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Bill DeKock receives Brophy Award

The James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award is presented annually by the AAO to someone who, in the judgment of the award committee, has made significant contributions to orthodontics in addition to other valuable and devoted services to the AAO and its members. The recipient of the 2005 award was Dr. **William H. DeKock**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. There is no one who has served the world of orthodontics more than Dr. DeKock.

Bill received his dental and orthodontic education at the University of Iowa, completing his orthodontic training in 1967 and then setting up practice in Cedar Rapids. He has been involved in organized dentistry, serving as president of the Linn County Dental Society from 1976-1977 and as a consultant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation from 1980 to 1984.



Margie and Bill DeKock

Bill's relationship with the MSO and AAO started when he served as the Iowa director to the MSO from 1974 to 1978, then going through the officer chairs, serving as MSO president in 1980-81. During this period, he served in the AAO House of Delegates from 1975-1985.

From 1985-1996 Bill was on the Board of Trustees of the AAO, serving as AAO president in 1994-1995. As

we all well know, in this period of service to both the MSO and the AAO, an inordinate amount of time is spent on committees, in meetings and in other efforts to enhance our specialty. In 1987 he served on the AAO committee preparing the documentation and material for the American Dental Association leading to the recertification of orthodontics as a specialty.

In addition, Bill was a member of the Board of Directors of the Iowa Dental Alumni Association from 1980-1984 and recently served as a member of the committee developing the database of the dental profession for the state of Iowa. Throughout this period he has been a part-time member of the orthodontic faculty at the University of Iowa for nearly forty years.

Of all the projects that Bill has undertaken, none has been as impressive as his efforts to bring together orthodontists from all over the world to form the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO). With the help of Dr. **Lee W. Graber**, Bill was successful in getting 69 organizations from 62 countries to sign the charter of the WFO in May 1995, in San Francisco during the AAO Annual Session. The charter was signed in the Herbst Theatre, the same place where the Charter of the United Nations had been signed 50 years earlier.

Today there are 100 organizations from over 97 countries, and 6,508 orthodontists from around the world have become fellows of the WFO. Bill served as chairman of the organizing committee of the WFO from 1993-1995, then as its first president from 1995-2000 and as the Secretary-General since 2000.

“When I began serving on the AAO Board of

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President's Report

Normally the president's message is one of information, reflection, pontification, praise or thanks. This one is very different and important. The topic is the educational crisis we face, its history, the severity of the problem and a few suggested solutions. More importantly, the thoughts presented are from the educators since no one can better articulate the problem than the educators themselves.

Some of the chairs who spoke to me personally were Drs. **Leslie Will, Peter Spalding, Brent Larson and Katherine Kula**. Others communicated to me via e-mail. Words used to describe the problem were "crisis," "disaster," "deplorable" and "tragedy." They did not speak in words of self-pity but rather deep frustration and discouragement. All expressed the fact that this calamity dates back to the 1970s with the withdrawal of federal and state funds and that their admonitions and warnings for the most part went unheeded.

Of all graduate orthodontic programs in the U.S., 35% report they have at least one vacant faculty position. Faculty annual income is less than 50% of private practitioners; they work an average 25% more hours per week and income per hour for full-time faculty was less than 1/3 that of their private-practice colleagues. In addition, faculty perceived that they experienced more stress, encountered



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more bureaucracy, received less respect and had a more difficult time achieving board certification than did private practitioners. In one article about the loss of faculty, fifteen factors were raised affecting their decision to leave, but three were the most important. For full-time faculty it was salary, financial support for the department and control over work or destiny; for part-time faculty it was the challenge of private practice, family commitments and personal. The major problem is salary. Some other problems are time constraints and control over the work environment — choice of atmosphere, instruments, lab equipment, etc.

Tenure is seen as a hurdle by many educators as a goal out of reach. Research is required at most schools as part of the university system and this requires many long hours. Some, but not all universities, allow private intramural practice by the faculty. Even when they do, there may be inadequate space, untrained staff, logistical problems,

orders not placed, etc. In addition, the dental school may not be located in an ideal area for a busy and efficient practice.

Research is done quite often by full-time orthodontic educators. Grants may be needed for this, but time is needed to write grants, perform the research, publish and then write more grants. Without enough faculty to teach or carry out the administrative work, grant writing is almost impossible.

In spite of all these discouraging factors, these dedicated people continue to stay the course and find deep satisfaction in what they do. They continue to produce products that we are glad to call our colleagues. But this is rapidly eroding and we are in danger of producing glorified preceptors driven and controlled by corporate powers with a vested economic interest.

If this continues, educators will leave their jobs. Less research will be done because educators, being understaffed, will have no time to engage in scholarly activities (which is already happening as seen in journal submissions). To take the load off, programs will take fewer students or may close.

Every year at the AAO Annual Session we have many of the most esteemed orthodontists talk about the great specialty of orthodontics and that we have the best job in the world. This will quickly become a dull memory unless our educational programs are strengthened.

Action is needed NOW!

Some of the solutions recommended were:

- Increase salaries for full-time orthodontic educators.
- Allow, if not already in place, extramural practices.
- Establish endowments for department chairs and other faculty.
- Encourage adequately staffed orthodontic programs to facilitate research.
- Consider recognizing all full-time faculty as AAOF donors because of the sacrifice they make in salary for their service.
- Financially support your orthodontic program.
- Every human being needs support and recognition.

Make sure these people get it. (*please see page 17*)

At the last House of Delegates two resolutions were passed. One was to establish scholarships to fund post-graduate education for orthodontic educators and, secondly, to eliminate the registration fee at the annual session for junior faculty. A significant resolution that was tabled until next year because of its many complexities was to supplement full-time faculty salaries by raising dues on an annual basis of approximately \$231 per member. The concept was supported by the delegates and will be discussed next spring after additional details are researched and outlined.

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Trustee's Report

In previous columns I have discussed the governance of the AAO and that policies of our organization are made by our House of Delegates. Each of the eight constituent organizations sends representatives to the House with the number of each delegation based on the number of active members. Alternate delegates are allowed as well and, in the case of the MSO, these members cycle on and off the floor of the House depending on the issues being discussed. This year, the MSO delegation again was led by **Brent Larson** as chair and **Steve Marshall** as vice-chair along with **Paula Harre**, **Arnie Hill**, **Mike Hipp**, **Mike Inda**, **John Kanyusik**, **Steve Litton** and **Jackie Miller**. We were ably assisted by our Executive Director, **Kristi Burmeister**, whose planning, organization and input during the meeting was invaluable to our overall success. When you see any of these colleagues, give them a big THANKS!

The delegates arrived in San Francisco two days early to participate in the continuing review of the 70-plus resolutions presented to the 2005 House. Some of the issues were reviewed at Ad Interim in March. MSO resolutions this year included a successful effort to mark off time in the schedule at the annual session for alumni receptions, unopposed by any other major meeting function.

In addition, there were resolutions presented on evidence-based dentistry, access to care (the Virginia Brown Foundation), performance evaluations of the Board of Trustees, evaluation of our Washington lobbyist, yellow book advertising, revision of our AAO *Principles of Ethics*, honorary membership, ADA Codes, investment of excess funds in faculty support, distance education, Internet 2, dental assistant distance education and the AAO budget. The broad scope was reflective of the breadth of programs supported by the AAO.

This was the year where what did not happen in the House of Delegates was almost as important as what did happen. There was a resolution to help support orthodontic faculty with an allocation of \$2 million to be provided for full-time academic faculty. In writing background for this resolution, AAO President **Mel DeSoto** discussed the crisis in orthodontic education today and the need for something to be done NOW to start assisting our educators. This proposed resolution could supplement the annual pay of 50 faculty members by \$40,000 each or 100 by \$20,000 each and, possibly, double that if matched by the orthodontic alumni associations. There is no assumption that this alone will solve the faculty shortage, but in conjunction with intramural practice, distance learning, use of retired members, etc., it could alleviate the current crisis. It would require a \$231 dues increase to generate approximately \$2 million, a cost of less than \$20 a month to make a meaningful difference in recruitment and retention of orthodontic

faculty. "If we do not do it, who will?" wrote DeSoto.

This resolution has been referred to a committee to refine the details of the plan, but it undoubtedly will be brought back next spring in New Orleans. There was much support for the resolution with the background of the

problems we have seen in orthodontic education over the past years. Please let your MSO representatives know your feelings. Bottom line, are you willing to pay an additional \$231 in AAO dues to help support education?

The second major issue was an announcement by the Council on Communications of a year-long project to educate AAO members on a new public awareness campaign. Please see the COC report by Dr. **Kevin Horner** for more information and voice your views to him directly.

The new AAO Washington Legislative Consultant is Patton-Boggs, a firm that is generally recognized as one of the top legal/lobbying firms in Washington, D.C. Patton-Boggs regularly works with staff on the executive, congressional and agency sides of government. We believe all the bases will be covered for the AAO.

I encourage you to read the material on the ABO. There has been a sea change in the manner in which certification and recertification will be handled in the future. All AAO members have an opportunity to be board certified—and the process could not be more straight-forward.

It will be only a few years before we will be looking for another individual to replace me on the Board of Trustees as I, hopefully, have the opportunity to move into an officer position. If you have interest in this position, please contact me directly. I would be more than happy to answer any questions that you might have.

