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MSO Launches New Web Site

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists has just launched its newly revised Web site, www.msortho.org, which has undergone major revisions to its form and content. The AAO Web site www.aaomembers.org also completed a major upgrade, after which, constituents had the opportunity to revise their sites while remaining on the AAO server. Besides MSO, GLAO and RMSO decided to take advantage of this unique opportunity.



The AAO is now upgrading its consumer site, www.braces.org. In addition, component organizations who wish to have a Web site on the AAO server now can do so. If your component is interested, please contact Jim Pearson at the AAO at 800/424-2841 or jpearson@aaomembers.org.

The revised MSO site contains a lot of information on MSO activities, photos and links to many important contacts. The site will be updated more frequently to make it relevant to today's members.

The Home page contains a welcome from our president and useful news items such as recent MSO board meetings, upcoming MSO Annual Sessions and other newsworthy items.

The page on Meetings and Education provides information on MSO Annual Sessions including information both for attendees and exhibitors, on component meetings and selected other meetings. There also is a listing of speakers at past MSO Annual Sessions since 1983.

The Component page lists component officers as well as contact information for those individuals. The

Leadership page lists information for MSO officers, committees, delegates to the AAO House of Delegates and MSO members who serve on various AAO councils and committees.

The Newsletter page has downloadable pdf files of past issues of the *MSO Newsletter*.

MSO membership information as well as direct e-mail to contact the MSO office also are available. In addition, there are direct links to the AAO calendar and numerous other AAO membership opportunities and benefits.

The site is very user-friendly and easy to navigate. If you have suggestions on how to make the site even better, send your suggestions to the Web manager who can be found on the Contact page.

Although numerous AAO members have provided the AAO with their e-mail address, it is important for everyone to do so. That way, you'll be kept abreast of late-breaking news items. The AAO respects your privacy and does not sell e-mail addresses.

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President's Report

Meet me – and the St. Louis Cardinals' Fred Bird – in St. Louis September 15-17 for a grand-slam success by staying on the cutting edge of the latest techniques and building teamwork for excellence at the MSO 2006 Annual Session. Early indications are that a number of MSO



colleagues, as well as Saint Louis University Orthodontic Department alumni from across the country, are bringing their families and entire staff for this winning weekend event to be held at the historic Hyatt Regency St. Louis Union Station.

Conveniently located near the Saint Louis University

(SLU) campus and the new Busch Stadium, this meeting ties in the best of both opportunities with separate-registration hands-on training courses with Drs. **David Sarver** and **Gerald Samson** at SLU's Center for Advanced Dental Education and a weekend homestand for the Cardinals baseball team.

In addition, the meeting coincides with the annual Great Forest Park Balloon Race, a phenomenal weekend event that your staff and family can see on Saturday by signing up separately on the tour form or contacting MAC Meetings and Events at 888/421-2005. This Balloons to Rockets Event not only includes bus transportation and viewing of the balloon launch (outside weather permitting), but also a private MSO party following at the indoor St. Louis Science Center's Planetarium featuring a buffet dinner, time to roam the three floors of hands-on exhibits and a grand finale presentation in the Orthwein StarBay. A cash bar will be available. You are encouraged to sign up for this event by July 10, so MSO can meet the minimum required to host a private party at this unique venue!

A "wave" of appreciation goes to our sponsors for their support in underwriting this meeting:

Platinum – Ormco

Silver – DynaFlex, GAC Denstply, Invisalign (Align Technology, Inc.), Illinois and Missouri Societies of Orthodontists

Bronze – 3M Unitek, American Orthodontics and IMTEC

A "standing ovation" also is due to the 2006 MSO Annual Session Planning Committee for their teamwork in

making this event a winner: Drs. **Mike Purcell**, General Arrangements Chair; **Buzz Behrents**, Scientific Chair; **Jackie Miller**, Staff Program Chair; **Jeff Cavanaugh**, Social Chair; and **Kevin Horner**, Exhibits Chair.

Going against the concept that everything that happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas, I also would be remiss if I did not recognize the efforts of a number of MSO leaders during the 2006 AAO Annual Session held there in May. The "buzz" is all about MSO member Dr. **Rolf "Buzz" Behrents'** successful efforts as scientific co-chair on the planning committee.

In addition, a number of MSO leaders are to be recognized for their successful leadership at the AAO House of Delegates. Thanks to MSO's successful passage of a House efficiency resolution in 2004, this year's revised AAO House schedule allowed delegates time to participate in the lectures, exhibits and activities as the House schedule only required two days of volunteer time onsite.

MSO's 2006 delegation members who worked as a true "team" this year to accomplish the goals and objectives of our membership were: Drs. **Steve Marshall** (Chair), **Jackie Miller** (Vice Chair), **Mike Hipp**, **Kevin Horner**, **John Kanyusik**, **Brent Larson**, **Steve Litton**, **Babette Cohen**, **Arnie Hill**, **Keith Levin**, **Steve Roehm** and **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**. A special thanks also goes to our AAO Trustee, **Lee Graber**, for his guidance and personal dedication on behalf of the MSO membership.

Thanks to the advance work of Dr. **Steve Litton**, MSO representative to AAO's Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns, a number of resolutions passed that will streamline the membership application process. Please see the COMEJC report on page 9.

I also thank Dr. **Kevin Horner** for his service to our membership as our representative on AAO's Council on Communications. As the COC is responsible for implementing the new public awareness program funded by the House-approved dues assessment, he will be busy making sure members see a return on their investment.

Education and faculty salary augmentation also were a big portion of House discussions. The House approved allocating two million dollars from AAO reserves to augment faculty salaries and benefits at all accredited postgraduate orthodontic residency programs in the US and Canada. In addition, Dr. **Brent Larson**, who chaired Reference Committee 3, assisted in a recommendation that AAO's existing Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty should address MSO's two resolutions along with a resolution from SAO on strategic planning for the future of orthodontic education.

Dr. **John Kanyusik** served on Reference Commit-

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Trustee's Report

Thanks and congratulations to the MSO representatives to the 2006 House of Delegates (HOD). This was a watershed year for the HOD, as for the first time in decades, there were major changes in the way in which it does its business. The House meets during the AAO Annual Session and is the policy-making body for the AAO and, thus, the delegates, apportioned on the basis of membership in the eight regional constituencies, are challenged to evaluate the issues before the AAO and develop positions and programs that will serve as the basis for the Association for the next fiscal year—and the future.

The procedures for the House were set up originally at a time when travel was more difficult and the governance of the AAO was really focused on the individual constituencies which held their own meetings and responded directly to the concerns of the members within their regions. As the “world has gotten smaller,” organizations have seen a move toward a national focus for their members’ professional education as well as agendas and policies, and the AAO has followed this pattern.

Over 20,000 attended the recently held Annual Session in Las Vegas. The breadth of offerings on the scientific program for both doctors and staff was exceptional...and many sessions had standing room only. The part of the meeting most attendees did not see was the “political” side; i.e., the meetings of the individual constituent representatives and the two sessions of the HOD. Traditionally, at least four of the meeting days were spent at various on-site caucuses and meetings to complete the agenda of the Association. Two years ago, the MSO won the support of our colleagues from around the country in shortening the time commitment at the Annual Session—almost in half! The new MSO-endorsed plan took effect at the Las Vegas meeting. The upside for those who served in this leadership role was that they, too, were able to attend portions of the scientific program and the technical exhibits and share more time with staff, colleagues and friends.

The big question was, would the MSO-supported changes actually work? The answer was a resounding YES! Elsewhere in this issue of the *MSO Newsletter* you have reports on the accomplishments of the MSO delegates, but suffice it to say that with a positive attitude toward changing a system that had been in place for many years, we were able to work more effectively and efficiently and still accomplish the business of the organization in a manner responsible to the membership. In this age of electronic communication, we now have been able to allow those who serve to do so without severely compromising their own participation in our meetings.

In each of these columns I try to highlight a special membership program that will be helpful to you. While

many of our AAO programs are specific to situations some of us may or may not experience, there is one area where we all share interest and that is the development of our staff. The AAO has been working to find a program that would make it easier to train new hires and upgrade those who have had only very basic training. That is why the American Association of Orthodontists Services, Inc. (AAOSI), the for-profit subsidiary of the AAO, is working with the Academy of Orthodontic Assisting (AOA), a leader in online, self-paced orthodontic staff training, to make the AOA’s curriculum available to AAO member orthodontic staff. This exclusive AAOSI-approved educational program — “Orthodontic Assisting – Technique and Theory” — is a program developed and managed by Dr. **Douglas Depew**, an AAO member. It has an intensive online curriculum that provides standardized formal training and chairside education.

The Web-based staff training program teaches fundamentals of orthodontics and is designed exclusively for self-paced home study. Each student has access to the program for 90 days – and there is an option for an office to purchase the training program for an entire year. Students complete each of the 14 educational modules in sequence and take an online test after each one. Your staff member and you, as the doctor/sponsor, have access to the results of these tests. An online AOA support instructor stays in close contact via e-mail with individually registered students throughout the program. Students and instructors also interact via a message board and chat room. Because there are a lot of photographs in the program, high-speed Internet access is recommended. Upon successful completion of the program, the students receive Academy Certified Orthodontic Assistant (ACOA) status.

