016 and that a mixture of AAO members and staff be invited to attend.

### **New Business**

The Board discussed and fully supports AAOPAC's presence at the fall constituency meetings. This idea will be relayed to the AAO Board of Trustees for their approval.

### **Initiatives for Competition among Constituencies**

A constituency competition is underway and will run until November 6, 2016. We will be tracking numbers monthly for each constituency based on:

- Overall money raised
- Percentage of money raised
- Percentage of members who contribute
- Percentage of first-time contributors



The final results will be published to the entire AAO membership via newsletters, *eBulletin*, display boards at Annual Session, etc.

Our next AAOPAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 26-28, 2017 in Washington, D.C., with our annual Political Advocacy Conference.

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## AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS (ABO)

The ABO experienced a very productive 2016 with many new and exciting changes to report.

- **Clinical Exam Update:** The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in both February and September 2015 as well as February 2016. A total of 298 examinees were certified or recertified at these exams. Congratulations to the following orthodontists from the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists for successfully completing their ABO certification/recertification exam during the February 2016 exam:

February 2016 ABO Clinical Exam
George Alamir
Saud Alhasawi
Todd Connell
Salma H.
Ghoneim
Sarah
McDermott
Kyungsup Shin
Matthew M.
Sievers
Julie M. Wees

A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency can be found on the ABO website. The next exam is scheduled for September 2016 in St. Louis. Dates for 2017 are now posted on the ABO website.

Additions to the exam include the following:

- Development of a Craniofacial Certification Examination beginning September 2016
- Final Digital Models accepted beginning September 2016
- Banking rules have been extended to apply to all orthodontic practitioners
- There are now two teams for each examinee during the Clinical Exam – one team to score the Board Case Oral Exam (BCOE) and the second team to score the examinee’s cases and Case Review Oral Exam (CROE)

Please visit [www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com](http://www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com) for additional details on the above items.

- **Written Examination Update:** The ABO Written Examination was administered April 12-15, 2016 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. In all, 383 of the examinations were complete, resulting in a 98 percent pass rate. The reliability of the examination was .88. The next Written Examination will be offered April 4-7, 2017. Eligible individuals may register for this exam beginning September 19, 2016.
- **Marketing Update:**
  - ABO consumer brochure is now offered in English and Spanish
  - Board certified orthodontists now have the option to download the consumer brochure and pyramid free of charge to print in-house
  - ABO Seal and logo available for download by individual orthodontists to accompany office logo on promotional materials
  - Certification Pyramid available in a higher resolution for enhanced printing
  - Board certified seal offered in a smaller size, suitable for use on business cards or email signature lines
  - Staff buttons with training tools for staff on “Why Board Certification Matters” available on-line
  - Professional videos created to include “Why Board Certification Matters” and “A Day in the Life” of the Clinical Exam and are located on the ABO’s website to link to board certified orthodontists’ website pages, as well as to add to continuous loop feeds in waiting rooms.
- **Educators Symposium:** The ABO held the Charles Burstone – American Board of Orthodontics 2016 Educators Symposium, *Clinical Challenges*, on April 2, 2016, in St. Louis. Approximately 96 individuals attended the meeting including department chairs, program directors, faculty and ABO-appointed advocates. Topics discussed included results/feedback from the 2014 Educators Symposium, common reasons for incomplete cases, more output for educators on the Written Examination, growth/advocacy as it relates to certification renewal, craniofacial pathway, technology overview on stereolith models and adding value to certification.
- **The College:** The ABO and the College (CDABO) continue to work together to support orthodontic programs in their preparation for the clinical exam thru our advocacy program. To-date, all 72 orthodontic programs have at least one advocate assigned to its school. In addition, the College offers courses for examinees to prepare for the clinical exam during constituency meetings and at the Annual Session.
- **WFO:** The ABO promoted board certification while attending the 8<sup>th</sup> International Orthodontic Congress in London, organized by the British

Orthodontic Society in association with the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO). The WFO and ABO hosted a special half-day symposium on orthodontic board certification. The well-received meeting helps fulfill the ABO's vision to be the global leader in orthodontic board certification.

**ABO at 2016 AAO Annual Session:**

The ABO Directors for the 2016-2017 year are as follows:

- Dr. **Steven Dugoni**, President, PCSO
- Dr. **Chun-Hsi Chung**, President-Elect, MASO
- Dr. **Larry Tadlock**, Secretary-Treasurer, SWSO
- Dr. **Nicholas Barone**, Director, NESO
- Dr. **Valmy Kulbersh**, Director, GLAO
- Dr. **David Sabott**, Director, RMSO
- Dr. **Patrick Foley**, Director, MSO
- Dr. **Timothy Trulove**, Director, SAO
- Dr. **Eladio DeLeon**, Past President, SAO

The AAO House of Delegates confirmed Dr. **Timothy Trulove** as the ABO new director representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists.

