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## Meet MSO... an assembly for a common purpose

Webster’s definition of “meeting” is “an act or process of coming together...an assembly for a common purpose...a permanent organizational unit of the Society of Friends” parallels in many ways with MSO’s mission statement and intrinsic attributes of being an actively-involved member.

### Mission Statement:

MSO, as a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO), supports the mission of the AAO by providing resources, communication and leadership, while serving as a voice for its component societies and individual members.

### Purposes:

The purposes of this Society, consistent with the purposes of the American Association of Orthodontists, shall be:

- A. To advance the art and science of orthodontics;
- B. To encourage and sponsor research;
- C. To strive for and maintain the highest standards of excellence in orthodontic education and practice; and
- D. To make significant contributions to the health of the public.

MSO’s Bylaws require the Society to hold a scientific session and a membership meeting at least once annually. Traditionally these two meetings are held concurrently in the fall. The MSO 2013 Annual Session will be held September 20-22 in Kansas City with the MSO member business meeting being held on Saturday, September 21. Last year, the unique 2012 MSO Annual Session

was held in August as it was the necessary timeframe for an Alaskan Cruise as MSO celebrated its 75th Anniversary. While the 2012 venue received top reviews by attendees from all over the globe for the unique at-sea cruise lecture series, MSO is looking forward to returning “home” in 2013 to be more accessible to members for this traditional doctor-staff-exhibitor meeting.

The MSO Board attempts to rotate Annual Session formats and locations between:

- MSO’s highest member concentration and historical meeting attendance locations of Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Louis;
- MSO region university programs such as the 2008 University of Iowa and 2009 University of Minnesota doctor weekend lectures and the upcoming 2015 Annual Session in Rochester, Minnesota, the home of the Mayo Clinic;

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# President's Report

## Your MSO: A "Royal" "Palette of Progress"

It is truly an honor to serve as your 2012-2013 MSO President. I am "Royally" amazed at the energy, commitment and creativity of the MSO. The canvas we as



Ross L. Crist

an organization represent is very colorful, dynamic and unique! I salute each and every one of you as members, and especially my fellow leaders, for allowing me to work with you to add another layer to the tapestry that is the MSO!

The Ad Interim meeting of

the MSO Board was held in St. Louis, March 8-9, 2013. The "Top Ten" activities are listed on the MSO website, [www.msortho.org](http://www.msortho.org). Most notably, the Board nominated Dr. **Arnie Hill** (MN) to receive the 2014 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. This year's recipient, Dr. **Keith Levin** (MB), will receive the award at the MSO Annual Business Meeting in Kansas City on September 21. These two men have generously sculpted our profession, our constituency and their communities with the leadership and service exemplified by Dr. **Earl Shepard**. Congratulations, Keith and Arnie!

The AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia was a spectacular event. Your MSO again was well represented among the CE presenters, awards, activities and events. Your leaders worked diligently to assure our profession, each of its members and those whom we serve, have a future that is meticulously sculpted for progress. The "MSO Top Ten AAO 2013 Annual Session Highlights" are available on our website as well. Please thank Dr. **Brian Jespersen** (ND) for his eight years of service on the AAO Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP) and thank Dr. **Spencer Pope** (IL) for taking over for Brian. Also note that the MSO nominee Dr. **Roberto Justus** (Mexico) and MSO member Dr. **John Casco** (IA) have been recognized, respectively, as the 2013 AAOF Jarabak Award and the 2014 ABO Ketcham Award winners. Congratulations!

After reviewing the MSO Top Ten AAO Annual Session information, thank each of the MSO House of

Delegates members. Serving with me were Drs. **Ara Goshgarian** (IL), **Mike Durbin** (IL), **Jim Klarsch** (MO), **Ginny Mennemeyer** (MO), **Dennis Sommers** (ND), **Deb Lien** (MN), **Steve Marshall** (IL), **John Kanyusik** (MN) and **Kim Stafford** (NE). During the HOD deliberations, these individuals helped to artistically craft the Independent AAO Governance Structure Study; the increased level and term of Commitment for the Consumer Awareness Campaign (CAP); the Simplification of the New and Younger Members Dues and Assessments and the new Senior Limited Practice waiver option. Those of you who have participated in the HOD know the sacrifices necessary to serve our organization dutifully. It has been my "royal" pleasure to work with our Executive Director, **Kristi Burmeister**, all of the delegates and with our AAO Trustees, past and present; Drs. **Lee Graber** (IL) and **Brent Larson** (MN), respectively, during my time as delegation chair. Thank-you one and all!

Please also note that, per ABO Guidelines, Dr. **Deb Lien** (MN), our current MSO Secretary Treasurer and our incoming President-Elect, will serve as the Chair of our MSO Search Committee for our next ABO Director. Our current ABO Director, Dr. **Paul Castelein** (IL), will be completing his term and we need to nominate his successor in 2014. If you have a prospective nominee, you may submit the name to Deb.

Lastly, let me share with you my "Royal Excitement" over our MSO Annual Session, *Orthodontics: A Palette of Progress*, to be held September 20-22, 2013, in Kansas City. By the time you read this, the annual session information and registration materials will have arrived in your mail. This same information also is available on our website for download. Because we each know how rewarding our profession is, because we know it is a perfect blend of art and science and because we know it is a gift to be a part of the beautiful and transformational changes our patients experience, I invite you to join me at our MSO Annual Session as it truly will reflect the *Palette of Progress* in our profession. Our planning committee, with fabulous attention to detail provided by Burmeister and Associates, has worked tirelessly to assure this meeting has something for everyone – doctors, staff, and families of all ages. Please register early as several of the activities have limited attendance and will likely sell out quickly. The fabulous CE speakers, the Annual KC Art Festival, the jazz, blues, bar-b-ques, the Power and Light District, the Negro Leagues, Arabia Steamship, WWI and Art Museums, the SprintCenter NCAA Basketball Experience, LEGOLAND and SEALIFE Aquarium, Discovery Center, and, of course, our first-ever MSO Tailgate Party at Royals Stadium are

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# Trustee's Report

As I write this, summer has been slow to arrive here in the Midwest, but hopefully by the time you read this, the weather will have changed and you will be enjoying a wonderful summer season with family, friends and vacations.

There is much to report since the last newsletter. One of the most exciting things since I last communicated was a *Young Leaders Conference* that was held a few months ago. The purpose of this gathering was to engage a group of members who have been in practice for less than ten years, along with student members who are still in training, and determine what the issues and challenges are for this group. The participants generated the topics for discussion by interacting ahead of time using the new AAO online community tool and provided feedback and ideas to the AAO Board at the end of the day. This new member perspective is important information for the AAO leadership as we create a vision for our association that keeps it relevant for the next generation. If you are interested in the specific details and outcomes from the conference, you can find them on the website at [www.aaoinfo.org/communities/young-leaders](http://www.aaoinfo.org/communities/young-leaders).

In case you haven't noticed, the AAO website [www.aaoinfo.org](http://www.aaoinfo.org) has been completely redesigned. This is a complete rebuild from the bottom up and will give us more flexibility going forward. A prime design factor was ease of use so that you, as an AAO member, can find the information you need rapidly. You will see rollover menus, new headings, and more engaging graphics that will help get you to the right place. The search engine also is more robust than in previous versions. Please take a look at the new site and give me your feedback, and consider joining some of the online communities to participate in discussions that may interest you.

The Annual Session in Philadelphia was another successful gathering of orthodontists from around the country and around the world. The CE program was well attended, the exhibit floor popular and the opening ceremonies included a performance by *Earth, Wind and Fire*. Our surveys show that the Annual Session continues to be one of the most popular member benefits so I hope you are putting next year's session on your calendar now. The 2014 AAO Annual Session will be in New Orleans from April 25-29, a bit earlier than usual, and this meeting is being planned by newly-installed AAO President, **Gayle Glenn**.

Another item for your calendar is the 2014 AAO Winter Conference, February 7-9 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. In the spirit of the conference theme of collaborative

care, you are encouraged to invite restorative dentists to attend this one-of-a-kind event focused solely on the diverse issues in the care of adult orthodontic patients. Registration should be available beginning in August.

In the last newsletter I mentioned the next version of the AAO Consumer Awareness Program, *My Life. My Smile. My Orthodontist*. The House of Delegates voted overwhelmingly to fund the program for the next three years. There is still much to do in order to get our message across to the public, but it appears we are making progress in distinguishing ourselves as the specialists for orthodontic care. I again would urge you to take advantage of the AAO brand by using the marketing materials available for your office. You can find the available resources at [www.aaoinfo.org/practice/marketing](http://www.aaoinfo.org/practice/marketing).

One of the most popular AAO programs over the past year has been a webinar series on *The Business of Orthodontics*. This series includes education on the topics of finance, legal, practice start-up and risk management. These programs are available free to all AAO members even if you do not subscribe to the On-Demand learning program. To find these recorded webinars, visit the website at [www.aaoinfo.org/education/demand-learning](http://www.aaoinfo.org/education/demand-learning).

Make sure to read President **Ross Crist**'s report in this newsletter for a detailed update of MSO members serving on your behalf. I want to personally thank Ross for his leadership, not just as MSO president, but as the delegation chair for the MSO over the last several years. Ross's ability to communicate and network has helped get things done in the AAO House of Delegates. Also, I want to thank Dr. **Brian Jespersen** for his eight years of service on the Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP) and Dr. **Spencer Pope** for agreeing to take on that role for the future.

Please visit the AAO website regularly to take advantage of all the information and opportunities available to you as an AAO member. I continue to enjoy my service as a Trustee and am thankful to be able to represent the great members of the MSO. Please contact me at any time if you have any ideas or feedback for me.

