



# MSO NEWSLETTER

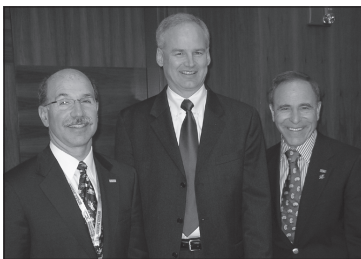
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## MSO Scores BIG in Boston

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists scored very big in Boston. Dr. **Lee Graber** was installed as AAO President-elect; Dr. **Brent Larson** was installed as the new MSO Trustee; Dr. **Keith Levin** was installed as AAO Speaker of the House of Delegates; Dr. **David Musich** received the James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award; Dr. **John Kanyusik** received the 2009 ABO Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award; the Educational Leadership Conference was named in honor of Dr. **Robert Isaacson**; and the MSO received an award from the AAOPAC. MSO truly was everywhere at the 109th Annual Session in Boston.

Dr. **Lee Graber**, Illinois, who has served dentistry and orthodontics in so many capacities, will become the AAO president next year in Washington, D.C. He has served on so many committees and task forces for the AAO



(l to r) Keith Levin, Brent Larson and Lee Graber

that it would take pages to list them. Lee served the MSO as its trustee to the AAO these last eight years. His involvement with the MSO also spanned numerous years in various roles including editor and president. In addition, he is very involved in the Illinois Society of Orthodontists. Lee also has left his mark on the World Federation of Orthodontists, serving for five years as its president between 2000-2005.

Lee's wife, **Jane**, is a general dentist. They have three daughters, one of whom is an orthodontist who practices with Lee. Then there is **Mikey**, Lee's first grand-

child and the joy of his life.

Congratulations to Lee and a huge thank-you for all he has done for organized dentistry and orthodontics for so many years.

Replacing Lee as MSO's trustee is Dr. **Brent Larson** from Minnesota. Brent has been most involved with the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists, where he is currently its president. He chairs the orthodontic department at the University of Minnesota and is a former chair of the orthodontic department at the Mayo Clinic. In addition, Brent has an orthodontic practice in Rochester, Minnesota, with his partners, Drs. **Terry Guenther** and **Nellie Kim-Weroha**. He will bring a very broad perspective of orthodontics to the BOT.

Brent shares his life with his wife, **Cindy**, and they have three sons. One is just starting his orthodontic training, one is just starting dental school and the third is an engineer.

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# President's Report

I am writing this message while sitting at my desk at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. As you may know, we will become the first U.S. dental school to train dental therapists, a type of mid-level provider. Appli-



*Brent E. Larson*

cations already have been received for the first class that will begin in the fall of 2009.

Fortunately, the early and aggressive intervention by the state dental association and the dental school was able to influence the education, supervision and scope of practice requirements for these new practitioners in a way that will now require more oversight

by dentists than originally proposed. You can get more information at [www.dentistry.umn.edu](http://www.dentistry.umn.edu) if you are interested, but the point is that legislative involvement is critical to the future of dentistry and orthodontics. We all need to make it a priority to get involved at a local, state or national level because the only way to have an impact is to be an active participant. We should make it a goal to have an orthodontist serving in the legislature of each state in the MSO – think what an impact that would make!

To make our voice heard in the legislative arena on a national level, the AAOPAC is critical. The leadership of MSO's Dr. **Mike Hipp**, from Iowa, has been stellar and I want to personally thank him on behalf of the MSO for his effort and commitment as chair of AAOPAC.

As you plan your fall activities, please save the dates of October 16-17 to attend the MSO Annual Session in Minneapolis. The theme of the meeting is "Broadening Your Perspectives," and it is designed to help us look beyond the narrow boundaries of our specialty. Included will be short lectures and question-and-answer sessions covering a wide variety of topics including autism, personal wellness, esthetic surgery, risk management and many more. I promise you will enjoy the meeting which will be held right on the beautiful campus of the University of Minnesota.

Dr. **Michael Fuchs**, Huron, South Dakota, will receive the MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award at the 2009 Annual Session in Minneapolis. Mike is very deserving of this honor and, in my mind, represents the epitome of a professional and community leader.

The MSO continues to have a strong influence in

the AAO House of Delegates thanks to the focused efforts of the whole MSO delegation and, this year, to the leadership of Dr. **Ross Crist** who stepped in on short notice to act as delegation chair. The rest of the delegation included Drs. **Babette Cohen, Mike Hipp, John Kanyusik, Steve Litton, Steve Marshall, Ara Goshgarian, Deb Lien, Ginny Mennemeyer** and **Dennis Sommers**.

The House of Delegates voted to fund the national Public Awareness Program at the same level as the previous year, once again using a combination of assessment dollars and AAO reserves to pay for it. My sense is that there is increasing support for this program as orthodontists want to educate the public about the advantages of seeking specialty care for their orthodontic needs. Additionally, there is increasing evidence that this ongoing campaign is making a difference in the public's understanding of the differing levels of education between an orthodontist and a general practitioner.

New MSO board members Drs. **Ara Goshgarian**, Illinois, and **Tim Dumore**, Manitoba, are on board and proving that we continue to attract outstanding members willing to commit time to our organization and to do so with a purpose.

The MSO always has led the AAO in the involvement of women in leadership roles. This was emphasized at the Boston meeting when MSO members Drs. **Ginny Mennemeyer** and **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** participated in the Women in Orthodontics Luncheon as panel members. They both have found a way to balance participation in MSO leadership roles with their practice and family life.

Congratulations to MSO award winners recognized in Boston! Both these awards are very significant and many deserving individuals were nominated. It is to the credit of the winners that they were selected and recognized.

- Dr. **John Kanyusik**, Minnesota, received the 2009 ABO Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the ABO during the CDABO luncheon.
- Dr. **David Musich**, Illinois, received the AAO's James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award at the Excellence in Orthodontics Award Ceremony and Luncheon.

Each year for the last few years, the Educational Leadership Conference has recognized individuals who have contributed significantly to education by naming the conference in their honor. This year it was the 2009 Bob Isaacson Educational Leadership Conference and Reception. Our thanks to Dr. **Bob Isaacson** for his decades of devotion to academics and the excellent training of our orthodontists.

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# Trustee's Report

This is my first opportunity to communicate with you as your Trustee to the AAO! I appreciate the opportunity to represent the MSO and all its great members. I have been warmly welcomed by the Board of Trustees and the AAO staff, and I look forward to working with them on behalf of the whole AAO over the next 10 or 11 years.

As I mentioned in the President's Report, this is a critical time for member involvement in the governmental process as the future of healthcare in the U.S. is being discussed. At the national level, our AAO lobbyist in Washington, Patton-Boggs, is monitoring the various communications and hearings going on that may affect us as healthcare providers and as small business owners. As the process continues, we all will need to be involved in communicating with our legislators to have any impact, so watch for updates and calls-to-action that will be coming from the AAO.

The 2009 AAO House of Delegates meeting in Boston added a seventh critical issue – *Operating, Marketing and Cost Management of an Orthodontic Practice*. During these challenging times, the AAO will try to provide support for orthodontists and their staff members through Web site information, Webinars and other educational offerings. Check out the AAO Web site [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org) for materials such as Orthodontic Code Guides, practice management forms, informed consent videos and much, much more.

The House of Delegates also voted to provide funding for another year of the Public Awareness Campaign, which is aimed at informing the public about the educational difference between an orthodontic specialist and a generalist providing orthodontic services. Some more aggressive ad concepts were proposed by our advertising firm, but when tested in focus groups, proved not to have the intended effect, so development on the next generation of media ads is continuing this summer. This effort is being directed by the Council on Communications and the MSO representative on this council is Dr. **Kevin Horner**.

You should already have received your 2009-2010 AAO Membership Directory in the mail. This will be the last paper directory you will receive as we move to save costs and stay current by providing only electronic directories in future years. Starting in 2011, the directory will be available online at [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org) or by request on a CD-ROM.

The AAO House of Delegates also voted to change the ADA membership requirement for AAO members, an issue that has been discussed for many years. This change now requires ADA membership at the time of initial

application for AAO membership, but after that, it is up to each AAO member whether they choose to remain an ADA member. The AAO still strongly supports ADA membership but will no longer require it for AAO membership renewal.

The increasing levels of student debt are of concern to our profession. A couple of years ago I was speaking to two students from the West Coast, and they mentioned that they will have more than \$600,000 of educational debt by the time they finish their orthodontic program. This amount of debt can greatly affect their ability to pursue any practice or academic option that does not provide them the ability to service this debt. AAO Services, Inc., the business arm of the AAO, is being asked to study this issue and determine whether there are additional financial services that could be offered by the AAO that would have a positive impact on this situation.

The AAO also has adopted a program for voluntary certification of orthodontic assistants. The goal of this program is to provide assistance to AAO members for staff training, recruitment and retention. Look for more information in the near future as the details of this program are completed so you can determine whether this program would benefit you and your staff.

As a final note, I had the opportunity to view a copy of the new *Legal Handbook for Orthodontists* written by AAO General Counsel **Jim Bowlin**. This is a resource that you definitely are going to want for your practice! It has a ton of useful information and forms for all aspects of operating an orthodontic practice and business. Included are such things as an office lease, an employee manual and a practice coverage agreement. You can order it from the AAO Store at [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org).