The ABO presented the following recognition awards during the 2016 Annual Session meeting:

- Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. **W. Eugene Roberts**
- Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. **Phillip M. Campbell**
- Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. **Stephen K. McCullough**
- O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. **Steven D. Marshall**

During the Orlando meeting, the ABO showcased several successful cases from the year's Clinical Exam in the ABO Case Display Room. Directors and staff were available to answer questions on board certification. In addition, an informational ABO booth was located outside of the Exhibit Hall to display educational materials available to board certified orthodontists. Workshops on both Cephalometrics and Written Exam Question Writing were held and well received.

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## College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics (CDABO)

The CDABO recently held several events at the 2016 AAO Annual Session in Orlando. The CDABO prep course, Discrepancy Index and Cast-Radiograph Evaluation for the ABO Clinical Exam, was well attended. Dr. **Dan Rejman** taught the courses, assisted by Drs. **Ken Hrechka** and **Paul Miller**.

The CDABO held their Annual Awards Luncheon and presented four awards. The *AJO-DO* 2015 Case Report of the Year Award, *Distraction Osteogenesis and Orthognathic Surgery for a Patient with Unilateral Cleft Lip and Palate*, authored by **Ji Hyun Kim, Il Hong Lee, Sang Min Lee, Byoung Eun Yang, In Young Park**. (*Am J Orthod Dentofacial Orthop*, 2015; 147:381-393). The judges for this award were the CDABO officers.

ABO directors presented the 2016 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award to Dr. **W. Eugene Roberts**; the 2016 Earl & Wilma Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Stephen McCullough**; and the 2016 O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award to Dr. **Steven Marshall**. The 2016 Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics was presented to Dr. **Phillip Campbell**.

A total of 66 Graduate Orthodontic programs participated and 199 cases were displayed in the College's Resident Case Display Program. The best Orthodontic Resident Case Report Award were as follows:

First Place: University of Iowa, Drs. **Clayton Parks** (faculty), **Veerasathpurush Allareddy** (faculty), **Kevan Kadavy**, **Justin Hughes**, **Terry Schmitt**, **Patrick Brady**, **Christopher Wermerson**, **Jed Arbon** and **Kyungsup Shin** (faculty)

Second Place: University of Texas at Houston

Third Place: University of Maryland

Honorable Mention: Vanderbilt University, Jacksonville University

The College of Diplomates 2016 38th Reunion with Dr. **Ken Hrechka** as president will be held July 8-12, 2016 at the Omni Grove Park Inn, Asheville, North Carolina. The Scientific Program will focus on *Cutting Edge Technology in the Changing Orthodontic Environment*. Dr. **William Proffit** will be honored for his contributions to orthodontics. Dr. **Gary Opin** and Dr. **Ravinda Nanda** will be the Scientific Chairs. Speakers will include Drs. **William Proffit**, **Eric Ploumis**, **Flavio Uribe**, **Steve McEvoy**, **Brent Larson**, **Ravindra Nanda** and **Bruce Goldstein**. Twelve hours of continuing education will be available. Registration materials will be posted at [www.cdabo.org](http://www.cdabo.org).

The College's Residents Attendance Program (RAP) was developed with the purpose of bringing orthodontic residents to the College's Annual Summer Meeting. The College provides the lodging and food costs for the residents. At this year's College Annual Summer Meeting, we are expecting 26 residents.

CDABO's 2017 39th Annual Reunion with Dr. **Paul Miller** as president will be July 7-11, 2017, at the Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe, California. The meeting theme is *Controversies; Stability of The End Result*. Dr. **Wick Alexander** will be honored for his outstanding contributions to our orthodontic profession. Speakers will include Drs. **Wick Alexander, William Proffit, Jason Cope, Peter Buschang, Perry Opin, James Vaden, Gary Opin, Michael Guest** and **Rich Arzaga**, CFP, CCIM, will present a lecture regarding investments.

CDABO 2018 40th Annual Meeting with Dr. **Terry Sobler** as president will be in Orlando, Florida in proximity to Disney World to continue encouragement of our family, education, congeniality and fun.

The 41st 2019 Annual Meeting with Dr. **Eric Dellinger** as president will be located in Nashville, Tennessee, the home of the Grand Ole Opry and the Country Music Hall of Fame.

Non-board certified orthodontists can attend one time to evaluate the meeting and, hopefully, this will convince you to become board certified and join our family reunion. The annual meeting is family oriented, the scientific meeting is from 8am to 12pm and you spend the afternoon with your family. Twelve CE are earned.