In addition to the online program, The Clinical Efficiency Retreat — a hands-on, intensive two-day workshop — builds on the educational foundation provided by the online program. While not required for the ACOA designation, this “hands-on” session compliments the online training using clinical instructors specially trained to help the new staff member.

The first AAO-sponsored program was held this

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Membership Report

Current Membership – May 23, 2006

Active Members	1,000
Affiliate Members	7
Associate Members	28
Retired Members	277
Academic Members	1
Total Members	1,313

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	361
Iowa	81
Manitoba	21
Minnesota	155
Missouri	155
Nebraska	50
North Dakota	11
South Dakota	19
Wisconsin	147

Deceased Members

James F. Bardgett – Ottawa, Illinois
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Kimberly Mays Smith – Vernon Hills, Illinois

Transfers to/from MSO

Tony H. Hsu – Transfer to PCSO
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Benjamin P. Larrabee – Transfer to PCSO

*Membership data from November 21, 2005 to May 23, 2006.

News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to MSO for receiving the 2005 AAO-PAC Award for the highest percentage of contributors to the AAOPAC among AAO's eight constituents.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Jeffrey Cavanaugh**, St. Louis, Missouri, who was chosen as president-elect of the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Michael Hipp**, Des Moines, Iowa, who has been selected as chair of AAOPAC.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Michael Zakula**, Hibbing, Minnesota, who was the Guest of Honor of the Northeastern District Dental Society.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Thomas Southard**, Iowa City, Iowa, who has been selected to serve on the Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) of American Association of Orthodontists Foundation.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Susan Tsang**, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba, who received second place in the Travel Award AAO/GAC contest at the 2006 AAO Annual Session.
- Congratulations to Dr. **James McCulley**, Fargo, North Dakota, for receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Heartland Study Club.
- Congratulations to the following who received awards from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation: Dr. **L. Suzan Ekim**, University of Minnesota, who received the Eugene E. West Memorial

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Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of May 31, 2006

Checking/Investment Accounts		President's Reception Fund	
Money Market	\$157,339.59	Money Market	\$670.02
CDs	\$99,866.20	Treasury Note	\$8,849.07
Mutual Fund Portfolio	\$70,044.70	Subtotal	\$9,519.09
Subtotal	\$327,250.49		
		Total Cash Assets	\$336,769.58

Search for MSO's Future Leaders

MSO has formed a search committee to seek candidates to replace current ABO Director **Vance Dykhouse** when his term expires in May 2007. Committee members include Dr. Dykhouse as well as Drs. **Russell Kittleston, Steven Marshall, David Musich** and **John Kanyusik** as Chair. The committee is charged with selecting three to seven candidates whose names then will be forwarded to the MSO Board for review, then sent to the ABO Board for final selection. The candidate will need to have been recertified by the ABO by February 2006.

If you are interested in serving or have a recommendation for the position, please notify Dr. **John Kanyusik** at 507/388-2989 or kanyusik@myclearwave.net.

MSO also has appointed a search committee to identify candidates to replace current AAO Trustee **Lee Graber** when his term expires and he becomes an officer. The new trustee's term begins in May 2009. The search committee members include Drs. **Tom Stark, Steve Roehm, Jim Klarsh, Steve Litton** and **Keith Levin** serving as Chair. The term of the trustee is four consecutive two-year terms, then as an officer and president in 2019.

If you are interested in serving in this capacity or have a recommendation of someone, please notify Dr. **Keith Levin** at 204/989-5640 or colevin@shaw.ca.

In addition, it will be MSO's turn to provide a Speaker of the House for the AAO House of Delegates for the three-year term from 2010 to 2013. This individual needs to have an interest in parliamentary procedure as well as the policies of the AAO. This unique opportunity only happens once every 24 years for MSO!

If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Dr. **Steve Litton** at 763/544-2211 or stephen.litton@aaomembers.org.

And, lastly, MSO always is looking for individuals to serve in various capacities. Whether it's a specific, short-term project or as long a term as a trustee, there is always the need for volunteers. The volunteering can be at the local, regional or national level. If you have expertise in a specific area or just want to help your fellow orthodontists and the profession, please feel free to contact any of your component or constituent officers or directors or the MSO directly at msortho@charter.net.

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tee 2 reviewing a number of House policy revisions. Refer to your AAO *Bulletin* or contact Dr. **Steve Marshall** if you have questions or input on AAO House discussions.

MSO historically has been recognized by other constituents for our strong leadership, especially at the AAO House of Delegates. We currently are considering nominees interested in serving as AAO Speaker of the House from 2010-13 as well as a new trustee and ABO Director. See the above article for more information.

MSO's Board met March 10-11 in St. Louis for our Ad Interim Board Meeting. It was very successful and included evaluation of 2006 AAO House resolutions, continued work on MSO's strategic plan and a special one-on-one informative meeting with Congressman **Roy Blunt** (R-MO). It was a great time to incorporate my year's theme of **FEES** – Fun, Efficient use of time, Efficacious to

produce intended results and Surprises for officers, directors and the MSO office staff!

Dr. **Lee Graber** represented MSO at a meeting hosted by the Southern Association of Orthodontists to continue their strategic planning for the orthodontic specialty.

While I may be only at my "seventh inning stretch" at the time of this writing, I have enjoyed each inning of my presidential year thus far and know that at its conclusion in September in St. Louis, I can say, in the words of the broadcaster and Hall of Famer **Jack Buck**, "that's a winner." I hope I will have the opportunity to personally thank you for your confidence and encouragement in having me humbly and honorably serve you when I see you at the MSO 2006 Annual Session in St. Louis.

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AAO Council Reports

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

Council on Communications

This summer, COC will be working with the AAO's marketing communications partner, Schupp Company, to launch "More Than a Smile," a two-year public awareness campaign that will promote the unique qualifications of AAO-member orthodontists. The campaign, which will include television, magazine and Internet advertisements, will cost \$3.87 million annually and will run in 2006 during the months of October-December. The AAO House of Delegates approved the campaign and the funding proposal in May in Las Vegas.

A two-year \$450 member assessment will fund the majority of the campaign, approximately \$3.45 million annually. Approximately \$420,000 from the Association's financial reserves will pay for the remaining balance of campaign expenses for this fiscal year.

To review the proposed television commercial, log onto the member Web site, www.AAOMembers.org. A link to the public awareness campaign information is posted on the home page. Please note that the commercial posted on the Web site is not the final version; it was created using existing video footage in the public domain. The AAO is in the process of casting for the commercial and will shoot the final footage in the coming months.

At the July 21-22, 2006, meeting, the Council will continue to evaluate and update www.braces.org, the AAO's consumer Web site. The updated site, that recently went live, functions as a valuable consumer-friendly site to which you will want to send your patients.

The Council, in collaboration with COMEJC, revised the AAO Logo Standards Manual to allow greater usage by individual members as well as expanded usage to include student and international members. The idea is to have greater exposure of the logo to help "brand" the AAO.

The Council also will develop a rapid palatal expansion brochure and a brochure about fiberotomies and frenectomies. The target completion date is spring of 2007.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

The Council on Governmental Affairs met in

March in Washington, DC. Actions were taken by the Council on a number of issues.

The Council considered several initiatives to pursue with the cooperation of the AAO's component organizations. The Council submitted resolutions to the Board of Trustees concerning state sales taxation of orthodontic supplies and/or services and the portability of specialty licensure. Additionally, the Council is concerned about the proliferation of federal and state-funded dental clinics that engage in the private practice of orthodontics. The AAO's legislative counsel will research the issue and develop an action plan for the Council's consideration during its September 2006 meeting. The Council also recommended that the AAO inquire of other specialty groups during the next Dental Specialty Group meeting as to their willingness to encourage their component organizations to join the AAO's efforts regarding specialty licensure.

The AAO's legislative counsel gave a comprehensive report on the AAO's government relations program, outlining possible areas for improvement. After discussion, the Council decided to invite Mr. Chris Vranas, the AAO's Executive Director, to host a strategic planning session for both the Council and the AAOPAC during its September 2006 meeting. Additionally, future editions of the AAO's *Bulletin* will carry stories relating to how proposed legislation and regulations could negatively affect AAO members. The articles will highlight what the AAO has done to prevent the harmful initiatives.

The COGA Chair appointed a subcommittee of the Council, along with legislative counsel, to periodically review the AAO's Government Relations Web site and provide comments on what content should be added or eliminated. The Council also determined that current legislative updates be placed on the site as well as other useful information such as position papers on legislation and past articles of the *Bulletin* pertinent to the Government Relations Program.

The Council's resolution proposed alternate language regarding the issue of "access to care" in the Strategic Plan stating that the AAO generally opposes the use of federal money for orthodontic treatment.

The Council reviewed the proposed AAO/AAOPAC dues statement and noted that it will probably lead to less confusion and increased contributions to the AAOPAC.

The Council will hold its next meeting on September 9-12, 2006.

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Council on Information Technology

Mark your calendars for the AAO Technology Conference which has been planned for February 8-10, 2008, at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas. You will not want to miss this event! Multifaceted topics will cover all fields of technology. We'll provide a glimpse into the future but will concentrate on ways to get the most out of the technological systems we use every day. We are planning an interactive, "hands-on" program loaded with tips and practical solutions for you to take back to the office. The planning is still in the early stages, so we welcome suggestions for topics and speakers. You may e-mail me directly or post your suggestions at www.aaomembers.org in the Discussion Group section under the topic "2008 Tech Conference." We appreciate your input!