Once again, I look forward to serving as your AAO Trustee and encourage you to contact me to discuss any of these items or anything else that is on your mind.

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# Membership Report

## Current Membership – May 20, 2009

Active Members	1,006
Affiliate Members	4
Retired Members	315
Academic Members (non-US/Canada)	5
Total Members	1,330

## Active Membership by Component

Illinois	367
Iowa	80
Manitoba	19
Minnesota	149
Missouri	151
Nebraska	48
North Dakota	14
South Dakota	20
Wisconsin	154

## Deceased Members

Edwin C. Liedtke – Willowbrook, Illinois  
Todd A. Mathison – Hermantown, Minnesota  
Reed E. Sanford – Fargo, North Dakota  
Walter W. Winter – Sun City Center, Florida (Illinois)

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Bruce W. Anderson – Worthington, Minnesota  
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## Reinstated Members

Evonne A. Evans – Waukesha, Wisconsin  
Todd A. Mathison – Hermantown, Minnesota  
Mary Anne Uhland – Northbrook, Illinois

## Transfers to/from MSO

Julian E. Davila – Transfer from SAO to MSO  
Daniel J. Drye – Transfer from PCSO to MSO  
Nicole E. Eberle – Transfer from MSO to RMSO  
Marlene A. Ostby – Transfer from MSO to RMSO

## Cancelled Members

Daryl A. Ashbeck – Lake Forest, Illinois  
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\*Membership data from November 25, 2008 to May 20, 2009

## President's Report—continued from page 2

Former MSO President Dr. **Keith Levin**, Manitoba, took over as the AAO Speaker of the House following the adjournment of the AAO House of Delegates in Boston. Keith acted as an observer during this year's House activities and greatly impressed everyone with his knowledge and preparation. He will be a great asset to the AAO during his three-year term as Speaker.

Finally, I want to thank Dr. **Lee Graber**, Illinois,

for his service to the MSO as AAO Trustee during the last eight years. Lee became AAO President-elect in May and will serve as AAO President the following year. I don't need to tell anyone what an impact Lee has had on the world of orthodontics, but I do need to express gratitude for his service from the entire MSO family.

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# Treasurer's Report

## Cash Assets – As of May 29, 2009

Checking/Investment Accounts		President's Reception Fund	
Money Market	\$92,247.00	Money Market	\$2,559.73
CDs	\$163,022.00	Treasury Note	\$14,326.63
Mutual Fund Portfolio	\$104,559.56	Subtotal	\$16,886.36
Subtotal	\$359,828.56		
		Total Cash Assets	\$376,714.92

## News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **Eric Overby**, Minnesota, upon his election as president-elect of the Southeastern District Dental Society.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Bob Isaacson**, Minnesota, who received the 2009 Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Alumni Society.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Vance Dykhouse**, Missouri, who received the 2009 Distinguished Orthodontist Award from the University of Missouri-Kansas City alumni.
- Congratulations to Dr. **John Kanyusik**, Minnesota, who received the 2009 ABO Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the ABO.
- Congratulations to Dr. **David Musich**, Illinois, who received the James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award from the AAO.
- Congratulations to the following for receiving grants from the AAO Faculty Fellowship Program: Drs. **Sercan Akyalcin**, University of Manitoba; **Joe Antonio Bosio**, Marquette University; **Wellington Jose Rody**, University of Manitoba; and **Ling Ye**, University of Missouri-Kansas City.
- Congratulations to Drs. **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, **Keith Levin**, Manitoba, and **Lee Graber**, Illinois, who were elected as the new MSO Trustee, AAO Speaker of the House for 2010-2012, and AAO President-elect, respectively, at the AAO meeting.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj**, Nebraska, for his appointment as the Program Director at the University of Nebraska.
- Congratulations to Drs. **Jason Burckhard**, University of Missouri-Kansas City; **Melissa Chin**, University of Minnesota; **Layne McCord**, University of Iowa; **Catherine McLeod**, University of Manitoba; **Siddhi Doshi**, University of Illinois; and **Timothy Scanlon**, Mayo Graduate School, for competing in the 2009 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award competition.
- Thank you to Dr. **Carla Evans**, Illinois, for her eight years of service on the Council on Education and to Dr. **Billy Wiltshire**, Manitoba, for his appointment to this Council.

## Past President Reed Sanford dies

Dr. **Reed E. Sanford**, 74, passed away in Palm Springs, California, on April 9, 2009, after a long battle with cancer.

Reed received his dental and orthodontic training at the University of Minnesota. Most of his practice life was spent in Fargo, North Dakota, where he practiced with Dr. **Shelley Townsend**.

Reed was very active in numerous dental and orthodontic organizations, including the North Dakota Dental Association, the American Dental Association, the

North Dakota Society of Orthodontists, the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists, the American Association of Orthodontists and the International College of Dentists. He also was a founding member of the North Dakota Dental Foundation. He was the Guest of Honor of the North Dakota Dental Association in 2007.

Editor of this newsletter from 1974-1977, Reed also was president of the MSO in 1983.

Our condolences to Reed's wife, Perrie, his children, grandchildren and other family members.

# AAO Council and Affiliate Group Reports

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

## Council on Communications

The following are recent actions taken by the AAO Board of Trustees and the 2009 House of Delegates that affect the Council on Communications.

The Board's actions included:

- Directing the COC to review public relations firms to assist the AAO with its Public Awareness Campaign. The COC is sending out a request for proposal to several agencies. After its review, the COC will send a report and recommendation to the BOT.
- Passage of a motion that prohibits the modification of AAO-created public relations and advertising materials to communicate specific fees, including "no charge" or "free" for any or all services/treatment related to orthodontic therapy. Therefore, any member who wishes to customize AAO-created public relations or advertising materials must comply with this policy. Please be aware that customized materials may include:
  - > Doctor's name and/or practice name
  - > Office address(es)
  - > Phone, fax number(s)
  - > E-mail address
  - > Web site address

The House of Delegates voted to:

- Supplement year four of the Public Awareness Campaign with \$2.32 million from reserves.
- Direct the COC to market ready-to-use materials to constituent/component societies and individual members so that local usage of approved creative images and messages is increased.
- Instruct the COC to enhance the integration of the Public Awareness Campaign with AAO public relations efforts.
- Incorporate recommendations of the John Adams Report where appropriate.

The Council meets frequently via conference call. The next face-to-face meeting of the COC will be held July 24-25 in St. Louis.

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## Council on Governmental Affairs

COGA and the AAOPAC Board of Directors met in January in Washington, D.C. The following actions were taken by COGA:

The Council determined that the AAO should focus on a limited number of top concerns or legislative and regulatory initiatives that could most impact members, including:

- Healthcare reform
- Regulations such as ergonomics
- Small business tax issues
- Student loan interest deduction
- Alternative Minimum Tax reform
- HIPAA and OSHA regulations
- IRS section 179 expensing provisions

The Council reviewed the AAO Strategic Plan and made no suggestions for changes. The Council also reviewed the AGD's White Paper on Access to Care and found no substantial areas of disagreement.

The Council discussed several suggested improvements to the AAO Government Relations Program and it has submitted two recommendations to the Board of Trustees. One is that panels of four or five member-experts be identified to testify before Congress on issues relevant to the AAO including small business tax issues; regulatory initiatives such as ergonomics standards; healthcare reform and other access-to-care initiatives; student loan interest deduction and accreditation.

The Council also has submitted a recommendation that members of COGA be allowed to communicate directly with members of their constituency, consistent with the AAO's communications action plan, regarding government relations updates. Council members also will actively seek to present a PowerPoint presentation during constituent meetings this fall on actions taken by the Council.

The Council learned that the 2010 AAO Annual Session Planning Committee had accepted its proposal to devote a portion of the meeting, which will be held in Washington, D.C., to Capitol Hill visits with legislators. Members will be able to sign up through the Lifestyles Program for the event, which will take place on May 4, 2010. Participants will be invited to attend Webinars prior to the event in order to be fully briefed on the issues that they will discuss with legislators.

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## Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council met in January in St. Louis with CONYM and had a conference call in March. Much of the time at these two meetings was spent discussing a significant number of resolutions pertaining to membership that were going to be debated and voted upon at the House of Delegates in Boston.

Some of the resolutions were basic housekeeping issues and several were related to dues and assessments for various categories of membership. There were changes in our *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*, and others were payment options as well as other membership issues.

Probably the most significant resolution was related to the elimination of the requirement of mandatory ADA membership in order to join and maintain AAO membership. This was narrowly defeated last year but has been an issue that has been discussed for many, many years. The AAO does verify ADA membership at the time of initial application to AAO but has not continued to check on ADA membership after that. Until this year, we have not been able to get data from the ADA. Now we are aware of the fact that about 10.8% of our members have dropped their membership in the ADA. Since these individuals are in violation of our bylaws, theoretically they should be dropped from AAO membership. Obviously, this would result in a significant reduction of our high membership numbers as well as substantially reduce dues/assessment income and other AAO income as well as constituent and component income. Most importantly, the AAO would no longer represent the vast majority of practicing orthodontists, a very important facet of our organization.

