

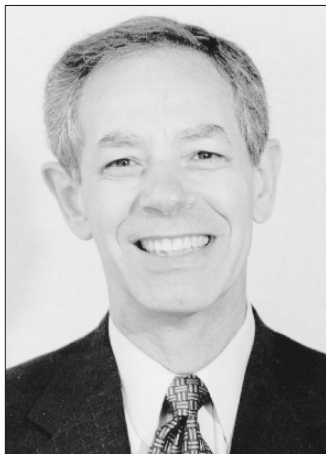
MSO NEWSLETTER

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Litton to receive Shepard Award

The MSO annually presents the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to a person who exemplifies the ideals of the orthodontic profession, community and family. The MSO Board of Directors unanimously voted to present its highest award for exemplary contributions to the art and science of orthodontics for 2003 to Dr. **Stephen F.**



Stephen F. Litton

Litton, Golden Valley, Minnesota. He will receive the award in March at MSO's Ad Interim meeting.

Steve was born in Brooklyn, New York, but grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota. He attended the University of Minnesota where he received BA, BS, DDS and PhD degrees as well as his certificate in orthodontics, graduating for the final time in 1972. He then spent 12 years as an assistant professor in the Anatomy Department at the University of Minnesota. He also established a private orthodontic practice during those years.

Steve is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon and a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the World Federation of Orthodontists.

The consummate volunteer, Steve has devoted much of his adult life to serving an extensive array of professional and community organizations, giving 150% effort to every job he undertakes. His lengthy list of volun-

teer activities includes but by no means is limited to the following:

Steve is a past-president of the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists (MAO), the Minneapolis District Dental Society (MDDS) and the Northside Dental Study Club as well as a former director of the MSO. He recently completed his term as Scientific Program Co-chair for the AAO 2003 Annual Session in Hawaii, and has served frequently as a delegate to the AAO and Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) Houses of Delegates. At the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry he founded the Orthodontic Residents Endowment to provide funds for the residents to travel to AAO Annual Sessions and GORP meetings, and he has served on the Dean's External Advisory Council and several search committees. He co-chaired the Medical Advisory Board of the National Sjogren's Syndrome Association for many years.

Currently serving as treasurer of the Minnesota Dental Association, Steve also is president and founder of the University of Minnesota Orthodontic Alumni Association, editor of the *MSO Newsletter* as well as MSO secretary/treasurer, chair of the Membership Initiative of the MDDS, a member of the AAO's Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns, and represents the School of Dentistry Alumni Society on the University of Minnesota Alumni Association National Board.

Steve received the Roger J. Fredsall Distinguished Service Award for 2001 from the MAO, the Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award for 2001 from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Alumni Society and the Outstanding Service Award for 2002 from the MDA.

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President's Report

I am proud and truly humbled to accept the office of president of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists. When I was installed in New Orleans, I realized how blessed I've been in my professional career and how much I've enjoyed orthodontics. "Pinch me" is a term my wife and I use a lot to remind us, "Life is good, life is very good," and to be thankful for our many gifts.

Life at the MSO also is very good.

The Burmeister and Associate's professional management group is under executive management contract for three additional years. Kristi and Dave's company has done an excellent job for our association and I am quite pleased to have them on board.

I would like to thank the entire MSO Board and all supporting members for their commitment to our society and their unwavering willingness to serve the MSO.

Dr. **Michael Hipp** from Des Moines will be completing his term as Iowa's director next fall as he will move up to the MSO Executive Committee as secretary/treasurer, pending final election. Dr. **Paul Hermanson** from Marshalltown will replace Mike on the board as director after our 2004 Annual Session in Chicago.

Dr. **Michael Keim** from Fargo, North Dakota, will be completing his term as director at our 2004 Annual



Stephen C. Roehm

Session Board Meeting. Mike, thank you for sharing your time and talents with the MSO. I congratulate you on a job well done. Dr. **Dennis Sommers** from Minot will replace Mike on the Board.

Drs. **Lee Graber** (MSO Trustee), **Keith Levin** (MSO President 2000) and **Thomas Stark** (MSO President 2003)

are carrying the torch to the AAO leadership to streamline the efficiency of the AAO House of Delegates. This committee is the result of discussions last year within the AAO House of Delegates and a directive by the AAO president to improve the efficiency of our AAO House.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world.

Indeed it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

The prestigious Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was established by MSO to honor Dr. **Earl Shepard**, an MSO member who dedicated his entire career to the betterment of his profession. Dr. **Stephen F. Litton** from Golden Valley, Minnesota, is the 2003 recipient of this award. Industrious and forward-thinking, Steve is a dynamic addition to every board and to every organization with which he is involved. He is a mentor, role model and friend to all who know him. Steve, congratulations on being named our 2003 Shepard Award winner. You are most deserving. Also, a special thanks for your continued work as *MSO Newsletter* editor and for accepting your current position of MSO Secretary/Treasurer. Steve will receive his award at the MSO Ad Interim Board Meeting, March 11, 2004, to be held in St. Louis.

At our MSO Ad Interim Board Meeting we will begin preliminary discussions regarding resolutions for the AAO House of Delegates meeting during the 2004 AAO Annual Session in Orlando. We will review other delegation issues, complete MSO Board housekeeping issues and have special AAO staff presentations.

Dr. **Brent Larson** from Rochester, Minnesota, will chair and Dr. **Steven Marshall** from Buffalo Grove, Illinois, will serve as vice-chair for the 2004 MSO delegation at the AAO Annual Session in Orlando. Now is the appropriate time for the general membership to come forward with concerns or issues and share them with your component director or with Brent or Steve.

Our next MSO Annual Session will be a joint convention with the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists in Chicago at the Hyatt Regency on October 1-3, 2004. Dr. **Steven Marshall** is the general arrangements chair. Steve and the Annual Session Committee have planned a unique program featuring over 20 separate speakers during this all-day Friday, all-day Saturday and half-day Sunday lecture series. The scientific lecture program will feature a number of speakers including Drs. **Jim Hilgers** and **David Hatcher**. **Barry Sears**, M.D., author of "The Zone" on healthy living, also will speak. The staff program will feature Mr. **Bruce Christopher**, Dr. **Straty Righellis** and Ms. **Joan Garbo**. Orthodontic resident research from the "best and the brightest students" from MSO and GLAO universities also will be presented. A highlight of the meeting will be the Friday night dinner dance featuring the 2004 Shepard Award winner presentation, keynote speaker **Barry Sears**, M.D. and dancing and fun with the Dancing DJ's. Registration materials will be mailed to all members in early summer (*see page 22 for more information*).

I would like to thank the following MSO members serving on the 2004 MSO/GLAO Annual Session Commit-

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Trustee's Report

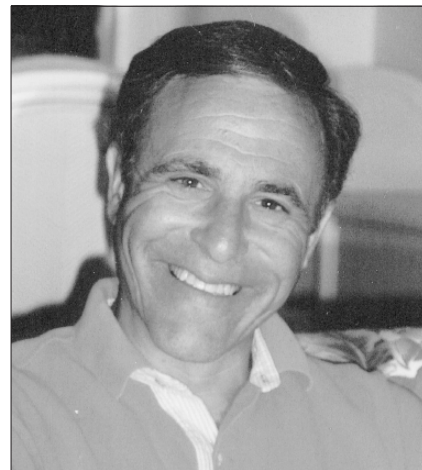
Happy New Year to you all! I hope that through the holidays you have taken time to enjoy those things “other than orthodontics” and, in particular, have had time to share with family and friends.

The AAO has an outstanding surgical orthodontic meeting planned for February 6-8 in Palm Springs, California. The meeting is shared with the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and is entitled, “Advances in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Surgery: Practical and Clinical Applications in the Modern Day Practice.” The faculty includes well-known orthodontists and oral surgeons with topics ranging from orthognathic surgery to transplants to implants to 3-dimensional imaging to facial plastic surgery. The lectures allow for a question-and-answer session from the floor, so all in attendance will have a chance to participate. The location is the beautiful Renaissance Esmeralda Resort and Spa with lots of activities for spouse and family. See the AAO Web site at www.aomember.org for registration information.

Next year will be an election year. In previous columns I have noted the importance of orthodontists becoming involved in the political process. So much of what we do is determined by our representatives in state and national government. If you have developed contacts and mutual interests with a local candidate, help his/her campaign. Even better, become a “Key Contact” with the AAO Key Contact program by contacting **Kevin Dillard** in the AAO central office (800/424-2841). As a Key Contact, you will be provided by the AAO with legislative information that is of importance to orthodontists and their practices. You are alerted so that you can contact your representative with critical information. Whether a “Key Contact” or not, members also may track important legislation by going to the AAO Web site and clicking on “AAOPAC Legislative Action Center” for timely news. I would encourage you strongly to contribute to the AAOPAC so that our political action committee can help us to develop improved relationships with those legislators who have been supportive of orthodontists in the past.