Speaking of our Web site... we made some major changes in the last six months, so if you haven't been there lately, please check it out! We have tried to streamline the interface and improve each section. Also, in January we launched the new AAOEXPRESS home page interface. If you're not already using this as your portal to the Web, please give it a try! You can customize the page to include all of your favorite links and news bulletins; plus, it will update you on the latest AAO news and alert you to new and "hot topics" discussion groups.

The Web site soon will include an online version of the AAO Practice Opportunities and Transitions Job Placement Program and a classified ad program for use by AAO members.

The AAO now offers Web development and Web hosting assistance to constituent and component societies. At this time there are three constituent groups (including MSO) and one component group (Illinois site is under development) using the Web site template provided by the AAO. At least five additional component societies already have expressed interest in using the template. If your component is interested, please contact Jim Pearson at the AAO at 800/424-2841 or jpearson@aaomembers.org.

The Council also has been actively involved in improving the AAO Distance Learning Program. If you missed the Annual Session in May, many of the lectures will be found this summer on the Web site in video and audio formats.

Dr. **Will Engilman** (SAO) is helping develop a videoconferencing program using Internet2 which could potentially connect multiple universities and expand our ability to share faculty resources among orthodontic

departments. The University of North Carolina, The Ohio State University and University of Louisville currently are involved in the project. The Internet2 is a research network connecting universities and research institutions via high bandwidth network. Video conferencing has the potential to facilitate and enhance orthodontic resident training by bringing remote presenters to the seminar setting. The potential advantage for the presenter is reduced time and travel considerations with minimal impact on possible private practice demands. The advantage for the orthodontic residency program is greater diversity in content, time recovery for full-time instructors and a potential reduction in residency costs.

The AAO Board of Trustees recently reappointed Dr. **Bill Harrell** as a representative from COIT to the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics. This group developed the standards for digital orthodontic patient records. In addition, the AAO Board of Trustees agreed with a COIT recommendation that the AAO adopt the position that the electronic data standard should provide a way to:

- easily exchange patient data from one system to another
- easily exchange patient data between health care providers
- share patient data between different software systems within the same practice, thus eliminating the need to maintain different sets of data
- ensure and secure patient data

And further, the AAO officially and publicly supports the Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine (DICOM) standard.

Please contact me with your questions and ideas.

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Council on Insurance

COI recently convened to review and analyze the performance of AAO-endorsed insurance plans and to proceed with related matters in the advancement of AAO insurance plans. Over the preceding six months, the descriptive parameters used to measure the performance of AAO member benefit insurance plans indicate solid financial strength and high member value. Participation in Life, Disability, Professional Liability, and Business Office Package insurance plans continues to increase.

Persistence, as measured by policy renewals and the number of participants in multiple plans, remains one of the

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highest nationally among group plans. Financial reserves, which provide stability to plan costs and security against future claims, continue to grow. Claims experience in the life and disability plans has been very favorable. Claims experience in the AAO-endorsed medical insurance plan continues to be problematic, but still substantially below the national trend which currently projects that medical costs will continue to rise at approximately 17% annually. The business office package protection offered through an AAO-endorsed plan continues to function as intended, reporting substantially higher claims paid in response to last year's disastrous hurricane season.

COI continues to recommend serious consideration of employment practices liability insurance to protect employer-orthodontists from employment-related claims which very easily eclipse the financial exposure orthodontists encounter in professional liability claims. The Medical Benefits Desk, staffed by JLT Services, now AON Affinity Services, remains available to meet the insurance needs of members in states where conventional AAO-endorsed plans are not available and for meeting the insurance benefit requirements of orthodontic office staff.

Pertinent actions by COI included recommendation of a premium increase, well below the national trend, for participants in the medical insurance plan; formation of a committee to explore reinstating a premium credit to participants in those insurance plans contributing to the increase in reserves; and continuation of the production of a DVD, in partnership with the AAO Insurance Company, to be distributed as a member benefit to members in practice 10 years or less, explaining the insurance needs of the orthodontist and the available insurance plans to satisfy those requirements and providing sound risk management principles in the area of professional liability.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The 2006 House of Delegates in Las Vegas was definitely a House concerned with membership issues. Aside from the two major issues of the public awareness campaign and the funding of education, over a dozen different resolutions relating to membership issues were discussed and voted upon.

The associate category of membership has been eliminated. This category was for those finished with their

education, so no longer student members, but not yet active in a constituent. Now, upon graduation, student members automatically will become Active members of the organization and can vote as well as hold office, and the dues/assessment structure still will be a graduated process for these new active members.

The AAO and each constituent had numerous membership application forms based upon the category of membership as well as the constituent. Those have been reduced to a single application. In addition, applications for the various categories of membership were sent to the AAO or the constituent, depending upon the category of membership requested. Now, all categories of membership are sent to and processed by the AAO in St. Louis. Once processed, they are sent on to the appropriate constituent. Moreover, constituent application fees were standardized, are the same amount for all constituents and now are collected by AAO.

Currently, ADA membership is mandatory to join and belong to the AAO. This topic, brought before the House previously, again was discussed with many good points, both pro and con. This was the only membership resolution that was defeated; therefore, mandatory ADA membership is still a requirement for AAO membership.

Several other resolutions were passed which included:

- COMEJC will handle not only ethical cases but also membership disputes, and the bylaws were rewritten to include this provision;
- Student members become members upon acceptance into an orthodontic program. They do not have to wait until they actually start their formal orthodontic educational program.
- The bylaws also were changed to allow life membership after age 65 and 30 cumulative years of membership, not 30 consecutive years of membership.
- To become a retired member, one must have belonged for at least 10 cumulative years, not necessarily 10 consecutive years.

In addition, the use of the AAO logo was expanded upon for most categories of membership. This will help in "branding" the AAO member as the orthodontist to see for orthodontic care.

Having resolved these issues should help our organization be more efficient and user-friendly to our members and potential members.

If there are other membership issues you feel are important, please let me know.

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Council on New and Younger Members

The Council sponsored the New Orthodontist Conference at the 2006 AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas. The presentation by **Paul Zuelke** dealt with practice management issues facing a new practicing orthodontist. The lecture was followed by a cocktail reception, which allowed attendees and Council members an opportunity to meet and talk with each other. The seminar and social reception were well received and well attended.

Congratulations go out to our new Council chair, Dr. **Tanya Stavisky** (MASO), as well as to five new Council members: Drs. **Kimberly Batterson** (RMSO), **Preston Miller** (SAO), **Mai Tran** (SWSO), **Reid Winkler** (resident) and **Nick Ridder** (resident). We also greatly appreciate the time and commitment from our outgoing Council members: Drs. **Mark Dusek**, **Craig Willis**, **Lisa Stokes**, **Kendra Covington Pratt** and **Juddson Reed**. We plan to have a conference call this summer and our next face-to-face meeting in St. Louis in January with COMEJC.

As for new business, several subcommittees were formed addressing membership needs of the new and younger member including initial orientation programs for newer members attending the annual session for the first time, kid-friendly environments at future annual sessions for young families, and new and younger member programs at constituent meetings. Other subcommittees will deal with recommendations for the AAO strategic plan, 2007 Annual Session Planning Committee and participation on a board committee evaluating products, services and programs directly for staff. The online newsletter will continue with our new editor, Dr. **TJ Robinson** (GLAO). Please go online and check out the previous articles. We also welcome any topics you would like to see addressed.

We encourage any feedback or comments, so please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The Council on Orthodontic Health Care met in St. Louis in January. Our meeting focused on two primary

issues: access to orthodontic health care and the insurance industry's involvement with the specialty.

The AAO Board of Trustees requested that the COHC work with COGA to undertake a study to make recommendations for increasing access to quality orthodontic care in states with underserved or impoverished areas with a final report due to the 2006 House of Delegates. The problem is becoming localized among populations with limited access to care and primarily situated within the realm of primary care dentistry. The problem is further compounded by an extreme shortage of dental providers in severely impoverished areas. The ADA has established several very successful access-to-care programs. The Council has recommended to the AAO Board of Trustees that the AAO approach the ADA proposing a possible partnership between the associations, with COHC working in concert and with combined resources to address the issue on programs such as "Give Kids a Smile." In addition, the Council recommends that the AAO perform a demographic study to identify the locations of current practicing orthodontists and identify areas of population density to pinpoint areas of orthodontic need.

Since the 2005 AAO endorsement of the Virginia Brown Community Orthodontic Partnership, also known as the Smiles Change Lives (SCL) Program, the program has continued to grow and expand. Currently, new programs are being launched in the St. Louis, Missouri, and Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota, areas this year with at least three new areas being targeted for expansion next year. At the recommendation of the AAO BOT, COHC member Dr. **Robert "Bob" MacLean** of Chatsworth, California, has agreed to serve on the SCL National Advisory Board and will represent AAO interests as the program evolves. A publicity campaign is underway including posting information on AAO member and public Web sites, press releases to educate the public and recruit new orthodontists into the program and feature articles in the *Bulletin* and *Straight Off the Wire*. On the Council's recommendation, the AAO made a donation to the SCL program of \$20,000. For more information on the SCL program, consult the AAO Web site or www.smileschangelives.org.