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# Membership Report

## Current Membership – June 2, 2013

Active Members	1,022
Affiliate Members	3
Retired Members	351
Academic Members (non-US/Canada)	5
Total Members	1,381

## Active Membership by Component

Illinois	375
Iowa	80
Manitoba	20
Minnesota	151
Missouri	146
Nebraska	53
North Dakota	17
South Dakota	24
Wisconsin	154

## Deceased Members

James M. Jolly, Jr. – Clarksville, Missouri  
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David Kujak – Transfer from SAO to MSO

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\*Membership data from November 15, 2012 to June 2, 2013

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sure to make everyone smile. My personal thanks to the Annual Session Committee members Drs. **Ara Goshgarian, Paula Harre, Scott Wenande, Jacquie Schieck, Rick Fuchs, Jim Osborne, Vance Dykhouse, Jeff Nickels, Kevin Horner, Dennis Sommers**, and to all the volunteer moderators. This truly will be a great

meeting. Because I believe that life is short, we need to 1) make memories; 2) make a difference; and 3) make them positive! I assure you if you miss the Annual Session, you will be “Royally” disappointed!

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# Treasurer's Report

## Cash Assets – As of May 16, 2013

Checking/Investment Accounts		Special Events Fund	
Money Market	\$167,176.12	Money Market	\$1,953.81
CDs/US Agency Bonds	\$80,107.26	Subtotal	\$1,953.81
Mutual Fund Portfolio	\$152,628.63		
Subtotal	\$399,912.01	Total Cash Assets	\$401,865.82

## News and Notes about our Members

- Thank you to Dr. **Brian Jespersen**, North Dakota, for his eight years of service on the Council on Orthodontic Practice and to Dr. **Spencer Pope**, Illinois, for agreeing to serve on that Council.
- Congratulations to Dr. **John Casko**, Iowa, who will receive the 2014 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award from the ABO. Also, congratulations to John on his successful career and retirement.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Gus Sotiropoulos**, Illinois, who will receive the O.B. Vaughn Special Recognition Award from the ABO.
- Congratulations to Drs. **Joseph Basile**, Minnesota; **Kimberly Bohlig**, Minnesota; **C. David Brickman**, Illinois; **Klint Butler**, Nebraska; **Jose Chacon**, Illinois; **Curtis Dunn**, Minnesota; **John Ford**, Illinois; **Benjamin Hoelscher**, Iowa; **Jessica Hylan-Cohen**, Illinois; **Heekyoung Jo**, Illinois; **John Kelsey**, Illinois; **Bryon Kozak**, Wisconsin; **Katie Larson**, Wisconsin; **Matthew Larson**, Wisconsin; **Tamara Oweis**, Illinois; and **Krestine Tiziani**, Minnesota on becoming Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj** at the University of Nebraska Medical Center for receiving the Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award from the AAOF.
- Congratulations to Drs. **Noor Obaisi**, Illinois, and **Grant Collins**, Minnesota, on receiving recognition in the Dentsply GAC-sponsored Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Research competition at the AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia.

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- Combined meetings with neighboring constituents such as the 2014 GLAO/MSO Annual Session in Chicago.

In addition, the Bylaws require the MSO Board of Directors to hold a minimum of two regular meetings each year. The Board meets early March to review and produce AAO House of Delegates resolutions and review the MSO Strategic Plan, and it meets traditionally for a half-day prior to the start of the MSO Annual Session in the fall. In addition, MSO's leadership communicates regularly via email, LISTSERV and by sharing information on MSO's Sharepoint and website to efficiently communicate and lead the organization year-round.

Additionally, the MSO Delegation to the AAO House of Delegates, nominated by the MSO Board and elected by the membership at the Annual Member Business Meeting, communicates regularly in advance of and meets face-to-face during the AAO Annual Session to best represent the MSO.

Through-out this process of “coming together to assemble for a common purpose,” many MSO members, and even their family and staff teams, have gained a collegial benefit of friendships that last a lifetime. The value of being able to share ideas while meeting face-to-face or getting another colleague's input on a unique practice challenge later by phone or email cannot easily be defined by Webster or outlined in a Strategic Plan.

If you regularly pay MSO membership dues but have not yet taken advantage of the best investment return on your MSO dues of “meeting” MSO and connecting on a regular basis with your colleagues, the upcoming MSO Annual Session held in MSO's backyard is a great time to make this an annual tradition for your family and staff! Go to [www.msortho.org](http://www.msortho.org) to learn more about how to meet your fellow MSO members and leadership!

— by Kristi Burmeister

# AAO Council and Affiliate Group Reports

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

## Council on Governmental Affairs

COGA witnessed excellent AAO member representation for visits to Capitol Hill from approximately 80 orthodontists during the January 28-30 AAO Professional Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. The main issues which we spoke about and worked on with our 113th Congress included:

- Protect Flexible Spending Accounts and eliminate the \$2,500 annual cap that went into effect January 1, 2013. Studies show over 60% of orthodontic families pay for treatment using FSAs.
- Repeal the 2.3% Excise Tax on Medical Devices that began January 1, 2013. Medical device manufacturers, producers and importers have indicated they likely will pass any cost onto the provider, thus our members are left with the difficult decision of either absorbing the tax or passing the cost onto our patients.
- Adopt Tax Reform for Small Businesses by streamlining provisions that complicate operations and impose significant compliance costs on the small businesses that are the primary engine of job creation in the U.S.
- Ease the Burden of Student Loan Debt by changing tax laws to allow all professionals who incur significant student loan debt to deduct the interest costs of those loans regardless of their income level. The Budget Control Act of 2011 created added challenges by eliminating the federal subsidized (interest free) loans for graduate students while a student is in school. AAO supports making federal subsidized loans available to graduate students.

The AAO's newly edited and produced Congressional leave-behind brochure was well received by our legislators. Congress also has responded to our requests by gaining its 218th co-sponsor in the House on April 9th (enough support for the House to pass repeal of the Medical Device Tax). During the Senate consideration of its non-binding Fiscal Year 2014 budget resolution, the chamber passed amendments to repeal the medical device tax and repeal the cap on FSAs. These passages signal that support exists in both the Senate and House for changing policies in the way that the AAO is advocating.

COGA met formally immediately prior to the Professional Advocacy Conference. COGA will be working with AAO staff to support the implementation of webinars related to governmental affairs, specifically focusing on how implementation of the Affordable Care

Act will affect the practice of orthodontics. The Council feels promoting advocacy to our members and communicating the top issues that impact our AAO members' professional and personal lives is paramount. Thus, to highlight the AAO's Governmental Affairs Program, AAO members were encouraged to attend the AAOPAC and COGA co-hosted program at the AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia on May 5. **Kevin O'Neill** and **John Jonas**, AAO's Washington-based lobbying representatives from Patton Boggs, provided an interactive update on issues pertinent to our field. We look forward to having a similar member informative program hosted at the 2014 AAO Annual Session in New Orleans.

The 2014 Professional Advocacy Conference will be held on January 20-22. Please contact the AAO if you have an interest in attending the conference.

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## Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The Council on Orthodontic Healthcare (COHC) met via videoconference in January. The COHC continues to focus on access to orthodontic healthcare, insurance coding and third-party payer issues.

The Council provided representation to the coding revision meetings held in February by the American Dental Association. The Council was represented by our Consultant, Dr. **Norm Nagel**, our staff liaison, Ms. **Ann Sebaugh**, and myself. With AAO Board approval, the Council submitted three code revision requests to change descriptor language in the code set for Comprehensive, Limited and Intercepted Orthodontics to more closely mirror the newly accepted descriptor language adopted by the 2012 House of Delegates. The three descriptors were approved by the Code Maintenance Committee and are pending final approval by the ADA Council on Dental Benefit Programs.

The Council sponsored two coding-based webinars in March. The speaker for both sessions was Dr. Nagel, while I served as the session moderator. The program offered content on medical coding used in an orthodontic office for submitting claims on TMJ, sleep apnea and cleft lip and palate. Participants also learned the basics of filing

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claims with medical carriers and hints for successful completion of claim forms. The webinar concluded with a Q&A session. Well over 200 offices participated in the sessions. Look for this webinar to be offered in the AAO Distance Learning Program in the future.

The AAO DOS program continues to function well in the five pilot states of Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Kansas. The Northeastern Society of Orthodontists has developed a unique funding mechanism for the program that includes partnerships with companies such as Performance Scrubs and Shock Doctor. The hope is that this funding strategy will aid in expanding the DOS program across the country. The Access to Care Task Force, chaired by Dr. **Steve Robirds** is developing an implementation plan to make establishment of DOS chapters in other states easier and more uniform. Please contact me if you would like to see the DOS program expanded to your state.

As I do in all my newsletter articles, I would like to remind you of an excellent resource that the AAO offers at no charge and that is the Dental Benefits Advisory Service hotline, which is staffed by Ms. Sebaugh. The DBAS helps members with issues related to third-party reimbursement, practice management and dental coding issues. Over 400 calls are received on an annual basis and these calls help identify issues that may need to be addressed in future AAO educational pieces. The hotline number is 800-424-2841.

The Council will meet again in July in St. Louis.

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## Council on Insurance

The Council on Insurance (COI) met twice in the last 12 months with the most recent meeting on January 19, 2013. COI oversees over 5,100 endorsed policies for members for a wide array of insurance products. Two important items on the agenda were the results from a review of the COI's programs and secondly, the effects of federal legislation called the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) or "ObamaCare."