Every two years the AAO sponsors an important update in federal governmental affairs for our leadership. The following members have been chosen by the MSO Board to attend the March 20-23, 2004 Government Affairs Conference in Washington, DC: MSO President-Elect Dr. **Mike Inda** (Wisconsin), Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** (Illinois), Dr. **Mark Dake** (Missouri), Dr. **Steve Huber** (Missouri), Dr. **Mike Hipp** (Iowa), Dr. **Steve Hensler** (Minnesota), Dr. **Spencer Pope** (Illinois), Dr. **John Warford, Jr** (North Dakota), and **Kim Stafford** (Nebraska). The Conference will include Grassroots Training aimed at assisting attendees in developing relationships with members of Congress.

The AAO is inviting the Board of Trustees, the Council on Governmental Affairs and the AAO Political Action Committee Board of Directors to the Conference. They will hear a presentation by U.S. Surgeon General **Richard Carmona**, members of Congress and our AAO lobbyist **Tim Haake**.



Lee W. Graber

The main focus of the Board of Trustees continues to be on the crisis we are facing in education. From (A) the work we have been doing over the last few years to help push the other specialties and the ADA to consider problems to (Z) the positions we have taken in support of quality education (concerns with new programs), there has been a lot of time and energy expended.

As you consider this “education” area, remember that all aspects are interlinked. The shortage of faculty, the lack of an adequate number of graduates, poor school funding, etc. provide an environment where alternate solutions to these educational problems will be proffered by communities of interest. Not all of these communities have goals common to the AAO. Indeed, some may have very special interests.

The AAO has remained concerned about the application of Jacksonville University for accreditation. The process for accreditation goes through a group of individuals who sit as the Commission on Dental Accreditation, made up of representatives of all the specialty groups, the American Dental Association, dental educators (American Dental Educators Association [ADEA]) and the public. It is run under the auspices of the U.S. Department of Education, albeit the ADA staffs the commission and controls the appointment process, upon nomination from groups of interest and the ADA Board of Trustees. The process of application for approval is codified and fairly standard among the advanced training programs. While there is a written application and sometimes testifying before the commission involved, to a large degree, decisions on applications for accreditation are based on the results of site visits made by selected evaluators.

The AAO has maintained a position that it is IN FAVOR of new graduate orthodontic dental education programs as long as they respect the sanctity of the student

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Membership Report

Current Membership – December 9, 2003

Active Members	1,001
Affiliate Members	7
Associate Members	20
Retired Members	276
Total Members	1,304

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	360
Iowa	83
Manitoba	23
Minnesota	155
Missouri	154
Nebraska	48
North Dakota	11
South Dakota	17
Wisconsin	150

Deceased Members

Mark K. Dougherty – Scottsbluff, Nebraska
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Transfers to/from MSO

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Reginald L. Fulford – From Cicero, Illinois to PCSO
John C. Gentile – From Minot, North Dakota to RMSO
Natalie Luce – From GLAO to Johnsburg, Illinois
George M. Myracle – From Sikeston, Missouri to GLAO
Nitin Sallapudi – From St. Peters, Missouri to SAO
James P. Stenger – From Wisconsin to International Status
Royce G. Thomas – From Missouri (retired status address

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Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenses

Actual 2002, Actual January 1 through December 22, 2003

Budget 2003, Budget 2004

Income:	Actual 2002	Actual 2003	Budget 2003	Budget 2004
401 Membership Fees	115,155.00	114,111.00	120,000.00	130,000.00
402 Applicant Fees	1,020.00	810.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
403 Interest	3,554.54	2,273.65	5,000.00	5,000.00
410 Annual Session Income	<u>43,987.48</u>	<u>30,030.78</u>	<u>15,000.00</u>	<u>393,500.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$163,717.02</u>	<u>\$147,225.43</u>	<u>\$141,000.00</u>	<u>\$529,500.00</u>
Expenses:				
501 President's Expense Reimbursement	250.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
502 President-Elect's Expense Reimbursement	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
503 Secretary/Treasurer's Expense Reimburse.	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
503A Newsletter Editor's Expense Reimburse.	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
504 Printing, Copies and By-Laws	1,633.09	858.29	2,000.00	1,700.00
505 Postage	1,351.72	1,301.94	1,800.00	1,500.00
506 Administrative Office	73,400.00	77,384.00	78,850.00	75,000.00
507 Executive Secretary Travel/Hotel	2,507.48	1,261.20	3,500.00	2,500.00
508 Phone	313.33	486.59	900.00	500.00
509 Supplies	498.97	171.89	600.00	600.00
510 Bank Fees/Miscellaneous	746.66	548.25	250.00	750.00
511 Fidelity Bond & Liability Insurance	745.00	953.00	900.00	900.00
512 Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance	2,163.95	2,400.08	2,200.00	2,450.00
513 Dues Billing Charges	981.00	984.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
515 AAO Delegation—Meeting	1,378.07	780.59	2,100.00	1,500.00
516 AAO Delegation—Per Diem	1,080.00	960.00	1,600.00	1,440.00
517 AAO Delegation—Travel/Hotel	15,853.57	14,422.54	15,000.00	14,000.00
519 AAO Foundation	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
520 MSO Ad Interim—Meeting/Council	772.10	2,326.62	1,000.00	4,000.00
521 MSO Ad Interim—Per Diem	440.00	680.00	1,120.00	1,120.00
522 MSO Ad Interim—Travel/Hotel	5,501.77	7,656.63	6,500.00	8,000.00
524 Accountant	2,191.25	2,360.85	2,200.00	2,400.00
525 Recognition Awards	369.00	579.86	500.00	500.00
526 Newsletter	8,384.15	7,296.01	9,500.00	9,500.00
528 MSO Annual Session—Per Diem	440.00	560.00	560.00	560.00
529 MSO Annual Session—Travel/Hotel	4,283.29	9,355.75	8,500.00	6,000.00
530 Executive Committee Contingency	49.73	45.15	250.00	250.00
531 AAO Leadership Conference	1,884.64	2,059.82	2,200.00	1,900.00
534 President's Reception Fund (2003)	2,500.00	2,500.00	5,500.00	2,500.00
536 GORP Contribution	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,250.00	1,000.00
539 Student/Educator Grants	750.00	1,990.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
600 Annual Session Expenses	<u>28,771.55</u>	<u>3,945.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>383,500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$161,790.32</u>	<u>\$146,768.09</u>	<u>\$158,430.00</u>	<u>\$528,720.00</u>
Net Income	\$1,926.70	\$457.35	-\$17,430.00	\$780.00

Cash Assets – As of December 29, 2003

Mutual Funds	31,232.00
UBS PaineWebber CDs	39,768.00
UBS PaineWebber Money Market	185,757.07
2004 Annual Session Fund	10,000.12
President's Reception Fund	<u>1,840.98</u>
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$268,598.17</u>

AAO Council Reports

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

Council on Communications

The following are the highlights from our December meeting in St. Louis:

- Discussed outreach to orthodontic staff and dental hygienists.
- Decided to develop a marketing plan for the implementation of *Did You Know?* which is an electronic communication that will be launched in January 2004.
- Discussed specific design approaches for the revisions of *Straight Facts About Orthodontics* and *Orthodontics: A Patient Education Guide*.
- Discussed offering "variety packs" of Spanish language brochures. The COC would like to explore the possibility of selling ten of each of the five Spanish brochures in a package of 50.
- Decided to create a consumer awareness pamphlet about fiberotomies and frenectomies. The COC wants the information presented in the form of a "mini-brochure."
- Discussed the possibility of putting the consumer education brochures on the member Web site. Many members have mentioned that they would be more apt to purchase brochures if they were given an opportunity to look at the brochure contents prior to purchasing the brochure.
- Discussed the possibility of revisiting TV advertising. The first step in this initial investigative process will be to procure an estimate for three flights of paid TV advertising.
- Explored the possibility of consulting with the Council on Membership and the New and Younger Member Advisory Committee regarding the development of an interactive DVD that will introduce orthodontic residents to the benefits, programs, and services offered by the AAO.
- Discussed the creation of two Power Point presentations. One presentation will be geared toward elementary-age children and will address common age 7 orthodontic problems, and the second presentation will be geared toward parents of school-age children and also will address common orthodontic problems.
- Discussed the value of a Web site created by the Minnesota Dental Association titled "Sip All Day, Get Tooth Decay." The Council explored the possibility of adding the MDA link to our site and writing a *Bulletin* feature story about the site.