The Council continues to study CDT coding issues. COHC members Drs. **John Harrison** and **Gary Wiser** represented the AAO at the February ADA Code Review Committee meeting in Chicago. On behalf of the AAO, COHC representatives submitted the following codes:

- Surgical placement of temporary anchorage device (TAD) for orthodontic treatment: microimplant without surgical flap.
- Surgical placement of temporary anchorage device (TAD)

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for orthodontic treatment: microimplant with surgical flap.

- Surgical placement of temporary anchorage device (TAD) for orthodontic treatment: screw retained plate requiring surgical flap.
- Repair of removable retainers and rebonding/recementing of fixed retainers.
- Revision to existing retention code: "also used for repair of broken retainers and rebonding/recementation of loosened fixed retainer."
- Comprehensive orthodontic evaluation: new or established patient.
- Post-orthodontic treatment retention visit.

An ongoing problem is the insurance industry's practice of capping their clients' lifetime orthodontic insurance benefit. Ancillary procedures such as extractions, exposure/ligation of impacted teeth and adjunctive periodontal procedures have been known to be charged against the orthodontic benefit. The Dental Benefit Advisory Service Hotline is the AAO staff liaison to the COHC and continues to provide information and help to member offices on problems related to third-party insurance payers, coding recommendations, strategies and practice management issues.

If you or your staff have specific insurance questions on behalf of your patients, please call the AAO Hotline. If, however, you have a general concern regarding how insurance falls short in its service to your patients, please contact me and I will voice your concerns to the Council.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

The COOP hosted a well-attended day-long practice transition conference at the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas. The participants enjoyed relevant discussion of a variety of topics and overall satisfaction was very good. On Tuesday of the Annual Session, the Council held the staff competition presentations. The 46 entries competed for three great prizes. It was lots of fun and great ideas were shared among the participants and those in the audience. It's a great way to pick up some wonderful pearls from some great practice teams.

The Council continues to produce relevant brochures for the membership. The newest offerings, one on how improper diet (i.e. too much soda, etc.) affects the

dentition and another addressing dental trauma and related sequelae, currently are being developed.

The Council will meet again in August in St. Louis. Please contact me if you have any questions, concerns or new ideas.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA met in January in St. Louis. Thirty-one applications were received for consideration for the Hellman, Sicher and Graber awards. Discussion occurred on the merits of the applications. Award winners were:

- Milo Hellman Research Award to Dr. Luciana Miranda Van Westen, University of Iowa: *The Genetic Basis of Craniofrontonasal Dysplasia*
- Harry Sicher First Research Essay Award to Dr. Judah S. Garfinkle, University of Kentucky: *Evaluation of Orthodontic Mini-Implant Anchorage in Adolescent Premolar Extraction Therapy*
- Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit to the following:
 - Dr. Janice A. Struckhoff, The Ohio State University: *Pull-out Strengths of Monocortical Screws at Six Weeks Post-Insertion* (Clinical Research)
 - Dr. Heather Zablocki, University of Michigan: *The Effect of the Transpalatal Arch on Anchorage in Extraction Treatment* (Clinical Research)
 - Dr. Jerome B. Shuman, University of Michigan: *RNA Interference of Bmp-4 and Midface Development in Postimplantation Mouse Embryos* (Basic Science Research)
 - Dr. Tara Savage, University of Connecticut: *Mandibular Phenotype of p20C/EBP β Transgenic Mice: Reduced Alveolar Bone Mass and Site-Specific Dentin Dysplasia* (Basic Science Research)

There were 83 applications received for the Oral Research presentations of which 28 were accepted; 275 applications were received for posterboards of which 257 were accepted; and 48 applications were received for table clinics of which 47 were accepted.

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American Board of Orthodontics

Congratulations to Drs. **Robert Girgis**, Naperville, Illinois; **Pamela Hanson**, Nashotah, Wisconsin; **Sangkyu Han**, Appleton, Wisconsin; **Tammy Meister**, St. Paul, Minnesota; and **Gilpatrick Schmidtke**, Appleton, Wisconsin, who completed their board certification process and are now Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics.

Special recognition is due Drs. **James Wheeler**, Iowa City, Iowa; **James Mutti**, Gladstone, Missouri; **Terry Guenther**, Rochester, Minnesota; **Gilbert Schmidtke**, Appleton, Wisconsin; **Carlin Wiemers**, Mankato, Minnesota; **Patrick Foley**, Lake Zurich, Illinois; **Robyn Silberstein**, Highland Park, Illinois; and **Brian Jesperson**, Bismarck, North Dakota. These individuals voluntarily and successfully completed the recertification process in 2006. To date, 203 ABO Diplomates have recertified. We hope that more Diplomates will complete this process.

The Board gave almost one hundred examinations with 46 regular case displays presented and with 38 candidates completing their certification process this past February. In addition, the Board examined 50 Pilot Study presentations by orthodontists who completed their residencies in 2005 or 2006. Seventeen training programs, including the University of Illinois – Chicago and Mayo Graduate School, agreed to participate in a study to see if residents could complete cases in their training programs to fulfill ABO requirements.

Objective Grading System Pilot Study scores averaged slightly less than two points higher than the OGS candidate scores from private practice. We saw more extraction cases than we expected as well as quite a few successfully treated full-step Class II cases. The Board was very impressed with the knowledge, demeanor and poise exhibited by these candidates in their oral interviews.

With input from this Pilot Study, the requirements for the Initial Certification Examination will be the same as the requirements for the First Recertification Examination.

Students graduating from programs in 2006, who passed the written examination, will be invited to present cases in February 2007 if they have cases from their residency that meet the requirements. If not, they have up to three years to present the cases. The cases presented must have appliances placed and removed by the recent graduate. A ten-year time-limited certificate will be issued at successful completion of the Initial Certification Examination. The clinicians will need to continue to complete recertification examinations every ten years to stay certified throughout

their careers.

The Board's first examination given entirely on computer was taken by 439 candidates and was a success. Pearson Vue testing centers have an excellent security protocol, and the system is encrypted and has rigid internal controls to prevent dishonesty. The residents were happy as they could take the exam in their residence city on any day of a given week in April.

Due to the increased interest in taking the written examination, the Board is going to offer a one-time special written examination the first week of December at Pearson Vue Centers. Anyone interested in this examination should contact the ABO office.

The Gateway Offer will expire June 30, 2007. The Board will accept Gateway applications from students completing their residencies anytime in 2007, dependent on their passing the written examination in 2007. Over 800 orthodontists have accepted the Gateway offer which has increased the percentage of Diplomates to 35%.

Dr. **Herb Klontz**, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, received the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award for 2006. The ABO presented **George Selfridge** with the 2006 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Award, and Drs. **Richard Aubrey** (posthumous), **James Baldwin** and **Edward Genecov** were presented with the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics.

The announced winners for 2007 in Seattle are Dr. **Bjorn Zacherson**, Oslo, Norway, as the recipient of the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award and Dr. **Bonham Magness**, Houston, Texas, as the recipient of the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics.

By the time you read this publication, the ABO will have a totally new Web site for your use. All applications, registrations and grading forms will be available for download. All candidates will be able to do online editing of their personal demographic data and dues can be paid online. The public can use the site to find ABO-certified orthodontists and recertified orthodontists by locale or zip code. Be sure to visit the redesigned Web site at www.americanboardortho.com.

It is time for the MSO to assist the ABO in selecting my replacement. Dr. **John Kanyusik**, chair of the selection committee, needs to present three to seven candidates to the MSO Board this fall. The names are then presented to the ABO Board who will make the final selection. Anyone who is interested should contact Dr. Kanyusik as soon as possible.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

The AAO Political Action Committee met in Washington, DC, in March to prioritize contributions to candidates and review legislative and regulatory strategies.

The AAOPAC broke a fundraising record in 2005, collecting over \$230,000. Many candidates whom the AAOPAC has supported in the past are expected to be in close political races in November. While the AAOPAC has allocated approximately half of its candidate contributions for this election cycle, it will closely monitor races to determine which candidates may need additional support.

The MSO Board of Directors met with Rep. **Roy Blunt** (R-MO) in St. Louis at their March ad interim meeting. At the luncheon meeting, House Majority Whip Blunt was presented with a contribution from AAOPAC.

During the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas, the AAOPAC showcased a newly redesigned booth in the AAO Member Services Pavilion in the Exhibit Hall. Lapel pins featuring a silver dome inscribed with the year were given to PAC contributors who visited the booth.

The keynote speaker for the 2006 Government Relations Reception in Las Vegas was Rep. **Jack Kingston** (R-GA). Rep. Kingston, a member of the House Appropriations Committee, discussed healthcare and tax legislation and reviewed the upcoming 2006 mid-term elections.

MSO received the 2005 AAOPAC Award for the highest percentage of contributors to the AAOPAC! Again, thanks to all those who have contributed and helped the MSO achieve this level of recognition.