Milliman, a Wisconsin based actuary firm, was engaged by the AAO to conduct a review of expenses and reserving levels as reported to COI by NY Life. This review has been recommended every three years. The overall conclusion from Milliman's review is that the aggregate expense charges, interest credits and reserves calculated by

NYL are in accordance with the NYL/AAO agreement. As a result of reserve increases that were mandated by NYL, the AAO endorsed programs "across the board" experienced a negative expense margin. The increases in reserves will cause losses on the balance sheet in the short term but will result in a stronger, healthier plan in the coming years.

NY Life also informed the COI that as a result of the federal PPACA legislation and subsequent U.S. Supreme Court decision to uphold its constitutionality, NYL intends to withdraw from the association medical insurance marketplace. Therefore, AAO will not be able to endorse any medical insurance for members/families effective December 31, 2013. NY Life and Aon Affinity (third-party administrator for AAO programs) have pledged to develop a communication strategy to inform members how NY Life's exit from the market will occur and also help currently insured members identify alternative carriers for medical insurance coverage going forward. AAO members currently insured with NYL/AAO medical policies should be contacted by their Aon representatives no later than July 1, 2013.

Did you know that AAO offers its student members \$100,000 of term life coverage at no cost? This coverage is extended on a guaranteed basis following graduation with a premium deferral until October 1st following graduation date. AAO Board also has approved adding cyber liability to the AAO line of endorsed products. This coverage is designed to help members cope with expenses associated with cyber-breach. Coverage includes defense and liability expense coverage if a claim is brought against the insured member who has been affected by the breach. Commonly, this type of coverage is not included in the normal Business Office Policy.

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## Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

COMEJC brought proposals to the Annual Session in Philadelphia that were approved by the AAO House of Delegates. One provision will change how dues for new members ramps up in the first several years. This modification, which will be revenue neutral to the AAO, calls for both new active and new affiliate member dues to be 10% the first year, 25% the second, 50% the third, 75% the

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fourth and full dues during the fifth year of membership. Delegates also approved an identical application of special assessments over the same time frame during the first four years of membership. These proposed changes were developed through combined efforts of the Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns and the Council on New and Younger Members.

The House also voted to institute a “senior limited practice” waiver that may be requested by doctors with at least 30 cumulative years of membership (excluding student membership) and practice no more than 350 hours per year. Qualified applicants may request this waiver a maximum of three years only.

A revision of MSO’s bylaws affecting new and younger member revised dues and assessments structure as well as senior limited practice waivers will be proposed to the membership at the September MSO Business Meeting. MSO components are encouraged to review these AAO changes since they also may impact their bylaws.

COMEJC has recently completed a survey of orthodontic programs in the U.S. and Canada to learn more about the incorporation of ethics education in postgraduate programs. The Council is working further to determine how best to utilize this information to the benefit of residents as they seek an understanding of ethical orthodontic practice in their programs.

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## Council on New and Younger Members

The Council had its yearly face-to-face meeting in January and several volunteers stepped forward to attend meetings on behalf of the AAO and CONYM. Dr. **Madeleine Goodman** will represent the Council and the AAO’s new/younger services at the upcoming annual GORP meeting, August 2-4 in Chapel Hill; Dr. **Brian Trommeter** will represent the AAO at the 2013 ADA New Dentist Conference, July 18-20 in Denver; and Dr. **Jason Charnley**, CONYM’s new chair, will represent the AAO at the 2014 ASDA Meeting, February 27-March 1 in Anaheim.

The Council again will be presenting the New Orthodontist/Resident Conference at the 2014 AAO Annual Session, which will be sponsored by the AAO Insurance Company and will include a luncheon and special speaker.

I will be taking the reins as the new editor of the CONYM newsletter, which is sent electronically to all new and younger AAO members. If anyone has any suggestions for content or articles they would like to submit, please contact me.

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## Council on Orthodontic Education

The last face-to-face meeting of all the COE members was in October 2012 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in St. Louis, due to renovations at the AAO offices. This year is the first year that we did not meet as a full Council at the ADEA meeting and, henceforth, there only will be one meeting per year. Our next meeting will be in St. Louis on October 13-14.

The historic inaugural meeting of the new Society of Orthodontic Educators (SOE) took place on May 3, 2013, coincident with the AAO meeting in Philadelphia. The lead-up to the inaugural meeting was met with huge interest with over 800 full- and part-time educators joining as inaugural members of the new society. With registration for the meeting at over 180, the venue at our disposal was at maximum capacity. The workshop-style program titled, *Achieving Excellence in Orthodontics*, generated excellent discussion and lively debate amongst attendees. The success of the SOE is a fitting accolade to our honoree of the 2013 Educational Leadership Conference, Dr. **James Vaden**, who presented an excellent lecture titled, *Stumbling Along the Yellow Brick Road*.

An international panel of orthodontic educators were invited to present perspectives from their respective countries and regions. Drs. **Ali Darendeliler** (Australia), **Simon Littlewood** (United Kingdom), **Billy Wiltshire** (Canada), **Thanos Athanasiou** (Greece and UAE) and **Lysle Johnston** (USA). Drs. **Leslie Will** (USA), **Billy Wiltshire** (Canada) and **Ed Yen** (Canada), chaired the various sessions during the day-long conference. Some of the topics that were discussed and debated were minimum program length, the match system, minimum number of cases a resident should be expected to start and finish during their residency program and how many years of clinical experience should be required of a program director in orthodontics.

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The current executive committee of the SOE (Drs. **Leslie Will**, **Billy Wiltshire** and **Richard Ballard**) are looking into the possibility of moving the Educator's meeting a day sooner, to the Thursday rather than the Friday, which seemed to enjoy the majority of support from those present at the conference. The 2014 Educator's Conference will be held at the AAO meeting in New Orleans, probably on Thursday, April 24 or Friday, April 25. The exact dates are yet to be confirmed. However, all full- and part-time orthodontic educators are welcome and encouraged to attend. Membership either can be institutional, or if your program has not joined as an institutional member, then individual membership also is possible. Department Chairs are strongly encouraged to take out the very affordable institutional membership, which covers all the full-timers and part-timers in that department.

Our Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' educators meeting will take place on Saturday morning September 21st from 8:30am to 11am in the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri. Since we have not met since Minneapolis in 2010, this will be a great opportunity for us in the Midwestern region to reconnect.

Tentative agenda items:

- Reports and updates from individual programs (number of staff, residents, unfilled positions, funding challenges, major facilities and curricular changes, etc.)
- Is your program an institutional member of SOE/number of members in your department?
- How do we in MSO see the SOE developing and helping us in our educational endeavors?
- Topics for the 2014 SOE in New Orleans
- Hot topics: Minimum program length, number of cases a resident should be expected to start and finish during their residency in a "program of excellence," whether we have a shortage of quality and experienced educators. Are we graduating too many orthodontists in North America? Is there something we could/should do about it as Midwestern educators? How can we help each other?

Please let me know if there are additional items you would like to see added to the agenda. Please diarize the date and plan on attending our regional educators meeting in Kansas City.

I look forward to seeing the MSO program directors at our meeting in Kansas City in September 2013 and also program directors and their entire educational team (full- and part-timers) in New Orleans in April 2014.

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## Council on Orthodontic Practice

This is my last duty as your representative on COOP. It's been a wonderful experience for me. The members on COOP are super dedicated and talented and I was always humbled to be a part of the group. Also, the AAO staff, **Barb Simon**, **Anita Craig** and **Merleen Holman**, are such wonderful ladies and always supported me so well. I certainly will miss my involvement but will treasure the friendships and memories. My replacement is Dr. **Spencer Pope** from Illinois. Please do contact him for any needs that you may have. His email is [spope@oa-ltd.com](mailto:spope@oa-ltd.com) and his phone is 708/799-0060.

The 2013 Practice Transition Seminar Program was held on May 3 from 7:30am-5:00pm in Philadelphia. Three panelists, Mr. **Roger Hill** (market trends), Mr. **Scott McDonald** (demographics), and Mr. **William Prescott** (legal considerations) presented their strategies and perspectives on creating successful practice transitions. A panel discussion involving all three speakers with moderated questions was held during the final hour of the day. The seminar concluded with a networking reception.

The AAO Office Design Manual has been revised and can be located on the AAO website under Practice Management.

As Elmer Fudd said..."Bd Bd Bd, that's all folks!"

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## Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA held a meeting on May 3, 2013, to review COSA members' assignments for the 2013 Annual Session. During Annual Session, COSA members judged 32 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations and 42 Table Clinic presentations and moderated 28 Oral Research presentations. Available for viewing during the Annual Session were 375 E-Posters.

Applications are being accepted for the 2014 Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit.

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Applications for these awards can be obtained from all program/department chairs of ADA and CDA accredited orthodontic programs. The application also can be found on the AAO website at [www.aaoinfo.org/system/files/mediadocuments2014%20Hellman%20Sicher%20Award%20Application%20FINAL.doc](http://www.aaoinfo.org/system/files/mediadocuments2014%20Hellman%20Sicher%20Award%20Application%20FINAL.doc). The application deadline is October 15, 2013.

COSA will be accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and E-Posters at the 2014 AAO Annual Session in New Orleans, Louisiana starting the first week of August 2013. The application deadline is October 15, 2013.

COSA chair for 2013-2014 is Dr. **Shannon Owens**. Drs. **David Covell, Jr.** (PCSO) and **Sylvia Frazier-Bowers** (SAO) have joined the Council.

COSA's next meeting is January 8, 2014, via video conferencing and teleconferencing.