The next scheduled meeting of the Council is August 6-7, 2004, in St. Louis.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding the on-going activities of your COC.

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Council on Insurance

All AAO-endorsed insurance programs continue to perform admirably. The health, life and disability plans, as well as the business office package, professional liability and the recently introduced employment practices liability insurance demonstrate growing participation.

The favorable claims experience of the AAO group health plan administered by New York Life Insurance Company has resulted in suspension of premium adjustments for the next several months even though national trends indicate that medical expenses are rising 1.25% per month. Unfortunately, however, the AAO Insurance Company Board has approved an across-the-board rate increase of 13.5% for all geographic areas and policy types effective January 1, 2004, due to escalating costs affiliated with providing professional liability insurance to AAO members.

The Council on Insurance has recommended that the AAO Board of Trustees approve a new 10-Year Level Premium Term Life Insurance for AAO members which will make the AAO group life insurance program a very competitive alternative to other life insurance policies currently available.

The Council on Insurance strongly advises all AAO-member employers to investigate the advantages of the employment practices liability insurance endorsed by the AAO and administered by Travelers Insurance Company since the average settlement for improper employment practices continues to rise significantly and is generally substantially higher than the average settlement in cases of professional liability.

If you have any questions or concerns about our insurance products or wish our Council to investigate new insurance products, please feel free to contact me.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

The Council on Governmental Affairs met September 7-9, 2003, in Washington, D.C. The following actions were taken by the Council:

The Council held five VIP events with federal legislators. During these events, the members of the Council had an opportunity to discuss matters of importance to the AAO with Senators and members of the House of Representatives. These face-to-face events are critical in establishing important ties and developing friendships. At the events held during this session, we stressed the concerns of the AAO about orthodontic education and critical aspects of the accreditation process. We reviewed the importance of following the United States Department of Education mandates which are, in part, designed to ensure the public's interests in the educational process of health care professionals.

For your information, the American Dental Association's House of Delegates also expressed concerns with the accreditation process during its recent meeting in San Francisco. It is expected that their councils and lobbyists (and remember, they represent us as well) will be helping to further inform our Washington representatives on these education issues.

While the contacts we make as a council in Washington are important, members are encouraged to continue to communicate with their own legislators. You will find an easy way of doing this by using CapWiz, found on the AAO's Web site under "Legislative Action Center" at <http://www.aaomember.org>. We also encourage you to be active in this year's election process. A good way to help the AAO better represent our interests is by making a contribution to the AAOPAC.

The Council decided that it will select a speaker during its March meeting for the 2004 Key Contact Reception to be held on Sunday, May 2, in Orlando. The Council also will recommend to the Board that members of NYMAC be invited to attend this event.

The Council is recommending to the Board of Trustees that the AAO prepare and make available to all component organizations an informational packet relative to dental specialty licensure. This should include a model statute, methodology of implementation and potential advantages and disadvantages.

The Council is recommending to the Board of Trustees that the AAO amend the Key Contact Manual to include a chapter on the importance of AAO members,

spouses and their families, etc. in supporting presidential candidates. In relation to this, the Council also is recommending that, in order to strengthen the AAO's Key Contact List, the AAO send a letter from the COGA chair to each member of the AAO in districts with no Key Contact, explaining the importance of being a Key Contact and asking them to become one. The letter also would ask them to develop a relationship with their Congressmen via the ADA Action Team Leader for the district.

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Council on Information Technology

The Council on Information Technology continues its effort to improve member services through the use of technology. As features and services have been added to the AAO Web site, the overall look and feel of the Web site has not kept pace. It needs to be updated to make the new features easy to find and easy to use. To make this happen, the Council is currently soliciting other councils, AAO staff and AAO members to get their input as to how we can make the site work better for everyone. COIT will meet in January to review all the feedback and work with an outside facilitator to help take the first steps toward an updated and friendlier Web site.

Registration for the AAO Annual Session continues to be a well-used feature of the Web site. For the 2004 Annual Session in Orlando, two-thirds of the registrations received so far have come via the Web site. Remember to take advantage of the Cyber Café and the wireless Web access when you attend the Orlando meeting in May.

I mentioned in the last newsletter that you should keep your eyes open for the results of the recent practice management survey. Although it hasn't been published yet, we are working with the AAO Board of Trustees to get this information to you soon.

COIT is working with the Board of Trustees to create a discussion forum on the Web site for members to communicate regarding software issues. A software users' discussion forum has been a widely requested service that we are confident will provide a unique opportunity for AAO members to share experiences, challenges and solutions regarding practice management software.

In the near future, a new library system will become available on the Web site. The new system will allow

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members easier access to the wonderful archive of materials available in the AAO Library.

I still would suggest that you try the AAO freE.mail if you want a professional e-mail address. The freE.mail system allows you to have a powerful free e-mail service available from anywhere with an Internet connection. Members now have 20MB of free e-mail storage.

As we work to design the new AAO Web site, I would love to hear from you with your ideas about what it should look like and how it should work. If you have ideas about this or about anything else, please contact me.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns met in St. Louis on December 6. A number of items were discussed.

We spent time reviewing the results of the recent “Survey of AAO Members Age 50 and Over” with staff of the Research and Planning Group. Approximately 34% of the surveys that were mailed out to this cohort were returned. Results will be shared with the BOT and other councils and, eventually, our membership. We also discussed the possibility of surveying current residents as to their plans after graduation. There also was talk about surveying or setting up a research family for international members to evaluate membership benefits for that segment of our membership.

We discussed the feasibility of making student membership automatic for all first-year orthodontic residents. A subcommittee was appointed to further investigate this issue.

There was much debate about the dues structure for Canadian members. This is an item that is discussed periodically considering that there are issues of both currency fluctuations and the concern that not all of the expenses of the AAO are of benefit to Canadian members. It was decided to accept a dues amount for Canadian members that is fixed at 70% of the applicable member category – the resolution modified and presented by the BOT at the House of Delegates in May.

We also decided to look at all the various programs that we present to residents while in training to make the whole process more organized. Items include such prog-

rams as the introduction to the AAO, practice alternatives, ethics, etc. A subcommittee was appointed to study this issue further.

One of the issues that recently has been brought to our attention is that of orthodontists who are licensed to practice in the U.S. who were not trained in an accredited orthodontic program and who wish to join the AAO. Current requirements require training in an accredited U.S./Canadian program for membership. It was decided to maintain the current requirement to apply for membership in the AAO.

We discussed setting up a locum tenens bureau for members who are looking to match other members for short-term employment opportunities for such needs as vacation, illness, pregnancy, etc.

We passed a budget for 2004, but that may change before the AAO House of Delegates if we decide to do a survey. In addition, we continue to investigate ethical issues of our members that are brought to our attention.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The Council on Orthodontic Healthcare met at AAO headquarters Saturday, August 2.

COHC Chair **Scott Jamieson** reported on the ADA DR Days meeting in Chicago. DR Days is an annual convention sponsored by the ADA to promote the concept and administration of Direct Reimbursement programs nationwide. It should be noted that the AAO developed the Direct Reimbursement program in 1977.

Dr. **Terry Pracht**, AAO trustee liaison, reported on the current activities at the AAO. Recognition was made of the Council’s publication, *At-A-Glance Guide to the CDT-3/Version Codes*. This concise office aid was enclosed in laminated form in the *AAO Bulletin* earlier this year. Additional copies are available for purchase online or from the AAO office.

Many questions have been posed by AAO members regarding HIPAA regulations. An immediate resource for HIPAA information is the AAO Web site. Click on “AAO Guide to Patient Privacy Rules.” A printed version is

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also available.

The Dental Benefits Advisory Service reported a very successful year. Of particular interest to the membership is the DBAS Hotline service which is staffed to answer questions regarding insurance filing, coding and collections. Approximately 350 practices used the DBAS Hotline this past year.

New areas of focus for COHC will be practice management software, electronic insurance filing and the revision of orthodontic insurance coding.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

The GLAO/SWSO/MSO representatives to the Council on Orthodontic Education invited academic orthodontists from the three constituents at the combined meeting in New Orleans to a luncheon on September 20, 2003. The activities of COE were reviewed and discussed.



Academicians from orthodontic educational facilities located within the boundaries of the GLAO, SWSO and MSO met in New Orleans in September.

Specifically, the topics discussed were accreditation of new programs, PASS/Match concerns, distance learning, AAOF awards, the AAO Web site, GME funding and planning for the upcoming meeting in conjunction with the AAO meeting in Orlando.