The AAO Bulletin has articles that continually update you on issues germane to you and your practice. Also review the Council reports in this newsletter – they are written by your fellow MSO members as our representatives to these working groups. If you have specific questions or suggestions, please contact them. Also, feel free to contact me with questions, concerns, and/or suggestions so I may better represent you on the Board of Trustees.

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Membership Report

Current Membership – June 15, 2005

Active Members	994
Affiliate Members	7
Associate Members	27
Retired Members	273
Total Members	1,301

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	355
Iowa	82
Manitoba	22
Minnesota	158
Missouri	156
Nebraska	46
North Dakota	12
South Dakota	18
Wisconsin	145

Deceased Members

William S. Brandhorst – St. Louis, Missouri
(Bill was president of the MSO in 1978)
James G. Schaus – Arnold, Missouri
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W. Craig Humphreys – Moline, Illinois
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*Membership data from December 2, 2004 to June 15, 2005.

News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **Michael Zakula**, Hibbing, Minnesota, for receiving the Robert Beerhalter Award from Northeastern District Dental Society.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Bernard Schneider**, Chicago, Illinois, for receiving the Illinois Society of Orthodontists Teacher of the Year Award.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Stephen Litton**, Golden Valley, Minnesota, for being selected as the 2005 Guest of Honor of the Minneapolis District Dental Society.
- Congratulations to Drs. **James Miller**, University of Minnesota, **Luciana Miranda Van Westin** and **Samir Bishara**, University of Iowa, and **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeff Nickel**, University of Nebraska, for receiving AAOF awards.
- Congratulations to the following for participating in the

- 2005 Orthodontic Resident/Student Scholars Program in San Francisco: Drs. **Suzanne Bird**, University of Missouri - Kansas City; **Nanci Lara Oliveira**, University of Illinois; **Nancy Luong**, University of Minnesota; **Anthony MacIsaac**, Mayo Clinic; **Marina Milstein**, University of Manitoba; and **Luciana Van Westin**, University of Iowa. Dr. Oliveira was the winner in her category (*see UIC article on page 19*).
- Congratulations to Drs. **John C. Ford**, Winnetka, Illinois; **John L. Schuler**, Peoria, Illinois; and **Charles B. Thornton**, Lake St. Louis, Missouri, upon their induction into the American College of Dentists.
 - Congratulations to Drs. **Robert A. Arnold**, Watertown, South Dakota; **David W. Feuerhahn**, Cape Girardeau,

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Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenses

Actual 2004, Actual as of May 17, 2005

Budget 2005, Budget 2006

Income:	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Budget 2005	Budget 2006
401 Membership Fees	114,352.00	15,668.50	130,00.00	135,000.00
402 Applicant Fees	720.00	330.00	900.00	900.00
403 Interest	2,441.27	1,997.45	2,500.00	4,500.00
410 Annual Session Income	<u>426,657.01</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>3,000.00</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$544,170.28</u>	<u>\$18,995.95</u>	<u>\$136,400.00</u>	<u>\$155,400.00</u>
Expenses:	Actual 2004	Actual 2005	Budget 2005	Budget 2006
501 President's Expense Reimbursement	250.00	0.00	250.00	250.00
502 President-Elect's Expense Reimbursement	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
503 Secretary/Treasurer's Expense Reimburse.	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
503A Newsletter Editor's Expense Reimburse.	200.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
504 Printing, Copies and By-Laws	1,871.64	1,223.58	1,000.00	1,200.00
505 Postage	810.36	177.17	1,400.00	500.00
506 Administrative Office	74,804.00	25,768.00	78,000.00	82,000.00
507 Executive Secretary Travel/Hotel	2,370.64	1,226.04	4,500.00	2,500.00
508 Phone	761.94	537.77	500.00	1,100.00
509 Supplies	631.33	0.00	500.00	500.00
510 Bank Fees/Miscellaneous	473.10	328.40	750.00	850.00
511 Fidelity Bond & Liability Insurance	1,044.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,100.00
512 Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance	2,931.67	0.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
513 Dues Billing Charges	933.00	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
515 AAO Delegation—Meeting	1,067.84	0.00	750.00	1,100.00
516 AAO Delegation—Per Diem	1,040.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
517 AAO Delegation—Travel/Hotel	8,874.80	0.00	10,000.00	14,000.00
519 AAO Foundation	225.00	0.00	250.00	1,000.00
520 MSO Ad Interim—Meeting/Council	2,606.19	53800	3,000.00	3,000.00
521 MSO Ad Interim—Per Diem	1,040.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
522 MSO Ad Interim—Travel/Hotel	9,462.79	6,367.74	8,500.00	8,000.00
524 Accountant	3,015.16	2,500.00	3,000.00	4,000.00
525 Recognition Awards	560.14	494.70	500.00	600.00
526 Newsletter	7,558.10	3,729.92	8,500.00	8,500.00
528 MSO Annual Session—Per Diem	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
529 MSO Annual Session—Travel/Hotel	6,067.27	0.00	14,000.00	8,000.00
530 Executive Committee Contingency	42.56	398.23	100.00	100.00
531 AAO Leadership Conference	7,963.88	974.59	3,000.00	4,000.00
534 President's Reception Fund (2003)	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
536 GORP Contribution	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
539 Student/Educator Grants	2,575.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
542 Web Site	-	-	-	5,000.00
600 Annual Session Expenses	<u>335,281.66</u>	<u>2,436.07</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$478,402.07</u>	<u>\$47,700.21</u>	<u>\$145,900.00</u>	<u>\$155,200.00</u>
Net Income	\$65,768.21	-\$28,704.26	-\$9,500.00	\$200.00

Cash Assets – As of June 14, 2005

Checking/Investment Accounts		President's Reception Fund	
Money Market	\$162,399.44	Money Market	\$5,626.59
CDs	\$80,093.00	Treasury Note	<u>\$3,753.00</u>
Mutual Fund Portfolio	<u>\$45,923.00</u>	Subtotal	\$9,379.59
Subtotal	\$288,415.44		
		Total Cash Assets	\$297,795.03

AAO Council Reports

These reports are submitted by MSO's representative on each of these councils.

Council on Communications

COC will meet on July 22-23, 2005, in St. Louis.

In the upcoming year the Council, in consultation with COIT, will be reviewing the design and content of the AAO public Web site, www.braces.org, in an effort to improve the site's value and ease of use.

COC also will be working with Schupp Co., a St. Louis advertising firm, to educate the AAO membership about the potential benefits of a consumer awareness program. This campaign is being developed to provide information and motivation to those people who make decisions to seek orthodontic care. The goal is to increase awareness of orthodontic care and, thereby, encourage individuals to seek the services of an AAO member.

The company has done some initial surveying and will test the message and format on the public and make evaluations before coming back to next year's House of Delegates. The initial plan calls for the use of media in all forms, including television spots. It is estimated that the per member cost of this program would be approximately \$450 per year, which would be paid through an assessment over a number of years.

If you have any questions about this program or any other issues, please feel free to contact me.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

COGA met in February in Washington, D.C. A number of actions were taken by the Council.

The Council held three VIP events with Senators **Rick Santorum** (R-PA) and **Orrin Hatch** (R-UT) and Representative **Bill Thomas** (R-CA).

By direction of the Board of Trustees, all future letters regarding partisan communications in states where there will be a close election will encourage AAO members to take the candidate's stance on issues into consideration when voting, as opposed to directly advocating the election or defeat of a candidate.

The Council recommended to the Board of Trustees that the Indigent Care Program, currently in a trial run with members of COGA and the AAOPAC, be expanded to

all AAO members in Florida.

The Council recommended to the Board of Trustees that the AAO send a letter to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that requests consideration of certain issues relative to orthodontics as they relate to the agency's "Guidelines for Infection Control in Dental Health Care Setting-2003." Additionally, the Council requested that the CapWiz site be utilized in order to publicize the issue and the AAO's actions to the membership.

It was determined that COGA should become more active in monitoring state activity and recommended that a questionnaire be sent to component presidents prior to all future COGA meetings. The letter will ask for input as to issues on the component level that are of concern to orthodontists, and the responses will be discussed on a case-by-case basis by the Council.

The Council discussed several issues that arose during the AAO's 2005 Leadership Conference regarding the monitoring of regulation and legislation at the state and national levels. As a result, the Council recommended to the Board of Trustees that if AAO members are running for public office at the state legislative or executive level, that the AAO send "partisan communications" to all members encouraging them to support those running and contribute to their campaigns, if possible.

The Board briefly discussed the ADA's Council minutes and determined that while there is nothing of immediate concern, they should be included in all future COGA agenda books. The Council also directed the chair to attend the 2005 ADA Governmental Affairs Conference.

The next few meetings of the Council will be July 2005, spring and September 2006, February and July 2007.

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Council on Information Technology

The AAO has offered to provide a new, single template design to constituents, components and related organizations. Four constituents, including MSO, are interested and several component societies also have expressed interest. The constituents will be given first priority. The template was developed by the California Association of Orthodontists as part of a pilot program with the AAO.

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A Council subcommittee is working with the "Orthodontist as CEO" Conference Planning Committee for 2006 to plan a three-hour technology session as part of the Conference. The Council's proposed stand-alone technology conference will be scheduled for early 2008, with a venue to be determined.

The AAO member Web site was redesigned and went live on January 28, 2005. Refinements and additions will continue as planned and needed. The AAO calendar now displays current events on the member home page. The new member site includes an easier-to-use and upgraded discussion forum system.