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## American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

At the March meeting of the AAOF Board of Directors, after reviewing the recommendation of the Foundation's Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC), the Directors approved funding 10 Biomedical Research Awards (BRA), 11 Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards (OFDFA), one Post-doctoral Fellowship Award (PFA), one Center Award (CA), and three Research Aid Awards (RAA) for an aggregate of \$605,000, which constitutes the 2013 Awards Program.

Approved for funding within the MSO was a Biomedical Research Award to Dr. **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj** at the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She received the Robert E. Binder Teaching Fellowship Award for \$15,000.

The 2014 Awards Program is an aggregate of \$650,000 and includes funding in all the categories approved for 2013. The 2014 Awards Materials are expected to be on the Foundation website [www.aaofoundation.net](http://www.aaofoundation.net) by the first of July or sooner.

Since the Awards Program began just 20 years ago, the Foundation has made tremendous strides in its mission to support orthodontic education and research:

- Funding more than 350 research and fellowship

proposals for an aggregate of \$9.5 million, primarily for the development of junior faculty.

- Resulting in hundreds of publications, scores of lectures, dozens of tenured, associate and full professor positions (including 31 department chairs/ program directors) and 15 NIH grants.

- 80% of Junior Faculty supported by the AAOF remain in full-time academics after five years.

Additionally, the AAOF has created the Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection Project ([www.aaoflegacycollection.org](http://www.aaoflegacycollection.org)), an unprecedented collaboration of major orthodontic collections to not only preserve a portion of these irreplaceable, legacy collections, but also to make these records available for academic research and clinical purposes.

The Board announced a new focus of the overall fundraising in support of orthodontic research so that the very best research in the world can be done in the graduate orthodontic programs in the U.S. and Canada.

The goal of the new Research Initiative, the current focus of the AAO Foundation's overall Continued Commitment to the Specialty® fundraising effort, is to realize \$5 million in new pledges, so that over time and calculated at an average rate of return of six percent, this will result in an additional \$300,000 restricted for orthodontic research.

For more information, see the AAOF website or contact Mr. **Robert Hazel** at [rhazel@aaortho.org](mailto:rhazel@aaortho.org) or 800/424-2841 or call me at your convenience.

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## American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

Since 2013 is not an election year, the AAOPAC does not meet this summer. Our next meeting is during the AAO Professional Advocacy Conference, January 27-29, 2014.

Our AAO Legislative Priorities for 2013:

- Removing Barriers to Affordable Oral Health Care
- Repeal Excise Tax on Medical Devices
- Protect Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)
- Remove Barriers to High-Quality Dental Care

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- Adopt Tax Reform for Small Businesses and Students

Support Growth of Small Businesses  
Ease the Burden of Student Loan Debt

- Support Oral Health Initiatives  
Improve Children's Dental Health

For more information about our Legislative Priorities for 2013, go to the AAO website at [www.aaortho.org](http://www.aaortho.org).

Our main tasks as your AAOPAC are fundraising and educating our membership on the top issues in Washington and how these issues personally impact the orthodontic practice. It is important to get everyone involved. If you have already made your annual PAC contribution, thank you. If not, please consider an annual gift when renewing your membership.

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## American Board of Orthodontics

At the time of preparing this report, the Directors and staff of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) are in St. Louis administering the June 1-7 Clinical Examination and preparing the April 8-11, 2014 Written Examination.

Registration for the Written Examination opens October 1, 2013, and closes January 15, 2014. This registration deadline is firm because of the need to register with Pearson-VUE testing center.

The next Clinical Examination is November 19-23, 2013, and is full at the present time but may have available seats if an examinee cancels before the examination begins. The next open Clinical Examination is February 26-March 1, 2014. The current clinical examination registered 180 examinees and the complete-incomplete results will not be available to the examinees for two weeks. The examination statistical results are available after the last examinees have completed their examination. The February 2013 Clinical Examination statistics include Initial, Beginning, Gateway, Retake, and Voluntary Recertification Examinations. There were 158 orthodontists examined and 121 orthodontists certified. This was a 77% success rate for this examination.

The Initial Certification examinees produced a 79% completion rate. There were 58 examinees and 46 were complete. The 12 examinees that were not complete did bank a total of 69 cases. The Board is encouraged by the number of new Beginning Certification orthodontists that are registering for the examinations.

During the February clinical examination, the MSO had sixteen orthodontists certified. Congratulations to the new diplomates who are: Drs. **Joseph Basile**, Minnesota; **Kimberly Bohlig**, Minnesota; **C. David Brickman**, Illinois; **Klint Butler**, Nebraska; **Jose Chacon**, Illinois; **Curtis Dunn**, Minnesota; **John Ford**, Illinois; **Benjamin Hoelscher**, Iowa; **Jessica Hylan-Cohen**, Illinois; **Heekyoung Jo**, Illinois; **John Kelsey**, Illinois; **Bryon Kozak**, Wisconsin; **Katie Larson**, Wisconsin; **Matthew Larson**, Wisconsin; **Tamara Oweis**, Illinois; and **Krestine Tiziani**, Minnesota. If you know these individuals, please give them your congratulations because of the time and effort that they expended to become Board Certified.

During the February Clinical Examination in St. Louis, the Board conducted a regular business meeting to consider any new policy changes that need to be made in day-to-day operations. During the meeting four people from Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists were interviewed to replace Dr. **Scott Jamieson** as the ABO Director. Dr. **Valmy Kulbersh** who resides in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan was elected as the new Director. Dr. **John Casko**, who is a retired Past Chair of the University of Iowa Orthodontic Program, was selected to receive the highest ABO award, the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award. The Award Committee presents the award to an orthodontist who, in their judgment, has made a notable contribution to the art and science of orthodontics. The O.B. Vaughn Special Recognition Award committee selected Dr. **Gus Sotiropoulos** to receive this award created by The American Board of Orthodontics to recognize those who have contributed to orthodontic education in a significant way. Also from the MSO, **Prudy Yerkes**, ABO Operations Manager, was selected to receive the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes an individual for outstanding dedication and advancement of the ideals and mission of The American Board of Orthodontics.

As always, if you have any comments or questions about the ABO, please do not hesitate to contact me or one of our dedicated staff members.

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# Component Reports

## Illinois

**Patrick F. Foley**, President  
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The ISO completed its 2012-2013 lecture series with outstanding speakers at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting and at our spring general membership meeting in April. Dr. **Antonino Secchi** spoke at the ISO-sponsored Midwinter Meeting lecture on *The CCO System, a Review of Treatment Mechanics*, and Dr. **Stephen Tracey** spoke at our April 8th meeting in Oakbrook on *High Touch, High Tech – Orthodontic Excellence for a New Economy*. Both speakers offered a wealth of knowledge for their listeners and were well received by the many attendees.

The officers as noted above and the following slate of new and renewing 2013-2014 ISO Board members were approved by the general membership and installed by past AAO President Dr. **Lee Graber**: Drs. **Spencer Pope**, Incoming MSO Director; **Marita Janzen**, Incoming Trustee; **Eric Barnes**, Renewing Trustee; **Randall Markarian**, Renewing Trustee; and **Randy Wright**, Renewing Trustee.

Incoming ISO President **Patrick Foley** had kind words of thanks for outgoing ISO President **Mart McClellan** and presented him with the ISO President's Plaque. Congratulations, Mart, on a job well done and thank you for your commitment to the ISO!

Also at the April meeting, University of Illinois



(L to R) Vince Arpino, Katharina Atmadja, Budi Kusnoto, Carla Evans and Mart McClellan

Orthodontic Department Chair **Carla Evans** presented the ISO Teacher of the Year Award to Dr. **Budi Kusnoto**, UIC Orthodontic Department

Clinic Director. She and past student Dr. **Vincent Arpino** thanked Budi for his many years of teaching and for being a "pillar" at the university. Congratulations, Dr. Kusnoto!

We welcomed MSO President **Ross Crist** at the April meeting. He thanked the ISO for bringing strong leaders forward to the MSO and to the AAO. Ross thanked Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** for his service as the ISO director to the MSO Board and presented Ara with a recognition plaque. Ara will become the MSO's new secretary/treasurer

in September. The ISO takes great pride in Ara's continuing commitment to our profession and we wish him success as he furthers his leadership role in the MSO.

**Cory Verblen**, communications manager for the Illinois Health Information Exchange, updated members on the development of the ILHIE messaging service. He informed us that Illinois dentists are offered an excellent opportunity to use the same technology as physicians to transfer our patients' dental information and images electronically. Beginning in 2014, privacy regulations will prohibit the transfer of dental information and images via traditional email providers among, for example, dentists and referring specialists. The ILHIE will provide a HIPAA-compliant network for transfer of this information for dentists who set up an account with the program. Cory encouraged members to take advantage of this technology in the near future because the fee to set up an account has been waived until July 2013.

At the AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia this year, notable ISO members contributing to the AAO House of Delegates meeting were MSO delegation members Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** (vice-chair), **Mike Durbin** (delegate) and **Steve Marshall** (alternate delegate). At the meeting, the AAO approved the selection of Dr. **Spencer Pope** as the new Council on Orthodontic Practice representative from the MSO. Thank you to these colleagues who represent our Illinois society with expertise and professionalism.