With the change, membership in the ADA is only required at the time of application for membership, and this does include student membership. Thereafter, it is up to the individual to decide whether or not to maintain ADA membership. It is hoped that most will maintain this membership, and that orthodontists will continue to be involved with the ADA, its constituents and components.

Currently, there are 21 AAO members who have been active members for 50 or more years. Of these, two have been members for 55 or more years! These long-time dues-paying members now will be able to continue their active membership without payment of dues or assessments. We congratulate these members for their continued support and very long association with the AAO.

Two of the revisions to the *Principles of Ethics and*

*Code of Professional Conduct* related to the listing of advanced degrees after one's name, and Principle V was amended to include "In addition to other rules, all claims made or utilized by members must be supported by scientifically reliable evidence." A new *Code* will be available on [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org).

Members recently received a new printed version of the AAO Membership Directory. In the future, it will be available on [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org) or it can be requested in an electronic format.

The issue of waivers of dues and assessments was referred to COMEJC for discussion and a report is due back to the BOT.

As in past reports, ethical investigations and hearings continue to be a part of our Council duties and are not diminishing. Please continue to abide by our *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*. The issues we face are varied but many are related to advertising claims.

Contact me if you have other questions or concerns about membership issues.

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## Council on New and Younger Members

The child care program offered at the 2009 Annual Session in Boston was viewed as a great success. Even though attendance was small, the kids had a great time and the parents were very pleased with the care and the programs offered. The AAO will offer the program again at the 2010 Annual Session in Washington, D.C., where it will be administered by the same company that provided the services this year.

The New Orthodontist/Resident Conference was well received. **Charlene White** provided a great deal of helpful information both in her lecture and in a large paper handout. The reception following was well attended and included many questions and lively discussions. The Council already has begun planning the New Orthodontist/Resident Conference for next year's AAO Annual Session. If any of the MSO's new and younger members have a request or idea for a topic or speaker for this program, please contact me.

I will be representing CONYM at the GORP meeting this summer at the University of Minnesota. I will be making a short presentation to the residents about the

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Council and its mission to represent the interests of the AAO's younger members and to encourage their involvement in local orthodontic organizations.

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## Council on Orthodontic Education

The 2009 AAO Educational Leadership Conference on Friday, May 1, in Boston was dedicated to Dr. **Bob Isaacson** for his accomplishments as an educator, editor and mentor. After Dr. **Sheldon Peck**'s detailed introduction, Dr. Isaacson talked on multiple aspects of the topic, "Leadership in Academic Orthodontics."

Other presentations during the meeting covered activities of COE by Dr. **Gene Roberts**; the AAOE by Dr. **Harry Dougherty, Jr.**; the ABO by Drs. **Barry Briss**, **Jeryl English** and **John Grubb**; ADEA's Section on Orthodontics by Dr. **Mitchell Lipp**; the AAO Match Task Force by Dr. **Emile Rossouw**; the National Match Service by **Elliott Peranson** of National Match Services, Inc.; and the AAO Task Force on Faculty Recruitment and Retention by Dr. **Leslie Will**. Dr. Roberts prepared a detailed overview of the enormity of the current student indebtedness problem. The average debt of graduating orthodontic residents substantially exceeds federal loan limits forcing the residents to seek conventional loans and, thus, potentially restrict their future plans as they try to manage their loan payments.

We congratulate Dr. **William Wiltshire** of Manitoba on his selection as the next COE representative. COE plays an important role in shaping the future of our specialty and Dr. Wiltshire will speak for us ably.

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## Council on Orthodontic Health Care

COHC met in St. Louis on January 11, 2009.

The Council continues its efforts to make recommendations for increasing access to quality orthodontic care in states with underserved or impoverished areas as requested by the House of Delegates in 2007. A comprehen-

sive access-to-care guide was finalized which outlines a number of access-to-care programs for use by AAO members. The guide is a full, detailed listing of all charitable programs offering dental services on a state-by-state basis and is posted on the AAO Web site.

Since the 2005 AAO endorsement of the *Smiles Change Lives* program, COHC has continued oversight of the program. It continues to be publicized on the AAO Web site and in AAO printed and electronic publications. AAO's endorsement of the program is under review by an AAO BOT task force with a final decision expected upon completion of their comprehensive review of program financials.

In keeping with the AAO White Paper on Access-to-Care, COHC contacted the American Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Association (ACPCA) and will be meeting with representatives to explore a possible partnership in delivering more treatment to patients with cleft palate and other craniofacial abnormalities.

The Board of Trustees created the AAO Code Task Force to work in consultation with COHC on Systematized Nomenclature of Dentistry (SNODENT) issues. The Committee and Council continue to study CDT coding and electronic health record issues referred to them and to attend ADA-sponsored meetings, acting as AAO advocates.

COHC produced the 2009-2010 version of the AAO At-A-Glance Guide to CDT coding that offices may download from the AAO Web site. It contains the most commonly used codes in an orthodontic practice.

The Council, in cooperation with the COOP, developed and sponsored educational opportunities for AAO members and their staff. A coding Webinar entitled "Navigating the World of Insurance Coding" was offered in four sessions in 2008 and was very well received.

Council members attended the National Association of Dental Planners (NADP) meeting to cement existing AAO/payer relationships and to forge new ones. In addition, attendance at the meeting helps keep the Council abreast of dental industry trends and technology.

COHC recommended to the Board of Trustees that the Insurance Guide developed by the Southern Association of Orthodontists be made available on the AAO Web site for access by all AAO members. The Council is drafting additional chapters for AAO BOT consideration that address electronic claims submission and "real time" eligibility checking for member offices.

By means of the DBAS Hotline, the Council learned that a number of member offices have experienced employee dishonesty. Further investigation revealed that the practices had experienced mild to significant financial loss as a result of theft. COHC facilitated a *Bulletin* article to

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alert orthodontists on what behaviors to watch for and what practices will deter theft.

The staff liaison to COHC, Ms. **Ann Sebaugh**, continues to provide information and help to member offices on problems related to third-party insurance payers and on coding recommendations and strategies as well as practice management issues. The AAO also will use data collected from member complaints to create an agenda of talking points for use in meetings with payers. Hotline callers continue to obtain ICD-9 and CDT diagnostic and procedural codes for filing orthodontic treatment under medical insurance coverage.

The COHC is scheduled to meet in St. Louis on July 11, 2009.

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## Council on Orthodontic Practice

COOP has had a busy and very productive year with our most recent contributions being at the AAO Annual Session in Boston. On Friday of the meeting, 68 participants attended the practice transition program. They heard presentations from four specialists in the field. The panel of **Randall Berning**, **Darrell Cain**, **Ken Alexander** and **Chris Bentson** provided valuable information for the participants in the morning and fielded questions all afternoon.

At the same time next door, 45 attendees participated in the S.T.A.R.T. program for staff training. They utilized the expertise of **Debbie Best** and **Lori Garland-Parker**. On Monday COOP hosted the staff competition, and the judges selected the following as winners: First Place – **Laura Rutter** on *Career Development of the Orthodontic Auxiliary*; Second Place – **Deborah Number** on *Cultural Issues in Orthodontics*; and Third Place – **Petra Green** on *Making Orthodontics Green*. Congratulations to these winners as well as all of the participants.

Other contributions from the Council were the very successful learning Webinar series. Topics such as OSHA, marketing and expense management, fee collection, etc. make this ongoing program very popular with AAO members. The office design Web site is excellent and utilized very well as this resource is kept current and enhanced by our Council. A variety of brochures are always “in the works” and available through the AAO.

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## Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA held a meeting on May 1, 2009, at the AAO Annual Session. Dr. **Bhavna Shroff**, COSA chair, welcomed COSA’s newest members – Drs. **Frans Currier** (SWSO) and **Nan Hatch** (GLAO).

During the Annual Session, COSA members judged 40 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations and 39 Table Clinic presentations. COSA members moderated the AAO Research Award lectures and the 26 Oral Research presentations. COSA evaluated the posterboard application abstracts in November 2008 which led to 254 posterboards being displayed at the Annual Session.

COSA members are working on two summary statements for the *AJO/DO*. The first focuses on self-ligating brackets, and Dr. Steve Marshall from the University of Iowa is the main author. The second statement is on white spot lesions, and Dr. Sandra **Guzman-Armstrong**, also from the University of Iowa, is the main author.

COSA’s most recent summary statement titled, “*Is Topical Fluoride Treatment (TFT) Effective in Preventing Demineralization/White Spot Lesions in Orthodontic Treatment?*” was published in the May 2009 *AJO/DO*. Dr. **Lokesh Sur** from Tufts University was the main author on this summary statement.

COSA manages the Evidence Based Orthodontic Research Web site and the Bisphosphonate Web site found on [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org) under the Library and Research tab. Usage statistics for the Evidence Based Orthodontic Research Web site and Bisphosphonate Web site for the periods June 2007–April 2008 and June 2008–April 2009 show a general increase in usage.