We continue to face regulatory and legislative issues that, if passed, could have a significantly negative affect on orthodontic practices. I urge those who have not yet done so to please consider joining the PAC today.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

MSO members highlight the summer meeting with Dr. **Bob Nemeth** as CDABO president at this year's

gathering in Park City, Utah. The meeting is dedicated to Dr. **Ray Thurow** for his service to CDABO as a founder, charter member and president emeritus. Dr. **David Musich** will receive the CDABO Award of Merit for his unselfish dedication to CDABO activities. The meeting is July 15-19, 2006, at Stein Eriksen Lodge, a five-diamond, four-star resort opened in 1982 by the Olympic Gold Medal Skier, **Stein Eriksen**. The lodge is located mid-mountain at Deer Valley Resort® and sits under Rocky Mountain peaks making it a place of unrivaled beauty. Dr. **Dick Ridgley** has selected an award-winning line-up of speakers – Drs. **Charles Burstone, Jason Cope, Greg Huang, Harry Legan, Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman, Thomas Southard** and **David Turpin** – who will present 12 CEU hours of evidence-based lectures with clinical significance. The registration brochure is on the CDABO Web site at www.cdabo.org.

The CDABO events recently held at the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas were very successful. The Phase II Preparatory Course, with Drs. **Peter Buschang** and **Larry Tadlock** as instructors, drew 60 participants. The three Model Measurement Courses were filled for a total of 85 participants. The lead instructor was Dr. **Richard Ridgley** with assistance from other members of the CDABO Council. Over 50 graduate programs displayed cases for the Resident Case Display Program.

At the Annual CDABO Luncheon which served 181 attendees, Dr. **John Bilodeau** received the CDABO 2006 Clinical Case Report of the Year Award.

The re-designed CDABO Web site should be up and running soon. Features include general information for the public, specific information on local Diplomates, member registration for meetings, course registration for board-eligible orthodontists, ordering the *Step Beyond* brochure and a guide to all our services.

For additional information, please go to CDABO's Web site at www.cdabo.org.

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of May 1, 2006, the Endowment Campaign has realized \$29.1 million in pledges with \$19.7 million of that being redeemed. Additionally, there are 432 Regents who have pledged at the \$25,000 level and 38 who have pledged

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Illinois

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Since our last issue, we've wrapped up another successful year. Dr. **Jerry Clark** gave a great presentation on practice succession and retirement; Ms. **Rosemary Bray** spoke to the largest audience ever for an ISO meeting; and Dr. **Steve Dugoni** was our sponsored speaker at the Chicago Dental Society's Midwinter Meeting, speaking to a standing-room-only crowd. Our outgoing president, Dr.



Rick Sikora (l) receives his presidential recognition plaque from Ara Goshgarian

Rick Sikora, did an exceptional job for the ISO this year. Many thanks, Rick, on behalf of the Board and the membership.

Welcome to our new ISO Trustee, Dr. **Pat Foley** from Lake Zurich. We're looking forward to working with you. At our March 20 business meeting, our new ISO officers were installed. In addition, the

following trustees continue their dedication and service to the ISO: Drs. **Robert Girgis**, **William Groesch**, **Ron Jacobson**, **Mart McClellan** and **John Schuler**. Congratulations to ISO Trustee, Dr. Girgis, for becoming a Diplomate of the ABO.

Dr. **Steve Marshall**, Director to the MSO, chaired the MSO delegation at the AAO House of Delegates meeting at the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas this past May. Many beneficial resolutions were passed, including funding for the AAO Council on Communication's public awareness campaign and allocating two million dollars in the 2006-2007 budget (from AAO reserves) to augment faculty salaries and benefits.

Don't forget about the MSO Annual Session in St. Louis from September 15-17, 2006. Watch for mailings and be sure to attend. Members are encouraged to act as soon as they receive the registration form if they would like to get one of the limited number of tickets available for the suite at the baseball game on September 15.

Our seminar schedule for the 2006-07 continuing education season is as follows:

- November 6 – Dr. **Jim McNamara** – “Vertical Dimension”
- December 4 – Dr. **Tom Southard** – “Diagnosis and Treatment”
- February 23 – Dr. **Jeff Okeson** – “Orthodontic and Prosthodontic Therapy” at the CDS Midwinter Meeting
- April 16 – Dr. **Ron Roncone** – “Diagnosis of an Orthodontic Practice”

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer. See you this fall.

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Congratulations to Iowa's newest orthodontists, Drs. **Jennifer Loucks** and **Robert Fuhrman**. Both completed their orthodontic residencies at the University of Iowa in May 2006. Jennifer has joined her father, Dr. **Carney Loucks**, in private practice in Newton and Grinnell, Iowa. Carney is very proud of his daughter and is looking forward to working fewer days per month with Jennifer on board. Carney will continue to teach a couple days each month at the College of Dentistry in Iowa City. Dr. Fuhrman is in the process of purchasing the practice of Drs. **David and Gail Diehl** in Davenport, Iowa.

Mark your calendars for the annual meeting of the Iowa Society of Orthodontists in Iowa City on October 8-9, 2006. The featured speaker will be Dr. **Charles McNeal** from the University of California at San Francisco. Once again, Drs. **Karen** and **Tom Southard** kindly have offered to host the Sunday evening party at their home. More information will be coming in the mail.

My husband, Martin, and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in March 2006 with a family vacation to Disney World. As of April 1, 2006, I purchased the second half of my orthodontic practice from my former partner. I am enjoying my new position as sole owner and would like to thank my father-in-law, Dr. **James Hugg**, for the 19 wonderful years we practiced together.

Please send me your news and announcements for the next issue of the *MSO Newsletter*. It is a good way to stay connected.

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Manitoba

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The Manitoba Society of Orthodontists held its semi-annual dinner meeting on April 27, 2006. At that meeting we discussed our support for the assessments for the Education and the Public Relations programs proposed by the AAO that were later to be presented to the House of Delegates in Las Vegas.

The weekend of June 1-4 was the 40th anniversary of the Graduate Orthodontic Program at the University of Manitoba. Dr. **Anoop Sondhi** was the keynote speaker at the meeting on Friday and various speakers gave short presentations on Saturday. Many alumni from out-of-town attended the events over the weekend. The Friday evening dinner honored two prominent members of our orthodontic community who recently retired – Drs. **Ernest Cohen** and **Lou Melosky**.

Our next dinner event likely will be scheduled for the third week in October. To date, no other continuing education speakers have been planned for the near future.

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The MAO continues to be well represented on the MSO board with Dr. **Steve Litton** serving as President-Elect and Dr. **Brent Larson** serving as Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. **John Kanyusik** will become Secretary/Treasurer this fall, and Dr. **Deb Lien** serves as our capable director.

The legislative affairs committee, headed by Drs. **Leo Sinna**, **Deb Lien** and **Donna Stenberg**, has reported that the new expanded duties for dental assistants rules are slowly but smoothly moving through the rules-making process of the Minnesota Board of Dentistry. There is a chance that these rules will be finalized by January 2007. The orthodontists of Minnesota are thankful for the skill and persistence of these committee members.

The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists will host a summer meeting this year after a sabbatical of a couple of years. Program Chairman Dr. **Stephen Nelson** has invited Dr. **S. Jay Bowman** to address the membership.

Dr. Bowman's presentation will cover the controversies of extraction, expansion and early treatment, and he also will discuss the possibilities of mini-screw implants as temporary anchorage in orthodontics. The program will take place on Friday, August 25, at the Legends Golf Club in Prior Lake, Minnesota. The Winter program scheduled for January 12, 2007, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, will feature Dr. **Vince Kokich** speaking to the doctors and national consultant/speaker **Lori Garland Parker** speaking for the staff program.

Dr. **Steve Litton** announced that the Smiles Change Lives Program is moving forward in the Twin Cities metro area, and we anticipate beginning treatment on patients as early as January 2007. Orthodontists serving on this community advisory board are Drs. **Michelle Bergsrud**, **John Beyer**, **Keith Erickson** and **Kevin Denis**. This program will be a great service to those patients who otherwise may not be able to afford orthodontic treatment. Look for more information in the mail.

Dr. **Carlin Wiemers** will be representing Minnesota at the rescheduled AAO Government Affairs Conference, January 28-31, 2007.

Public and Professional Relations Committee Chairman, Dr. **Doug Vayda**, has recently completed a mailing to over 900 high school guidance counselors in Minnesota informing them about career opportunities in orthodontics. This mailing has been done for several years to improve staff recruitment efforts throughout the state. Fifteen dental assisting scholarships have been awarded this spring to deserving students. MAO has presented these scholarships for several years to award achievement in academics and to increase student assistant awareness about orthodontics.

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Missouri

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists is excited to be part of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' meeting in St. Louis at the Hyatt at Union Station this fall. Our component meeting will be held on Friday morning, September 15 from 7-8:15am in the New York Central room. We

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invite all Missouri orthodontists to attend this annual meeting!

An ad hoc committee of the Missouri Dental Association (MDA) was appointed and met May 12 to discuss the Expanded Functions Dental Assistant (EFDA) rules for orthodontic assistants. After much discussion, the committee decided to ask the Trustees of the MDA to recommend to the Missouri Dental Board that they rescind the expanded functions that have been granted to EFDA-qualified orthodontic assistants. This would mean that orthodontists would delegate tasks to “qualified orthodontic assistants” under their direction, that the assistants would not need to be EFDA-certified, and that the orthodontists would be responsible for all reversible tasks that they delegate to an assistant. Part of the reason for this recommendation is that the orthodontist ultimately is held responsible anyway.