Make plans now to attend the upcoming 2013-2014 ISO lecture series:

- Monday, September 30, 2013  
Morning – Dr. **Jay Bowman**  
Late Morning/Afternoon – Dr. **Bjorn Ludwig**
- Monday, November 18, 2013 – Doctors only lecture  
Morning – Ms. **Char Eash**  
Late Morning/Afternoon – Dr. **Greg Jorgensen**
- Friday, February 21, 2014 – CDS Midwinter Meeting  
Lecture featuring Drs. **Greg Huang**, **Tom Southard** and **Steve Marshall**
- Monday, April 7, 2014  
Dr. **John Bennett**

Please note that all meetings (except the Midwinter Meeting) for the 2013-2014 season will be held at the Carlisle Banquets facility in Lombard, Illinois. An ISO discount is available at the Hyatt Place Lombard for attendees who need overnight accommodations. These lectures are always informative and offer a great opportunity to spend a day learning and socializing with friends and colleagues.

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Please mark your calendars to head down to Kansas City for the 2013 MSO Annual Session to be held at the Sheraton Crown Center, September 20-22. A great lineup of speakers for both doctors and staff is being prepared. Register by August 19th for the early-bird discount.

As of the submission of this update, there is no Okoboji Summer Meeting scheduled for this summer due to the following news:

Dr. **John Casco** retired this spring from teaching at the University of Iowa. Dr. Casco spent 36 years at the University, 26 of them as chair of the department. He received numerous orthodontic teaching and achievement awards during his career as he influenced so many orthodontists in pursuit of their residency as well as their continuing education. In addition to speaking nationally and internationally, Dr. Casco coordinated the annual Okoboji Summer Meeting and the Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar, two favorites of the Iowa orthodontic community. The Iowa orthodontists would like to sincerely thank Dr. Casco for his service to the profession, to congratulate him on an illustrious career, and to wish him the best in retirement.

For a nice write-up on Dr. Casco in the Iowa dental school newsletter from April 26, visit [www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/dsbweekly/files/2013-04-26.pdf](http://www.dentistry.uiowa.edu/dsbweekly/files/2013-04-26.pdf)

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## Manitoba

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

- The spring meeting of the MOS was held April 4, 2013.
- The MOS website has now been activated ([www.mbraces.com](http://www.mbraces.com)). Refinements are required and content will be added continually.
- Smiles for Life — A chapter is in the process of development and was presented to the members to review.

Members interested in participating should contact Dr. **Tim Dumore**, who is spearheading this program.

- The Canadian Association of Orthodontists' (CAO) 65th Annual Session will be held in Banff from September 19-21 at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.
- The MSO Annual Session will be held in Kansas City on September 20-22 at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel Crown Center.

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Dr. **John Aamodt** presided over the 2013 Annual Winter Meeting which took place on January 11th at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel. Mr. **Dan Wicker** from Cain, Watters & Associates presented *Money, Taxes & the Future of Your Practice* to the doctors. Ms. **Charlene White**, from Progressive Concepts Inc., presented *30 Laser-Sharp Ideas to Accelerate Your Practice*.

At our last MAO Board Meeting on May 14, 2013, we welcomed Drs. **Chad Kelly** and **Nellie Kim-Weroha** to the board. Chad is our new Program Chair and Nellie is in charge of membership duties.

The MAO Summer Meeting will be September 4, 2013, and the location has not been finalized but will include a morning lecture on risk management presented by AAOIC speakers followed by an afternoon of golf. Risk Management is a core subject for the Minnesota Board of Dentistry and also will qualify for a reduction in AAO-sponsored malpractice insurance premiums.

MAO president Dr. **Doug Vayda** will preside over the next MAO Winter Meeting, to be held on Friday, January 10, 2014, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel. Dr. **Jorge Faber**, from Brazil, will be lecturing on various clinical topics to the doctors. The staff lecture program has yet to be finalized.

Once again the MAO has made a financial contribution to the Minnesota Dental Foundation in support of the Mission of Mercy (MOM) program which was held in Bemidji on June 14-15. These missions typically do about \$1 million worth of free dental services for about 2,000

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patients during the two days. For more information or if you wish to donate to the project, see the MDF's website [www.mndental.org](http://www.mndental.org).

In addition, *Smiles Change Lives* is going strong in Minnesota. By the end of this year, over 200 kids will either be in treatment or have completed their orthodontic treatment through this program. About half of the orthodontists in the state willingly participate by seeing these kids and thanks go to each one of them for being so compassionate. If you are willing to see a kid or two and have not as yet signed up, please go to [www.smileschangelives.org](http://www.smileschangelives.org) and sign up. It's easy.

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## Missouri

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists held a joint meeting with the Kansas Society of Orthodontists in January in Kansas City. The speaker was Dr. **Bob Waugh**. The Society met for a business meeting on Friday during this continuing education course. The Missouri bylaws were finally voted on and approved and now coordinate with Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and AAO bylaws. Thanks to Dr. **Neil Kanning**, the Missouri Orthodontic website, through Televoxx, is in use.

The Legislative Session ended on May 17th. House Bill 315, which contains a provision that would outlaw the practice of capped fees, passed the House of Representatives. A state operating budget was approved and includes House Bill 11, which appropriates money for the expenses, grants and distributions of the Department of Social Services. The Bill contained three items of interest: adult Medicaid extractions, a Rural Health Clinic Pilot Project and Carve Out. Senate Bill 330 was approved to allow dentists to delegate to dental assistants the tasks of placement of pit and fissure sealants and application of topical fluoride to dental assistants under direct supervision. If you would like more detail, go to [www.modental.org](http://www.modental.org).

A change affecting the Missouri dental assisting rule went into effect February of this year. This rule will allow assistants trained in expanded functions to place and carve all classes of amalgam and composite restorations.

The most significant rule change will affect orthodontic assistants. They will need to complete an application and pay a \$10 fee to the State Board.

An Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA) course for orthodontics will be offered June 17th in Ballwin, Missouri. Contact [mandy@modental.org](mailto:mandy@modental.org) if you are interested.

The next Missouri Society of Orthodontists business meeting will be scheduled for September 20 at 12:45pm during the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Session in Kansas City. The 2013 MSO Annual Session will be held September 20-22 at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Bring your family and staff as it coincides with the annual Kansas City Plaza Art Fair.

Do not forget Missouri Society of Orthodontists has a website, [www.moortho.org](http://www.moortho.org). Please refer to the website for information about Missouri orthodontists.

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## Nebraska

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met on January 25, 2013, to hear Dr. **Lisa Alvetro**'s presentation. It was a successful event that seemed to be enjoyed by all. Thank you to Dr. **Neil Dunlow** for planning the meeting and 3M Unitek for their generous sponsorship.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists Annual Meeting was held on March 29, 2013, with Dr. **Mark Yanoski** serving as the speaker. We appreciate Dr. **Klint Butler**'s efforts to make arrangements and to 3M Unitek's partial sponsorship of this event.

The business meeting included election of officers as noted above. We would like to thank Dr. **Matthew Becker** for his leadership and commitment as an officer the last three years.

Information regarding 2014 events will be addressed in the next issue of the *MSO Newsletter*.

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## North Dakota

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Dr. **Brian Jespersion**, Bismarck, was recognized at the AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia as he completed his eight-year stint on the Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP). Thank you, Brian, for your energy and input on this council.

Dr. **Dan Keith**, Bismarck, was recently chosen to present his graduate research project, *The Effect of Text Message Follow-up on Patient's Self-reported Levels of Pain and Anxiety*, at OrthoVOICE 2013. Dan will be a featured presenter at the conference in September in Las Vegas.

Drs. **Dennis Sommers**, Minot, and **Alison Fallgatter**, Jamestown, attended the ADA's Washington Leadership Conference in May. While in D.C., Dennis and Alison met with Senator **Heidi Heitkamp** and the offices of Senator **John Hoeven** and Representative **Kevin Cramer** to discuss key legislative issues related to dentistry. Some of the legislation that the ADA supports includes repeal of the medical device excise tax, amendment of ERISA to allow assignment of benefits and coordination of benefits, repeal of the McCarron-Ferguson Act through passage of the Competitive Health Insurance Reform Act of 2013 and Coordination of Pro Bono Medically Recommended Dental Care Act.

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## South Dakota

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The South Dakota Society of Orthodontists held its annual meeting in May in Rapid City. The officers listed above were elected to an additional one-year term. At this time plans are being made for the 2014 meeting to be held in the Black Hills in mid-February.

Mr. **Paul Knecht** gave the SDSO an update on the *Sunshyne Smiles* program. This is a non-profit charitable organization that, along with the orthodontists of South

Dakota, provides orthodontic treatment to underprivileged children who do not qualify for Medicaid. There have been 95 individuals who have completed treatment since 2005, and currently there are 46 children in active treatment.

The SDSO is eagerly awaiting the 2013 Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' Annual Session in Kansas City on September 20-22 where our very own Dr. **Ross Crist** will preside over the meeting as president.

If you have any questions regarding the SDSO, please call or email.

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## Wisconsin

**Charles E. Montoure**, President  
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WSO members attended the 2013 Spring Conference at the Crowne Plaza in Madison, April 5-6. Our special guest speaker was **John McGill**, CPA, MBA, JD, and CEO of The McGill & Hill Group, LLC in Charlotte, North Carolina. He is also a partner with the law firm of McGill & Hassan, P.A. and is President of the John K. McGill & Company. Mr. McGill's presentation, *Achieving Financial Independence*, was informational and enjoyed by those in attendance.

Elections occurred this spring and the new officers as noted above were introduced. Drs. **Michael Maslowski**, **Al Ostertag** and **David Mentz** were elected trustees. In addition Dr. **Scott Arbit** was elected to replace Dr. **Jane Bentz** as the MSO Director as she will be retiring later this year. The WSO membership is grateful to Jane for representing the Society, and we wish her all the best as she retires.