The AAO has upgraded its free e-mail account service, FreE.mail. The newest version is a secure, encrypted e-mail system that conforms to the privacy standards required by HIPAA. An Online Practice Management Software Users Discussion Forum has been designed to serve as an independent user group for all AAO members to discuss practice management software issues and exchange information.

The Orthodontic Locator Upgrade provides additional information about members as well as an updated mapping service. Mapping services have been added to the member Web site for assistance in patient transfers, etc.

An online testing system for the *AJO/DO* monthly CE is a version of the test that appears in each issue of the *AJO/DO*. Members earn 3 hours of CE credit with each test. The new online test is convenient and automates what was a manual, time-consuming staff process.

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Council on Insurance

The Council on Insurance continues to review all AAO-approved insurance plans and to make recommendations for action by the Board of Trustees to continue the record of strength and viability enjoyed by all insurance products offered to AAO members. The AAO Professional Liability Program, underwritten by the AAO Insurance Company, is currently utilized by 49% of eligible AAO members and is experiencing favorable growth with 70% of the eligible new graduates beginning practice in the U.S. entering the program.

The AAO Life and Health Program, administered by the New York Life Insurance Company, has experienced an overall acceptable loss ratio, particularly favorable in the term life and disability plans. Unfortunately, the Group

Health Plan has incurred a substantially poorer loss experience. As a result, New York Life recommended a 19% premium increase. However, given the strong reserve position of the Health and Life Program, COI recommended to the Board of Trustees to approve a 15% premium increase in all traditional medical plans and a 7% increase in medical-HSA plans.

There are other noteworthy insurance products AAO members should consider in their personal, family and practice risk management, such as the AAO Business Office Package, Long-Term Care Quotes Service and Employment Practices Liability Insurance. The Medical Benefits Center of JLT Services, the broker-administrator of AAO insurance plans, is available to members who reside in the ten states in which the AAO Medical Plan through New York Life is not available. The Medical Benefits Center provides quotes for employees of members on a small-group basis.

In a related matter, COI recommended the Board of Trustees approve the utilization of HSAfinder.com by those members purchasing HSA-qualified medical insurance through the AAO program to search for an institution for opening an HSA savings account.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council met in St. Louis on January 8 and by conference call on March 23.

The major revision of the *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* has been completed and was approved by the House of Delegates in May. Another topic that has been discussed over a number of years is the issue of dues for Canadian members. After much discussion about the merits of basing dues on services used by Canadian members, it was decided to set their dues at 80% of the current applicable member classification.

A survey is being developed for current, former and those who have never been International members of the AAO. There also has been some discussion about a members' needs survey, last done in 2000.

A COMEJC subcommittee is working with COC and CONYM to revise the manual and process of informing residents of the benefits of membership in the AAO. A committee of the BOT, which includes members of

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COMEJC, is working on revising the entire application process including the form, fees, etc. Also, we have begun to look at issues of treatment techniques as listed in the membership directory, both in the print form and online.

Ethics cases are being processed as necessary.

If you have any concerns or ideas about membership issues, please be sure to contact me.

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Council on New and Younger Members

The Council had a face-to-face meeting at the Early Treatment Conference in January. Planning committees were established for the 2006 and 2007 annual sessions.

Subcommittees stressing intercouncil communication and networking, namely COMEJC and COOP, presented their reports. Drs. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** and **Tanya Stavisky**, as representatives to COMEJC, have been actively revising and fine tuning the AAO's introduction and practice transition DVD and new member manual. Additional task forces were established focusing on what visitors to training programs and GORP need to impart to the residents about the AAO.

Dr. **Craig Willis** was appointed as the CONYM representative to COOP in preparation for the 2006 "Orthodontist as CEO" seminar. Dr. **Andrea Laidlaw** will attend the 2005 GORP meeting. Listservs and discussion boards will be established so that residents and new and younger members may begin group discussions and interactions. *NYMO*, the online newsletter, will have many new informative articles written by council members as well as guest authors. Also, the concept of a new and younger member Web page within the AAO Web site was suggested.

The 4th Annual New and Younger Member Lunch and Learn was another great success at the 2005 Annual Session in San Francisco. Mr. **John Van Leeuwen** presented guidelines for newer professionals regarding investing and debt management, and Ms. **Char Eash** gave advice in establishing office and staff systems for an efficient new and growing practice. A panel discussion Q&A with both speakers and several council members wrapped up the luncheon.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The COHC met via teleconference in April.

The AAO Board of Trustees has directed COHC to research and recommend programs that provide access to quality orthodontic healthcare in underserved or impoverished communities. The Donated Dental Services program has been endorsed by the ADA, and it is recommended that the AAO join the ADA in its endorsement. Final decision by both parties will be reached in the fall of 2005.

Joining April's COHC teleconference were Dr. **Kelly Toombs** and Mr. **Tom Brown**, representing the Virginia Brown Foundation. Their organization has created the *Smiles Change Lives* program which has been very successful in Florida and Kansas. This program raises funds to provide quality orthodontic care to qualified patients. Referrals are made to the program by dentists, physicians, schools and social programs and are based on orthodontic/dentofacial orthopedic problems as well as financial need. Member orthodontists agree to accept a specific, limited number of patients at a reduced fee.

The *Smiles Change Lives* program is effective, and COHC recommends consideration for endorsement by the AAO. Certain aspects need to be studied such as doctor liability, fundraising, adjunct procedures (preventive care, extractions, surgery) and general dentists performing orthodontic treatment on behalf of the program. Information is available at www.smileschangelives.org.

The complex issue of third-party involvement for payment of orthodontic services is an ongoing topic for COHC. Issues under discussion included temporary anchorage devices (implants), surgical ligation of palatally impacted canines and sleep apnea appliances. When filed with the patient's insurance company as orthodontic procedures, they reduce the coverage available for true orthodontic services.

COHC plans to meet at AAO headquarters in July.
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Council on Orthodontic Education

COE met in March 2005 at the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) meeting in Baltimore and

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sponsored a luncheon for dental school deans. The program for the deans covered the potential uses of Internet2 in the quest to alleviate faculty shortages and the results of a survey of orthodontic departments' clinical software uses and problems.

The COE-sponsored Coenraad F. A. Moorrees Education Leadership Conference was held on May 20 at the AAO meeting in San Francisco. The program was organized by Drs. **Robert Keim** and **George Cisneros**. The speakers were Drs. **Bill Harrell** on digital photography, **Will Engilman** and **Wallace Hannum** on applications of Internet2 and **Carla Evans** on management software used by orthodontic departments. The new ABO certification/recertification process and the status of the Phase II exam were discussed by Drs. **Jerry English** and **Peter Greco**. Next year's Educators meeting will be named for Dr. **Jacob D. Subtelny**.

COE submitted a proposal that \$300,000 be allocated to develop an Internet2-based pilot program with a methodology that will allow accredited graduate orthodontic programs to share faculty resources. The orthodontic programs at North Carolina, Louisville and Ohio State will develop an interactive, Internet2 distance learning program that will allow the sharing of scarce faculty resources among all orthodontic departments.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

The Council met in February in St. Louis.

COOP sponsored the annual Transition/CEO Conference at the AAO Annual Session in May. This program, given by **John McGill**, incorporated both practice transition and "Orthodontist as CEO" concepts. The audio portion of the meeting may still be available through AAO. The Practice Transition Conference for the 2006 Annual Session in New Orleans will be April 28. This also will be a full-day, ticketed program and a sub-committee is developing the speaker and topics for this conference.

COOP also sponsored S.T.A.R.T. (Staff Training: Advancing & Renewing Teams) in conjunction with the 2005 Annual Session. It is designed to teach senior staff, who are assigned training responsibilities, advanced methods in the development, application and evaluation of training techniques for new staff. Drs. **Chuck Wear** and **DeWayne McCamish** lead the subcommittee that worked

with **Lori Garland Parker** and **Debbie Best** who have been with this program for several years. The next S.T.A.R.T. program will be held in New Orleans in 2006.

An advanced version of "Orthodontist as CEO" will be held on February 9-12, 2006, in Scottsdale, Arizona, at the beautiful Westin Kierland Resort. This improved/modified version will take place three years after the initial "Orthodontist as CEO." MSO members should watch for announcements for this meeting and try to register early.

A subcommittee will be reviewing periodically the various forms which are provided to members, i.e. health history, transfer, etc. The subcommittee has reviewed the child and adult health history forms and the consent form, which had input from COOP and AAOIC. COOP also has developed a supplemental history form to assist in providing better care for special needs patients.

COOP, with excellent guidance from Dr. **Mary Barkley**, has designed a brochure to assist orthodontists in educating their patients, both teenagers and adults, about the dangers of tobacco use. It can be very helpful for orthodontists and staff to influence patients to refrain from smoking or to initiate a smoking cessation program. Orthodontists who treat adult smokers without discussing periodontal implications are at higher risk of facing medicolegal problems if bone loss occurs during tooth movement.

Currently, many orthodontists send treatment requests to the general dentist and do not receive return correspondence that the treatment has been completed. The orthodontist may assume it was and proceed with treatment and run into more advanced problems because of this lack of communication "follow-through." COOP has provided a simple method to encourage the general dentist to provide correspondence confirming the completion of the requested dental procedures.

We have selected an "editor," **Jim Braibish**, who will aid a subcommittee in formatting and researching various elements to create a successful office design manual that will be available on AAO's Web site with links to orthodontic suppliers. Any MSO members currently needing information on office design may want to request a copy of ADA's Office Design Manual.