If the Trustees approve this change, they will send this recommendation to the Missouri Dental Board, which will recommend a change to the Missouri Dental Practice Act. The process could take up to two years to be approved; so in the interim, make sure to have your staff members certified and have them take the expanded functions exam to comply with the current state laws.

Our Missouri meeting for 2007 will be held in Kansas City in conjunction with the Kansas Society of Orthodontists.

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

Missouri Society members, feel free to contact me with any questions, comments or other news items.

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met on January 27, 2006. Dr. **S. Jay Bowman** spoke about “Concepts and Controversies in Contemporary Orthodontics.” We would like to thank American Orthodontics for underwriting the event and Dr. **Lisa Strunk** for planning the meeting and serving as president the last few years.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists held their

annual CE lecture and business meeting on March 24, 2006. The program featured Dr. **Rolf Behrents** on “When Things Go Wrong: Ethical, Legal and Treatment Considerations.” The members would like to thank Dr. **Peter Ziegler** for planning the meeting and outgoing officer Dr. **Joyce Simmons** for her years of involvement in the NSO.

Upcoming meetings will be announced in the next *MSO Newsletter*.

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North Dakota

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Dr. **Jim McCulley** has retired after 35 years of practice. He attended Northwestern University Dental School for both his dental and orthodontic training. After military service with the Navy, Jim started a private practice in Fargo in 1971. He has enthusiastically served the community and his peers in several capacities throughout his career. He served as a MSO Director and was the newsletter editor from 1984-1987. He was president of the North Dakota Society of Orthodontists and speaker of the state dental association’s House of Delegates and is currently North Dakota’s PAC committee chairman. Jim recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from his peers and colleagues in the Heartland Study Club. When Jim was asked about his retirement, he said he will be doing work with the Ronald McDonald House, working on his golf game and doing some traveling. **Gene Perret** once wrote, “Retirement means no pressure, no stress, no heartache...unless you play golf.” Congratulations, Jim! Remember, life begins at retirement!

As mentioned in the last newsletter, Dr. **Ryan West** has taken over Dr. McCulley’s practice as well as his position as the component newsletter editor for the MSO.

Despite the retirement of one of our colleagues, North Dakota’s orthodontic association is growing! Two new orthodontists will be joining us this summer. Dr. **Alison Fallgatter**, a graduate of the University of Minnesota Dental School, recently completed her orthodontic residency at the University of Minnesota. She will be returning to Bismarck to join Dr. **Brian Jespersion**.

Dr. **Bryan Bretton**, also a University of Minnesota dental school graduate, recently completed his orthodontic residency at the University of Iowa and will be opening his

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own practice in Fargo.

The NDSO will have its next meeting on October 27 in Fargo. The meeting will focus on the applications and use of microscrews and mini-implants in orthodontic treatment.

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South Dakota

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The South Dakota Society of Orthodontists (SDSO) held its annual business meeting March 10, 2006, in Sioux Falls in conjunction with a continuing education seminar presented by the Southeastern District Dental Society. The featured speaker was Dr. **Peter Ngan**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Orthodontics at West Virginia University in Morgantown. Dr. Ngan's presentation was on indications for early orthodontic treatment interventions and facial harmony.

At the business meeting all of the current officers were re-elected to serve another two-year term. In addition, members discussed the Government Affairs Conference having to be changed; AAO Directors & Officers Insurance; trustee position for the MSO; ABO representative for the MSO; establishing an annual SDSO CE meeting in the Black Hills; participation in the Sunshyne Smiles Charitable Orthodontic Program; and advertising and marketing issues.

The SDSO has contributed \$5,000 to the Sunshyne Smiles Orthodontic Charitable Foundation, and Delta Dental Plan of South Dakota has agreed to contribute \$25,000 as well. This foundation was established by a pediatric dentist, Dr. **Mel Thaler** and his wife, **Lou**, in honor of Dr. Thaler's mother whose name was "Sunshyne." The program, which is in a test phase with approximately six patients, is designed to help underserved children in South Dakota with orthodontic treatment. These are patients who do not qualify for Medicaid financial assistance or severity index criteria. They apply to the foundation for the limited funds on a first-come, first-served basis. They must have a general dentist of record, must be receiving regular dental care, be financially unable to afford orthodontic care and be motivated to receive orthodontic treatment. SDSO members have agreed to treat these patients for reduced fees to help meet the orthodontic needs of underserved children in South Dakota. For additional information, contact Mr. **Paul Knecht**, Executive Director of the South Dakota

Dental Association at 605/224-9133.

Dr. **Robert Arnold**, Watertown, was recognized for putting together the SDSO-sponsored meeting in 2005. The next annual meeting of the SDSO will be held in conjunction with the South Dakota Dental Association Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 2007 in Rapid City.

Any members with questions or information for the SDSO and the *MSO Newsletter* should contact me.

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The Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists would like to congratulate its own Dr. **John Crawford** for serving on the MSO Board of Directors. The WSO welcomes Dr. **Thomas Lovlien** as its new president and also would like to thank Dr. **Marissa Keesler** for her service as president of the organization last year.

The WSO 2006 Fall Conference will be held at the newly renovated Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin, on October 9-10, 2006. The education program will include **Cathy Sundvall**'s presentation on "Practice Euphoria – Improving Quality, Performance and Service." This one-day seminar will be packed with common sense information, practical hints and tools for every aspect of your practice that can be implemented easily. Staff is invited to attend this meeting.

The recent 2006 Spring Conference included a presentation by Dr. **Dwight Damon** and a business meeting that included an overview of sales and use tax issues affecting orthodontists. At the Board meeting in conjunction with the conference, the WSO Board of Directors named **Steven Lorenz** as Executive Director for the organization. At that meeting the WSO Board also committed \$5,000 to the Marquette University School of Dentistry for the Dr. Charles J. Mears Scholarship Fund.

The 2007 Spring Conference is scheduled for April 23-24, at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. Dr. **Ronald Roncone**, the presenter, has conducted seminars and lectures in the areas of management, marketing, motivation and treatment. The WSO hopes to see you all there!
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Graduate School Reports

Marquette University

Congratulations to our graduating second-year residents, Drs. **Arash Bakhtari**, **Matthew Biermann**, **Smita Cabrera**, **Rodney Northrup** and **Barbara Siargos**. Graduation was held on May 23 at the Pfister Hotel. Once again it was a wonderful evening and enjoyed by all. Our graduating class will be spread across the country this year and we wish them all the best. As part of the graduation, the residents met with Dr. **Jackie Berkowitz** from Columbus, Ohio, for a one-day seminar. Good luck to Dr. Siargos who will be taking her NERBS boards this month.

Congratulations to the entire Class of 2006 for passing their National Boards. Also, congratulations to Drs. Siargos and Biermann who had their papers accepted for publication as part of their requirements to receive their master's degrees.

Congratulations to our graduates Drs. **G. P. Schmidtke** (1999), **Viney Saini** (2001) and **Pamela Hanson** (1991) for completing their ABO certification.

On June 2 we welcomed our new first-year residents: Drs. **David Christensen** (South Carolina), **Trent Lofgren** (UCLA), **Meghann Longo** (University of Nebraska), **Brian Pelsue** (University of Minnesota) and **Joseph Whitesides** (The Ohio State University). 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. Dr. **Dauro Oliviera** (2000) will be joining us for two weeks in June to work with the new incoming residents.

In October 2005 we welcomed Dr. **Dawei Liu** to our full-time faculty. During his time with us he is adjusting to clinic life and working hard on his research projects. Since joining us, he has received or soon will the following awards and research grants for his research in various aspects of the cellular mechanisms related to external apical root resorption: Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award from AAOF, Houston Research Grant from the European Orthodontic Society and the Alice L. Jee Memorial Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research.

The residents are looking forward to the upcoming GORP meeting in Michigan. This promises to be an exciting event with a host of excellent speakers.

I want to thank all of the alumni for their support again this year. Please look forward to receiving the department newsletter and the request for annual dues sometime in September.

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Mayo Clinic

It was great seeing a large number of Mayo Clinic Alumni at the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas. There were 25 alumni members and guests in attendance at the reception at the Venetian Hotel. During the AAO meeting, Dr. **Fazila Durkin** presented her research at the young scholars program and at the poster presentations. She will finish her training at the end of June, receiving both a certificate and MS in Biomedical Sciences from the Mayo Graduate School. It has been a fast three years. We wish her and her family well.

Phase I of the clinic remodeling is nearing completion. Periodontics will be moving into the former oral surgery hallway. The second and third phases of remodeling will, hopefully, move a little faster. The architects have preserved the Mayo Clinic look while updating the equipment and state-of-the-art dental suites. We can't wait until the orthodontic division has its turn at "renovation."

Dr. **Rose Sheats** will be leaving the faculty in June to become program director at the University of North Carolina. She has been on staff for the past eight years and will be missed. A nationwide recruitment effort is underway. We appreciate the AAO's increased awareness of the challenges we face in education.

Congratulations to Dr. **Anthony MacIsaac** who was certified by the ABO in March. He was part of the Pilot Program sponsored by the ABO. His effort represents a lot of motivation and work. He has made all of us very proud.

On July 1 our match candidate, Dr. **Timothy Scanlan**, will begin his training. Dr. Scanlan completed a one-year AEGD with the US Army. He and his family come to us from Oklahoma where they are completing a three-year tour.

There were numerous new publications from our department these past six months in several different journals.