The 2013 WSO Fall meeting will be held October 4-5 at the Heidel House in Green Lake, Wisconsin. Dr. **David Musich** will be the featured speaker. His presentation entitled, *The Challenge of Excellent Orthodontic Outcomes*, is sure to be popular with attendees.

For more information, please contact the WSO by phone, fax or [www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com](http://www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com).

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# Graduate Program Reports

## Marquette University

Welcome to our new incoming residents. Our new class consists of Drs. **Maxwell Abraham** (University of Western Ontario), **Ashley Barnes** (Marquette), **Jennifer Fehrman** (Marquette), **Audra Long** (University of Michigan-Ann Arbor) and **Lauren Teske** (Marquette). They will be joining our second-year residents, Drs. **Ami Inoue**, **David Kennedy**, **Peter Longo**, **Amanda Olejniczak** and **Amrita Rakalla**. Incoming residents will start in the clinic in the first few weeks, to allow them to complete more cases before graduation to be used for the ABO certification process.

Congratulations to our graduating Class of 2013. Once again we held the graduation ceremony and dinner at the Pfister Hotel on May 23, 2013. It is always a special night as we celebrate the next step in their journey. The graduates include Drs. **Michael Payne**, **Manika Patwari**, **Syrah Quraishi**, **Jacob Spendlove** and **Nicholas Valeri**. We will miss them all and wish them the best in their future endeavors. Congratulations to all.

On May 19th Dr. **Theodore Freeland** along with Drs. **Jeff** and **Marissa Keesler** presented a lecture to our residents. The lecture was sponsored by GAC.

In departmental news, Dr. **Jose Bosio** will be continuing his service as an ABO examiner in June 2013. Dr. **T. Gerard Bradley** is finishing up his Dr. Med. Dent degree at the University of Bern and will be returning from sabbatical at the end of June. Two publications were published. One will be appearing soon in the *European Journal of Orthodontics* with involvement from Dr. Bradley and from Dr. Valeri as part of his MS degree. Dr. **Issac Liu** continues his research endeavors on his RO3 grant funding from NIH/NIDCR.

In July the incoming first-year residents will be given their annual week-long wire bending course here in the department with Dr. **Scott Jamieson**. This is the time of year that they realize how important wire bending is to an orthodontist.

We are near completion of the endowed professorship in orthodontics. We have only \$200,000 to go, so please consider making a donation to the Kittleson Professorship.

The residents again are looking forward to the upcoming GORP program in August. The second-year residents then will attend the September session of the Charles Tweed course in Arizona.

Hope you have a safe and happy summer!

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## Mayo Clinic

The end of our academic year is fast approaching. With thesis defense, case completions and the preparation for future practices, there is a flurry of activity at Mayo Clinic orthodontics.

Our chief resident, Dr. **Grant Collins**, will complete his residency training at the end of June. He successfully defended his thesis, *Accuracy of Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Orthodontics: A Comparison of Cephalometric Measurements Using T1 Cube Spin Echo MR Imaging with 3D Gradient Correction Compared to Traditional Orthodontic Imaging*, and was awarded his M.S. in Biomedical Sciences on May 18, 2013. He was awarded first place in the GAC-sponsored research presentations at the AAO meeting in Philadelphia. In addition to pursuing practice opportunities, Grant and his wife, **Kimmie**, are the proud new parents of **Caden** who was born in April.

Dr. **Li-Ping Chew**, our second-year resident, successfully completed the written portion of the American Board of Orthodontics certification examination taken in April. She also completed Suresmile® training earlier in January and continues to impress us with her academic and clinical skills. We are looking forward to her leadership as our new chief resident starting July 1.

Dr. **Jeff Kohlmeier** has completed his first Minnesota winter and is a seasoned snow veteran! He has had a great first year and been a valuable member of our orthodontic team. Along with Drs. Chew, Collins and Regennitter, he attended an excellent Moyers Symposium in March. He will be going to the Tweed course in September.

In July Dr. **Eric Wu** will begin his training. Dr. Wu attended the University of Maryland and is a 2013 graduate. We are pleased that he successfully matched with our Program at the Mayo Clinic. He brings a lot of talent and enthusiasm.

During May, Dr. **John Volz** attended the AACP - 12th International Congress on Cleft Lip/Palate, in Orlando. He's been busy with curriculum updates and improving clinic efficiency. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. **Paul Castelein**, our Midwestern ABO director for his continued support and hard work.

We were recently able to add a full-time assistant to the clinic allied health staff. This will improve our care team delivery. Two more assistants were able to attend the Suresmile® training course this past winter, permitting further integration of this technology into daily patient care.

We had 18 residents, alumni, faculty and spouses

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attend this year's Mayo alumni dinner in Philadelphia. Planning for the AAO in New Orleans next year is already underway.

Have a great summer!

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## Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2012. 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 this June. They include Drs. **Ana Arruda**, Case Western Reserve University; **Kwang Chang**, University of California San Francisco; **Devin Conaway**, Case Western Reserve University; **Don Dau**, University of Florida; **Daniel Floyd**, University of Oregon; **Andrew Foster**, University of Colorado; **Arthur Jones**, University of Alabama; **Jessica Lee**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Theresa Mellion**, Case Western Reserve University; **Anthony Mongillo**, Nova Southeastern University; **Shuka Moshiri**, University of Louisville; **Lindsey Reinhardt**, Southern Illinois University; **Darshit Shah**, Ahmedabad Dental College; and **Somkamol Vanichvatana**, Chulalongkorn University.

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, February 28-March 1, 2014. Many fine speakers will enlighten the audience. Dr. **Mithran Goonewardene** will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact [moscalb@slu.edu](mailto:moscalb@slu.edu) for information on the meeting.

In addition, the SLU orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the summer and fall of 2013. All MSO students and faculty are encouraged to look at the schedule on our website (it is updated periodically) and if they find a presentation they would like to attend, please let us know.

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## University of Illinois – Chicago

Under Dr. **Maria Therese Galang**'s leadership, ADEA's Section on Orthodontics submitted two program proposals for the 2013 meeting and both were accepted. At

the March 2013 meeting in Seattle, the Section on Orthodontics was recognized with the "Most Improved Section" Award by the Council on Sections.

Dr. **Budi Kusnoto** has been on sabbatical working on an imaging project. He splits his time between the University of Chicago Department of Cardiology and Argonne National Laboratory. He'll return to the department on July 1. He received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Illinois Society of Orthodontists on April 8, 2013.

Dr. **Robert Manasse** is program chair of the 2014 Midwinter Meeting of the Chicago Dental Society and has participated in dental advocacy at the state and national level. Dr. **Phimon Atsawasuwann** has had success in being awarded research funds and having articles accepted in the *Journal of Dental Research*, *Bone*, and *PLoS*. Dr. **Carla Evans** was reappointed by Governor Quinn to the Illinois Health Information Exchange. Dr. **Steve Moravec** (alumnus, Class of 1985) is forming a Marketing Club with UIC's orthodontic postgrads.

Dr. **Noor Obaisi**, a May 2013 graduate of UIC's orthodontic specialty program, received the First Place \$1,000 prize in the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar research competition at the May 2013 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Philadelphia. The Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award program is sponsored by Dentsply GAC and offers an opportunity for graduate students/residents to present their research using narrative material and a posterboard. The team of judges selects prize-winning entries on the basis of originality, relevance, research design validity and results/conclusions. Noor conducted her research with her M.S. in Oral Sciences thesis advisor, Dr. **Maria Therese Galang** (Assistant Professor and Director of Predoctoral Orthodontics), **Spiro**



(L to R) Spiro Megremis, Noor Obaisi, Maria Therese Galang, Grace Viana

**Megremis** (Assistant Director; Standards, Protocols and New Test Method Development at the American Dental Association Laboratories), **Grace Viana** (Biostatistician), Dr. **T. Peter Tsay** (Professor) and Dr.

**Carla Evans** (Professor and Department Head). The title of Dr. Obaisi's project was *Determination of the Transformation Temperature Ranges of Orthodontic Nickel-Titanium Archwires Using the Bend and Free Recovery Test*.

At UIC's Clinic and Research Day on March 7, Dr.

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**Matthew Ahrens** achieved first place in the Postgrad Clinical Category for his project titled, *Three-Dimensional Evaluation of Facial Asymmetry in Patients with Hemifacial Microsomia*, and Dr. **Justina D'Agostini** placed third in the same category for her work on *Maxillary Central Incisor Inclination and Projected Tooth Length in Panoramic Radiographs*. The Dental Student Award was given to **Anuja Kothari** for her study of *Facial and Dental Midline Assessment in Cases Treated by Right-Handed Orthodontists*. The Mentor of the Year Award was presented to **Xianghong Luan**.

Our graduating postgrads have many different destinations: Drs. **Matthew Ahrens** (Florida), **George Alamir** (Chicagoland), **Justina D'Agostini** (suburban Detroit), **Michael Li** (Texas), **Ahmed Masoud** (PhD studies at UIC), **Noor Obaisi** (Chicagoland), **Tharon Smith** (Arizona) and **Bradford Washington** (New York City). Our incoming postgrads will arrive in August and graduated from the following dental schools: Drs. **Saleh Al-Kharsa** (Tufts), **Abdurahman Alwadei** (King Saud, Saudi Arabia), **Benjamin Belavsky** (UIC), **Ginu Dahiya** (Case Western), **David Goldberg** (U. Michigan), **Paul Lazari** (NYU), **Amitoj Mehta** (UIC), **Lora Nation** (SIU) and **John Polivka** (UIC).