Special recognition to CDABO Executive Director, **Scott Cant**, and his executive assistants, **Jan Beck** and **Darrin Crittington**, for their outstanding contributions.

The College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, sponsors a Discrepancy Index and Cast-Radiograph Evaluation prep course to prepare members taking the ABO clinical portion of their board certification process. This prep course will be offered at the AAO Annual Session.

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## COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

The AAO Committee on Insurance (COI) met for its annual face-to-face meeting on June 24, 2016. COI normally meets at AAO headquarters in St. Louis but this year's meeting we were hosted by New York Life at their Manhattan headquarters in New York City. This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of New York Life being AAO's endorsed carrier for Life and Disability products.

The endorsed insurance products have performed well over the past year. Once again balancing member benefits and financial prudence is important. Across the entire life and disability portfolio we experienced positive margins as our total premiums grew slightly this year (2%). This reverses a recent trend of small declines year-to-year. We attribute much of this reversal to our relationship with Pearl Insurance Associates, our endorsed products broker. Pearl has spent a great amount of time and energy educating our membership about the insurance products that are available to them as a member benefit and how these products can protect them against unfortunate incidents. Along with this education, Pearl then markets these products very effectively. The results of these efforts became apparent when Pearl reported that applications for endorsed insurance products were up 29% for the first six months. COI feels that this is a very positive indication that the decision to hire Pearl as our broker several years ago was the correct one.

We had in depth discussions with New York Life and Pearl as to how we can make our plans more attractive to members and be competitive in the marketplace. Please stay tuned as we roll out new products to protect you and your business. Some of these products include a chronic care rider to our Annual Renewable Term Life insurance plan where an AAO member insured can receive a portion of insurance benefit while living to pay for nursing home care. Another product that will roll out later this year is a Critical Illness Insurance Plan that can pay benefits if insureds are stricken with cancer or other debilitating illnesses. We also are discussing small changes/additions to the life/disability plans to compete better with other insurance carriers. Watch for mailings or email notifications and, by all means, reach out to our Pearl agent, **Emily Laposha** ([emily.laposha@pearlinsurance.com](mailto:emily.laposha@pearlinsurance.com)), if you have questions.

One of the highlights of the meeting was a tour of the iconic New York Life building on Madison Avenue. The building was designed and built by Cass Gilbert. Some of you Minnesotans may recall that Cass Gilbert is also responsible for designing and building the Minnesota State Capitol in St. Paul.

Thanks for the opportunity to represent you on this important committee. Contact me with any questions.

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## **COUNCIL ON COMMUNICATIONS (COC)**

The AAO Council on Communications (COC) met in St. Louis on May 20-21, 2016.

### **Communications Audit**

An audit of AAO communications with its members and, to a lesser extent, communications with consumers, was recently performed. Communications were analyzed by an expert third-party, Crystal Clear Communications. A representative of the company presented its findings to the COC. Representatives of the AAO's advertising and public relations firms, Athorn, Clark & Partners and Visintine & Ryan Public Relations, respectively, were in attendance for the presentation via conference call.

Crystal Clear Communications is working with AAO staff to implement many of the audit's suggestions. In addition, the AAO Board of Trustees (BOT) is forming two committees relative to findings of the communications audit; some COC members will serve on those committees.

### **Patient Education Materials in Development**

The COC is working with staff to prepare a PowerPoint presentation about the dangers for orthodontic patients of drinking low pH beverages. The PowerPoint is expected to be used by AAO members or their staff when giving hygiene presentations at schools. An educational flier on the topic was released in early 2016 and can be downloaded from <https://www.aaoinfo.org/practice-management/patient-management/patient-education> (login required).

The COC is working on educational fliers about obstructed/constricted airways. Two versions will be created: one for the lay public, and one for healthcare professionals such as pediatricians.

Also in the works is a new animated video that will be offered to members for use in promoting themselves and their practices. The topic of the video is questions that parents/patients should ask the orthodontist before commencing treatment. The video will help educate the public about the educational qualifications of orthodontists and why selecting an orthodontist for orthodontic care benefits the consumer. If this video is well-received, the COC will consider producing more animated videos.

### **Consumer Awareness Program (CAP)**

A new vendor has been hired to conduct the AAO's market share tracking study, which measures the effectiveness of the AAO's Consumer Awareness Program. The COC is working with the vendor to gather a composite of actionable data including areas such as the potential market for orthodontics, orthodontists' share of the total market, and pertinent aspects of consumer behavior relative to seeking orthodontic treatment and seeking care from an orthodontist.