Starting August 1, 2009, COSA will begin accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and Posterboards at the 2010 AAO Annual Session in Washington, D.C. The online application will be posted on the [aaomembers.org](http://aaomembers.org) Web site with an application deadline of October 15, 2009. Applications also are being accepted for the Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award and the Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit. Applications for these awards can be

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obtained from all program/department chairs of ADA and CDA accredited orthodontic programs. The application deadline is October 15, 2009.

COSA will meet next on January 8, 2010, via video conferencing.

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## American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

During its winter meeting, the AAOPAC Board prioritized contributions to candidates and reviewed legislative and regulatory strategies. With the Democratic sweep in last November's elections, the AAOPAC significantly altered its contribution strategy to develop stronger bipartisan relationships that will allow orthodontists to have a voice in legislative affairs no matter which party has the majority of seats in Congress.

The next several years will be a challenging time for our profession, both as a small business and as part of the healthcare community. With the Democrats in power, we're likely to see proposed rules that are burdensome to orthodontists, such as regulations pertaining to HIPAA, OSHA and ergonomics. We haven't really had to discuss these issues since President **Clinton** left office. It is important that we be at the table when these items are debated.

During the AAO Annual Session in Boston, the MSO received the 2008 AAOPAC Award for the constituent with the highest percentage of contributors to the AAOPAC! Thanks again to all those who contributed and helped the MSO achieve this recognition.

Recently AAOPAC passed the \$2,000,000 mark in cumulative contributions. It took the PAC 11 years to reach the first million, then only four years to achieve the second million.

AAOPAC is still growing but only enjoys the participation of 15% of our membership. By contrast, other specialty associations approach 30% participation.

Without AAOPAC, the AAO would be left without a unified message on Capitol Hill and would be unable to develop relationships with influential members of Congress. Let's show the political community that orthodontists are "ready to play ball" by becoming big players in PAC fundraising. AAOPAC's goal of \$500,000 per year is ambitious but attainable with your help. PACs of \$500,000 per year get noticed, and they get listened to as well.

It can't be overstated in the current legislative climate how important it is that the PAC receives support from every orthodontist now!

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## American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of May 1, 2009, the AAOF Endowment Campaign has realized \$32.3 million in pledges with \$23.0 million of that being redeemed. Additionally, there are 507 Regents who have pledged at the \$25,000 level and 42 who have pledged at the Fellow level of \$50,000. Also, there are over 220 individuals who have made a commitment to the Keystone Society and have included the Foundation in their estate plans. A newer component to the foundation campaign is the creation of the Century Club. A pledge to the Century Club is an open-ended, ongoing commitment of a minimum of \$100 per month.

The 2009 Awards Program was significantly affected by the downturn in the economy. This year the AAOF was able to award only \$129,000, \$40,000 of which was a restricted gift from the AAO to fund the Access-to-Care Call for Proposals. Three Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards were given, and two proposals investigating the access-to-care issue were funded. Also, the AAOF continued to fund the creation and development of the AAOF Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection.

Ten of the eleven known longitudinal growth studies have been collaborating to create the AAOF Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection. The goal of this project is to protect, digitize and disseminate the orthodontic collections so that they can be preserved and clinicians and researchers can access them for use. This group first received funding from the AAOF in 2008 and will receive funding again this year. With the funding, they have created the Web site [http://www.cril.org/aaof/aaof\\_home.asp](http://www.cril.org/aaof/aaof_home.asp) displaying their work to this point. Currently, there are almost 900 lateral cephalograms for over 80 subjects from nine of the ten collections. I would encourage you to take a look at this Web site to see what has been accomplished in such a short period of time. The collaboration on this project is unprecedented and those involved deserve our appreciation for thinking first of the good of our profession.

Approximately \$1 million will be needed for this  
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project to preserve and digitize a representative sample of these legacy collections. To raise these funds, the AAOF is looking for a few sizeable donations.

Awards Materials for the 2010 Awards Program are expected to be available online either through the AAO Web site ([www.AAOMembers.org](http://www.AAOMembers.org)) or directly through the AAOF Web site ([www.aaofoundation.net](http://www.aaofoundation.net)) after the July board meeting of the AAOF. Since 1994, the AAOF has designated approximately \$7.0 million in awards to benefit orthodontic education and research with 125 Orthodontic Faculty Development Awards, 148 Research Awards, and over 1,000 gifts in support of orthodontic residencies. Currently, 22 of the 67 department chairs and/or program directors were supported early in their orthodontic careers by AAOF awards. Of those receiving AAOF awards, 80% remain in full-time academics after five years. On the AAOF Web site there are final reports from 250 peer-reviewed, funded projects.

The *Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award* was presented to Dr. **Grady Price** (SAO/AL) at the 2009 Annual Session in Boston. This highly prestigious award recognizes those who have “made exceptional contributions to the furtherance of the mission and the goals of the Foundation” and will be awarded on an “as appropriate” basis.

Additionally, the AAOF unveiled its new logo and slogan, “Continued Commitment to the Specialty,” in Boston. New campaign materials and brochures are also available. Examples of the new materials can be seen on the AAOF Web site or check them out at your upcoming constituent meetings.

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## College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

The College held several events at the 2009 AAO Annual Session in Boston. The review courses for the ABO Certification Examinations were well attended. Preparation courses for the Written Exam, Discrepancy Index & Cast Evaluation and the Board Case Oral Exam were attended by 143 doctors taking a total of 237 courses. Thank you to Drs. **Samir Bishara, Patrick Foley, John Kanyusik, and Steve Marshall** who assisted in the ABO review courses.

In addition to the preparation courses for ABO certification, the College sponsors a Resident Case Display program. This year 57 orthodontic programs displayed their best cases using ABO case presentation requirements. Congratulations to the programs within the MSO for their fine displays: Mayo Clinic, Saint Louis University, University of Illinois at Chicago, University of Iowa, University of Manitoba, University of Minnesota, University of Missouri at Kansas City and University of Nebraska.

The College Luncheon in Boston served over 200 guests and included two award presentations to members within our MSO family. Dr. **John Kanyusik** received the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the ABO. John is a past president of the College and continues his commitment to board certification as an ABO examiner. Congratulations, John! You are very deserving of this award!

Dr. **Andrew J. Haas**, longtime faculty member in orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was given the ABO Special Recognition Award. Congratulations, Andy! Thanks for your dedication to our profession!

The College continues to pursue its mission as an advocate for board certification by supporting the Initial Certification Examination (ICE) with a number of activities. This past year eight more university orthodontic programs were given preparatory courses on Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination, bringing the total to eleven. Additionally, a combined Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep course is planned for the GORP meeting this summer.

The 2009 Annual Summer Meeting will be held July 17-21 at The American Club Resort in Kohler, Wisconsin. This program will offer the best combination of cutting-edge academic programs combined with a full social program. The scientific program, “*The Art of Orthodontics*,” will be one to remember as it explores a wide variety of issues relating to the practice of orthodontics. Dr. **Dave Sarver** will give the Ray Thurow Honorary Lecture on “*Aesthetics for a Lifetime*.” Other presenters representing the essence of clinical practice, research and evidence-based practice include Drs. **Richard “Wick” Alexander, Jimmy Boley, Louis Costa, Courtney Gorman, Vince Kokich, Jr. and William Proffit**.

This is an excellent location for all you Midwesterners. Hope to see you there!

For additional information on the College or questions/suggestions for the board please go to [www.cdabo.org](http://www.cdabo.org) or e-mail [cdabo@charter.net](mailto:cdabo@charter.net).

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## American Board of Orthodontics

Since the last report there have been many issues the ABO has had to deal with. We have had to keep the lines of communication open through e-mails, conference calls, personal telephone calls and regularly scheduled meetings.

The newly formed director selection process did work well this year. For the first time personal interviews of the candidates were conducted giving the Board members a new insight into making the choice. The Chair of the Constituent Society Search Committee was present during the interviews creating a more transparent process. The consensus of the Board was that the interview created a valuable tool in selecting the replacement Director.

As of April 1, 2009, there were 5,174 active ABO Diplomates, or 54% of active AAO members. In February the ABO held its Clinical Examination in Dallas, Texas, for those orthodontists working toward initial board certification or recertification. The examination session included the First Recertification Examination of orthodontists who selected the Gateway path, the Initial Certification Examination for orthodontists who recently completed their postdoctoral programs and the traditional Clinical Examination for orthodontists completing the Option I or Option II certification pathways. The ABO examiners certified 90 of the 117 examinees.

There were 35 orthodontists who successfully presented cases for the Initial Certification Examination. There were 42 orthodontists who successfully passed the First Recertification Examination, earning a ten-year certificate and maintaining their initial Gateway certification. The remaining 13 examinees completed the Beginning Certification pathway, earning a ten-year certificate, or finished their traditional Clinical Examination, earning a lifetime certificate.

This year the MSO had eight new diplomates who successfully completed the clinical examination. They are Drs. **Jose Bosio**, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; **Derek Siu F. Cheng**, Crystal Lake, Illinois; **Kirk R. Davies**, Waukesha, Wisconsin; **Elizabeth A. Mead**, Minneapolis, Minnesota; **Mark G. Mendlik**, Fremont, Illinois; **Clayton T. Parks**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; **Jason L. Schmit**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; and **Tonya M. Volk**, Chicago, Illinois. Congratulations to each of you for becoming Board Certified.