Dr. **Sam Berkowitz**, University of Illinois orthodontic alumnus (Class of 1959), Adjunct Clinical Professor of Orthodontics at UIC, author of several books on cleft lip/palate and noted speaker, has prepared an online course. We asked our UIC orthodontic and pediatric dentistry specialty students to test the class and they found it to be helpful in understanding discussions about management of cleft patients. Please follow the link to obtain more information: [www.cleftlipalateaudiovisuallecture.org/course.html](http://www.cleftlipalateaudiovisuallecture.org/course.html).

We owe very special thanks to these outgoing past Board Members of the Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois who served on the Board for 12 years: Drs. **John Lisac**, **Michael Conlon** and **Michael Naboroski**. They were instrumental in the operation and advancement of the Association as well as being extremely generous in their support of the renovation of the clinic. We are pleased to welcome the following people to the Board for a 12-year term: Drs. **Barry Booth**, **Pam Johnson** and **Jeff Kemp**. The remainder of the current Board includes Drs. **Dale Davis** (President), **Anthony Eltink** (Vice President), **Howard Spector**, **Michael Durbin**, **Ashok Kothari**, **Robert Christopher**, **Gerry Samson**, Honorary Board Member **Carla Evans**, and Executive Director **Vincent Arpino**. The Illinois Alumni Reception at the AAO meeting was at Smokin' Betty's and was enjoyed by everyone!

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## University of Iowa

We wish to welcome the members of our new first-year class: Drs. **Taylor Blake** (VCU '13); **Jessica Fuller** (Iowa '09); **Christopher Hartman** (Iowa '13); **Kyungsup Shin** (Harvard '13); and **Julie Wees** (Creighton '07). Our second-year class consists of **T. J. Bauer** (Illinois '05); **Erin Bilbo** (Alabama '12); **Mary Beth Hoppens** (Iowa '12); **Tyler Prestwich** (Creighton '12) and **Cole Weaver** (Creighton '12). Our faculty is grateful to these young persons coming to learn with us.

We will be saying good-bye to the Class of 2013 whose last day was June 7. The class includes Dr. **Mina Abdolahi** (returning to Virginia); Dr. **Laura Bonner** (undecided but helping out in the Orthodontic Department for a few months); Dr. **Jordan Poss** (practicing in Ames); Dr. **Alison Ray** (practicing in Cedar Rapids) and Dr. **Brendon Swenson** (moving back to Idaho).

Dr. **John Casco** retired from the Department of Orthodontics on May 1, 2013, after 37 years on the faculty. We wish him all the best in this next phase of his life. Also retiring from an adjunct faculty position is Dr. **Paul Hermanson** from Marshalltown. We will miss seeing Paul on Thursdays in the clinic. We are happy to announce that a new faculty member, Dr. **Sreedevi Srinivasan** from Tufts University, started with us on May 15, 2013.

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## University of Manitoba

Welcome to Dr. **Fabio Pinheiro** who joined the faculty on April 1st as an Assistant Professor in Orthodontics. Dr. Pinheiro qualified as an orthodontist in Brazil, obtained a masters degree in Biomaterials at the University of Michigan and completed his PhD in craniofacial differences in Manchester, United Kingdom. He joins us with a wealth of international clinical experience, having practiced in Brazil, the USA, England, and most recently in Sweden, before emigrating to Canada. Dr. Pinheiro will be our new lead orthodontist in our craniofacial differences program.

Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** is on sabbatical leave, during which he and Dr. **Leslie Will** from Boston University are the primary researchers involved in a multi-center research project involving different methods of evaluating orthodontic residents. Dr. **Frank Hechter** is the Acting Head of

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Orthodontics while Dr. Wiltshire is spending time on his research.

Congratulations to our third-year residents, Drs. **Randeep Chana**, **Andrew Bernas** and **Nicholas Playfair**, who successfully passed Part 1 of the Royal College exams (RCDC) and to our second-year residents, Drs. **Jonelle Crichton**, **Mireye Senye** and **Richard Halpern**, who were successful in Part 1 of the ABO exams. Our third-year residents are busily preparing for their final clinical exam of 10 cases that they started and finished and their final viva voce in June with their two external examiners, Drs. **Nick Karaiskos** from Ottawa and **James Noble** from Toronto who also will be undertaking the first-year Diagnosis and Treatment Planning exam. Dr. **Richard Ballard** from Louisiana State University visited in April as external examiner of the comprehensive written exam of the G3 residents and also presented an interesting lecture on *White Spot Lesions*.

Dr. Wiltshire attended the Angle Society meeting in New Paltz, New York in April and presented a research paper. He also presented a paper in Paris, France in April at the combined French Orthodontic Society and International Functional Association meeting. Dr. Chana (third-year resident) was selected to take part in the Charlie Schultz competition at the AAO meeting in Philadelphia and presented his masters research. Mr. **Matthew Kotyk** (fourth-year dental student) and Dr. Wiltshire presented a paper at the Manitoba Dental Association Annual Congress in Winnipeg in January on *Bisphenol – A Release from Orthodontic Products*. Matthew also successfully defended his BSc (Dent) research project in March. Third-year residents Drs. Chana, Playfair and Guedes each presented a case they treated at the CDABO case displays at the AAO in Philadelphia. Dr. **Ines Guedes** will be travelling to Iceland in June to attend the EOS meeting and present a poster on her master's research. Drs. Wiltshire and **Milos Lekic** attended the inaugural educator's conference in Philadelphia.

Leaving Winnipeg will be Dr. Chana, who will be moving to Calgary, and Dr. Playfair, to Sydney, Australia, when they complete their third-year graduation requirements.

As we say goodbye to our graduating residents, we look forward to welcoming our new first-year residents who commence their program on June 24.

We are always grateful to ALL our dedicated part-time instructors who teach in our clinical program. In particular, for this newsletter, I wish to focus my thanks on two more part-timers who travel long distances to share their knowledge and expertise with our residents. Drs.

**Gerry Solomon** (lead orthodontist for the mixed dentition clinic and practice management) and **Luis Piedade** (lead orthodontist for the clear aligner clinic) fly in from Toronto every month – thank you – and, of course thank you to ALL our part-timers for your friendship and dedication.

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## University of Minnesota

The state of the residency is...fine! We are, as are many of you, still reminiscing about the memorable AAO meeting in Philadelphia just a couple of months ago. The weather was nice, the city had much to offer in terms of ambiance and nightlife, the convention center was spectacular and the speakers were outstanding. All of our residents were able to attend thanks to the beneficence of our alumni and interested colleagues in the area. To all of them, and to Dr. **Steve Litton** who makes this all possible, a heartfelt thank-you!

The second-year residents now have a number of important mile markers behind them and can see the finish line! They all passed the written ABO exam as well as our own ABO mock oral boards. Dr. **John Kanyusik** helped us construct an exam that fairly well imitates the actual ABO oral exam. Senior Case Presentations were done in May and now the last bit of the puzzle is the research piece. As of June 6, three of the six will have defended their theses. So, they are busy. Add looking for a place to live and a practice in which to work and you will be reminded of the time when you, too, were at this stage in life.

The close-knit class of 2013 will spread out a bit upon graduation.



Dr. **Brian Anderson** will head off to the Rocky Mountain West, while Dr. **Omar Issa** will drive south, out of the cold and snow, to the Dallas area. Dr.

**Vladimir Leon** will join the ranks of orthodontic educators at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, and Dr. **Chris Teeters** plans to join his father-in-law in practice in Arizona. Only Drs. **Janice Cho** and **Shawn McCarthy** will be

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staying in Minnesota, both in the metro area. Although the six will be living and working far apart, I know they will all find a way to stay connected and get together as they have done so well these past two years.

We, the full-time faculty, were thrilled with the addition of a new daughter, **Julia**, to the family of Dr. **Nanci** and **Renato DeFelippe**. Nanci is on family leave until the end of August and we do miss her! Dr. **Brent Larson** represented us with a hectic schedule as our MSO Trustee in Philadelphia. He and **Cindy** are tremendous ambassadors for the Midwest and Minnesota, and on top of all the goodwill, their work always gets done to perfection. Dr. **Thorsten Gruenheid** presented one of his many, fine research papers at the Philadelphia AAO meeting. This particular paper addressed the adequacy of digital models.

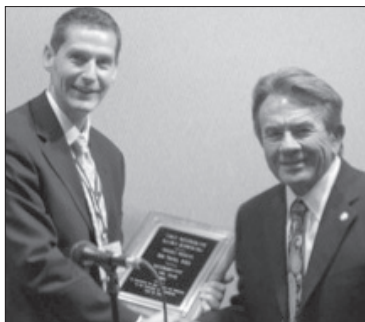
Thesis defenses, graduation on June 13, and an upcoming CODA site visit are keeping us all quite busy. By the time the weather turns nice in August we should have time to enjoy it.

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## University of Missouri – Kansas City

The Midwest Dental Conference Orthodontic



(L to R) Don Wilson and  
Bob Craven

Lectures were held April 11-12, 2013 in Kansas City. Dr. **Steve Tracey** presented a fast-paced review to staff and doctors on a myriad of topics. The 2013 UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Luncheon was held at the Sheraton Crown Plaza and during the luncheon, the UMKC Orthodontic

Alumnus of the Year award was presented to Dr. **Bob Craven**.

Dr. **Jim Osborne** has been appointed co-director of the postgraduate orthodontic clinic. Jim will help Dr. **Don Thompson** with the daily functioning of the graduate orthodontic clinic. Jim had been in private practice since 1976 and has been on our part-time faculty since 2006. He will be primarily guiding the incoming residents through the typodont course, record taking and diagnosis/treatment

planning. He also has some exciting ideas for improving the pre-clinical aspects of the program.