The BOT approved the Consumer Awareness Program media plan for the 2016-17 fiscal year, which began June 1, 2016. The expenditure for the year is \$5.9 million. Because the AAO audience makes use of digital media, the majority of this year's media buy (63 percent) is dedicated to purchasing presence in digital media, including the *Facebook* newsfeed. A smaller percentage of the media buy (37 percent) will purchase TV. In addition, rather than purchasing specific cable TV outlets, the media buy will take a "programmatic" approach, and buy the audience on a wide variety of cable networks and programs.

The COC also discussed use of *Facebook* for members' practices as a way to expand the AAO brand at the grassroots level.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

The COC meets monthly via telephone conference call.

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## **COUNCIL ON ORTHODONTIC EDUCATION (COE)**

The Midwestern Region AAO Program Directors' meeting will take place on Saturday morning, November 5, 2016, coincident with the MSO Annual Session at the Swissotel in Chicago. This will be my last meeting as Chair of the MSO Council on Education and we will be looking for an interested educator to take over the reins as Chair! It has been fun getting to better know everyone in the Midwestern region, as it has become evident that we all share much of the same challenges in our regional educational environments and our annual get-together certainly is helpful in learning from each other how we deal in different ways with similar problems. Please let me know about agenda items and topics of interest for our November meeting. One agenda/discussion item I would like to propose is discussion around how we all deal with ongoing budget cuts and dean's who see orthodontics increasingly as the "faculty cash cow."

In October 2015, I completed my two-year term as Chair of COE. Dr. **Scott Conley** has been appointed as the incoming Chair. The October 24, 2016 meeting in St. Louis will be my last meeting on the Council. It has been a great honor and enormous pleasure to serve the profession on this Council and I was able to meet many wonderful people who are now friends for life!

The SOE meeting in Orlando on Friday, April 29 proved to be another success as SOE grows from strength to strength. It was my year to serve as immediate past president and with incoming President Dr. **Richard Ballard** from LSU, our young society could not be in better hands.

Please diarize the MSO educators' meeting in Chicago in November and the SOE meeting in San Diego in 2017 and make plans on attending.

Best wishes and kind regards

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## **COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (COGA)**

The AAO Council on Governmental Affairs met at the Westin Washington, D.C. City Center June 13-15, 2016 in conjunction with the AAOPAC meeting. As during our last meeting in March, the primary focus of our Hill visits was to gain Senate support for the RAISE Act, which came out of COGA as a legislative priority for the AAO membership, our patients and our office staff. RAISE was introduced on the House floor February 27, 2015. Representatives **Steve Stivers** (R-OH) and **Michelle Grisham** (D-NM) championed the bill on behalf of the AAO. RAISE stands for Responsible Additions and Increases to Sustain Employee Health Benefits ACT of 2015. If signed into law, the bill would raise the cap on flexible spending accounts (FSA's) to \$5,000; allow for an additional \$500 per each dependent in a family after the first two, thus allowing larger families to elect more in FSA savings; and the bill would eliminate the "use it or lose it" provision, allowing employees to carry over unused sums from year to year without any limit. We are certain this bill could have a very large positive impact on our orthodontic profession, our practices and all associated industries by providing families with more tax-free income to devote to orthodontic care. The AAO sees the bill as one to allow consumers to make more informed choices when they are spending their healthcare dollars. The bill now has over 78 co-sponsors on a bipartisan basis in the House. Senator **Kelly Ayotte** (R-NH) has agreed to introduce the bill in the Senate later this summer.

We were excited to discover that during the time that COGA members were in Washington, the RAISE bill received a formal SCORE for cost. At a SCORE of \$153 million each year for 10 years, we will need to find the "pay for" and this is what our Legislators will research now that we know the cost basis of the bill. Receiving the SCORE was a huge step to determine how feasible the "pay for" will be. Also during our visit and dinner with Rep. **Eric Paulsen** (R-MN) he discussed a markup of eight bills, which offer relief to small businesses and families by giving them more options to save for future medical needs. These eight bills were to be brought before the House Committee on Ways and Means and marked up the following day after our dinner with Rep. Paulsen. The bills included H.R. 5445 from Rep. Paulsen, which would raise the contribution limits to Health Savings Accounts (HSA's). Recognizing the similarity of Rep. Paulsen's provision and the RAISE Act, this was a critical opportunity to enter into the record a statement in support of the RAISE Act. So Tuesday of our meeting, COGA and AAOPAC board members had a chance to meet directly with both Rep. Stivers and Rep. Paulsen. Rep Paulsen is also the architect of the Congressional effort to eliminate the medical device tax and he worked closely with the AAO on this issue, so after thanking him for his leadership on this important topic, AAO leaders spent time talking with Rep. Paulsen about the RAISE Act's potential for legislative action in the future, and the impact it would have on patients across the country.