The Written Examination was administered April 20-24 at Pearson VUE Centers throughout the United States and Canada. There were 383 orthodontists participating in

the examination and 360 passed. There was a 94% pass rate and a 6.19 criterion standard. Criterion-referenced measurement is an approach to testing in which an individual's test score is interpreted by comparing it to a pre-specified standard of performance rather than to other participant's scores. This procedure creates a need to do benchmark testing every five years and use some anchor questions for comparison.

Orthodontic program directors have received their residents' examination scores and consolidated quintiles for each of the four examination modules. The individual examinee's quintiles by section are included as well as the percent of items answered correctly. There were five new questions introduced pertaining to gross anatomy on the April examination. The Written Examination Committee met in St. Louis in June to start preparing the April 2010 examination.

The increasing number of orthodontists seeking certification and recertification has created a need for the ABO to take steps to meet the increased demand for future examinations. During the Clinical Examination in Dallas this past February, 16 new examiners were trained. Each of the new examiners has been successful in completing the recertification examination. The examiners live in different areas of the country, ensuring all eight constituent societies are proportionally represented. The new examiners from the MSO this year were Drs. **Stephen Roehm**, Peoria, Illinois, and **Ronald Snyder**, Apple Valley, Minnesota.

Although the traditional and Gateway pathways are no longer offered, an option still exists for those practicing orthodontists who are interested in pursuing board certification. These individuals may take the Beginning Certification Examination as their entry into the certification process. Upon successful completion, they will receive a 10-year time-limited certificate. Visit the ABO Web site for any additional information at [www.americanboardortho.com](http://www.americanboardortho.com).

At the 2009 Annual Session in Boston Dr. **Katherine Vig** was honored with the Albert H. Ketcham Award. The Board announced the 2010 recipient will be Dr. **James Vaden**. Dr. Vaden has devoted his entire orthodontic career to organized orthodontics. Congratulations to our own Dr. **John Kanyusik** for receiving the 2009 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. Dr. **Bailey Jacobson** will be the recipient next year.

As always, I am available to answer any question you may have about the board certification process and to listen to any suggestions you would like to make. Certification is the future of insuring quality orthodontics.

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# Component Reports

## Illinois

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The ISO finished up its year at its April 6th meeting, featuring an excellent presentation by Ms. **Joan Garbo**. Many thanks to Dr. **Barry Walvoord** for serving as program moderator and to co-sponsors Crest Oral-B and Ormco. The venerable **Frank Green** installed our new officers as listed above. In addition, Dr. **Mike Erhart** was welcomed aboard as a new trustee, and Drs. **Joe Crisham**, **Mike Durbin** and **Randy Wright** started their second term as trustees. Congratulations to all of the doctors for their new positions.

Immediate past-president Dr. **Jerry Jarosz** was honored for his great job as ISO President. Jerry set a fine example and leaves very big shoes to fill. Thanks again, Jerry, for such a successful year.

Dr. **Lee Graber** is leaving the ISO board and has become the president-elect of the AAO. Congratulations, Lee, upon your election to this office. Anybody who has been involved in orthodontics knows just what an incredible contribution Lee has made to our profession. We have been fortunate to have his wisdom and guidance at the ISO all these years. Heartfelt thanks to Lee, and we'll miss you at our 7 a.m. board meetings, even though you probably won't miss them!

The ISO is sad to announce that one of our mem-



*The 2009-2010 ISO Officers. Back row (l to r): Joe Crisham, Steve Marshall, Pat Foley, Betsy Ulrich, Mike Durbin, Anthony Maoloni, Randy Wright, Ara Goshgarian, Mike Erhart. Front row (l to r): Spencer Pope, Ron Jacobson, Rob Girgis, Mart McClellan, Jerry Jarosz.*

bers is leaving us. Past-president Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** is moving to Boston this summer. She served the ISO extremely well as president in 2007-08 and was always a hard worker and dedicated orthodontist. We all will miss her sunny disposition at our meetings and wish her nothing but the best.

Drs. **Jerry Jarosz**, **Mike Durbin** and **Spencer Pope** attended the AAO Leadership Conference in Orlando this past February on behalf of the ISO and MSO. It was a great meeting, with lots of helpful information on using technology to make our society more responsive to its members' needs.

The ISO has continued its support of the Quest Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago Orthodontic Department. This program helps department chair Dr. **Carla Evans** to continue her graduate orthodontic program at consistently high standards. Please consider a contribution to the department or to the AAOF so that future orthodontic residents have a chance to enjoy the specialty that has been so generous to all of us.

Finally, the ISO has moved its meetings to the Doubletree Hotel in Oak Brook, just down the road from our old meeting place. We are happy to announce no increase in season pass costs, and hope that members will enjoy the location with all of its amenities. The ISO 2009-10 scientific program is:

September 14, 2009: Dr. **Terry McDonald**

November 16, 2009: Drs. **Tom Southard**, **Steve Marshall** and **Dave Turpin**

February 26, 2010: Dr. **Sebastian Baumgaertel** (at the Chicago Dental Society meeting)

April 12, 2010: Dr. **Tiziano Baccetti**

Have a wonderful summer and see you in the fall.

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Attention, alumni of the University of Iowa Department of Orthodontics! The Iowa Society of Orthodontists will hold its annual meeting September 20 -21 at the downtown Sheraton in Iowa City. In addition to the ISO membership, we would like to extend an invitation to  
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graduates of the department practicing outside of our fair state. Dr. **David Sarver** will be the featured speaker, focusing on enhancing the esthetic outcomes of our cases. Dr. Sarver will speak from 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. on Sunday and this will be followed by a reception hosted by the UI Department of Orthodontics in the Kinnick Stadium Press Box! Monday's meeting is from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For UI dental graduates, Dental Alumni Weekend falls on this same weekend. If you would like to catch a football game prior to the meeting, Iowa hosts Arizona on Saturday.

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We would like to extend thanks to our dedicated members who are currently serving on the MSO board – Dr. **Brent Larson** as president and Dr. **John Kanyusik** as president-elect. We also would like to recognize our capable director, Dr. **Deb Lein**. We are proud to have such active members helping to guide this organization.

The MAO Winter Meeting held in January was a success. The doctor program included Dr. **Jason Cope** presenting on TADs as well as Dr. **Anoop Sondhi** presenting on indirect bonding and self-ligation. Dr. **Harold Crossley** presented on street drugs for the staff program. Thanks to our speakers for their informative presentations and 3M Unitek for their support of this meeting.

The 2009 AAO Leadership Conference was held in February in Orlando, Florida. Thanks to Drs. **Steve Henseler**, **Michelle Bergsrud** and **Jessica Knorr** for representing MAO and the MSO at this event. The conference fostered the strengthening of bonds among leaders within the AAO.

In lieu of hosting a Summer/Fall meeting, the MAO is encouraging members to attend the MSO Annual Session on October 16-17 in Minneapolis. The meeting will feature excellent speakers on a variety of health-related issues applicable to you, your patients and your staff.

Program Chair Dr. **Mike Hoxie** has organized the next MAO Winter Meeting to be held at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel on Friday, January 15, 2010. The doctors will hear half-day programs from Dr. **Robert Vanarsdall** on ortho/perio and Dr. **Ron Roncone** on efficiency and management. GAC is sponsoring Dr. Roncone. In the morning, the administrative assistants will hear from **Char Eash** on efficiency in billing and scheduling while the clinical assistants hear from **Dianne Testa** on OSHA. In the afternoon all staff will hear from Char Eash on team building. This meeting is designed to have something for everyone in the orthodontic office.

The MAO Regulatory and Governmental Affairs Committee is pursuing a change in the supervision level for elastic separator placement. The Minnesota Board of Dentistry has approved the change, so it is now in the rulemaking process. Despite this positive progress, the committee expects it will take at least another six months to work through the administrative steps before the rule change takes effect.

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## Missouri

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists last met at the joint Kansas/Missouri component meeting in January. The members agreed on donating funds to the University of Missouri-Kansas City Orthodontic Program to purchase a digital camera.

UMKC School of Dentistry has announced **Marsha A. Pyle**, DDS, M.Ed, as its new dean. Dr. Pyle will begin her duties on August 10, 2009.

The *Smiles Change Lives* program in St. Louis completed its first screening process at Saint Louis University. Eighteen patients were screened and the Community Advisory Board met in March to select patients. There will be a second clinical screening this summer. The program has enough funds for 25-30 cases with approximately \$500 being allotted to each patient who starts treatment. If you

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are interested in the program as a provider or to refer a potential patient, go to [www.smileschangelives.org](http://www.smileschangelives.org).

The Red Flags Rule has been delayed for 90 days until August 1, 2009. To assist Missouri Dental Association members, MDIS (Missouri Dental Insurance Service) has researched the Red Flags Rule and developed effective guidelines for a dental practice. Go to [www.MODENTAL.org](http://www.MODENTAL.org) for more information.

Missouri orthodontists will have a meeting in October at the MSO Annual Session in Minneapolis.  
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The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists Annual Meeting was held March 27, 2009, in Omaha, Nebraska. Vice President Dr. **Laura Rothe** planned an excellent program which was sponsored by 3M Unitek. Dr. **Richard McLaughlin** was the guest lecturer discussing the topics of self-ligating appliances and aspects of TMJ treatment. The business meeting and election of officers were conducted and the officers as listed above were elected.