Dr. **Robin Jackson** is the Chair of the joint subcommittee with COC that will create a series of educational CDs which orthodontists could use to help educate general dentists and hygienists. The theme will be professional teamwork to bring to patients the best that dentistry can offer through interdisciplinary treatment planning.

I would like to thank the MSO for giving me the opportunity to serve on COOP for the past eight years. We are fortunate to now have Dr. **Brian Jespersen** represent

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us. I am certain that he will be a great contributor and will enhance the work of this busy Council which contributes significantly to orthodontic practices.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA met in January 2005, evaluated 28 applications for the Hellman/Sicher/Graber Awards, and selected the six finalists for these awards. We also revised submission instructions for these awards and submission instructions for the Oral Research/Posterboards/Table Clinics.

COSA members volunteered to judge the table clinics and the resident student scholar program and to moderate the oral research sessions. Dr. **Eugene Roberts** was recommended to the BOT to be the AAO's nominee for the ADA Norton M. Ross Award for Clinical Research. Dr. **Greg Huang** will lead COSA in writing an article that uses a systematic review process to answer a question of interest to orthodontics to be published in the *AJO/DO*.

The following were recipients of named awards:

Milo Hellman Research Award

Courtney A. Dunn, DDS, MS, University of Michigan –
“Tissue Engineering of Alveolar Bone Adjacent to
Dental Implants through Gene Therapy”

Harry Sicher First Research Essay Award

Scott A. MacGregor, DDS, MSc, FRCD(c), University
of Toronto – “The Effect of Micro-Implant Surface
Geometry on Peri-Implant Bone Adaptation Under
Orthodontic Loading in the Rabbit Tibia”

Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit

Kristy Chung, DDS, University of California - San
Francisco – “The Role of Female Reproductive
Hormones in the Etiopathogenesis of TMJ Diseases in
Women”

Debora Alvares Harris, BDS, MSc, University of
Sydney - Australia – “Volumetric Analysis of Root
Resorption Craters after Application of Controlled
Intrusive Light and Heavy Orthodontic Forces: A
Micro CT Scan Study”

Shiva Shadmand, DDS, MSc, PhD, University of
Toronto – “Mandibular Deficiency in Knockout Mice
Lacking Bone Sialoprotein Expression”

Paul Rim, DDS, University of California - San Francisco
– “Characterization of the Time-Dependent Differen-
tiation of Calvaria-Derived Rat Mesenchymal Stem

Cells in Three-Dimensional Agarose Gels”

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American Board of Orthodontics

Congratulations to Drs. **James Tomassetti**,
Appleton, Wisconsin; **Ronald Jacobson**, Chicago, Illinois;
Gregory Ross, Lakeland, Minnesota; **Bradley Pearson**,
Edina, Minnesota; **Kevin Race**, Brookfield, Wisconsin;
Katherine Kula, Kansas City, Missouri; **Robert Shafer**,
Champaign, Illinois; **Kimberley Stafford**, Omaha, Ne-
braska; and **Bret Cooper**, Bemidji, Minnesota, who are now
Diplomates of the ABO. Those who became certified
through the Gateway Offer will be listed in the next issue.

Congratulations also to Drs. **James Frazier**, River
Forest, Illinois; **David Dykhouse**, Blue Springs, Missouri;
Elizabeth Graham, Winnetka, Illinois; **Peter Reichl**,
Waukesha, Wisconsin; and **Robert Becker**, Springfield,
Missouri, for successfully completing the Board Case
Report Oral Examination. And special recognition is due
Drs. **Robert Nemeth**, St. Cloud, Minnesota, and **Fred
Regennitter**, Rochester, Minnesota, who successfully
completed the recertification examination.

The Phase III clinical examination was held in
February where 50 candidates passed the Phase III exam; 18
candidates passed the oral exam on the board case records;
and 22 passed the oral exam and presented their Option II
pretreatment records.

In March the ABO announced a new ABO certifi-
cation process that promotes early certification (immediately
following graduation) followed by periodic re-examination.
The new certification process will go into effect in 2007. In
the interim, a three-year transition period will assist practic-
ing orthodontists and those who graduate before 2007 in
achieving board certification.

Many factors were taken into consideration in
developing this new approach. For example, many ortho-
dontists are currently board eligible (have passed the Phase
II Clinical Examination) and the Board has approved two
different approaches for these individuals. One is the
Gateway Offer, a totally new concept that relies heavily on
the re-examination process. The Gateway Offer expires July
1, 2007, and the more traditional option only will be avail-
able until February 2008. After that, the ABO will focus
on early certification followed by periodic re-examination.

In 2007 graduating orthodontic residents and
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students will take the Phase II Written Exam. After successful completion of this exam and graduation from their orthodontic programs, the new graduates may then take the Phase III Initial Certification Exam. This will involve the presentation of cases treated in residency programs and will be evaluated according to ABO standards. The recent graduate must have initiated and completed treatment of the presented cases. A ten-year, time-limited certificate will be issued upon successful completion of the Phase II Written Exam and the Phase III Initial Certification Exam. When this ten-year certificate expires, the orthodontist must successfully complete the Phase III First Recertification Exam to maintain certification.

Until the new approach to board certification starts, the ABO is offering a transition process for practicing orthodontists who are board eligible. Known as the Gateway Offer, this will serve as a means of entrance to board certification for practicing orthodontists.

The essential components of the Gateway Offer are as follows:

1. The Gateway Offer is a one-time offer which commenced March 1, 2005, and expires July 1, 2007.
2. All practicing orthodontists who have successfully passed the Phase II Written Exam can apply for certification. Upon successful application, the Gateway diplomate will receive an ABO certification that is valid for five years; the expiration date will be conspicuously displayed on this certificate. In addition, the Gateway Offer also will be extended to graduates of the orthodontic classes of 2005-2007 who pass the Phase II Written Exam.
3. Recertification is mandatory and must be completed before the expiration date. Failure to recertify will result in forfeiture of certification, and all privileges and inference to diplomate status will be revoked.
4. A fee of \$1,880 will be assessed to obtain the five-year, time-limited ABO certificate, and an annual fee of \$125 will be required to maintain certification during the five-year period. These fees also include the Phase III First Recertification Exam. Failure to recertify will not entitle the orthodontist to any refunds.

A record number (346) of candidates took the Phase II Written Exam in San Francisco. Those who pass may achieve board certification by successfully completing the current Phase III Clinical Exam in 2006, 2007 or 2008, or by accepting the above-described Gateway Offer. Starting in 2007 the ABO plans to give the Phase II Exam on computers at Pearson testing centers throughout the United States instead of at the annual AAO meeting.

Two educators from each school will be invited to an Educators Symposium in St. Louis on October 8 to assist them in understanding the preparation of cases for the ABO

Phase III Exam with regard to the newly announced changes in the Board Certification Process.

Dr. **William Profitt**, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, received the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award for 2005. Dr. **Herb Klontz**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, was announced as the recipient of the 2006 Ketcham Award.

Congratulations to Drs. **Jim Baldwin**, Indiana University, **Ed Genecov**, Baylor, and **Rick Aubrey** (posthumously), Baylor, who will receive the 2006 Dale Wade Award of Excellence.

Many changes are occurring with the ABO. I would be happy to answer any of your questions and also refer you to the Web site – www.americanboardortho.org. It also is time to think about my successor on the Board. A MSO committee will be formed to develop a list of applicants to be given to the Board in the fall of 2006.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

It has been said that our government can impact the character of your practice more in one vote than all the internal and external marketing you can accomplish in your lifetime. However, you can influence the governmental bodies by supporting the AAO Political Action Committee and the AAO's legislative activities.

Decisions such as which candidates to support are made by the AAOPAC Board of Directors, composed of representatives of the eight constituent organizations as well as liaison members from the Board of Trustees and the Council on Governmental Affairs. The Board wants to hear from you regarding candidates in your area.

The AAO has selected the law firm of Patton Boggs, LLP as the AAO's Legislative Counsel, effective June 1, 2005. Patton Boggs brings to the AAO vast experience, prestige and strong contacts within both Congress and federal agencies. The firm has a bipartisan reputation in Washington, representing interests on both sides of the aisle. COGA and AAOPAC representatives will meet with them in Washington in late July to undergo a long-term planning process to develop the AAO's agenda and legislative/regulatory strategies.

At the Annual Session in San Francisco, MSO received the 2004 AAOPAC Award for the highest percent-

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age of contributors to the AAOPAC! The PAC is grateful to all those who have contributed and helped achieve our goal.

I urge those who have not yet done so, to please consider joining the PAC today. We still have a long way to go to have all of our members involved in protecting our specialty's future.

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CDABO's preparatory seminars held at the AAO Annual Session in May were very successful. The Phase II course drew 69 participants. Instructors were Drs. **Peter Buschang** and **Larry Tadlock**. Phase III had 68 attendees for instructors Drs. **Sid Brantley** and **Wayne Garrett**.

Some 52 people took part in the three Model Measurement classes. The lead instructor was Dr. **Richard Ridgley** with assistance from Drs. **Walter Buchsieb**, **John Carter**, **Roberto Justus**, **Jim Morrow**, **Robert Nemeth** and **Thomas Skafidas**. A special thank you goes to all our instructors. Without their dedication, we could not have offered such successful courses.

The CDABO Diplomate Luncheon also drew a full house at 134. At the CDABO Diplomate Luncheon Dr. **Dave Turpin** presented CDABO's Best Case Report of the Year Award to Dr. **Hyo-Sang Park**. Orthodontic programs represented at the luncheon were presented their year plates for participating in the CDABO Resident Case Display Program.