Dr. **Sylvia Frazer-Bowers** gave the 2013 Dan L. Blackwell Lecture on June 28. Dr. Frazer-Bowers' lecture titled, *Contemporary Orthodontics in the Post-Genomic Era: Diagnosis and Treatment Planning in the Future Orthodontic Practice*, was well received given that she is one of the preeminent clinician scientists in the area of genetics and primary failure of tooth eruption. She is a full-time faculty member at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill Department of Orthodontics and has an adjunct appointment at the Carolina Center for Genome Sciences.

We want to acknowledge Dr. **Laura Iwasaki** for her contributions to the IADR/AADR Craniofacial Biology Group. Laura is now the immediate past-president, having completed a very busy year where she was responsible for organizing symposia and research sessions at the 2012 AADR meeting in Tampa, Florida and the IADR meeting in Iquacu Falls, Brazil.

The AAO meeting in Philadelphia was a busy time for Drs. Iwasaki, the Leo Rogers Chair, and **Jeff Nickel**, Postgraduate Orthodontics Program Director. It was the "Kansas City Hour" on May 4, when both Laura and Jeff were across the hall from one another, presenting current research. Dr. Iwasaki's presentation focused on the variables affecting the velocity of tooth movement in humans. Dr. Nickel's presentation featured data related to the development of degenerative joint disease. During the AAO meeting, Jeff also had responsibilities as the MSO representative on the Council on Scientific Affairs. While in Philadelphia, Dr. **Vance Dykhouse**, Jeff and Laura participated in the inaugural meeting of the Society of Educators.

Recently, the AAO Foundation Board of Directors elected our part-time clinical instructor Dr. **Jeffrey Thompson** as Board Liaison to the Foundation's Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC). Jeff will play a key leadership role on PARC and everyone involved is grateful for his service. Dr. Iwasaki also serves on PARC.

Our first-year residents, Drs. **Kristen Sander** (UMKC), **Mathew McCoy** (Creighton University) and **Danielle Gilbert** (University of Alabama), started their orthodontic programs and MS studies on July 1. Our second-year residents, Drs. **Brittany Carpenter** (University of Tennessee), **Lori Tima** (University of Nebraska Medical Center) and **Michael Ponikvar** (University of Maryland), continue their endeavors in the clinic, classroom and research laboratories. In May, they attended the Tweed course in Phoenix. Third-year residents Drs. **Natalia Henbest** (UMKC), **Michael Olsen** (University of West Virginia) and **Adam Reynolds** (University of Kentucky)

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have taken up their duties as mentors, along with their other responsibilities for projects associated with their MS degrees and an increased workload in the clinic.

The success of our recently graduated residents was celebrated during our graduation gala held in December 2012. Some 75+ family, residents, staff and faculty gathered to honor Drs. **Lauren Gossett**, **Ashlee Weber** and



L to R: Lauren Gossett, Ashlee Weber and Genavieve McGivern

**Genavieve McGivern.** Lauren is practicing orthodontics an hour north of Kansas City in St. Joseph, Missouri. Ashlee and her husband, Dr. **Max Weber**, recently had a baby boy, and Ashlee is now practicing in Kansas City. Gena went a little bit west to practice orthodontics in Topeka, Kansas. In conjunction with their orthodontic certificates, the Class of 2012 also graduated with MS degrees. The titles of their theses are as follows: *Effect of Refrigerant Spray on Orthodontic Composite Resin-Bracket Debond Strength and Associated Adhesive Remnant Index*, (Dr. Gossett), *Effects of Topical Fluoride Prophylactic Agents on the Mechanical Properties of Orthodontic Nickel Titanium Closed Coil Springs*, (Dr. McGivern) and *Jaw Mechanics and Muscle Behavior in Adolescents with Different Vertical Craniofacial Morphologies*, (Dr. Weber).

Every year, the UMKC Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics organizes the Eric J. Schweitzer (Class of 1992) Memorial Symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to have recent orthodontic graduates return to Kansas City to make presentations to current orthodontic residents. The speakers are asked to speak frankly of the joys and difficulties they encountered while embarking on their careers. On April 11 our two guest speakers were Drs. **Chuck Schumacher** (Class of 2009) and **David Ries** (Class of 2010).

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## University of Nebraska

Our program is excited to introduce our new residents who will begin training on July 1, 2013. Born in Quang Tri, Viet Nam, but a citizen of the U.S., Dr. **Khanh Luong** joins us with a DDS from the LSUHSC School of Dentistry. A native of Wyoming, Dr. **Chris Schultz** spent

the last four years at UNMC earning a DDS. As a frequent visitor in the pre-doctoral clinic, he is well known by all the current residents and staff who look forward to working with him. Dr. **Jason Scott** was born in California, earned a BS in Exercise Science at Brigham Young University, then returned to California to earn a DDS at UCLA. His great smile and positive attitude are going to make him another welcome addition to the UNMC program.

After over 25 years of service to the UNMC postgraduate orthodontic program, Dr. **Peter Spalding** “retired” from the College of Dentistry. He has moved on to start another chapter in his life as of July 1, 2013, in Columbus, Ohio, where he will serve as the first director of the new National Children’s Hospital Craniofacial Orthodontic Treatment Center. He looks forward to creating an accredited clinical fellowship training program in craniofacial and special care orthodontics. Read more about Dr. Spalding’s years at the College and his future in Ohio by reading our online alumni newsletter, *Tightly Wired*, at [www.unmc.edu/dentistry](http://www.unmc.edu/dentistry).

Early this spring, all of our full-time and part-time faculty became members of the AAO’s newly formed Society of Educators. We are very glad to see the following part-time faculty receive the recognition and well-deserved respect for their many hours of educational service to our program. New part-time members are: Drs. **Brett Cascini**, **Robert Glenn**, **Paula Harre**, **Rebecca Hohl**, **Robert Schoettger** and **Kimberley Stafford**.

For the second consecutive year, Drs. **T. Sheela** (P.I.) and **Sundaralingam Premaraj** (Co-P.I.), were awarded a research grant from Align Technology, Inc. (Invisalign®). Their research project is titled: *Shift in Species Composition of Supra and Subgingival Gingival Microbiome as a Risk Factor in Dental Caries/Periodontal Disease – a Comparative Study with Braces/Invisalign Treatment*.

At the 2013 AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia, second-year residents Drs. **Corwyn Hopke**, **Nima Mirmoghtadaei** and **Callista Holwegner** participated in the ABO Case Display program. Dr. Hopke represented our program this year as an AAO Young Leader at the Young Leader’s Development Forum and at the AAO/AAP Joint Winter Conference.

Registration information will be sent later this summer to our alumni and area orthodontists regarding a continuing education opportunity here. Dr. **Aaron Molens** will serve as our speaker on October 4, 2013. His topic will be *3D Orthodontics: Integrating Tomorrow’s Technologies Today*.

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## SCHEDULE-AT-A-GLANCE

### Thursday, September 19

- 10:00 a.m. MSO Executive Committee Meeting
- Noon – 5:00 p.m. MSO Board Lunch/Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Set-up
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration Open

### Friday, September 20

- 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. *Optional ABO Breakfast\**
- 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast in Exhibits**
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Dr. Lecture** – Dr. Mark Berkman  
Sponsored by 3M Unitek
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Staff Lecture** – Ms. Amy Kirsch  
Sponsored by Dentsply GAC
- 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. *Optional "Best of KC" Spouse/Guest Tour\**
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break in Exhibits**
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch in Exhibits**  
Co-sponsored by Missouri Society of Orthodontists and MSO
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Missouri Component Business Meeting
- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Dr. Lecture** – Dr. Aaron Molen  
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- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Staff Lecture** – Ms. Amy Kirsch  
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- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Coffee Break in Exhibits**  
Sponsored by South Dakota Society of Orthodontists
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. **Reception in Exhibits**  
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### Saturday, September 21

- 7:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Registration
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. **MSO Annual Business Meeting with Continental Breakfast**  
*Presentation of MSO 2013 Shepard Award to Dr. Keith Levin*
- 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Exhibits Open**
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast in Exhibits**

- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Dr. Lecture** – Dr. Chung Kau  
Sponsored by American Orthodontics
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon **Staff Lecture** – Ms. Cathy Sundvall  
Sponsored by 3M Unitek
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. **Coffee Break in Exhibits**
- 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Council on Orthodontic Education
- 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Complimentary Mini-Coach Shuttle**  
– Plaza Art Fair, Power & Light  
*First-come, first-served from hotel (schedule provided in onsite program)*
- Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch in Exhibits**  
Co-sponsored by Dentaureum USA and Midwestern Society of Orthodontists
- Noon – 1:30 p.m. MSO Past Presidents Luncheon
- 12:30 p.m. Bus Departs *UMKC Dental Library Optional Hands-On Workshop\**
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. *In-House Digital Modeling Workshop at UMKC\**
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibitor Dismantling
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Dr. Lecture** – Drs. Sebastian Baumgaertel and Abraham Lifshitz  
Co-sponsored by Dentaureum USA and Forestadent USA
- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Staff Lecture** – Cathy Sundvall  
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- 5:00 p.m. *Optional Private MSO Tailgate Royals Game Budweiser Party Porch\**
- Bus Departs
- Tickets are limited. Register today!**  
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### Sunday, September 22

- 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. **Dr. / Staff Lecture** – Ms. Mary Kay Miller  
Sponsored by TeleVox

*\*Indicates optional event with separate registration/fees required and limited attendance. Register your staff team and family early!*  
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