Tuesday night's positive conversation lead the AAO to work Wednesday with the lead sponsor of the RAISE Act, Rep. Stivers to draft a statement which was entered into the

record by Rep. Paulsen during the markup of the other eight bills. H.R. 5445 on HSA's was reported out of the Ways and Means Committee and awaits further action in the House later this year. While RAISE is not yet that far along in the legislative process, these positive steps during the markup shows momentum continues to build for the FSA improvements contained in the bill. The AAO's advocacy efforts continue to make inroads with key leaders like Rep. Paulsen on tax issues and demonstrate once again the value that comes from defending the values of our profession in the public policy arena.

Arnold and Porter's Legislative Team provided a policy review, which included topic "Antitrust and Medical Boards." There have been five antitrust lawsuits against health licensing boards since the Supreme Court's decision on North Carolina Dental Board vs FTC. The Supreme Court ruled against the dental board in this case, which accused the board of illegally suppressing competition by restricting the use of teeth-whitening practices to licensed dental professionals. Teeth-whitening is not defined as the practice of dentistry in North Carolina, thus the Court ruled that the dental board did not have appropriate government oversight. The AAO continues to monitor this issue as many state boards are making changes to their dental practice act accordingly and subsequent to the ruling.

COGA reviewed the topic of "Non-covered Services" where certain limited-scope vision and dental plans require dentist and optometrists to charge specific rates for services and materials that are not covered by the plan. A House bill (H.R. 3323) has been introduced which prohibits non-covered services provisions in dental and vision plans and is endorsed by the American Dental Association and the American Optometric Association. The Council discussed whether this issue should be added to the AAO's legislative agenda and by unanimous vote COGA supported endorsement of H.R. 3323, the "Dental and Optometric Care (DOC) Access Act."

COGA further examined the Affordable Care Act (ACA) delays that were recently passed. Of importance to employers is the delay of the "Cadillac Tax" in which high cost, high deductible employer sponsored health coverage excise tax implementation is halted until 2020. We are continuing to thank our legislators for passing the Tax Extenders Package allowing for a moratorium on the Medical Device Tax through 2017. The Medical Device Tax is very unpopular overall in the legislative community and we, therefore, empowered our members of Congress to permanently repeal the tax beyond the current two-year delay. As we know the problem in repeal is the cost. For the two-year repeal a \$3.4 billion dollar price tag ensues and for the period of 2015 to 2025 a repeal of the tax increases the federal deficit by \$24.4 billion. The Senate's Medical Device Access and Innovation Protection Act, spearheaded by Senator **Orrin Hatch**, (R-UT) purpose is to amend the Internal Revenue Code, thus permanently repealing the excise tax on medical device manufacturers and importers. Rep. Paulsen, (R) from Minnesota championed the Medical Device Access and Innovation Protection Act in the House where it passed on June 20, 2015 with 282 co-sponsors.

Though our AAO legislative team feels full repeal of the ACA remains a difficult process, since so many of the initiatives have already been instituted, we continue to work for replacement of the unpopular Affordable Care Act. ACA replacement plan would most likely be headed by House Speaker **Paul Ryan** and would be riding on wins from the Omnibus/Tax Extenders Package and through Republicans continuing to push for full repeal and replacement.

We also reviewed with our legislators and COGA Board the President's 2017 Budget on Higher Education Plan which included provisions to protect and expand the Pell Grant Program; streamline the FAFSA Form and modernize and expand the Perkins Loan Program; change the Pay As You Earn (PAYE) repayment terms for student borrowers to 25-year forgiveness period for students who borrowed as graduate students and made qualifying payments; and plan for total repeal of student loan interest deduction to all new student borrowers.

Thus as our AAO members had visits on Capitol Hill, we explained to our legislators that the high cost of education in orthodontics and other dental specialties effectively prevents many current graduates from opening practices in rural and underserved communities. We note that COGA voted at our meeting in March to have the AAO endorse three bills that address "College Affordability and Student Debt" since this is the number one priority we hear from AAO New and Younger Members.

- H.R. 4223, the Protecting Our Students by Terminating Graduate Rates that Add to Debt (or Post Grad Act) would reinstate the in-school interest subsidy on graduate student loans. The lead sponsor is Rep. **Judy Chu** (D-CA) and has 17 other cosponsors. The bill is also endorsed by 14 organizations in health care and higher education.
- H.R. 509, the Student Loan Interest Deduction (or SLID) Act, would double the maximum allowable deduction to \$5000 and eliminate the income phase-out on deductions. Lead sponsor is Rep. **Charles Rangel** (D-NY) and has 58 other cosponsors. The American Dental Association, American Student Dental Association and a number of other organizations have endorsed the bill.
- H.R. 649, the Student Loan Refinancing Act would authorize borrowers under the Direct Loan Program to refinance their loans at a rate equal to the interest rate of such loans at the time of modification. It would also fix the rate for the life of the loan, unless the borrower chooses to modify again. Lead sponsor is Rep. **Mark Pocan** (D-WI) and has 40 other cosponsors. The American Dental Association also endorses this bill.