Following the AAO meeting, CDABO President-Elect **Robert Nemeth** traveled to Amsterdam for the European Orthodontic Congress. President **Anne-Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman** of the European Orthodontic Society will be a presenter at the 2006 CDABO meeting in Park City, Utah, July 15-19.

The Annual Meeting will be at the Hyatt Tamaya Resort in New Mexico, July 17-21, 2005, and will include a scientific program as well as the election of officers for the upcoming year.

This year's scientific program features Drs. **Juri Kurol**, **David Musich** and **Emile Rossouw**. For the first time, we begin with a doctor/spouse event presented by psychologist-humorist **Bruce Christopher**. Bring your family and enjoy the many optional adventures available in and around this resort. For registration information, go to

www.cdabo.org and download the registration brochure or call the CDABO office at 636/922-5551.

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of June 1, 2005, the Endowment Campaign has realized \$27.5 million in pledges with \$17.7 million of that being redeemed. The campaign has realized \$1.2 million in pledges to date this calendar year, which hopefully will lead to our seventh consecutive year of over \$2 million in pledges. Additionally, there are currently 398 Regents, those pledging at the \$25,000 level. One of the goals for the Foundation is "500 Regents by 2005." Also, Dr. **John Pershing** is the chair of a committee focused on obtaining "Fifty Fellows by 2005." A pledge at the Fellow level is for \$50,000 and, currently, there are 36 Fellows. Moreover, there are 126 individuals who have made a commitment to the Keystone Society and have included the Foundation in their estate plans.

The focus for this funding round of the Awards Program will continue to support "junior faculty" (Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards and Biomedical Research Awards) and collaborative projects (Center Awards). The Board has determined that there will be no funding available in 2006 for any of the other announced categories, i.e. Program Awards, Educational Innovation Awards, Research Aid Awards or Gifts in Support of Orthodontic Education.

Award materials are expected to be available either through the AAO Web site, www.aomembers.org or through the AAOF Web site, www.aaofoundation.net by July 1. Since 1994, the AAOF has designated approximately \$4.6 million in awards to benefit orthodontic education and research.

The Phantom Gala, held in conjunction with the AAO Annual Session, was a huge success. Dr. **Terry Duncan**, AAOF Immediate Past President and Gala Chair, and his committee put together a most enjoyable evening for all who attended. As best as can be determined, this event has resulted in an additional \$1.8 million in pledges to the AAOF Endowment Campaign. This includes \$1.3 million in corporate pledges and pledge increases prior to the Annual Session and approximately \$500,000 in pledges from individuals following the event.

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Drs. **Jim Kohl**, **Rick Sikora** and **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** attended the AAO Leadership Conference held in January in St. Louis.

Dr. **Dave Musich** has concluded a very successful tenure as MSO's representative to the Council on Orthodontic Practice. Many thanks, Dave, for your eight years of work to help further our profession.

The ISO board is moving forward with the project to mail orthodontic career brochures, "Orthodontics: The Career of a Lifetime," to Illinois high school counselors and encouraging members to contact their local counselors as a resource for potential orthodontic staff.

We are very proud to have one of our University of



Cecile Yoon-Tarlie presenting award to Bernard Schneider

Illinois faculty, Dr. **Bernard Schneider**, receive the 2005 ISO Outstanding Teacher Award. Congratulations, Bernard, and thank you for your many contributions to our profession.

President **Rick Sikora** has put together a fine program for 2005-2006. Our CE meetings will be held at the Drury

Lane Oakbrook in Oakbrook. Our program includes:

- October 24, 2005 – Dr. **Hee-Moon Yung** "Use of Microimplants in Orthodontics"
- December 12, 2005 – Dr. **Jerry Clark** "Practice Successfully Today...Retire Successfully Tomorrow"
- February 24, 2006 – □Dr**Steve Dugoni** ISO-sponsored speaker at the Chicago Dental Society Meeting
- March 20, 2006 – Ms. **Rosemary Bray** "Teamwork in the Office"

Have a great summer!

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Mark your calendars for the Annual ISO Meeting in Iowa City to be held at the Sheraton on October 23-24, 2005. This will be a combined meeting with the Iowa Society of Oral Surgeons. Sunday morning Dr. **Keith Sherwood** will present "Implant Anchored Orthodontics." In the afternoon Dr. **Gary Weinberger** will lecture on the Smart Clip Bracket. Dr. **Charles F. Hill** will conclude the program on Monday morning with "Bonding Integrity."

Dr. **Richard Perkins** has made arrangements for a four-hour continuing education opportunity for orthodontic assistants, also on Monday, October 24. The program will be broadcast statewide over the Iowa Cable Network. Dr. **Michael Finkelstein** will do a two-hour presentation on "Infection Control in the Dental Office" followed by "Oral Pathology for the Dental Assistant."

Connie Price, from the Iowa Board of Dental Examiners office, would like me to remind everyone that all Iowa dental assistants must renew their certification by June 30, 2005. As of June 20, only 50% of renewal applications had been received by the dental board. There is a two-month grace period, during which a penalty fee will be assessed for renewal. However, any assistants who fail to have their papers in by October 1, 2005, are subject to having to retake all certification exams in order to be reinstated. Please check with your staff to make sure they are aware of the deadlines.

Please send me any news or announcements you may wish to have printed in the next *MSO Newsletter*.

Have a great summer!

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Manitoba

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On May 16, 2005, the University of Manitoba had Dr. **Bill Profitt** speak to the graduate students and local orthodontists on the "Management of Eruption Problems." Dr. Profitt was brought to the University to be the External Examiner for the graduate students, and the Manitoba Society of Orthodontists then hosted a dinner in his honor.

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Dr. **Amanda Mapplethorp**, president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists, attended our semi-annual business meeting in April. Dr. Mapplethorp presented a summary of the issues at the CAO level. The issue generating the most interest, time and energy is regarding the services and fees associated with our indigenous population. This issue has been ongoing for years without any real resolution in sight. Dr. Mapplethorp was also here to do a site visit for the CAO Annual Meeting to be held in Winnipeg in September 2008.

No known orthodontic lectures are scheduled for the near future.

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Our MAO Board has several new members whom we are excited to welcome, and we appreciate their service to our association. Dr. **Kevin Denis** presided at our April board meeting as our new president. Other new members include Dr. **John Aamodt** and Dr. **John Beyer**. Dr. Aamodt replaces Dr. **Carlin Weimers** as he steps into the vice president position. Congratulations, Carlin, and our thanks for accepting this leadership post. The Program chair for Dr. Weimers will be Dr. **Susan Ekim**, and plans are already in motion for our future meetings.

Dr. **Deb Lien** has accepted the role of Director to the MSO and will take over in September for Dr. **Brent Larson**. Drs. Lien and Larson along with Drs. **John Kanyusik** and **Stephen Litton** attended the MSO Ad Interim meeting in St. Louis. Congratulations to Dr. Kanyusik who has agreed to go onto the ladder as an officer of the MSO and will start in 2006.

Dr. Denis attended the AAO Leadership Conference in January as the representative from MAO.

There will not be a Summer meeting of the MAO to avoid conflict with the combined MSO/WFO meeting in Paris. Our Winter meeting is planned for January 6, 2006. The featured speaker will be Dr. **Keith Sherwood**.

The University of Minnesota Reunion in San Francisco was exceptionally well attended. Dr. **Patrick Lloyd**, Dean of the Dental School, and Dr. **Brent Larson**, our new Chair of the Division of Orthodontics, were present to meet and talk with alumni. Our thanks go to Dr. Litton

for organizing another successful reunion of Minnesota alumni.

Dr. **Steve Henseler** has distributed the MAO scholarship applications to dental assisting students. Drs. Henseler and Litton have organized and distributed donations of orthodontic products to the dental assisting programs in the state. These donated supplies will facilitate teaching the current and proposed expanded duties under consideration by the State Board of Dentistry.

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A new slate of officers was elected at the Missouri meeting in Kansas City in January. We truly appreciate the work and leadership of those individuals listed above as well as Dr. **David Lebsack** who concluded his term as president.

The Missouri Society of Orthodontists would like to thank Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh** for serving the past six years as its Secretary-Treasurer. He has taken on the role of MSO's representative to the AAO Board of Directors.

The Missouri Society is looking forward to participating in the MSO meeting in St. Louis, September 15-17, 2006. St. Louis will be showcasing "Excellence in Orthodontics," an outstanding opportunity for learning for doctors and staff and family fun. Our Missouri meeting for 2007 will be held in Kansas City in conjunction with the Kansas Society of Orthodontists.

Members who are interested in becoming part of a practice coverage agreement should contact Dr. **Mark Dake**. Agreements already exist which cover parts of the urban areas of Missouri but do not exist to cover the rural areas of the state.

The Missouri Dental Association has been busy working with the legislators in Jefferson City monitoring legislative issues relative to dentistry. Please support their efforts and remain informed by contacting **Jake Lippert** at the MDA at jake@modental.org. Again, a reminder to have staff members certified and to take the expanded functions exam to comply with state laws for those duties which they perform.