We hope everyone has a great summer, and we look forward to the MSO meeting in St. Louis this fall.

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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2005. They have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably.

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vanced Dental Education of Saint Louis University will welcome 14 new graduate students in June. They include: Drs. **Daniel Adams** (Nova Southeastern); **Christiana Araujo** (Pontificia University in Brazil); **Matthew Baker** (Indiana University); **Samuel Gentry** (University of Tennessee); **Emily Hung** (UCLA); **John Huynh** (Temple University); **George Katsavrias** (University of Athens in Greece); **Kris Kim** (University of Washington); **Yi-Ping Liu** (University of New York at Buffalo); **Douglas MacGilpin** (Meharry Medical College); **Marianna Tzortzopoulou** (University of Athens in Greece); **Zachary Varble** (Southern Illinois University); **Sara Wolfe** (The Ohio State University) and **Jessica Woller** (University of South Carolina).

The Third Annual Charles Henry Tweed Memorial Lecture presented by Dr. **Lysle Johnston** will be held at CADE September 14-15. This presentation is part of the annual alumni meeting during which there will be opportunities for golf and a Cardinals baseball game. Contact moscalb@slu.edu for more information.

The SLU alumni meeting precedes and overlaps the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists meeting in St. Louis to be held September 15-17. The MSO has a great line-up of speakers (Drs. **Dave Sarver**, **Jim McNamara**, **Gerry Samson**, **Jason Cope**, **Eustaquino Araujo**, **Brody Hildebrand**, **Dwight Damon**, **Ron Roncone**, **Michael Williams**, **Don Lewis** and Mr. **Bill Sutton**). Information on the MSO meeting can be found at www.msortho.org.

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in Santa Barbara, California, March 1-4, 2007. Speakers include Drs. **Kitty Tulloch**, **Lysle Johnston**, **Rolf Behrents**, **Rick McLaughlin**, **Bill Arnett** and **Richard Boyd**. Dr. Tulloch will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact 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 2006. All MSO students are encouraged to look at the schedule on our Web site, which is updated periodically, and to please let us know if they find a presentation they would like to attend.

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University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Bryan Brettin**, **Nicole Eberle**, **Bob Fuhrman**, **Jenni Loucks** and **Allyn Thames**

for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their master's degrees this June 2006!

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

The Iowa Summer Orthodontic Meeting will be held in Okoboji, Iowa, July 22-24, 2006. The 28th Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held January 27-February 3, 2007, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar, spearheaded by Dr. **John Casko**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases. Further information on the course may be obtained by contacting **Linda Keller** at linda-keller@uiowa.edu.

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University of Manitoba

The orthodontic department was established in 1966, and this year we celebrated our 40th "Ruby" anniversary. The celebrations entailed a six-day program including our comprehensive second-year residents' exam with Drs. **John Daskalogiannakis** (University of Toronto) and **Antonios Mamandras** (University of Western Ontario) as external examiners. Congratulations to Drs. **Jason Gallant**, **Milos Lekic** and **Keyur Shah** for successfully passing the clinical and oral portions of the exam. The written component of the examination will be in October 2006, just prior to the Royal College Fellowship Examinations.

A welcome reception also was held at which we unveiled the Dr. Arthur Storey Memorial Fund plaque. Fund monies have paid for our new Viewpoint system and clinic upgrades. A kind donation from alumnus Dr. **Kris Row** made the purchase of the chair-side computers a reality. The new state-of-the-art system allows for fingerprint patient sign-in and will make the clinic much more efficient. Thanks to our clinic director, Dr. **Bob Baker**, for his dedicated efforts to make this dream come true.

Our full-day guest lecturer, Dr. **Anoop Sondhi**, was followed by an evening formal dinner celebration. The dinner was hosted by the Graduate Orthodontic Program and the Manitoba Society of Orthodontists in honor of two

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of our former part-time instructors. These two pioneers, Drs. **Ernie Cohen** and **Lou Melosky**, taught for 29 and 11 years, respectively, in the graduate orthodontic program. University president Dr.



(l to r) Drs. *Conny Athansopolous, Billy Wiltshire, Eموke Szathmary, Ernie Cohen, Lou Melosky, Johann deVries and Gerry Solomon*

Emoke Szathmary was the guest speaker and awards were presented to the two honorees by Drs. Szathmary and **Conny Athansopolous**, president of the Manitoba Society of Orthodontists.

Dr. **Bob Baker** paid a moving tribute to their dedication as part-time teaching staff.

Another highlight was the half-day of continuing education lectures, where many alumni presented a variety of topics. Lecturers included Drs. **Bob Baker, Terry Carlyle, Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis, Billy Wiltshire, Dan Stuart, Antonios Mamandras, Mark Cohen, Lun Wang** and former program director **Ed Yen**. Saturday evening there was a buffet dinner at the Assiniboia Downs race track. The highlight was the running of race number 4, the "Graduate Orthodontic Ruby Anniversary Stakes." It was, indeed, a fitting end to the celebration and another memorable milestone in the history of our program.

Our first-year residents also completed their Diagnosis and Treatment Planning exam with external examiners from our alumni ranks: Drs. **Antonios Mamandras, Dan Stuart, Lun Wang, Terry Carlyle** as well as **Gerry Solomon**, who is visiting the program as a representative of and president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists. Congratulations to our first-year residents, Drs. **Magda Folwarczna, Nick Karaikos** and **James Noble**, on their successful completion of the exam.

At this time our third-year residents are defending their theses and wrapping up their clinical and didactic requirements for their degree completion in June. We will be saying good-bye to Drs. **Susan Tsang** and **Amani Morra** who will practice in Winnipeg and to Dr. **Sonia laPointe** who will practice in Montreal. Our best wishes to all three of you. Needless to say, we will miss our "three rosebuds!"

We also will be bidding farewell to Dr. **Bruce McFarlane** as a part-time instructor, and we thank him for his energy and dedication over the past years. We welcome back Dr. **Susan Lukas** and are pleased to welcome aboard

Drs. **Babette Cohen** and **Jeff Bales**, who will be joining the part-time teaching ranks of our program. Dedicated part-timers are the life-blood of our clinical teaching program and I wish to thank again all our part-time orthodontists for their unselfish labor of love, their caring and friendship.

We had three articles in the first 2006 issue of *Seminars in Orthodontics* and a paper in the March issue of the *AJO/DO* by Drs. **Chris Lavalle, Ben Nemeth, Susan Tsang** and **Billy Wiltshire**. Dr. Tsang also presented her research at the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas and was honored to receive second place in the Travel Award AAO/GAC competition. Congratulations, Susan!

Lecturing at the Dentofacial Orthopedics and Development Conference in Chicago in June are Drs. **Billy Wiltshire** and **James Noble**, and making the trip to the European Orthodontic Society in Vienna, Austria, to present research presentations are Drs. **Billy Wiltshire, Nick Karaikos, Christie Laberge** and **Roberto Porras**.

Another milestone for our program this year is that we will be qualifying our 100th orthodontist since the inception of the program. Our graduates have gone on to practice in Canada and the U.S.A., Australia, Ireland, Norway, Columbia, Taiwan and the U.A.E.

The graduate chairs and deans of the five dental schools with graduate orthodontic programs in Canada recently met in Whistler, B.C., at the invitation of 3M/Unitek to discuss the current crisis in North America and, particularly, Canada in the area of recruitment and retention of full-time staff members in orthodontics. This one-day meeting served to identify the problems from a Canadian perspective and involve the deans in finding appropriate solutions to the problems. It was determined that the problems are not unique to orthodontics, and under-funding of programs is the main cause of the crisis. Unique ways of identifying greater levels of self-sufficiency of orthodontic programs will need to be found if programs are to survive.

Best wishes from Manitoba, Canada.

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University of Minnesota

For the second year in a row we have had one of our full-time faculty receive an Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award from the AAOF. Last year Dr. **Jim Miller** received such an award, and this year Dr. **L. Suzan Ekim** received the Eugene E. West Memorial Fellowship Award. We are pleased to have these quality

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young faculty as an integral part of our program and hope to have them around for years to come.

Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** ('06) presented her research as part of the Resident Scholars Program at the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas. Her research is entitled, *Molecular Mechanisms of Mandibular Distraction Osteogenesis and the Role of PTH*. Once again, all of the residents were able to travel to the AAO meeting supported by the Orthodontic Residents Endowment. We continue to be grateful for the tremendous alumni support of this endowment fund as it allows travel to several meetings for all residents during their time in the program.

Dr. **Gerry Samson** spent some time with our residents during a visit to the Twin Cities in March. Dr. **Bob Scholz** also was a recent visitor as part of our ongoing efforts to move into the digital world for imaging and record keeping.

Dr. **Brent Larson**, Program Director, traveled to Australia in April as an invited speaker to the Australian Society of Orthodontists meeting in Melbourne.

With 78 attendees and 41 alumni, the 13th reunion of University of Minnesota graduates at the AAO meeting in Las Vegas was another extremely successful event.

Dr. **Patrick Lloyd**, dean of the dental school, also was in attendance.

The Class of 2006 is very diverse in its practice plans. Dr.