Arnold and Porter recommended that the AAO consider endorsing the year-round Pell Grant Program. COGA will be reviewing this during our next meeting.

The topic of small business taxes led to Council members discussing how personally this relates to each of them as small business owners:



- Members want to be able to sell their business in as simple of a way as possible without having to delineate between goodwill and assets.
- Reimbursement for healthcare now has to go through payroll, and they prefer it not.
- Desire for a healthcare system that allows members to offer employees affordable options.
- A policy that gives incentives to members to offer full-time employment instead of penalizing members for doing so.
- Depreciation schedules adjusted for small businesses.

AAO General Counsel **Kevin Dillard** as COGA staff liaison and **Sean Murphy**, the new AAO Assistant General Counsel have diligently worked on government issues such as assigning new Political Outreach Leaders (POL's) to each state and assisting states with developing a program to use their matching grant in the component \$1 million legal support fund. Mr. Murphy, along with AAO's recently hired Fundraising Firm of Republic Strategies have worked with states to help develop and manage their legislative networking and to assist each state with their Political Outreach Leader Campaign. Republic Strategies has indeed taken the AAO forward with their strategic plan for us, and knowledge that the most critical part of raising funds is to change the culture and make solid awareness of what we are doing at the Washington D. C. level. The AAO needs to make members aware of who we are supporting and why and what changes have to be made to emphasize why AAO Political Advocacy is important to each and every individual AAO member.

The Texas Association of Orthodontists was awarded a grant to help them with the issue of dentists in non-ADA recognized specialties that are requesting to be recognized as a specialist. The AAO continues to work with the Texas Board of Dentistry and the orthodontists after the ruling came down deeming it unconstitutional for the State Dental Boards to mandate that a state can only recognize a dental specialty recognized by the ADA. Federal Court ruled that the regulation is an unconstitutional restriction on free speech and prohibited its enforcement against the Plaintiffs. The decision by the Federal Court has been appealed to the 5th Circuit. Mr. Murphy has consulted with a law firm in Austin, who filed an Amicus Brief on behalf of the AAO, as well as the Texas groups for oral surgeons and pediatric dentists. In addition, a Texas lobbyist was hired to help formulate and promote a draft advertising regulation for consideration by the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, which would benefit and protect consumers.

We are watching these state-by-state concerns closely and now have funds available to assist if necessary. Each state will need to complete an application and explain their use for the funds and then AAO General Counsel and Assistant General Counsel will review the applications with COGA acting as advisor to the process. The AAO BOT approved

criteria for component applications for funding including: detailed information of the issue on which the component would like to lobby; proposed costs, along with a recommendation on which lobbying firm/lawyer the organization would like to retain and a schedule and mechanism for follow-ups to gauge success. COGA encourages each component and constituent organization and each individual AAO member to stay vigilant and abreast of legislative and legal concerns to which the AAO could corroborate and assist with.

The AAO Board of Trustees passed a motion at its February 2016 meeting that COGA be budgeted for one face-to-face meeting each year, and that its second meeting be held virtually. The Council feels that to be effective in its advocacy efforts, it is important to meet face-to-face twice each year. Since COGA and AAOPAC both attend the AAO's Professional Advocacy Conference, it would seem logical to hold COGA's second meeting in conjunction with AAOPAC just prior to the Advocacy Conference. The Council is presenting this recommendation to the Board of Trustees.

The 2017 Professional Advocacy Conference (PAC) Schedule was discussed by COGA and since the President's Elect Conference will not be held in conjunction this year, Council decided by consensus that Professional Advocacy Conference attendees would arrive on Monday, have the Conference run the full day Tuesday followed by a dinner/keynote speaker that evening and then departures would be following Capitol Hill visits on Wednesday. The date for the 2017 Advocacy Conference has not been finalized at this point, but is expected to be in March.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you through COGA. The AAO really does make a tremendous difference in Washington on behalf of our membership, our families and our patients.

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## **COUNCIL ON ORTHODONTIC HEALTH CARE (COHC)**

The COHC has continued working on issues related to access to orthodontic healthcare, insurance coding and third-party payer issues. The Council had a conference call on January 9, 2016. A face-to-face meeting in St. Louis is scheduled for July 9, 2016.