The educators were encouraged to become members of the orthodontic section of the American Dental Education Association.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

COOP met briefly at AAO's Annual Session in Hawaii and in August in St. Louis. The next meeting will be in St. Louis on January 24, 2004.

The COOP-sponsored "Transition Program," held at the Annual Session in Hawaii, was well attended and the speakers, Drs. **Jerry Clark** and **John McDonald**, were excellent.

COOP is sponsoring a unique conference at the Orlando Annual Session in which "Orthodontist as CEO" and the "Transition Program" will be combined in a one-day, pre-meeting session on Friday, April 30. Speakers include Drs. **John McDonald**, **Jerry Clark**, **Joe O'Neill**, **Larry Domer**, Mr. **Randall Berning**, and Ms. **Elizabeth Barrett**. They will give the audience an excellent, focused one-day meeting that will help young, mid-term and retiring orthodontists have a better understanding of their CEO responsibilities in relation to transition. The audio portion of the meeting will be recorded to allow those who could not attend an opportunity to access the information.

The COOP-sponsored staff training pilot program, called "Train-the-Trainer," first offered in fall of 2001, has been elevated to a full-day, ticketed staff training program called S.T.A.R.T. (Staff Training: Advancing & Renewing Teams). This program 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. Doctors are welcome to attend, but please note that this is a limited-attendance program.

The BOT has approved an advanced version of "Orthodontist as CEO" to be held in February 2006. A subcommittee has been formed and is working to provide an excellent three-day seminar with outstanding speakers at one of AAO's premier stand-alone conferences.

All AAO members should note that the BOT approved furnishing all fully-accredited orthodontic programs copies of the "Orthodontist as CEO" audio tapes, notebooks and CD-ROMs for use by residents and faculty.

A subcommittee of COOP reviews periodically the various forms which are provided to members, i.e. health history, consent, transfer, etc. The subcommittee has completed the review of the child and adult health history forms and these are available from the AAO on CD.

There has not been a question asking patients about their smoking habits on past AAO health history and consent forms for adults. Smoking is a known factor in decreasing patient resistance to periodontal disease and

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orthodontists who treat adult smokers without discussing periodontal implications are at higher risk of facing medicolegal problems if bone loss occurs during tooth movement. Tooth movement and orthodontics are blamed for the bone loss rather than the more significant issue of smoking and the effect that smoking has on the reduction of the body's immune system to fight periodontal disease.

Many orthodontists send treatment requests to general dentists and do not receive return correspondence informing them that the treatment has been completed. The orthodontist may assume it was and proceed with orthodontics and run into more advanced problems because of this lack of communication. COOP has provided a simple method to encourage the general dentist to provide correspondence upon the completion of the requested dental procedures. This is available on the AAO forms on CD.

The existing office design manual is outdated and a new manual will be created and be posted on the AAO's Web site with links to various supply companies' Web sites. We are working with Dr. **John Grubb**, who will be presenting the "Office of the Future" at the 2004 Orlando meeting.

COOP, in conjunction with AAO's claims committee at AAOIC, will be revising the existing informed consent document. The goal is to broaden the scope of informed consent without making it more difficult to understand.

A subcommittee of COOP is developing an information exchange program regarding orthodontic possibilities for patients with disabilities and/or special needs to help members become more aware of and to better understand the labels attached to certain conditions. This should also help members differentiate between conditions of physical disability, learning disability and emotional disability and the special patient/parent management strategies that are necessary.

These issues of special needs patients will be addressed in a multifaceted approach in order to develop a better sense of member and staff requirements in this complicated area. Expect to see some human interest and informative articles in the *AAO Bulletin* in the near future.

Recently, a subcommittee of COOP was assigned to work with COC in the development of a "Referring Dentist Education Program." The subcommittee will be considering programs that are already in place and their effectiveness. In addition, consideration will be given to input from referring dentists of Council members to determine what type of information dentists would like to have and what format would be best to help the referring dentists educate their patients about the value of orthodontics.

If you have questions regarding this report or

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Council on Scientific Affairs

There has been no news to report since the last article in the newsletter. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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American Board of Orthodontics

Thank-you to Drs. **Kyle Childers**, **John Kharouf** and **Rose Sheets** for displaying your board cases in New Orleans this past September. I appreciate your efforts in bringing your cases to display and congratulate you again on becoming Diplomates of the ABO.

The ABO had its fall retreat at the Stanley Hotel in Estes Park, Colorado. There is a large plaque on the front porch of the hotel commemorating the formation of the ABO in 1929 under the leadership of Dr. **Albert H. Ketcham**. If you are ever visiting Estes Park, drive up to the Stanley Hotel and partake in orthodontic history.

Next year will be the 75th anniversary of the ABO and the 25th anniversary of CDABO. The anniversaries will be celebrated at the Ketcham Reception at the AAO Annual Session in Orlando where all boarded orthodontists will be invited. A video production celebrating the anniversaries will be a part of the opening ceremonies and the Excellence in Orthodontics luncheon.

The ABO now has a Phase II exam committee and a Phase III committee of four members each. As the chairman of the Phase II committee, my main focus was to finalize the written exam for April 30, 2004, in Orlando.

The Phase III clinical examination will be held February 20-26, 2004, in St. Louis. A candidate may present clinical cases using either the Option I pathway or the new Discrepancy Index pathway.

The Discrepancy Index is comprised of the following elements: measurements of overjet, overbite, anterior open bite, lateral open bite, crowding, molar relationship, posterior crossbite, ANB angle, lower incisor position and

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steepness of the mandibular plane. An additional category that may be scored is designated as "other" and is used to define certain conditions, such as impactions, midline discrepancies, etc., that add to the complexity of treatment.

Candidates who use the Discrepancy Index must ensure that their case display includes at least one case started in the mixed dentition; at least two Class II cases, one of which requires bilateral extractions in both arches; at least one adult case which may be surgical; and no more than two combined surgical-orthodontic cases.

Dr. **Anthony Gianelly** will be receiving the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award for 2004 in Orlando.

I would invite you to visit the newly updated ABO Web site at <http://www.americanboardortho.com>. Last year I mentioned the Board had hired **Steve McEvoy** of MME Consulting in Sacramento, California, to update our computer systems and Web site. He has done a tremendous job.

Steve reported that the new Web site is averaging 178 hits per day. The Web site has a search engine that will identify or list the five closest board-certified orthodontists to a locale by either a zip code or the name of a city. ABO-certified orthodontists have been identified 49,000 times in the past six months by the search engine.

The Web site also has an updated reading list for the Phase II examination plus case examples for the Phase III examination and much more. I would appreciate your comments.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

Next summer the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a meeting in Sunriver, Oregon. The founding fathers will be honored at this meeting that highlights "Adult Orthodontics." All those attending will receive an anniversary silver medallion as a gift. Because of this historic occasion, attendance is expected to be especially high so please remember to register early. CDABO encourages members to attend with their spouses and children, as these summer meetings are truly family events. And remember, you now can invite a Board-eligible orthodontist to attend the meeting at the member's fee.

The CDABO Board of Councilors established an Award of Special Merit to recognize the special efforts of CDABO's unsung heroes. The first award winners were Drs. **Terry Guenther** and **Michael Rudolph**. Any of you



Ray George (l) congratulating Terry Guenther and his wife, Becky.

who have been to an Annual Session know how deserving they were of this recognition.

As always, CDABO is working closely with the AAO. The *AJO/DO* is now the official publication of CDABO.

Dr. **David Turpin**, its editor, has kindly offered to help promote CDABO annual summer meetings. CDABO has offered to donate \$1,500 which is to be awarded to the best clinical case report presented in the *AJO/DO* as determined by the AAO Editorial Board.

Congratulations to the 2003 Diplomates who have joined the College this year: Drs. **Rose Sheats**, Rochester, Minnesota; **Kyle Childers**, Benton, Illinois and **Thomas Wilson**, Des Moines, Iowa.

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of December 1, 2003, the Foundation's campaign has realized \$22.6 million in pledges with \$14.8 million of that being redeemed. For the fifth consecutive year we have received \$2 million in new pledges.

The MSO is only a few new pledges from reaching the participation goal set by the Foundation of one-third of the membership of each state and constituent. All the states in the MSO have now realized their participation level except Illinois and Wisconsin. Wisconsin needs two new pledges to reach their goal, and Illinois needs ten pledges.

Initial participation with the Foundation has increased significantly by getting residents involved with the campaign. The Foundation recently has formed the Vanguard Society, which signifies that an AAO member has made a pledge to the Foundation as a resident. At the last Graduate Orthodontic Residency Program (GORP) held in August in Boston, the Foundation received \$150,000 in

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pledges from the residents. Each resident then has five years from the time of graduation to begin redeeming his or her pledge.