The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met January 23, 2009. Dr. **Lisa Alvetro** was the speaker discussing Class II correction. This meeting also was sponsored by 3M Unitek. Our thanks to Dr. **Tim Sheehan** for planning this excellent C.E. opportunity.

Future meeting dates will be announced later.  
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## North Dakota

**John O. Nord**, President  
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The North Dakota Society of Orthodontists is pleased to welcome Dr. **Jeremiah Danel** as its newest member. He has joined Dr. **John Nord**'s practice in Grand Forks. Jeremiah received his DDS at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and completed his orthodontic residency at the University of Colorado in Denver.

The NDSO will be holding its annual meeting this fall in Fargo. We have invited Dr. **Brent Larson** to attend

and give a presentation on current topics in orthodontic treatment. The date and location have yet to be determined.

The North Dakota state legislature recently passed a bill to increase reimbursements for dental treatment in order to increase dental access. This increase also will affect orthodontic treatment reimbursement and, hopefully, allow greater participation of specialists and access to care for patients.

Our condolences to the family of Dr. **Reed Sanford**, long-time orthodontist and volunteer from Fargo. Reed passed away in April. He was president of the MSO in 1983 and was also editor of this newsletter from 1974-1977. Reed was also very involved with the International College of Dentists and numerous dental and orthodontic organizations. Our condolences to his family.

Members who have news items, questions or suggestions are encouraged to contact one of the officers.  
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## South Dakota

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The South Dakota Society of Orthodontists held its annual meeting last February at Spearfish Canyon Lodge in Spearfish, South Dakota. At the business meeting, new officers were elected as noted above.

Dr. **Mel Thayer**, a pediatric dentist from Sioux Falls, also attended the meeting. Dr. Thayer created *Sunshyne Smiles* in South Dakota, which is a program similar to the *Smiles Change Lives* program, to provide orthodontic care to kids. There currently are 51 individuals who have received orthodontic treatment through this program.

In conjunction with the annual business meeting, a continuing education program was presented by Dr. **D. Andy Giradot** entitled, "*Balancing Clinical Excellence and Profitability in Current Orthodontic Practice.*" Dr. Giradot practices in the metro Denver area and is co-founder, co-director and faculty member of Advanced Education in Orthodontics (Roth/Williams).

The next annual business meeting will be the third weekend of February 2010 at the Spearfish Canyon Lodge. The SDSO is finalizing the list of speakers for this meeting.  
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## Wisconsin

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**John Kittleson**, Vice President  
**David L. Olson**, Secretary/Treasurer

The 2009 WSO Spring Conference was held April 5-7 in Sheboygan at the Blue Harbor Resort and Convention Center. Our special guest speaker was Dr. **James McNamara** from the University of Michigan School of Dentistry. His presentation, “*Straightening Teeth and Faces: Practical Lessons Learned during the First Forty Years*,” was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by those in attendance.

Elections occurred at the conference and the above-noted new officers were introduced. In addition, the following were elected to their respective positions: Drs. **John Crawford**, Director to MSO; **Charles Montoure**, Trustee; **Kevin Race**, Trustee; and **John (Jay) Frazier**, Trustee. In addition to the WSO elections, it was announced that Dr.

Crawford will become the secretary/treasurer of the MSO in 2010. Congratulations, John, for accepting this position.

The 2010 WSO Spring meeting will be held April 11-13 at the Radisson Hotel and Convention Center in Green Bay. Our speaker will be Dr. **Anoop Sondhi** from Sondhi-Biggs Orthodontics in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Sondhi has taught as a professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Indiana University and continues as a visiting professor at several post-doctoral orthodontic programs around the country. He teaches advanced courses on treatment techniques at national and international orthodontic conferences. He has authored chapters in several orthodontic textbooks and journals.

Since WSO will not be having our own conference this fall, we hope to see everyone at the MSO Annual Session being held in Minneapolis, October 16-17.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists by phone or fax or visit our Web site at [www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com](http://www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com).

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Thank you, Brent, for assuming this significant responsibility representing the MSO on the AAO BOT.

Dr. **Keith Levin** is from Winnipeg, Manitoba, and will serve as Speaker of the House of Delegates of the AAO from 2010-2012. Keith has been very involved with the Manitoba Orthodontic Society and the MSO and served as MSO’s president in 2000. He also has been a delegate to the House of Delegates for several years and is the one person the MSO looks to for advice on our delegation.

Keith is married to Dr. **Babette Cohen** who also is an orthodontist in Winnipeg. She is the current secretary/treasurer of the MSO.

Dr. **David Musich** from Illinois was the recipient of the 2009 James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award for his service to the profession. The award was presented at the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony. Dave has been involved in private practice and education and has served the AAO as well. He has advocated for improved orthodontic treatment for children with special needs, been involved with the Edward H. Angle Society and chaired the Council on Orthodontic Practice.

Dave has been supported by his wife, **Anette**, and his entire family.

Dr. **John Kanyusik**, Mankato, Minnesota, recipi-



Carolyn and John  
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ent of the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the ABO, has been involved in the private practice of orthodontics, has served in many capacities for CDABO, including as president, is currently president-elect of the MSO, and is a clinical instructor at the University of Minnesota.

John has the support of his wife, **Carolyn**, and his four children in all of his professional and community endeavors.

The Educational Leadership Conference and Reception was named in honor of Dr. **Bob Isaacson**, Minnesota, for his commitment to academics and education of our future orthodontists. Bob has been one of the foremost leaders in orthodontic education for over 50 years. He currently is very involved as editor of *The Angle Orthodontist* as well as lecturing around the world.

Bob shares his life with his spouse, **Delores**, who also is involved with the *The Angle Orthodontist*.

Lastly, the MSO received the 2008 AAOPAC Award for the constituent with the highest percentage of contributors to the AAOPAC. All MSO members can take pride in this award.

Congratulations to all of these individuals for their significant personal and professional accomplishments.

# Graduate Program Reports

## Marquette University

Let me start by welcoming our incoming residents. Our new class consists of Drs. **Yoon Chang** (Eastman Dental, Rochester, New York); **Jane Crawford** (Marquette); **Mark Foster** (Marquette); **Jesse Hell** (Marquette); and **Alison Hoff** (Marquette). It is a busy time of the year now with the first-year residents arriving into the clinic and the new second-years doubling their patient load. We are excited and thrilled to have a group of enthusiastic new residents and we look forward to seeing them grow in their orthodontic knowledge over the next two years.

Congratulations to our graduating second-year residents. We held our graduation at the Pfister Hotel on May 14, 2009. It was a very enjoyable evening and, once again, we find it hard to say good-bye. Our graduates are spreading across the country this year. Dr. **Kirstin Carlson** will be joining her husband in private practice (Luke graduated from the University of Minnesota as well this spring). Dr. **Jean Hong** will practice in Virginia; Dr. **Christopher Lai** will be going into practice in California; Dr. **Matt Noyce** will be staying in Wisconsin, and Dr. **Jesse McGuire** is finalizing his plans for his private practice. We wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors and hope they keep in touch.

The residents are looking forward to the upcoming GORP meeting in Minnesota in August. This year promises to be another exciting event with a host of excellent speakers. We wish the organizers well and look forward to getting a report from our residents upon their return. In September the residents will participate once again in the Charles Tweed seminar in Arizona.

Dr. **Jose Bosio** had two articles accepted for publication this past six months and was the recipient of the 2008-2009 full-time faculty teaching fellowship program award from the AAO.

Dr. **Dawei Liu** has submitted two grant applications in the past six months. He presented a paper at the Moyer's symposium and several abstracts at the AAO and the IADR meetings in Boston and Miami, respectively. In addition, he has two articles submitted which are under review at this time.

Dr. **Gerry Bradley** had one paper accepted for publication in the past six months.

Hope you have a safe and happy summer!

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## Mayo Clinic

It was great to see so many Mayo Clinic alumni at the 109th AAO Annual Session in Boston. There were 26 alumni members and guests in attendance at the reception held at Anthony's Pier 4.

This is a sad, yet exciting time of the year, as we say good-bye to our senior resident and welcome our new one. Our departing resident, Dr. **Tim Scanlan**, presented his research at the AAO's young scholar's program and at the poster presentations. He will complete his training at the end of June and will receive both a certificate and MS in Biomedical Sciences from the Mayo Graduate School. Dr. Scanlan and his family will be moving to Asheville, North Carolina, where he plans to practice.

Dr. **John Foley** is our newest resident. A recent graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, Dr. Foley brings a lot of maturity and talent, as well as a rich tradition in orthodontics, to our program. We look forward to having him join us. He may even like Minnesota so well that he will become a Viking and Gopher fan.

Besides travel to the AAO, residents and faculty have traveled to several meetings this past semester. These included attendance at the AAO-AAP meeting in Orlando, the Dolphin users group and the Invisalign course.

Congratulations to Dr. **Ryan Schumacher** who successfully challenged the written ABO examination a year early. He will be our new chief resident and is more than ready for the task. He and his wife, **Trisha**, are awaiting the arrival of their third child later this year.