Adjudication and processing of orthodontic claims in cases of medical necessity continues to be a major focus of the COHC and the AAO. Discussions with payers on developing “best practices” for these claims have been positive, but progress has been slower than desired as the issue has many complicating factors. Parameters and metrics for a pilot study evaluating auto qualifiers established by the Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care Task Force are being developed and it is hoped that results from this pilot will be available in the near future. In the meantime, orthodontic claims for these cases will be adjudicated according to standards enacted by each individual insurance company, many of which have chosen to follow the Medicaid guidelines that are in effect in each state. Much more information on this subject can be found online at [aaoinfo.org](http://aaoinfo.org).

The ADA Code Maintenance Committee met in February 2016. The AAO did not propose any changes to codes at this session, although there were several orthodontic codes presented to the committee. Any approved changes will take effect in 2017. Check the AAO website for updates as they become available. As a reminder, the AAO has an excellent ICD-10 crosswalk available on the AAO website to help navigate the changing coding environment.

The AAO Donated Orthodontic Services program continues its nationwide expansion. AAO DOS in partnership with Dental Lifeline Network, the administrator of the Donated Dental Services program, has developed a very easy process for states and individual orthodontists to establish DOS programs in their states. Information can be found on the AAO website or by contacting **Ann Sebaugh** at the AAO.

Finally, I would again like to make a plug for the AAO Dental Benefits Advisory Service, which is staffed by **Ann Sebaugh**. The hotline is an excellent resource for members, especially with the changes to the Affordable Care Act and Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care. Ann is ready and willing to help so please use her services.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments.

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## **COUNCIL ON MEMBERSHIP, ETHICS AND JUDICIAL CONCERNS (COMEJC)**

At the constituent caucuses at the 2016 House of Delegates, there was considerable discussion regarding AAO membership categories. At present, Active (including a sub-category of Life Active), Affiliate, Academic, Student, Service, Retired, International, International Student and Honorary membership categories are recognized.

Conversation primarily focused on whether the requirement of being “in the primary practice of orthodontics” for Active Membership should be stricken from this category. Doing so would permit anyone who has completed the educational requirements for membership (completion of an ADA-recognized dental school graduate program), whether practicing orthodontics exclusively or not, to become Active Members of the AAO. This would effectively eliminate the need for an Affiliate Member category. Most recently, 17 individuals held Affiliate Membership with the AAO. The HOD determined that further study of this issue should take place and requested more information be available prior to the 2017 House.

During its annual meeting, COMEJC met via teleconference with **Jerry Jacobs, Esq.**, considered a leading authority regarding association law. Mr. Jacobs presented a concise evaluation of the AAO’s *Principles Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*, including its integrated processes and made recommendations for revisions to improve AAO documents and remove potential conflicts with Federal laws and agencies. COMEJC has taken Mr. Jacobs’ recommendations under advisement and is working with the AAO’s legal department in hopes of preparing proposed revisions of the Association’s Ethics documents for consideration by the 2017 House of Delegates.

Life Active Membership in the AAO may be achieved upon completion of at least 30 years of Active Membership and attaining age 65 or greater. In recognition of their demonstrated commitment to Association membership, COMEJC has designed a Life Active Membership lapel pin and is finalizing procedures for sharing further appreciation for the dedication these individuals have shown to the Association during their many years of membership.

Please contact me at any time if I might be of help with regard to membership concerns or answer questions about the Association’s *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*.

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## **Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM)**

The 2016 Annual Meeting of the Council on New and Young Members (CONYM) was held in Indian Wells, Calif., prior to the AAO Midwinter Meeting. CONYM representation at various meetings throughout the dental profession remains strong as council members were present at the annual sessions for the American Student Dental Association (ASDA), American Dental Education Association (ADEA), American Dental Association (ADA) New Dentist Conference, the New Orthodontist/Resident Conference, as well as at GORP. The committee remains committed to the education and advancement of both new and young dentists and orthodontists.

An exciting venture that CONYM is actively aiding with is the implementation of an electronic mentoring program. This program would serve as a conduit between youth and experience to facilitate a mentor-mentee relationship that would take place via multiple media including an online web portal, virtual chats (i.e. Skype) and telephone. Mentees will be able to search and select potential mentors based on discussion areas of mutual interest including geographic area of practice, clinical preferences and practice management guidance, among other areas. Establishing a sound, viable mentorship channel is an endeavor that the AAO deems vital to the success of young graduates and is committed to its successful launch and execution. Look for more information in the coming months as the AAO will be actively recruiting participants to help to see this program through to fruition.

Additionally, CONYM sponsored a *New Orthodontist/Resident Conference* as part of the 2016 AAO Annual Session in Orlando. Dr. **Eric Ploumis**, practicing orthodontist and attorney, served as the keynote speaker and there were a number of table clinics offered covering an array of topics. This was a very informative and interactive session for all who attended.