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Nebraska

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met on January 28, 2005. Dr. **William Vogt** spoke about the use of the Forsus Class II corrector which he designed. We thank 3M Unitek for sponsoring this meeting.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists held their annual meeting on April 1, 2005. The program featured Dr. **Vince Kokich** and his multi-disciplinary approach to orthodontics. The meeting was well attended by all dental specialties including dental hygiene, and the lecture included a comprehensive and educational periodontal review. We would like to thank Dr. **Joyce Simmons** for planning an outstanding meeting. It was our privilege to have Dr. **Stephen Litton**, Golden Valley, Minnesota, visit and give a report on behalf of the MSO Board of Directors.

The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club and Nebraska Society of Orthodontists will hold meetings in 2006. Details will be available in the winter *MSO Newsletter*.

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The SDSO held its annual meeting at the Spearfish Canyon Resort in the beautiful Black Hills of South Dakota. A continuing education course was presented by Dr. **Harry Legan**, Professor and Chair of the orthodontic program at Vanderbilt University. Topics included distraction osteogenesis, orthognathic surgery and sleep apnea. The next

annual meeting for the SDSO is planned for April 18, 2006, in Sioux Falls in conjunction with the Southeastern District Dental Society. The speaker will be Dr. **Peter Ngan**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthodontics at West Virginia University. Dr. Ngan will present indications for early orthodontic treatment.

Dr. **John Kharouf**, Rapid City, and Dr. **Ross Crist**, Sioux Falls, attended the AAO Leadership Conference held this past January in St. Louis, Missouri. Also, Dr. Crist recently obtained ABO Diplomate status.

In other news, Drs. **James, Brad and Bruce Evans**, Rapid City, have recently moved into a new office. Dr. Kharouf also will be moving to a new office location in Rapid City in the early part of July.

Members who have questions about our activities or have information for the *MSO Newsletter* are encouraged to contact me.

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The WSO held its annual Spring 2005 meeting at the American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin, on April 11-12. Dr. **Jose Mucha**, who is both an orthodontist and prosthodontist from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, gave a lively presentation using many examples to illustrate the timing, sequencing and management of patients requiring complex treatment. His PowerPoint presentation was outstanding. We thank Dr. **Marissa Keesler** for her hard work putting together such an excellent program with plenty of extra-curricular activities.

At the Monday lunch meeting we elected the new officers as listed above plus trustees **George Wedell, Dick Fischer** and **Jay Frazier**. We all wish to thank Dr. **Mike O'Leary** for his leadership and a job well done as president.

Our Fall meeting will be in conjunction with the MSO in Paris on September 10-14, 2005. We encourage everyone to book now if you have not and support our own Dr. **Mike Inda** as he ends his term as MSO president.

The Spring 2006 meeting will be in Lake Geneva at the Grand Geneva with Dr. **Dwight Damon** as our presenter on April 10-11, 2006.

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Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

“Never in the field of orthodontics was so much owed by so many to so few.” Well, Churchill did not say it quite that way, but this version is applicable today.

As we enjoy a great lifestyle with a significant income and all that comes with it – nice home, country club, best schools for our children with their excellent teachers, etc. – and as we sit back smugly satisfied with our vast knowledge and great ability, do we ever ask ourselves how we got here?

Wait a minute! Did I say excellent teachers? Could that be the reason we have such a good life? Could our orthodontic training have given us the skills to get where we are today? What about those educators? Do you ever say a quiet thank-you for what they helped you accomplish? Better yet, why don't you scream out your thanks so they can hear it?

To help you do this, we are going to list all the names of these underpaid, overworked, and often underappreciated full-time, part-time, and other orthodontic educators within our constituency whom we may have forgotten. That way maybe, just maybe, you can look them up and say THANK YOU!

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Carla Evans (Department Head), Adrianna Da Silveira, Thomas Diekwisch, Nayra Grau-Marrero, Budi Kusnoto, Jeremy Mao, T.J. Aoba, James Baldwin, Michael Bicknell, Andrew Hass, Chester Handelman, William Hohlt, Liu Hong, Gregory Jackson, Heekyoung Jo, John Kelsey, Ashok Kothari, Xianghong Luan, Zane Muhl, Ralph Robbins, Cyril Sadowsky, Elliot Sakols, Bernard Schneider, Terry Sellke, Robyn Silberstein, Peter Tsay, Ellen BeGole, T. M. Graber, Grace Viana, Samuel Berkowitz, John Burke, Donald Giddon, Myungrip Kim, Joseph Kunnel, Claude Matasa, David Musich, Michael Stone, Cecile Yoon-Tarlie, Joseph Zernik

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Mayo Clinic

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Graduate School Reports

Marquette University

Congratulations to our graduating residents, Drs. **Doug Barden, Jake Daub, Nick Ferri, Jacob Jarvis** and **Michael Melugin**. Four of the five are remaining in Wisconsin to practice and one is moving to warmer climates! The residents had four papers accepted this year for publication, which is a record year, and we congratulate each of them for their successful two years in our program. We recently held our graduation dinner on May 26, 2005, at the Pfister Hotel. Dr. **Russ Kittleson** was acknowledged for his upcoming reception of the Shephard Award in Paris in September. Dr. **Francisco Villalobos**, Assistant Professor of Orthodontics, was presented with an award for his six years of dedicated service to the department. He is leaving us for private practice and we wish him the very best.

Congratulations to Drs. **Kevin Race** and **Gerry Bradley** on becoming Diplomates of the ABO. Dr. **Scott Jamieson** was elected as a Director of the ABO, and we wish him well in his tenure and look forward to his presence on the board over the next several years. Dr. **Bill Schuckit** has been selected as an Examiner for the NERB and replaces Dr. Jamieson in that position.

We had some great guest speakers in the past six months with Drs. **John Kalange** from Idaho and **Terry Pracht** from Columbus, Ohio. Dr. **Peter Schwartz** is coming in July. We greatly appreciate that they come to share their vast knowledge with the residents.

On June 2, 2005, we welcomed our new first-year residents: Drs. **Nadav Segal, Jeff Foster, David Mershon, Marcus Niepraschk** and **Dan Rejman**. We are excited and thrilled to have a group of enthusiastic new residents, and we look forward to seeing them grow in their orthodontic knowledge over the next two years.

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Mayo Clinic

June marks the end of Dr. **Anthony MacIsaac's** orthodontic training at Mayo Clinic, and he will receive his Master's in Biomedical Sciences degree from the Mayo Graduate Medical School. His thesis entitled, "Cytokine Profile from Gingival Crevicular Fluid (GCF) of Teeth Subjected to Mechanical Force," was successfully defended. The faculty and staff are proud of his accomplishments over the last three years, including the presentations he made at the annual AAO meeting. We wish him well as

he returns to Alberta to practice his new specialty.

With resident case presentations, in-service exams and thesis defenses, the end of the year is busy and this year was no exception. We were pleased to see so many friends and alumni, including our University of Minnesota friends, at the AAO meeting in San Francisco. Thanks to all of you who stopped by. I received a lot of positive comments on the reception, and please let me know if you would like to continue this format.

On a sad note, Dr. **Joe Rebellato** has announced that he intends to leave this summer to return to private practice in Virginia. His clinical expertise, research and teaching efforts will be greatly missed, and his departure will leave a big void in the Graduate Program. We wish him well in this new venture and hope he will continue to contribute to orthodontic education and research.

Dr. **Rose Sheats** spoke during a Mayo Clinic Sleep Disorders teleconference and presented at the March IADR meeting in Baltimore. Her topic was "Oral Appliance Compliance to Manage Obstructive Sleep Apnea."

Mayo Clinic's newest resident, accepted through the 2004 MATCH Program, is Dr. **Brian Vibeto**. Brian is from North Dakota and received his dental training at the University of Minnesota. He also has completed a one-year general practice residency in the U.S. Air Force.

Finally, I hope everyone has a great summer. The September Midwestern Society of Orthodontists/World Federation of Orthodontists Meeting in Paris, France, should be an outstanding international event.

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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December 2004, and 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 welcomed 14 new graduate students at the end of June. They are Drs. **Jason Aleman** (Southern Illinois University), **Katherine Barnette** (Southern Illinois University), **Elizabeth Bauer** (Southern Illinois University), **Gregory Bell** (Ohio State University), **Brandy Burgess** (UCLA), **Jessica Falk** (Temple University), **James Fruge** (Louisiana State University), **Alfred Jackson** (University of North Carolina), **Jay Nagamatsu** (Tufts University), **Alan Petersen** (University of the Pacific), **Michael Rychman** (University of Kentucky), **Trenton Thalman** (Indiana University),

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James VandeBerg (Baylor College of Dentistry) and **Christine Wandling** (Southern Illinois University).

The second annual Charles Henry Tweed Memorial Lecture will be held at CADE August 18-20, with a presentation by Dr. **Wick Alexander**. The activities will include golf, a Cardinals baseball game and an additional lecture by Dr. **Cliff Alexander** on lingual orthodontics. All MSO students will be invited to attend.

All MSO students also are welcome to attend any of our guest lectures this summer and fall. Information can be found on the CADE Web site.

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(Kuwait), **Darshana Subbaraju** (UIC), **Tonya Volk** (Nebraska) and **Louis Whitesman** (Michigan).

Planning continues for the 11th International Symposium on Dentofacial Development and Function to be held at the Sheraton Chicago, June 18-22, 2006, under the sponsorship of UIC's Department of Orthodontics (<http://www.uic.edu/depts/dort/symposium.html>). This important biennial event has been held previously in Brussels, Chicago, Aarhus (Denmark), Bergamo (Italy), Rome, Athens, Jerusalem, Mainz (Germany), Istanbul and Bahia (Brazil).