Dr. **John Volz** has been with our faculty for only two years and he has been a superb addition and is highly regarded by all. This year he was elected teacher of the year by all of the dental residents at Mayo Clinic. Congratulations, John, for your commitment and efforts here at the Mayo Clinic.

We welcome any alumni or friends to stop by and visit when they are in the area. We hope to see many of you October 16-17 at the MSO 2009 Annual Session. Have a great summer.

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## Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2008; they have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are

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expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably.

The orthodontic program at the Center for Advanced Dental Education of Saint Louis University will welcome 14 new graduate students in June. They include:

Drs. **Nicole Kaunitz**, University of Sydney (Australia); **Mary Ellen Helmkamp**, The Ohio State University; **Luiz Barbosa**, Un Ribeirao Preto (Brazil); **Anita Bhavnani**, Case Western Reserve University; **Konstantinos Kazanis**, University of Athens (Greece); **Julianne Ruppel**, University of Illinois; **Avrum Goldberg**, Dalhousie University (Canada); **Nicholas Azar**, University of Nevada Las Vegas; **Ryan Hinckley**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Michael McEwan**, University of Iowa; **Shereen Azizollahi**, University of Southern California; **Utumporn Laowansiri**, Chulalongkorn University (Thailand); **Bryan Wirtz**, The Ohio State University; and **Hiroshi Ueno**, Tohoku University (Japan).

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in Jupiter, Florida, March 11-14, 2010. Many fine speakers will enlighten the audience. Dr. **Shelly Baumrind** will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact [moscalb@slu.edu](mailto:moscalb@slu.edu) for information on the OERF meeting.

In addition, the SLU orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the summer and fall of 2009. All MSO students are encouraged to look at the schedule on our Web site (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

Finally, we are building! Please follow the progress of the new clinic at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/dort/newclinic.html>.

Just after the May break, we moved to one of the predoctoral clinics on the second floor of the College of Dentistry for the summer and demolition began. This project is entirely privately funded, thanks to the generosity of alumni and friends. We will be installing 27 chairs with high-tech cabinets and constructing a new business office, a sterilization room and a photography room.

Dr. **Mark Runge** has joined the part-time faculty of the Department of Orthodontics and the Center for Craniofacial Anomalies. Dr. **Howard Aduss**, former Director of UIC's Craniofacial Center, has come back to the university after extensive around-the-world travels.



*Andrew Haas and Paul Castelein*

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Dr. **Andrew Haas** received the ABO Special Recognition Award at the recent AAO meeting in Boston. His award was presented by Dr. **Paul Castelein**, the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' ABO Director.

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## University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Albert Eng**, **Layne McCord**, **Trent Nestman**, **Suzanne Stock** and **Niles Woodall** for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their Master's degrees this June! Congratulations also to Drs. **Kirk Davies**, '00; **Clayton Parks**, '00; and **Jason Schmit**, '00 who became Board Certified this year by the American Board of Orthodontics!

The 31st Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held January 30 – February 6, 2010, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar which was spearheaded by Dr. **John Casko**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases. Further information on the course may be obtained by contacting Linda Keller at [linda-keller@uiowa.edu](mailto:linda-keller@uiowa.edu).

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## University of Manitoba

We say good-bye to two of our third-year residents. Dr. **Kim Hodder** is moving to Vancouver and Dr. **Luis Piedade** is moving back to Toronto. We wish them every success and happiness as they enter orthodontic practice.

It is with sadness that we learned of the sudden passing of Dr. **Anthony Gianelly** at the end of May. He visited our program in March and gave an excellent day-long orthodontic course to our residents, staff and several orthodontists from Winnipeg. The orthodontic community  
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has lost one of its truly great academicians.

Drs. **Billy Wiltshire** and **Sercan Akyalcin** presented research papers at faculty research day, and posters were presented by Drs. **Jared Rykiss**, **Derek Pollard**, **Kim Hodder**, **Luis Piedade** and **Zach Stein**.

Dr. **Catherine McCleod** presented her research in Boston at the AAO meeting and our G3's, Drs. **Kim Hodder**, **Luis Piedade** and **Christie Laberge**, presented their cases at the CDABO case displays. Drs. **Andy Ho**, **James Noble**, **Zach Stein** and **Bob Ward** all will be presenting posters at the EOS meeting in Helsinki, Finland, in June. Happy travels to all!

Dr. **Peter Gold**, president of our alumni society, will be our G1 Diagnosis and Treatment Planning exam external examiner this year and also is giving a lecture on adult treatment and the use of Invisalign to our residents.

We offer congratulations to Drs. **Derek Pollard**, **Xiem Phan** and **Jared Rykiss** who were all awarded University of Manitoba Faculty of Graduate Studies merit scholarships and to Drs. **Sercan Akyalcin** and **Wellington Rody** who were recipients of the AAO faculty fellowships. Dr. Rody also was successful in being awarded a \$105,000 research grant.

The graduate orthodontic program hosted a very successful and enjoyable alumni function in Boston. It was nice to see alumni from as far as Vancouver attend. In absentia, one of our Australian alumni, Dr. **Grant Duncan**, was awarded the Program Director's award for his continued support of the program. Thanks to Grant's generosity, one of the dental units in the graduate orthodontic clinic will bear a plaque honoring two of Grant's former instructors, the late Drs. **Arthur Storey** and **Ken McLaughlin**.

The alumni function was followed by an enjoyable evening of bowling. Dr. Rykiss was able to impress everyone with his superior bowling skills!

The continued success of our program is testament to the dedication and unselfish labor of love of our part-timers who teach in the program with continued enthusiasm and never-ending vigor. They always are there with a smile and a helpful hand as they give back and serve in the noblest of ways possible – imparting their knowledge and experience to the orthodontists of the future. Thank you to Drs. **Tim Dumore**, **Herman Lee**, **Gerrie Solomon**, **Susan Tsang**, **Milos Lekic**, **James Noble**, **Garry Levine**, **Kris Row**, **Frank Hechter**, **Jeff Bales** and our oral surgeon, Dr. **Lee McFadden**. Our two full-timers are Drs. **Sercan Akyalcin** and **Wellington Rody**. I salute you all and thank you. You all are simply the best!!

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## University of Minnesota

Once again, I enjoyed seeing many of our alumni at the AAO Annual Session in Boston. It was a variety of recent graduates and more seasoned veterans who gathered to renew acquaintances and to exchange stories. By count of the official greeter, **Bonnie Litton**, there were more than 100 people in attendance! I need to once again thank Bonnie and Dr. **Steve Litton** for their organization of this great event.

Dr. **John Kanyusik**, a valuable part-time clinical instructor, received the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the ABO in Boston. John is extremely deserving of this award, and we are lucky to have him give his time so generously to our mission of clinical education. As I write this column, John is off to volunteer his time in Tanzania – an example of how he continues to give in many ways.

Dr. **Arnie Hill**, an alumnus and long-time friend of



*(l to r) Bruce Mooty, UMAA President; Arnie Hill; Patrick Lloyd, Dean; Patricia Simmons, Chair of the Board of Regents*

the Orthodontic Division was recognized by the University of Minnesota Alumni Association for his service to the School of Dentistry. He received an Alumni Service Award which was presented at a wonderful ceremony which included the Chair of the

University Board of Regents whom Arnie had treated some years ago. She raved about her smile at the ceremony and publicly acknowledged the personal benefit she received from his treatment. Good job, Arnie!

Dr. **Bob Isaacson** was recognized this spring with the 2009 Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award from the School of Dentistry Alumni Society. The award was presented at a reception held in his honor. This award recognizes an alumnus of the School of Dentistry at the University of Minnesota who has made significant contributions to dentistry and to his/her community. Congratulations, Bob, for all you have done for education, dentistry and orthodontics.

We said good-bye in February to Dr. **Nicole Eberle** who had been a valuable part-time instructor for us. Nicole moved to Colorado where she purchased a practice in the Denver area. We will miss her but wish her well!

As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have two big events coming up here in the Division of Orthodontics.

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The first is GORP, the Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program that brings together residents from around the country. They will congregate here July 31-August 2. I have the pleasure of being able to speak at the conference along with Dr. **Bjorn Zachrisson**, Dr. **Gerry Samson** and **LeeAnn Peniche**. The weekend includes social time and continuing education as well as time to speak with exhibitors. We plan to show everyone a good time!

The second event is the 2009 MSO Annual Session which we are hosting October 16-17. This meeting will be the culmination of my year as MSO president and I know that you will enjoy attending. The meeting format will be distinctly different than the usual orthodontic meeting, and there also is the chance to register for an optional hands-on course on CBCT image interpretation. Watch for the information and registration materials to arrive, and please make plans to attend.

Our 2009 graduates include **Luke Carlson**, **Melissa Chin**, **Padraig Dennehy**, **Kelly Espe**, **Kraig Kottemann** and **Lateefah Washington**. Please welcome them as colleagues into our profession! They have worked hard during their time here and are ready to continue their education in practice.

As always, stop and visit when you are in Minneapolis and say hello!