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## **COUNCIL ON ORTHODONTIC PRACTICE (COOP)**

The Council met via conference call on October 29, 2015 and at the AAO Central Office in St. Louis on November 14, 2015.

At the 2016 Annual Session, the Practice Transition Seminar was held on Friday, April 29. The speakers were **Ken Alexander, Scott McDonald, Dr. Eric Ploumis and Roger Hill**. Approximately 120 doctors attended, with an equal mix of residents & new members and doctors selling practices.

Also at the 2016 Annual Session, the AAO Career Fair was held on May 21, following the New Orthodontist and Resident Conference. The Career Fair is an opportunity for job providers and job seekers to learn about the current orthodontic job market. These two events provide advanced cross-marketing opportunities with COOP's 2016 Annual Session Practice Transition Seminar.

The Practice Opportunities Service is available to all AAO members, whether looking to sell or buy a practice, or looking for an associate or associateship. This is an extremely valuable member benefit, so if you are looking to make a practice transition, be sure to visit the POS page on the AAO member website or use the AAO app.

COOP is still working with the Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns to look into patient abandonment and developing AAO policy related, but not limited to assisting the public and dealing with AAO member repercussions.

I am extremely honored to have been appointed as the 2016-17 Chair of COOP and will certainly do my best to serve the MSO and the AAO. I would like to thank COOP's previous chair, Dr. **Michael Sherman** (GLAO), who ably served as chair from 2014-16, and worked tirelessly for the benefit of the AAO and its members.

Finally, COOP's next face-to-face meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2016 in St. Louis. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (COSA)

COSA held a meeting on April 29, 2016 at the AAO Annual Session to review COSA members' assignments for the 2016 Annual Session. During Annual Session, COSA members judged 40 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations and 64 Table Clinic presentations. COSA members moderated 28 Oral Research presentations and the Hellman, Sicher and Graber lectures. In addition, 446 E-Posters were available for viewing during Annual Session.

The 2016 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award winners were:  
Basic Science Research

First Place: **Negin Katebi** – Harvard School of Dental Medicine; Research titled: *Anthrax Receptor 1 and Its Role in Craniofacial Growth and Development*

Second Place: **Lauren Van Gemert** – Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry; Research titled: *Osseous Boundaries of the Regional Acceleratory Phenomenon with Micro-osteoperforations (MOPs)*

Third Place: **Huiyan Guan** – State University of New York, Buffalo; Research titled: *A Nano-scaffold with BMP2 Genetically Engineered Stem Cells Promotes Vascularized Bone Formation*

Clinical Research

First Place: **Melissa Alfonso** – University of Florida; Research titled: *Orthodontic Tooth Movement with Aligners Using the AcceleDent® Aura Device in Adults*

Second Place: **Doreen Ng** – University of Sydney; Research titled: *The Effect of Low-Level Laser Therapy on Orthodontic Root Resorption and Pain*

Third Place: **Tingxi Wu** – University of California, Los Angeles; Research titled: *Managing Orthodontic Bracket Induced Plaque Formation and Associated Oral Diseases*

The 2016 Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award for Table Clinics winners were:

**Michael Segall** – Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program Uniformed Services of the Health Sciences; Research titled: *Shear Bond Strength of Adhesive-Coated Metal Brackets to Zirconia Conditioned with Various Primers*



**Mathieu Laramée** – Université de Montréal; Research titled: *Could Oxygen Saturation Variation Be Associated to Sleep Bruxism in a Healthy Pediatric Population - A Preliminary Report*

**Angela McNeight** – University of Florida; Research titled: *The Effect of Vibration and Clear Aligner Treatment on GCF Biomarker Levels*

Applications are being accepted for the 2017 Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit. Applications for these awards can be found on the 2017 Annual Session website - click on the Awards and Competition tab: <https://www.aaoinfo.org/meetings/2017-annual-session>. Only the online application will be accepted for these awards. The application deadline is 6:00pm EDT on October 1, 2016.

COSA will be accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and E-Posters at the 2017 AAO Annual Session starting the first week of August 2016. The application deadline is 6:00pm EDT on October 15, 2016.

COSA will be accepting online applications for the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award presentations at the 2017 AAO Annual Session starting the first week of January 2017. The first forty residents who apply for the program are accepted. The application deadline has been changed to 6:00pm EST on February 15, 2017.

The 2016-2017 members of COSA are:

- Dr. **Jeffrey Nickel**, chair (MSO)
- Dr. **David Covell** (PCSO)
- Dr. **Frans Currier** (SWSO)
- Dr. **Jeff Erickson** (RMSO)
- Dr. **Sylvia Frazier-Bowers** (SAO)
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COSA's next meeting will be January 6, 2017 via video conferencing.

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