For those who have made an initial pledge and have paid it off, consider moving up to the next pledge level or even think about pledging at the Regent level of \$25,000. Currently there are 329 Regents. The Foundation has a goal of reaching 500 Regents by the end of 2005. An even higher pledge level is the Fellow, a pledge of \$50,000. Dr. **John Pershing** is chairing a Foundation committee to recruit fifty Fellows by 2005. So far, twenty-three members have pledged at this level.

Another way to contribute to the Foundation is through the Keystone Society. A member of the Keystone Society is someone who has included the Foundation in their estate planning. Eighty members have contributed in this way. Dr. **Gene Blair** is the chair of the committee overseeing the Keystone Society.

The annual AAOF benefit golf tournament will be held in Orlando at the Annual Session on Friday, April 30, 2004, at Falcon's Fire Golf Course. The entry fee for the tournament is \$395 with \$100 of that being tax-deductible. Registration materials for the tournament should be included in the registration packet for the Annual Session.

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New and Younger Member Advisory Committee

NYMAC met in St. Louis in November. It was the first time we were able to meet the newer members of the committee. We were also joined by our new resident members – Drs. **Ivy Chen** from Harvard and **Michael George** from the University of Washington.

We focused on the Annual Session in Orlando where NYMAC will be presenting a program for residents and recent graduates. We will discuss topics such as associations, marketing, and buying a practice, followed by a panel discussion. We also are busy with *NYMO*, our online newsletter, and could always use more suggestions on topics readers would like to see addressed. We also are planning to send a member to the 2004 GORP meeting in Ann Arbor to meet the residents and share all the benefits the AAO has to offer.

All in all, it was a productive meeting indoctrinating our newer members into the committee and all its activities. As a reminder again, be sure that the AAO has your e-mail address, and please check out the AAO Web site and the informative *NYMO* articles.

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News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **T. M. Graber**, Chicago, Illinois, for receiving *The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon* from the Emperor of Japan.
- Congratulations to Drs. **John Kanyusik**, Mankato, Minnesota; **Robyn Silberstein**, Highland Park, Illinois; and **Stephen Roehm**, Peoria, Illinois, upon their election to the American College of Dentists.
- Congratulations to Drs. **Brian Jespersion**, Bismarck, North Dakota, and **Dennis Sommers**, Minot, North Dakota, upon their election as fellows of the International College of Dentists.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Paul Kattner**, Waukegan, Illinois, who will serve as general chair for the 146th Annual Session of the ADA in Philadelphia in 2005.
- Thanks to Dr. **John Casko**, Iowa City, Iowa, who will serve as a member of the orthodontic review committee for the ADA.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Thomas Southard**, Iowa City, Iowa, who will be AAO's delegate to ADEA's Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Terry Guenther**, Rochester, Minnesota, for receiving an Award of Special Merit from CDABO.
- Thanks to Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, Glenview, Illinois, for serving on the Distance Learning Task Force.
- Congratulations to Dr. **James Gjerset**, Georgetown, Texas, for receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award from the North Dakota Dental Association.
- Thanks to Dr. **Dan Blackwell**, Lee's Summit, Missouri, for his service on the COGA and to Dr. **Mark Dake**, West Plains, Missouri, who will replace him in May.
- Thank you to Dr. **Brian McGarvey**, West Des Moines, Iowa, for his service on AAOPAC and to Dr. **Michael Hipp**, Des Moines, Iowa, who will replace him.
- Special appreciation to outgoing directors Drs. **Kevin Horner**, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and **Robert Schoettger**, Lincoln, Nebraska, for their service.
- Thank you to Drs. **John Kanyusik**, Mankato, Minnesota, and **John Ford**, Winnetka, Illinois, for representing MSO on COMEJC and COI, respectively.

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*Jeff Cavanaugh (l) and
John Pershing*

Our October meeting featured Dr. **Charles McNeil, III**, presenting a program on TMJ disorders and treatment. Our business luncheon featured a number of special guests including Dr. **John Pershing** introducing Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh** as the incoming MSO representative to AAOF.

We were extremely honored to have Dr. **Tom Graber** receive a most prestigious award, *The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon*, sent from the Emperor of Japan. The Japanese Consul General, Mr. **Mituso Sakaba**, and a number of distinguished representa-



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tives, including Professor **Takayuki Kuroda** and Dr. **Etsuko Kondo**, flew to Chicago to make the presentation at our general membership meeting. Tom was praised for his long and tireless efforts to promote orthodontic education and for his support in recognizing the significant clinical and scientific research in orthodontics in Japan.

We also used our general membership meeting to educate our members regarding the issues facing us in orthodontic education. With Dr. **Jim Caveney**'s October letter regarding the AAO-sponsored resolution to the ADA House of Delegates and his list of ADA delegates, we focused our members on the AAO's primary reasons for sponsorship of the resolution and encouraged our members to contact ADA delegates. Prior to the October ADA

meeting, our 8th District trustee and nine of 17 Illinois delegates were contacted directly. My sincere thanks to all those in Illinois (and elsewhere!) who participated in this "grass roots" campaign to educate key members of our dental family on this important issue.

Due to a leave of absence of one of our board members, Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** was named our new Secretary/Treasurer for 2003-04. We also welcome Dr. **Ron Jacobson** as our new trustee.

Our remaining programs for the 2003-2004 year include the following:

- February 20, 2004 – Dr. **Frank Celenza**, at the Chicago Dental Society Mid-Winter Meeting.
- April 5, 2004 – Drs. **Alvaro Figueroa** and **Harry Legan** on distraction osteogenesis.
- October 1-3, 2004 – MSO Annual Session.

Best wishes to all for a healthy and prosperous New Year!

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The annual Iowa Society of Orthodontists meeting was a wild event held in Iowa City. With a last minute cancellation of the speaker, Dr. **Richard Perkins** was able to persuade Drs. **Tom Southard** and **John Casco** to give presentations. According to all who attended, it ended up being one of the best meetings. Not only did we learn new information, we were all challenged to participate. A special thank-you to both our speakers for not only filling in but also being such great teachers. We also would like to thank both Drs. **Tom** and **Karin Southard** for hosting the cocktail party on Sunday. We look forward to many years of this tradition carried on from the Caskos.

Iowa is also proud of all of the work that Dr. **Tom Stark** has done on behalf of the MSO. What a great job in Hawaii and New Orleans. You have represented us and the profession well!

I also would like to acknowledge Dr. **Richard Perkins** on his great job as ISO president. It was an eventful year and we all would like to thank you for all of the extra work that you have done for us. You have set a new standard for all the future ISO presidents to attain. I also would

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like you to know that we will have ISO representation at all state board meetings in the future, so anyone who would like to come and help with this process, please contact me or any of the ISO executive members. In this way we can be proactive and hopefully change and mold how we want the rules to be written.

The ISO fall meeting will be October 18-19, 2004, in Iowa City. In the meantime, the 25th Annual Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar in Vail, Colorado, will be January 31-February 7, 2004. Then, of course, there will be the AAO Annual Session in Orlando! So, lots of fun times ahead for our members.

Sorry if I missed any events, people or updates.

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Manitoba has been relatively quiet over the last few months. There have been no changes in officers and there has not been any continuing education specifically related to orthodontics.

The Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) has agreed that Winnipeg will be the site of its Annual Session in 2008. The CAO, at first glance, appears to be receptive to considering a joint meeting with the MSO.

The Manitoba Society of Orthodontists again will be putting an advertisement in the Yellow Pages as a group this year.

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The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists held its summer meeting on September 5, 2003. The venue was the beautiful Edinburgh USA Golf and Conference Center. The morning session was divided into four one-hour presentations featuring three local oral surgeons as well as MAO member Dr. **David Resch** discussing ankylosed, missing and impacted teeth. The afternoon provided an

excellent opportunity to unwind on the golf course and enjoy orthodontic fellowship and friendly wagers.

The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists is planning its Annual Winter Meeting to be held January 9, 2004. The program this year will be a joint program for both doctors and staff and will feature Dr. **Michael Swartz**. He will speak on issues related to archwire selection, sequencing, bonding success and treatment efficiency. We all look forward to an enlightening program. Special thanks goes to Dr. **Alan Montgomery** for serving as our program chair for both the summer 2003 and winter 2004 meetings.

The MAO has continued its efforts to encourage dental assisting graduates to enter the orthodontic field by awarding approximately 19 scholarships to students in the last phases of their training programs statewide. These students were chosen based upon their overall scholarship as well as their interest in and aptitude for orthodontics. The MAO also continues to encourage externships in private orthodontic offices.