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University of Illinois – Chicago

Dr. **Bernard Schneider** received the 2005 Illinois Society of Orthodontists Teacher Award. His 50th year of teaching at UIC will come in 2007. Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, ISO Secretary and UIC faculty member, presented the award.

Dr. **Nanci Oliveira** placed first in the clinical



Nanci Oliveira

category of the AAO Orthodontic Resident/Student Scholar Program with her entry, "Assessment of Rapid Maxillary Expansion and Its Effects on the Nasal Cavity." Her research advisor is Dr. **Adriana DaSilveira** who holds the AAOF Robert Binder Faculty Development Fellowship Award. Dr. **Meenakshi Balakrishnan** won two second-

place awards (single piece of wire and free-form) in both Hu-Friedy wirebending competitions at the 2005 AAO meeting in San Francisco.

The UIC faculty speakers at the 2005 AAO meeting were Drs. **Chester Handelman**, **T.M. Graber**, **Jeremy Mao**, **Terry A. Sellke**, **Peter Tsay**, **William Hohlt** and **Carla A. Evans**. Alumni of all four of the Chicago orthodontic programs, namely the University of Chicago, Illinois, Loyola and Northwestern programs, attended the Illinois Orthodontic Alumni reception at the AAO meeting.

Dr. **John Kelsey** is President of the Central Lake County Dental Study Club.

Our new class of residents will arrive in August. They are Drs. **Michael Albazzaz** (UIC), **Jamal Al-Sanea** (Saudi Arabia), **LiHong Lin** (China), **John Lippincott** (UIC), **Darren Pakravan** (UIC), **Abdullatif Shester**

University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Matt Caspersen**, **Matthew Croco**, **Cory Edwards**, **Andy McDaniel** and **Erin Sloss** for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their master's degrees this June! Also, congratulations to Drs. **Tod Curtis** ('99) and **Brad Pearson** ('95) who were certified as Diplomates of the ABO.

We were very fortunate to have received a grant from the AAOF to develop a Web site and digitize the longitudinal lateral cephalometric radiographs from the Iowa Facial Growth Study. The Web site development is nearly complete.

The Iowa Summer Orthodontic Meeting will be held in Okoboji, Iowa, July 24-26, 2005. The 27th Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held January 28-February 4, 2006, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar, spearheaded by Dr. **John Casko**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases. Further information on the course may be obtained by contacting Ms. **Linda Keller** at linda-keller@uiowa.edu.

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University of Manitoba

All three of our graduating residents successfully defended their theses, and Dr. **Bryan Tompson** from the University of Toronto was the External Examiner of two

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theses defenses. It is appropriate to have external examiners from other institutions to assess the quality of the research being done here. Another feather in the program's research cap was the GAC/AAO travel grant awarded to **Dr. Marina Milstein** for her project on overbite and open bite in the Burlington Growth Study. Our program has had five research abstracts accepted for presentation at the WFO meeting in Paris in September and a further research presentation at the FDI meeting in Montreal in August.

At the recent AAO meeting in San Francisco our three graduating third-year residents took part in the CDABO case displays, and **Dr. Billy Wiltshire** presented a lecture entitled, "Orthopedic Growth Modification: Against All Odds." We also hosted a successful alumni and friends function at the Hilton Hotel with over 35 in attendance. At



Billy Wiltshire receiving a check from Dan Stuart

this occasion, **Dr. Dan Stuart** (Class of 2004) with only nine months in practice, presented a \$5,000 donation to the program. Dan is practicing in Halifax and mentioned how important he feels it is to support one's alma mater

in this way. He is pledging to continue with his generosity on an annual basis. What a fantastic gesture from a new young alumnus!

From our current funding drive directed to alumni and friends of the program, we gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the following for donations made to the program: **Drs. Keith Albitini, Aubrey Banak, Terry Carlyle, Sheldon Claman, Michael Counsell, John Daskalogianakis, Nick Karaiskos, Peter Gold, Guy Lacoste, Dan Stuart** and **Billy Wiltshire** as well as 3M Unitek and the CAOF. Many thanks also to those alumni and friends who have pledged to the drive. These monies are directed toward the graduate orthodontic clinic, computerization and student research and travel.

Dr. Bill Proffit recently visited the program as external examiner of our first-year residents' diagnosis and treatment planning exam and our second-year's comprehensive orthodontic oral, written and clinical exams. This also serves as an external review of the program on an annual basis and helps us monitor the knowledge and competence of our residents. All our residents were successful in Dr. Proffit's assessments. Congratulations!

Five of our second- and third-year residents, Drs.

Marina Milstein, Neeraj Pershad, Sonia LaPointe, Susan Tsang and **Amani Morra**, attended the 3M Unitek "Bottom Line" course and had a tour of their factory. It was enjoyable and a good learning experience, and thanks go to 3M Unitek for their generosity.

We say good-bye to our graduating third-year residents. **Dr. Marina Milstein** will be opening a practice in Arizona; **Dr. Manish Aggarwal** is planning on moving to Ontario as is **Dr. Neeraj Pershad**. We wish them lots of luck in their new roles as fully-fledged orthodontists.

In closing, a word of sincere appreciation to our dedicated instructors for their continued friendship, hard work, dedication, care and support. There really is no finer service that one can show to one's fellow humans, than to teach the new generations of future care providers in orthodontics. We hold in the very highest esteem our part-timers in the graduate program: **Drs. Allan Baker, Tim Dumore, Herman Lee, Lee McFadden, Bruce McFarlane** and those in the undergraduate program: **Drs. Conny Athanasopoulos** and **Frank Hechter**. Recognition of our full-time orthodontic faculty with thanks is also due to **Drs. Bob Baker, Susan Lucas** and **Mordechai Benami**. Thank you all so very much – you are all *simply the best!!*

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University of Minnesota

We received notification in March that one of our newest full-time faculty members, **Dr. Jim Miller**, has received the 2005 Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award from the AAOF. This is a great honor for Jim and for our program, and we thank the AAOF for its continuing support of junior faculty. Jim has been a valuable faculty member during the past year, and we look forward to his continued contributions.

All of our residents were able to attend the AAO meeting in San Francisco thanks to the support of the Orthodontic Residents Endowment started by **Dr. Steve Litton**. We are grateful to all alumni and friends who have contributed to this fund that allows us to broaden the education of our residents by providing support for travel. This fund also helps residents with travel to GORP and to the Moyer's symposium in Michigan. Thanks again to all who have made this possible.

The University of Minnesota Orthodontic Alumni Reunion at the AAO in San Francisco was another great

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success. We were pleased that Dr. **Patrick Lloyd**, Dean of the Dental School, attended the event.

The week after the AAO meeting, we underwent a software management system conversion in our graduate clinic. Ortho II, based in Ames, Iowa, has generously donated their ViewPoint software for us to use. We are well into our conversion and look forward to the added efficiency that using this management software will provide for us. We are planning to use electronic treatment charting starting with the new class of residents this summer.

Speaking of summer, it is always an exciting time with the graduation of one class of residents and the arrival of a new class. We have another exceptional group of students joining us this summer. Drs. **Alisa Madson** and **Mark Endrizzi** join us after finishing dental school here at Minnesota. Dr. **Su Suttamanatwong** also has been here at Minnesota but is working on completing her PhD in Oral Biology. Dr. **Victor Lee** joins us from Penn, Dr. **Brianne DeSantis** from Nova Southeastern in Florida, and Dr. **Ben Pliska** from the University of Western Ontario. We have high expectations for this group, and I am sure we will not be disappointed.

The graduating residents have been working diligently on their research and have put much effort into their projects. Dr. **Nancy Leong** represented us in the Resident Scholar program at the AAO meeting by presenting her research entitled, "Periodontal Pathogens and Streptococci in Plaque and Buccal Epithelial Cells of Orthodontic Patients." This project used sophisticated molecular biology tools and provided additional support for the theory that bacteria from plaque can move into adjacent buccal tissue cells. This may be acting as a reservoir to allow bacteria to re-colonize in plaque even after thorough cleaning.

Nancy will be returning to California to practice after graduation. Her classmates have diverse practice plans with Dr. **Jeremy Karras** planning to practice in Iowa, Dr. **Brandon LeBourdais** in Michigan, Dr. **Ryan West** in Fargo, North Dakota, and Drs. **Andy Wahl** and **Sarah Soltys** in the Twin Cities area. We wish them all the best in their practices and know that they will be great contributors to the orthodontic community.

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The good news is that the clinic renovation has

finally started! Currently, the department is warehoused in the old chart control room down the hall and is treating patients in the undergraduate clinic. The renovations are to be completed in late August, and the entire department and patient population is looking forward to the new digs. Drs. **Don Thompson** and **Dan Blackwell** are doing a great job of supervising the changes.

Dr. **Ram Grandhi** has decided that Stockton, California, would provide a wonderful opportunity for him and his family. We wish Dr. Grandhi good luck in private practice. In the meantime, another position is available in our department, in case anyone is interested.

Our second-year residents have declared their futures. Dr. **John Roth** is starting a private practice with Dr. **Megan Lindgren** in Shawnee, Kansas. Dr. **Mike Ellis** found that he had to bid on homes in the northern Virginia area where he has decided to buy a practice. (Be glad we live in the Midwest!) Dr. **Suzanne Bird** is doing an associateship in the area until her husband graduates and she can make a more permanent decision. Dr. **Lindsay Resmer** is going into a practice in her home state of Indiana. We wish them good luck.