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## University of Missouri – Kansas City

Dr. **Vance Dykhouse** was presented the 2009 Distinguished Orthodontist Award during the March



(l to r) Don Thompson and Vance Dykhouse

UMKC alumni meeting. Vance has a long history of service to the orthodontic profession. He has been involved in teaching at the Tweed Course since 1991 and has been a part-time instructor at the UMKC Orthodontic Department from 1976-1982 and from 1991 to the present. He served on the Missouri Specialty Board and has been active in the Angle Society since 1988. Perhaps his biggest contribution to

orthodontics was serving as the MSO's representative to the ABO from 1991 to 2008. He has been involved in many other areas of dentistry, orthodontics and community. Congratulations, Vance, for a well deserved honor.

Dr. **R. Wayne Thompson** (DDS 1967, Ortho/MS 1972) was honored with an Alumni Achievement Award from the UMKC Alumni Association in April. This award honors alumni who make a difference. He has served as an ADA Trustee and president of the Kansas Dental Association and has been recognized as Kansas Dentist of the Year by his peers. He has volunteered as a leader at UMKC with the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Association, the UMKC School of Dentistry Rinehart Foundation and the UMKC Dental Alumni Association. Thank you, Wayne, for your continued work on behalf of the school and the profession.

The annual Dr. Eric J. Schweitzer Memorial Symposium was held on March 25 and the guest speakers



(l to r) Laura Iwasaki, David Ries, Jason Burckhard, Llon Clendenen, Don Thompson, Brent Woods, Chuck Schumacher, Gina Pinamonti, Paul Anders, Blake Borello, Ben Frandsen

were Drs. **Brent Woods** (2006) and **Gina Pinamonti** (1998). UMKC Graduate Orthodontics organizes the symposium in memory of Eric Schweitzer. The purpose of the symposium is to have recent orthodontic

graduates return to Kansas City to make presentations to current residents so that orthodontic practitioners can speak frankly of the joys and difficulties they encountered while embarking on their careers.

The first-year residents, Drs. **Blake Borello**, **Llon Clendenen**, **Ben Frandsen** and **Dave Ries**, attended the Tweed Study Course in Tucson this spring. Many thanks to our alumni for providing financial help for the trip. Funding from the Class of 2007 also helped with travel expenses for both classes to attend the AAO Annual Session in Boston. At the meeting, Dr. **Jason Burckhard** presented his research, "Dimensional Stability of Extended-Storage Alginates," as our Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Candidate. Dr. Burckhard and his classmates, Drs. **Paul Anders**, **Ian Ballou** and **Chuck Schumacher**, are working diligently on finishing up their program requirements and planning the next phase of their lives. We are excited for them and look forward to calling them alumni in the future!

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Dr. **Ling Ye**, Assistant Professor, gave a presentation entitled, “*Beyond Dentin Matrix Protein 1: The Connection with Tooth Movement*,” as part of the Rising Stars program in Boston. This work was partially supported by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. We were pleased to see alumni and friends at the UMKC reception in Boston. Thanks to those who dropped by to share memories, new stories, laughs, plus food and drinks.

Congratulations to Dr. Ye who was recently awarded a two-year Full-time Faculty Teaching Fellowship from the AAO. This fellowship recognizes Dr. Ye’s dedication to education in a time of great need for orthodontic educators.

Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** was recognized formally this spring for her outstanding work, “*Regulation of Sclerostin Expression in Osteocytes by Mechanical Loading*,” which received the 2008 UMKC Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award. Her thesis advisor was Dr. **Mark Johnson** of the Department of Oral Biology.

Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeffrey Nickel** are conducting NIH-supported research and have had three papers and three book chapters published to date this year.

Lastly, UMKC Orthodontics eagerly awaits the July 1st start of our incoming residents, Drs. **Stephen Darmitzel** (UMKC), **Julie Gist** (University of Nebraska Medical Center), **Jodi Johnson** (Southern Illinois University) and **Dustin Wilson** (UMKC). It will be a busy summer for all as these folks begin the next phase of their education.

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## University of Nebraska

Dr. **Marcos Lenza** resigned his positions as Vice-Chair and Assistant Program Director effective March 31, 2009. He has returned to his home in Brazil. Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj**, a faculty member since 2006, accepted the position of Program Director at that time.

Dr. **Michael Molvar**, Assistant Dean for Patient Services and Quality Officer, agreed to continue serving as Interim Chair, in a more active capacity, until a search for the Chair position is launched and filled by Dean Reinhardt sometime next year.

Late in December 2008, Dr. Premaraj provided a two-day seminar for the Sri Lankan Dental Association in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Topics were “*Integrating Orthodontics for the Optimal Smile*” and “*Temporary Anchorage Devices in Orthodontics*.”

In January 2009, Dr. Lenza’s article entitled “*Bonding Strength of Metallic Brackets after Dental Bleaching*” was published in *The Angle Orthodontist*.

A long-term dream of a new and efficient work space for our residents came true in January 2009. Two adjoining rooms were gutted and modern, comfortable cubicles (one for each resident) were installed. Thanks to alumni, each resident will have his/her own computer, and two new scanners were added to work with Dolphin Imaging. Additional Dolphin Imaging software was acquired as well to aid the residents in treatment planning.

In March 2009, the Nebraska Society of Orthodontists continued its generosity and support of UNMC’s orthodontic program at its annual meeting. Faculty and residents attended the educational event.

In April 2009, Dr. **Peter Spalding** co-chaired the Craniofacial Biology Specialty Session at the annual meeting of the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association in Scottsdale, Arizona.

At the 2009 AAO Annual Session in Boston, UNMC dental student **Christina Goodsell** presented a poster entitled “*Surface Effects of Different Types of Commonly Used Fluoride Products on Ti-6Al4V Orthodontic Mini-Implants*.” Her data was gathered from a research project mentored by Dr. Lenza. Drs. **Quinn Draper**, **Paul McAllister** and **Casey Warren** participated in the CDABO Case Display program in Boston.

UNMC dental school graduate and local orthodontist Dr. **Paul Rallis**, along with program graduate and part-time clinical faculty member Dr. **Robert Schoettger**, are helping us out this summer by teaching two orthodontic classes to the sophomore dental school students. These are large classes with multiple hands-on experiences. Current residents are trying to fill in the gaps by helping out. We greatly appreciate the gifts of time and expertise these two dedicated orthodontists/educators are providing.

We wish to welcome the members of the new class set to join us on July 1, 2009. Dr. **Fouy Chau** graduated from UCLA in June where he served as a volunteer tutor and volunteer research assistant in the area of bisphosphonate-related osteonecrosis of the jaw. Dr. **Vesna-Lea Ferrer** received a DDS in 1996 and a certificate of orthodontics in 1999 from the Manila Central University, Philippines. She is scheduled to earn a PhD in Biomedical Science from the University of Connecticut in June 2009. Dr. **Mark George**, a 2008 UNMC dental school graduate, has worked as an associate dentist in the Small Smiles Dental Center in Colorado. We are very pleased with all three new residents.

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# MSO Annual Session and Business Meeting



Midwestern Society of Orthodontists  
Annual Session  
University of Minnesota and the  
Radisson University Hotel  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
October 16-17, 2009

## MSO Business Meeting and Election of Officers Saturday, October 17, 2009, 7:30 am-8:30 am Radisson University Hotel - University Ballroom D

The Annual Business meeting will feature the presentation of the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award, the installation of officers and any other business that comes before the Board and membership.

One item that will be discussed and voted upon is the resolution that was passed by the 2009 AAO House of Delegates pertaining to those active and affiliate members who have been members of the AAO for 50 or more years. These long-standing members have been rewarded by the AAO with the elimination of dues and assessments. We will vote on whether or not to rewrite MSO Bylaws to conform to this change. For exact wording, please go to [msortho.org](http://msortho.org).

Dr. **Michael Fuchs** from Huron, South Dakota, will be presented with the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the MSO. Mike has been a community leader in Huron, where he has received several awards. He has been very involved with the South Dakota Dental Association, the South Dakota Society of Orthodontists, the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and the American Association of Orthodontists.



*Michael Fuchs*

Mike currently serves on the board of AAOIC, Inc.

There also will be a reception so you can congratulate Mike and his wife, Mary, on Friday, October 16, from 5:30-7:00 in the evening at the Weisman Art Museum on the Minneapolis Campus of the University of Minnesota. Registration for this MSO-hosted reception with a cash bar is included in the registration fee for the meeting. Spouses are invited and do not need to register.

You should have received your registration material for this meeting in June. For another application and brochure of the program, go to [msortho.org](http://msortho.org) or call 636/922-5551. Registration includes the lectures, breaks, box lunch, reception and light Continental breakfasts.

The scientific portion of the meeting will be in the Mayo Memorial Auditorium of the University of Minnesota. It will consist of short presentations on a variety of topics of interest to orthodontists and impacting life-styles. Topics include such items as:

- Autism, ADD/ADHD... What EveryOrthodontist Should Know
- Weight, Exercise and Health
- The Impact of Oral Health on Speech and Swallowing: Core Knowledge for Orthodontists
- The Role of a Dental Therapist in Orthodontics
- Sleep Apnea and Airway - The Pediatric Perspective
- It's Alive: Revascularization of the Necrotic Immature Tooth - What Orthodontists Should Know

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