The MAO leadership has been working with the State Board of Dentistry hoping to have six new allowable duties enacted for registered assistants. These excellent efforts have been spearheaded by Dr. **Leo Sinna**. Many registered assistants statewide recently have availed themselves of adhesive removal training provided by Dr. **John Beyer** at the University of Minnesota as well as by other instructors at the dental assisting schools. Our registered assistants now can remove bonding adhesive with a rotary handpiece under the indirect supervision of the orthodontist. We have Dr. Sinna as well as Drs. **Arnie Hill**, **Deborah Lien**, and others to thank for these advancements in Board rules enabling greater efficiency in how we deliver care. Many, many hours have been devoted to achieving small victories.

Dr. **Stephen Litton** was named the winner of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award for 2003. He was unable to accept his award in person this past September but will be presented with it personally in March. Congratulations on your award, Steve. There certainly is no one who could be more deserving!

We hope to see many of our members in attendance at the AAO meeting in Palm Springs in February. It will be held as a joint session with the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and should be a very interesting meeting, indeed. In addition, the AAO Annual Session in Orlando in May should be a super meeting as well.

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Drs. **David Lebsack** and **Ginny Mennemeyer** have put together a wonderful meeting featuring Dr. **David Sarver**, who will be speaking on, "Esthetic Diagnosis" on Friday and Saturday, April 16-17, 2004. The meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in St. Louis with a full-day program on Friday and a morning session on Saturday. Information and registration forms will be forthcoming. The course will provide 12 hours of continuing education credit.

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

Again, please remember to have staff members certified and take the expanded functions exam to comply with state laws for those duties which they perform.

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The Omaha Study Club will feature Dr. **Anoop Sondhi** at its annual meeting on January 30, 2004. The program title is, "Current Concepts in Orthodontic Treatment with Preadjusted Edgewise Appliances," and is cosponsored by 3M-Unitek. More information is available from Dr. **Lisa Strunk** at 402/330-5913.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists is planning to hold its annual meeting on March 26, 2004, at the East Campus Student Union in Lincoln. The program is entitled, "Craniofacial Disorders: Etiology, Pathogenesis and Orthodontic Management." Dr. **Peter Spalding**, Chair of the Department of Growth and Development at UNMC College of Dentistry, and Dr. **Brad Schaefer**, pediatric geneticist from the UNMC Munroe-Myer Institute, will present this special continuing education session. Contact Dr. **Jeffrey Nickel** at jnickel@unmc.edu or 402/472-2175 for more information.

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North Dakota

Michael L. Keim, President
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North Dakota orthodontists were busy in San Francisco in October. Dr. **Reed Sanford**, the 10th District Regent of the International College of Dentists, was elected Treasurer of the Section. Congratulations to Drs. **Brian Jespersen** and **Dennis Sommers** who were initiated into the International College of Dentists.

Congratulations are in order for Dr. **Allison Fallgatter**, a Bismarck dentist, who has been accepted into the University of Minnesota's orthodontic program.

Dr. **Dennis Sommers** will assume responsibilities as director to the MSO when Dr. **Mike Keim**'s term ends in the fall of 2004.

The spring meeting is being planned.

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South Dakota

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The next meeting of the SDSO has not been scheduled at this time. Members who have questions or suggestions about the SDSO activities or who have information for the *MSO Newsletter* should please contact me.

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Wisconsin

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The WSO held its annual fall meeting on October 13, 2003, at the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. It was well attended and Dr. **John Casko** gave an excellent presentation on the diagnosis and treatment of adult patients with borderline and severe skeletal discrepancies. At the break on Monday, Dr. **Russ Kittleson** rose to offer a toast

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in recognition of the 45th anniversary of the initiation of the WSO. He presented an original copy of the meeting outline dated October 13, 1958. Of note, Drs. **A. C. Rohde** and **J. B. Franklin** spoke on "Growth and Development." Our many thanks to Dr. **Robert Winders** for organizing the WSO and for the many friendships and learning opportunities found here for the last 45 years.

We note that one of our members, Dr. **Mike Inda**, will be the 2005 MSO President. Mike will preside over the combined MSO/WFO meeting that will be held in Paris, France. All of our WSO and MSO members are encouraged to attend.

Our spring 2004 meeting will be held March 15-16 at the Marriott in Middleton, Wisconsin. Ms. **Rosemary Bray** will speak on practice marketing and staff motivation.

Staff is invited to attend. Our fall 2004 meeting will be combined with the MSO and GLAO at the Chicago Hyatt Regency Hotel on October 1-3.

Our spring 2005 meeting will be held April 11-12 at The American Club in Kohler, Wisconsin. Dr. **Jose Nelson Mucha**, an orthodontist and periodontist, practicing in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will speak on multidisciplinary treatment and esthetics.

Finally, we mourn the unexpected passing of Dr. **Bill Levihn**. Bill was a past president of the WSO and had practiced in Madison for many years. His dynamic spirit touched many of us and he will be fondly remembered. We send our condolences to his wife, Dena, and their family.

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Crist and Harre are MSO's newest directors

We welcome two new members to the Board of Directors of the MSO. Dr. **Ross Crist**, from Sioux Falls, South Dakota, replaced Dr. **Kevin Horner**. Kevin will continue to serve the MSO as its representative to the Council on Communications. In addition, Dr. **Paula Harre**, from Lincoln, Nebraska, replaces Dr. **Robert Schoettger**, also from Lincoln. Bob, we thank you for your years of service to the MSO.

Ross received his dental degree from the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) College of Dentistry in 1981. He practiced general dentistry for nine years, then



Ross L. Crist

earned a M.A. degree in management from Bellevue University in Omaha and a M.S. degree in orthodontics from West Virginia University in Morgantown. He received numerous awards and honors for academic distinction. In addition to being actively involved in civic and church activities, Ross is a member of many professional organizations, including being a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. He served as the Director of Advanced Education in General Dentistry in the Department of Pathology, Diagnosis and Radiology and is a guest lecturer in the Department of Practice Management at UNMC College of Dentistry.

Ross enjoys sports of all kinds, landscaping and collecting antique pendulum clocks. He and his wife, **Lisa**, have two children, **Austin** and **Jace**.

Paula also graduated from the UNMC College of Dentistry, then completed a General Practice Residency at the Veterans Hospital in Omaha. She practiced for nine years in Broken Bow, Nebraska, then returned to the College of Dentistry as Interim Director of patient admissions for one year before completing her training in orthodontics in 1995. She worked for a large group orthodontic practice in Council Bluffs, Iowa, and was an independent dental consultant for Ameritas Life Insurance Company.

Paula is a member of a number of dental and orthodontic organizations. She serves on the legislative committee of the Nebraska Dental Association and has been inducted into both the American and International Colleges of Dentists.

Paula is married to **Dan Duncan**, Director of UNL's Agriculture Research and Development Center in Mead. They enjoy sports, golf, traveling, movies and spoiling their two nephews.

We look forward to these two individuals bringing new perspectives to the MSO Board. Thank you both for giving of your time and talents.



Paula L. Harre

Graduate School Reports

Marquette University

During the last couple of months we have added several new part-time faculty to our ranks. Drs. **William Lobb**, Dean of the Marquette Dental School, **Robert Younquist** and **John Pincsak** have been very welcome additions to our clinical faculty. We thank them for their efforts as we do our entire hard-working faculty. Three residents accompanied Dr. **Gerry Bradley** to Athens, Greece, where three projects for Masters theses were completed. As a result of this work, several abstracts have been submitted for the upcoming AAO meeting. Congratulations to Dr. **Francisco Villalobos** for having two abstracts accepted to IADR for the upcoming Hawaii meeting. A paper on marginal ridge discrepancies was accepted for publication in the *WJO* this past fall.

We have learned that Mrs. **Lynn Perry**, wife of Dr. **Hal Perry**, recently was hospitalized in Oregon. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lynn and Hal at this time.

We have had several guest speakers come to lecture the residents in the past months. In August we welcomed Dr. **Gerry Samson** who lectured on biomechanics. He will be returning again in December. In February, Dr. **Jackie Berkovitz** from The Ohio State University is lecturing on interdisciplinary orthodontics, and in March we will welcome Dr. **Ron Roth** for a Continuing Education Seminar that will be held at the Pfister Hotel and at the School of Dentistry.

From Marquette we wish all a peaceful, safe and prosperous New Year.

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Mayo Clinic

Our newest resident, Dr. **Fazila Durkin**, completed her preclinical orthodontic training in September. She is a 2003 graduate from UCSF and a great addition to our resident class. Dr. **Maryam Saiar** will be completing her training in December and returning to southern California. It's been a quick three years and we will miss her many contributions.