Our new second-year residents, Drs. **Dustin Burleson**, **Mark Revels**, **Don Sanchez**, and **Brent Wood**, are busy trying to start their research. Brent has added a little girl, Alyx, to his family this month. Don has decided on a master's degree. Our current residents and faculty are looking forward to a diversified and talented group of new residents: Drs. **Shelli Kawamoto** from Hawaii, **Nelly Kim-Weroha** from Missouri, **Erin Sabedra** from Texas and **Adam Saylor** from Kansas.

While Dr. **Justin Trimmell** was working on his master's research project on the genetic basis of hypodontia with Drs. **Katherine Kula** and **Jerry Feng**, he mentored Dr. **Pat Briscoe** who presented their research, winning second place in the American Dental Education Association Student's Research, first place at the Hinman Student Research Symposium and second place in Student Research Presentations at UMKC.

Dr. **Suzanne Bird** presented her research on "Preoperative Acetaminophen versus Ibuprofen for Control of Pain Following Orthodontic Separator Placement" as the resident representative at the AAO meeting. Drs. **Jerry Johnson**, **Mary Walker** and **Katherine Kula** have just had their paper, "Fracture Strength of Ceramic Bracket Tie Wings Subjected to Tension," published in *The Angle Orthodontist*. Dr. **Katherine Kula** was elected as the AAO delegate to the ADEA Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs.

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University of Nebraska

Drs. **Warren Johnson**, **Mathew Moss** and **Marc Welge** graduated on June 30. Dr. Johnson's thesis is entitled, "Geometric Relationships Influencing TMJ and Muscle Forces During Static Biting." He plans to join a practice in Colorado. Dr. Moss will begin his private practice career in Idaho or Wyoming. His thesis is entitled, "The Effects of Static and Impulse Loading on Ploughing Forces and Compressive Stresses on the Porcine Temporomandibular Joint Disc." The title of Dr. Welge's thesis is "The Effects of Mechanical Stimulation on Osteoblast-like Cells." He will join a practice in Des Moines, Iowa. All three of these graduating students presented research posters and case displays at the AAO Annual Session in San Francisco in May.

In April 2005 Dr. **Peter Spalding** accompanied Dean **John Reinhardt** to Washington, D.C., to participate in the ADEA Deans' Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill. While there, they met with Nebraska legislators and with their aides to advocate for dental care and dental education at the national level.

Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeff Nickel** received an AAO Foundation Center Award, spanning a three-year

period, for their proposal entitled, "Biomechanical, Developmental, and Genetic Determinants for Rate of Orthodontic Tooth Movement in Humans." In addition, their Center Award was designated the 3M Unitek Corporate Center Award.

Drs. Iwasaki, Nickel and collaborators have authored a number of articles that have been published recently in the *AJO/DO*, *Journal of Orofacial Pain* and *Journal of Dental Research*. An interview with Dr. Iwasaki entitled, "The Speed of Teeth," appeared in the Chairside section of *Orthodontic Products* in February 2005.

Dr. Spalding presented a segment of the UNMC-sponsored continuing education course entitled, "Pediatric Dentistry Updates," on June 10, 2005. His segment was entitled, "Orthodontic Management of the Primary and Mixed Dentition."

New residents Drs. **Michael Crosby** (UCLA), **Paul Robinson** (Nova Southeastern) and **Loren Short** (Oregon Health Sciences) joined our program on July 1. These students will join our second-year residents, Drs. **Jeff Chandler** and **Ben Thornton** in the new 30-month program approved last year by the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.

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Trustees in 1985, I had never traveled overseas," DeKock said. "Establishing the WFO was a learning process for me and an opportunity to meet other orthodontists around the world. They have the same concerns about orthodontics as we do in the United States. It's been very enjoyable to meet all of these people. They have become family friends in a lot of ways."

Bill and his wife of 43 years, Margie, who was a full-time middle-school math teacher for over twenty years, have been very active in their local community. Margie was one of the primary instigators of a major performing arts support group that now raises tens of thousands of dollars annually to support high school students in the performing arts. Bill and Margie are the proud parents of three children, Nick, Greg and Edith. An active family life is starting again for Bill and Margie with the recent birth of two granddaughters, Danielle and Amy, and the expected arrival of a third grandchild this summer.

Congratulations, Bill, for setting the "gold" standard for commitment to orthodontics, family and the world community.

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At this point, the MSO delegation is in favor of supporting a future dues increase to supplement faculty salaries. If you are NOT in favor of this endeavor or have specific comments on this issue, please feel free to forward your thoughts directly to the MSO office for consolidation and consideration.

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2006 MSO Annual Session

Although still more than a year away, plans are being made for the 2006 MSO Annual Session to be held September 14-17, in St. Louis at the Union Station Hyatt Hotel. Speakers who are scheduled-to-date include **Michael Williams**, **Dwight Damon**, **Jason Cope**, **Brody Hildenbrand**, **Bill Sutton**, **Jim McNamara**, **Tako Araujo**, **Ron Roncone**, **Gerald Samson** and **Donald Lewis**. There also will be a limited-attendance hands-on course at Saint Louis University with **David Sarver**.

The staff program includes **Bruce Manchion** and **Bruce Christopher**.

Still Time to Make a Lifetime Memory at MSO Annual Session in Paris

There is still time to register with the International Orthodontic Congress (IOC) for the upcoming meeting in Paris, September 10-14, 2005, under the auspices of the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO)! The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists is pleased to join with the WFO in providing this outstanding event to our members in 2005 in place of our traditional fall MSO Annual Session.

Thanks to the co-sponsorship of the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists and the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists, the annual MSO business meeting and fall MSO board meeting, along with a member reception, will take place in conjunction with this IOC meeting. No separate registration/fee is required from MSO members and their attending families to participate in the MSO business meeting and reception. Housing and registration materials can be found at www.wfoparis2005.org to be sent directly to Paris to the IOC.

Attending MSO members will have an opportunity to show support for the 2005 MSO Earl Shepard Distinguished Service Award winner, Dr. **Russell Kittleson**, as well as two of our fellow MSO members who have given so much to the WFO – Drs. **Lee Graber** (WFO president) and **Bill DeKock** (WFO secretary-general).

MSO is encouraging our members to take advantage of this truly rare and special opportunity to enjoy an educational and cultural experience of such high caliber. You will be able to meet and discuss orthodontics with people from, literally, all over the world. Top national and international speakers have been selected to be on the scientific program. Even though the meeting is in Paris, all the lectures will be in English or translated into English, and

on the last day during the European Village, you may attend any of the meetings given in the multi-native languages of Europe with all of them translated into English.

Think of Paris in the fall with temperatures usually in the 70's. Optional excursions will visit various regions of France during the day and, in the evenings, fun-filled social events will cap off this wonderful meeting.

Go to www.msortho.org under "Annual Sessions" to download MSO President Mike Inda's detailed guide personally designed to assist you in making advance plans for a memorable experience of a lifetime!

MSO's separate member events will be held on Monday, September 12, as follows:

MSO Member Annual Business Meeting
5:30 p.m.- 6:15 p.m.

Room 243 in Palais des Congrès

The agenda for this annual MSO member meeting, a requirement of the MSO bylaws, will be posted on www.msortho.org under Annual Sessions.

MSO Member Reception
6:15 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Concorde Lafayette Hotel's Salon – Level 4
(connected to Palais des Congrès)

MSO members and their family members may greet fellow MSO colleagues participating in the IOC meeting at this reception honoring **Russ Kittleson**, MSO Shepard Award recipient; **Lee Graber**, WFO President; and **Bill DeKock**, WFO Secretary-General. No registration required.

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- Missouri; and **John C. Ford**, Winnetka, Illinois, upon their induction into the International College of Dentists.
- Thank you to the following for serving on committees of the AAO Board of Trustees: Drs. **Brent Larson**, Rochester, Minnesota – Practice Management Technology Committee; **D. David Kinser**, Des Moines, Iowa – Task Force on Retired Members' Services; and **Stephen Litton**, Golden Valley, Minnesota – Committee to Standardize Application Process.
 - Congratulations to Dr. **Thomas Southard**, Iowa City, Iowa, for being elected chair of COSA.
 - Congratulations to the members of MSO for receiving the 2004 AAOPAC Award for the highest percentage of contributors to the AAOPAC.
 - Thank you to Dr. **Brent Larson**, Rochester, Minnesota, for his service to PARC and COIT; Dr. **Gene Blair**, Elgin, Illinois, for his services as the National Planned Giving Chair of the AAOF; and Dr. **David Musich**, Schaumburg, Illinois, for his service on COOP.

LOOKING FOR AN ASSOCIATE?

The American Association of Orthodontists has a program to help those seeking private practice opportunities in orthodontics.

The **Practice Opportunity Service** is a program designed to match members offering practice opportunities with those seeking opportunities. These matches can be in the form of an associateship, a partnership or the buying and selling of a practice.

All information is maintained in a confidential manner. This service can be helpful for younger members who are seeking opportunities to practice in a traditional office setting or members who are considering bringing in an associate or partner or are planning their retirement. Orthodontic education programs also should contact this service as it could be a worthwhile benefit to orthodontic residents.

To request an application or for additional information, please call **Katie Repking** at the AAO office in St. Louis at 800/424-2841, extension 287, or e-mail her at krepking@aaortho.org.

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*Check our Web site, www.msortho.org and go to
Annual Sessions or www.wfoparis2005.org
or page 23 for more information about this meeting.*

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