U of Minnesota reunion in Las Vegas

Anthony Bonavoglia is planning to practice in Maryland; Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** is moving back to Bismarck, North Dakota; Dr. **Stephen Hunsaker** and his family are looking forward to returning to Arizona to practice; Dr. **Jessica Knorr** is planning to practice with her father, Dr. **Tom Inglis** (Class of '80), in Hutchinson, Minnesota; Dr. **Brandon Owen** is looking at practice opportunities in Colorado; and Dr. **Ching-Chang Ko** has accepted a faculty position as Associate Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It seems wherever you go in the country – or the world – there will be a Minnesota-trained orthodontist nearby!

The departing Class of 2006 is being replaced by the incoming Class of 2008. Drs. **Rick Fuchs**, **Oana Honey**, **Lindsay Schuster**, **Robert Taylor**, **Scott Wenande** and **Sunny Leong** make up this diverse class. We expect great things from them as they begin their orthodontic careers.

We welcome any alumni or friends to stop by and visit when they are in Minneapolis!

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

The second-year students have their plans in motion for their lives post-graduation. Dr. **Don Sanchez** will become the first post-graduate director at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. As a second-year student, he represented our department at the AAO resident research competition with his presentation on the effects of topical fluorides on the tie-wing strength of porcelain brackets. Dr. **Dustin Burleson** is trying to determine where to establish his practice in the Kansas City area. Dr. **Brent Wood** plans to raise his three kids in Lawrence, Kansas, where he is locating his practice. Dr. **Mark Revels** has passed his Oklahoma orthodontic boards in preparation for joining both his wife and a practice in Tulsa.

The first-year residents, Drs. **Erin Jameson**, **Adam Saylor**, **Nellie Kim-Weroha** and **Shelley Kawamoto**, attended the Tweed course this spring. In addition to attending a number of other continuing education courses, they also heard guest speakers Drs. **Drew Fallon** and **Curt Marsh**, orthodontists in the Tri-Force Academy. Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** was a Hatton finalist at the AADR meetings this spring. Her research involved the role of the catenin gene in craniofacial development.

In addition to the residents, the faculty has been busy this year. Dr. **Scott Hamilton** did an outstanding job as scientific chair for the AAO Annual Session in Las Vegas. Dr. **Vance Dykhouse** has been very busy as president of the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. **Steve Billings** was nominated as the UMKC “Orthodontist of the Year” at the Midwest Dental Meeting this spring. Dr. **Katherine Kula** received notice of her promotion to full professor this summer.

Research which Dr. **Mike Ellis** ('05) started was presented by co-author Dr. **Dave Ries** at the AADR meeting in the spring. The research related to topical fluoride agents on orthodontic wire mechanical properties has been accepted for publication by *The Angle Orthodontist*, and Dr. Kula's article on lingual orthodontics also has been accepted for publication. A chapter on oral problems by Drs. Kula and **Stuart Josell** was just published in the 4th edition of

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Oski's *Pediatrics: Principles and Practice*.

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University of Nebraska

In February 2006 Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeffrey Nickel** presented at the Georgia Section of the AADR, in Augusta, Georgia, and Dr. **Peter Spalding** attended two continuing education courses.

Drs. Nickel and Iwasaki received notice in February 2006 of support from the National Institutes of Health for their study, *Effects of Gender and TMD on Mandibular Mechanics*. Their three-year study will be funded at the level of more than \$1.4 million.

During the March 2006 Joint Annual Session of the ADEA and AADR in Orlando, Florida, Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel presented research. Dr. Spalding finished his year as Chair of the Section of Orthodontics and moderated a program given by Dr. **Wally Hannum** entitled, *Research into Educational Use of Distance Learning in Orthodontics*.

Dr. **Rebecca Hohl** ('04) presented a seminar to

residents the regarding opening a new office; Dr. **G.**

Thomas Kluemper, presented a lecture to faculty members and post-graduate residents on palatal implants; and Dr. **Marcos Lenza** from the University of Goias School of Dentistry, Brazil, presented a lecture to faculty, staff and students at the College of Dentistry.

During February, Drs. **Jeff Chandler** and **Ben Thornton** presented research posters at the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum in Omaha. At the 39th Annual Student Scientific Program held in conjunction with the College of Dentistry Professional's Day in March, Dr. Chandler received second place in the Graduate category for his research poster. Dr. Thornton also presented a research poster.

All of our orthodontic residents attended the American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session in Las Vegas in May. The first-year residents presented a clinical poster and the second-year residents presented research posters and ABO case displays.

New residents Drs. **Jarom Sauble** (Temple University), **Elizabeth Sheldon** (Nebraska) and **Steven Swenson** (Iowa) will join our program on July 1.

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at the Fellow level of \$50,000. Also, there are 183 individuals who have made a commitment to the Keystone Society and have included the Foundation in their estate plans.

The focus for this funding round of the Awards Program will continue to support "junior faculty" (i.e., Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards, Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards and Biomedical Research Awards) and collaborative projects (Center Awards).

The Board has determined that there will be no funding available in 2007 for any of the other announced categories, which include Program Awards, Educational Innovation Awards, Research Aid Awards or Gifts in Support of Orthodontic Education.

Awards Materials are expected to be available online either through the AAO Web site (www.AAOmembers.org) or the AAOF Web site (www.aaofoundation.net) by July 1. Since 1994, the AAOF has designated approximately \$5.8 million in awards to benefit orthodontic education and research with 92 Ortho-

dontic Faculty Development Awards and 137 Research Awards being given.

Awarded for the first time at the 2006 Annual Session in Las Vegas was the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Eugene** and **Pauline Blair** making them the first recipients of the award named in their honor. The AAOF Board of Directors established this highly prestigious award at its spring meeting to recognize those who have "made exceptional contributions to the furtherance of the mission and goals of the Foundation." It will be awarded on an "as appropriate" basis. A very well deserved congratulations goes to the Blairs for their continued support of the AAOF.

If you need any further information on making a pledge or considering membership in the Keystone Society, please contact Robert Hazel at 800/424-2841.

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2006 MSO Annual Session in St. Louis

Reserve September 15-17 to meet in St. Louis for the 2006 MSO Annual Session. The meeting planned to "Show Me Excellence" will be held at the Hyatt Regency at Union Station, located within walking distance of the new Busch Stadium. Members are encouraged to bring their entire family as there will be a number of exciting social events for doctors, staff and family members.

More information is listed in the President's Report on page 2 and a listing of speakers can be found on the back page. In addition, all of the information can be found on the MSO Web site at www.msortho.org.

During the meeting, the MSO will recognize Dr. **Kenneth C. Marshall** with the 2006 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award, MSO's annual service award. This award recognizes a person who exemplifies the ideals

of the orthodontic profession, community and family and has made exemplary contributions to the art and science of orthodontics.



Kenneth C. Marshall

Dr. Marshall founded the Saint Louis University Graduate Department of Orthodontics in 1947 and served as its director for many years. Through great personal effort, Dr. Marshall saved the Graduate Department of Orthodontics when the Saint Louis University Dental School closed in 1971.

Dr. Marshall has left a positive imprint on our specialty and on hundreds of his students who are practicing around the world.

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Fellowship Award; Dr. **Maria Isabel Atique**, Saint Louis University, who received the Willie and Earl Shepard Fellowship Award; Dr. **Dawai Liu**, Marquette University, who received the Robert M. Ricketts Sunflower Orthodontics Fellowship Award; and Dr. **Luciana A. Miranda Van Wesyen**, University of Iowa, who received the Michael Matlof Memorial Teaching Fellowship Award.

- Thank you to Dr. **James McCulley**, Fargo, North Dakota, for serving as North Dakota's editor for the *MSO Newsletter* and his successor, Dr. **Ryan West**, also from Fargo, for agreeing to serve.
- Thank you to Dr. **Michael Callan**, Clinton, Iowa, for serving as Iowa's representative on the MSO Membership Committee and his successor, Dr. **Bradley Jones**, Spirit Lake, Iowa, for agreeing to serve.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Stephen Litton**, Golden Valley, Minnesota, for receiving the President's Award from the Minnesota Dental Association.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Katherine Kula**, Kansas City, Missouri, upon her promotion to full professor.
- Thanks to Drs. **John Kanyusik**, Mankato, Minnesota and **Brent Larson**, Minneapolis, for serving on reference committees at the House of Delegates.

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year in Las Vegas with those attending having been selected as "experienced" orthodontic assistants who will help to train those who attend one of these special "hands-on" training sessions in the future. Currently, these hands-on retreats can be obtained at the Academy and at the AAO Annual Session. It is our hope that they also will be available to constituent and component organizations as the participation increases. I have used this online course in my own office to help with the basic understanding of orthodontics. It is excellent for new hires, long-term employees who need an "update" and for cross-training front desk staff to be aware of clinical issues.

For more information and to sign up for the course, go to www.aaomembers.org and click on the "Staff Training" headline. If you have specific questions or just want to speak with a "real person," call either **Ann Sebaugh** or **Anita Craig** at the AAO (800/424-2841).

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

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“Show Me Excellence” by keeping up-to-date on the latest techniques and information by networking with attending orthodontists, staff and exhibitors and participating in presentations featuring:

Doctor Presentations

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 Dr. Michael Williams • Dr. Jim McNamara
 Dr. Eustaquio (Tako) Araujo • Mr. Donald Lewis
 Dr. Jason Cope • Dr. Ron Roncone
 Dr. David Sarver • Dr. Gerald Samson • Mr. Bill Sutton

Staff Presentations

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