During the fall, Drs. **Anne Angle** and **Tony Macissac** attended the combined MSO/GLAO/SWSO meeting in New Orleans. We are grateful to the MSO for their generous support of these future graduates with travel expenses. It was a super meeting.

Dr. **Brent Larson** recently presented the AAO's

Practice Alternatives Program to the Mayo residents. It was an excellent presentation and well received. Dr. **Bruce Molen**, from the Seattle area, also shared private practice management pearls with them early in October.

The Clinic faculty has been busy as well. In November Dr. **Rose Sheats** was an invited speaker to the 12th Annual Caribbean Dermatology Conference in Aruba. Her topic was Anhidrotic Ectodermal Dysplasia.

There have been several articles published recently by Mayo Clinic staff and residents. Congratulations to them for their continuing contributions to the literature!

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Saint Louis University

Three special courses recently have been conducted at Saint Louis University by Dr. **Rick McLaughlin**, by Dr. **Robert Williams**, and by Drs. **Wick Alexander**, **Cliff Alexander**, **Chuck Alexander**, **Moody Alexander**, **J. Moody Alexander** and **Tucker Haltom**.

Dr. **Pete Sotiropoulos** was elevated to Professor Emeritus. Dr. **Teresa Lasagabaster** has left the full-time faculty to begin practicing with her father in Spain. Dr. **Lysle Johnston** has returned to Saint Louis University as a part-time faculty member subsequent to his retirement as Chair of the Department at the University of Michigan.

Fourteen new students entered the program in July and fifteen residents graduated in December of 2003. They have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

Our first-year residents are the first class to assemble electronic patient charts containing everything from appointments to images to treatment plans. Third-year resident Dr. **Dan Bills** serves on the ADA Committee on the New Dentist, ADA Task Force on the Role of Patient Based Examinations and CDS and ISDS New Dentist Committees.

The first World Symposium on Orthodontics held August 1-2 in San Diego was very successful. It was co-sponsored by the *World Journal of Orthodontics*, UIC and

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Quintessence Publishing and chaired by Drs. **T. M. Graber** and **Carla Evans**. Dr. **Tom Diekwisch** organized the First Southern Symposium and Training Course on Dental and Craniofacial Development in Santiago, Chile, from August 19-24. Dr. **Ellen BeGole** serves on the Fulbright Senior Scholar Arab Middle East Peer Review Committee for 2003-2006 awards. Dr. **T. J. Aoba** was visiting professor at Nippon Dental University, Tokyo. Dr. **Carla Evans** was a keynote speaker at the Chinese National Orthodontic meeting in Xian, China, on September 5.

Dr. **T. M. Graber** received *The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon* for fostering Japanese-American research and clinical cooperation. Dr. **Budi Kusnoto** placed second in the AAO Scientific Table Clinic competition. Dr. **Jeremy Mao** was named "outstanding researcher" by UIC's chapter of the Biomedical Engineering Society.

Dr. **Adriana Da Silveira** is a member of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Continuing Education Committee and was an author of the Core Curriculum for Cleft Lip/Palate and Other Craniofacial Anomalies (<http://www.cleftpalate-craniofacial.org>). Dr. **Chester Handelman** developed an analysis of anterior alveolar dimensions with Dolphin Imaging.

Dr. **Robyn Silberstein** became a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. Dr. **Jack Burke** joined the Chicago Dental Society New Dentists Committee. Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** is the CDS Northside Branch librarian, an Illinois Society of Orthodontists trustee and chair of the AAO's New and Younger Member Advisory Committee. Dr. **Greg Jackson** made two presentations to the Midway Area Professional Study Club, and Dr. **Paul Castelein**, president of the E. H. Angle Society, has become a UIC faculty member.

Orthodontic alumni of all four Chicago-area programs (Loyola, Northwestern, University of Chicago and Illinois) are reminded that an AAO alumni reception will be held Saturday, May 1, 2004, in Orlando, and the quadrennial meeting of the Illinois Orthodontic Alumni Association will be held in Chicago at the ADA Building September 9-11, 2004.

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University of Iowa

We wish to welcome the members of our new first-year class: Drs. **Matt Caspersen** (VCU '03), **Matthew Croco** (Iowa '02), **Cory Edwards** (UAB '02), **Andy**

McDaniel (UT '03), **Erin Carlson Sloss** (Iowa '03) and **Luciana VanWesten** (Iowa '02).

After 25 years as an adjunct professor in the Department of Orthodontics, Dr. **Dave Kinser** has retired. Dave has been a teacher and a role model, and our orthodontic residents aspired to be like him. He molded their approach to caring for their patients, and he has had a major impact on all of us.

We are indebted to all of our adjunct faculty – Drs. **Dave Diehl, Bill DeKock, Ron Hanneman** and **Paul Hermanson**. These doctors form a cornerstone of our department.

I am delighted to report that the John S. Casco Orthodontic Faculty Support Fund drive is well underway. There are so many of us in the specialty of orthodontics worldwide who are indebted to Dr. Casco. He is the master teacher and clinician and has led the department to a preeminent position. The steering committee for the support fund consists of Drs. **Dave Kinser, Ross Christensen** and **Bill DeKock**; the organizing committee consists of Drs. **Dave Kinser** and **Bill Olin** (co-chairs), **Brad Jones, Garland Hershey, Brian Jespersion, Mark Stieg, Tim Trulove** and **Clayton Parks**; and the advisory committee consists of Drs. **Ken Eberle, Steve Harrison, Jackson Roe, Tim Trulove** and **Randy Wright**. We are so very grateful to these individuals and to all of our alumni and supporters.

Our conversion to orthodontic digital records for the graduate patients is proceeding well. This project was spearheaded last year by Drs. **Frank Hodges** and **Doug Head** who evaluated all of the commercially-available systems on the market, recommended the system which would work best for us and got it started. Following Frank and Doug's graduation, the baton was passed to Drs. **Jesse Gray** and **Ted Moore** who have overseen the installation of computer stations for all of the residents in the clinic, upgraded the server and worked with the tailored digital records that Frank and Doug started. Drs. **Adam Lee** and **Kevin Austin** have now stepped up to the plate to carry on the project.

Drs. **John Casco, Bill DeKock, Karin Southard, Robert Staley** and myself are proceeding with development of a database for maintenance of facial growth collections on the World Wide Web. Through funding from the AAOF we will use this database to digitize the longitudinal lateral cephalometric radiographs from the Iowa Facial Growth study in a standard image format and store them, along with the associated patient demographic data, in the database for use by researchers worldwide.

The 25th Annual Iowa Winter Orthodontic Semi-

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nar on surgical orthodontics will be held at the Lion Square Lodge in Vail, Colorado, from January 31-February 7, 2004. I hope to see many of you there.

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University of Manitoba

Summer started for the department at the IADR in Gothenburg, Sweden, where Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** presented a paper and chaired a Biomaterials session. Two of Dr. Wiltshire's research students were honored with awards. Dr. **Nick Karaiskos** was presented with the prestigious Colgate Travel Award in Prevention for his research and presentation on the orthodontic needs of inner-city children in Winnipeg. He was the only North American awardee. Mr. **Milos Lekic**, fourth-year dental student, was awarded the CDA travel award for his project on the pneumatization of the frontal sinus. He also displayed a poster presentation at the IADR.

Dr. **Samir Bishara** from Iowa was the external examiner for our third-year residents and also presented a CE lecture to residents, staff and Manitoba orthodontists. Congratulations to Drs. **Brent Douglas**, **Iain Meldrum** and **Dan Stuart** who all passed the clinical/oral component of this exam. All three residents took the RCDC exams in November. Good luck!

Several members of the department attended the Grand Opening Ceremonies of our Norway House Outreach Clinic on the Norway House First Nations Reserve. This is a seven-chair, state-of-the-art dental clinic and the department is proud to be planning outreach orthodontics to this geographically-isolated, service-deprived community. Our outreach program, administered by Dr. **Bob Baker** in conjunction with Child and Family Services, is now in its second year and provides free treatment to the needy patients who would otherwise just not be able to benefit from the fruits of our wonderful profession of orthodontics.

Dr. **Susan Lucas** has joined the department full-time in a term position and is doing an outstanding job as undergraduate clinic director. The tenure-track position, which was left vacant by Dr. **Hisham Badawi** who has decided to follow the Ph.D. program at the University of Alberta, is in the process of being advertised. Good luck, Hisham.

We welcome our new first-year residents, Drs. **Amani Morra** from Nova Scotia, **Susan Tsang** from Winnipeg and **Sonia Lapointe** from Quebec.

Congratulations to our part-time instructor, Dr. **Herman Lee**, who was honored recently as the recipient of

the Award of the Golden Dragon of the Chinese community of Winnipeg for his exemplary community work. One of our department's highest goals is outreach and community service and, accordingly, the department is extremely proud of Dr. Lee.

A very successful alumni function was held in September in Ottawa at the Canadian Association of Orthodontists' meeting at the Chateaux Laurier and was enjoyed by all. It was an opportunity for our third-year residents to showcase their research via poster presentations. Congratulations to Brent, Iain and Dan who all took part in this project.

We are presently completing our search for residents for 2004. Out of some 60 applicants from around the world, we interviewed ten and are offering three positions to start next August for our 35-month program.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season.

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University of Minnesota

Our new first-year residents are well underway with their didactic and clinical instruction. Dr. **Jeremy Karras** joins us from the University of Iowa; Dr. **Nancy Luong** obtained her dental degree from UCLA; Dr. **Brandan LeBourdais** is from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; and Dr. **Ryan West** graduated from the University of Washington. We also have two graduates from the University of Minnesota, Drs. **Sarah Soltys** and **Andrew Wahl**.

The Division would like to welcome Dr. **Kim Mansky**, who joined our faculty in December as an Assistant Professor. Dr. Mansky's primary research interests are molecular genetics and bone cell biology. She received her Ph.D. in Oncology in 1997 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and comes to us from The Ohio State University where she has been a Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Scientist since 2002.

Dr. Mansky is viewed as being a critical component of the development of a basic science research arm within this division. She will be able to mentor and supervise our graduate students as they work towards their Master's degrees and will help create a successful collaborative association with the existing bone cell biology group within our department and the Medical School.

The Division of Orthodontics continues its search for a program director. We also are conducting a search to

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fill a full-time faculty position to give support to Drs. **John Beyer** and **Patricia Vayda**.

The school is in the final stages of a dean search. Three finalists have been selected and when this project is completed, the school should continue to make great strides in its mission of education, service and research.

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

The pressure is OFF! The Orthodontic Postgraduate Program at UMKC passed its accreditation site visit with a commendation for research and the award-winning interactive multimedia programs. No recommendations were received. The word was that the Undergraduate Program under Dr. **Ram Grandhi** also received praise.

Recently, four research projects were the basis for manuscripts submitted to *Seminars in Orthodontics* and a chapter was submitted to *Principles of Pediatrics*. They should be published in 2004. Moreover, Drs. **Bangorn Terry** and **Katherine Kula** published a “Pearls of Wisdom” on posterior crossbites in the Missouri Dental Association’s *Forum*.

In addition, four residents were accepted for the 2004 year through the MATCH program: Dr. **Mark Revels**, a Navy man from Oklahoma; Dr. **Dustin Burleson**, a DDS/BS degree student from UMKC; Dr. **Brent Woods**, from UMKC; and Dr. **Don Sanchez**, a general dentistry faculty member from UMKC. We are looking forward to another great year!

The residents received a presentation this fall from Dr. **John Tanner**, an oral surgeon. They also attended the MSO meeting in New Orleans and listened to an old favorite, Dr. **Norm Cetlin**, at the Midwest Tweed Orthodontic Society.

Ground breaks for the new clinic in May. Displacement should only be a few months. The word is that a completely digitized record will be invoked when we move into the new clinic. All those who have contributed to this endeavor are greatly appreciated.

The department is growing by leaps and bounds! Two new babies are expected within the next couple of months. The lucky residents are Dr. **Justin Trimmell** and his wife and Dr. **Megan Lindgren** and her husband.

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University of Nebraska

The first-year residents, Drs. **Warren Johnson** (Baylor), **Mathew Moss** (Creighton) and **Marc Welge** (Iowa) began our program on July 1. Our second-year residents continue to make progress on their research projects. Dr. **Colin Gibson** is conducting research on “Gene Cluster Polymorphisms and Orthodontic Tooth Movement;” Dr. **Rebecca Hohl** is studying “Flaw Propagation in the Porcine TMJ;” and Dr. **Tien Nguyen** is researching “The Effects of Static and Impulse Loading on Ploughing Forces in the Porcine TMJ.”

We are sorry to report that Dr. **Thomas L. McKee, Jr.** passed away on July 8, 2003. Dr. McKee was a retired Lincoln orthodontist who administered our practice management course as a part-time faculty member in the Department of Growth and Development–Orthodontic Section at the College of Dentistry.

Dr. **Peter Spalding** recently has been elected as 2004 Vice President-Elect of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association (ACPA). Dr. Spalding is on the *Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal* Editorial Board and is the Chair of the Parameters Committee, a member of the Program Committee, liaison for the Ethics Committee and on the Executive Council of the ACPA. He will become Vice President of the American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Orthodontics Section at the upcoming ADEA annual meeting in March 2004.

Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeffrey Nickel** were invited with Dr. **Peter Buschang**, from Baylor University, to present new research pertinent to orthodontics at the September 2003 meeting of the Columbian Society of Orthodontics, held in Bogota. Dr. Iwasaki discussed the recent research at UNMC involving inflammatory cytokines and tooth movement and the effects of stress magnitudes and gene polymorphisms. Dr. Nickel presented the latest information on numerical modeling of neuromuscular control of mandibular mechanics as well as information on TMJ disc mechanics.

Our second-year residents are making plans to present their research at the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum on February 21, 2004, at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha and at the Professionals’ Day Student Scientific Program for the College of Dentistry on March 29, 2004.

Plans are progressing to change the duration of the Nebraska postgraduate orthodontic program, increasing from its present minimum of 24 months to a minimum of 30 months. We anticipate approval by the ADA Commis-

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Modest, conscientious and visionary, Steve is an asset to every board on which he sits and to every organization of which he is a member. He is a mentor, role model and friend to all who know him.

Married to his wife, Bonnie, for 38 years, Steve has two wonderful sons and two special daughters-in-law. He has held many titles over the years, but the one he loves most is “Gramps,” as he adores his four delightful grandchildren.

—by Kristi Burmeister

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tee: Dr. **Steven Marshall**, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, general arrangements chair; Dr. **John Kanyusik**, Mankato, Minnesota, scientific program chair; Dr. **Paula Harre**, Lincoln, Nebraska, staff program chair; Dr. **Tom Southard**, Iowa City, Iowa, orthodontic university research program chair; Dr. **Mike Hayward**, Palatine, Illinois, exhibits committee co-chair; and Dr. **Paul and Bridgette Castelein**, Princeton, Illinois, social committee co-chairs.

It is truly my pleasure to serve our society as president, and I will be available and open to the membership if a need arises. Please contact me if necessary.

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selection process, the educational program and the rights of the students upon graduation. In addition, the AAO has maintained a strong presence on the issue of compliance with accreditation standard 1.1 which, in essence, requires no external financial influence on an educational program.

I am happy to report that our positions regarding accreditation concerns were supported by the ADA House of Delegates that met this past fall in San Francisco. As a result, it is expected that we will have more muscle as the AAO and ADA jointly address our mutual concerns with dental education. I cannot stress enough how important it is for AAO members to maintain close relationships with their ADA trustees and on a local level, the local and state ADA leaders. Many of the issues impacting orthodontics have a greater effect on dentists in general, and the ADA’s help can be significant and mutually beneficial.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you again for allowing me to serve, and have a happy and healthy new year.

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Clement O’Meara – Northfield, Minnesota
Juanita R. N. Okemwa – Effingham, Illinois
Melvin O. Sletten – Battle Lake, Minnesota
Bernard A. Widen – Lincolnwood, Illinois
Robert Workinger – Marshfield, Wisconsin
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sion on Dental Accreditation at their January 2004 meeting, with the change taking effect for the new residents who will start in July 2004. The program duration change is being made to cope with increasing didactic, research and clinical responsibilities by the orthodontic residents. These responsibilities reflect an increase in the orthodontic knowledge base together with the increased faculty expectations for demonstration of clinical competence and confidence by the graduating residents.

In order to facilitate the increase in Nebraska’s program length, we will be adding two additional patient chairs to our clinic. The change will mean that the residents will graduate in December each year rather than June. To make this possible, the clinic expansion will accommodate nine students in the clinic from July through December of each year.

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(l-r): Jim “Buzzy” Leithead, SWSO president; Jim Caveney, AAO president; Jeff Gilmore, GLAO president; and Tom Stark, MSO president at the first three-way joint constituent meeting in September in New Orleans.

LOOKING FOR AN ASSOCIATE?

The American Association of Orthodontists currently has two programs to help those seeking 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.

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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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