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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dr. Richard Boyd, Jr., President SWSO

Hello SWSO Members:

Registration for the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO) Meeting in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on October 25 to 28, 2012 is well underway. Dr. Justin Power and his committee are putting the final touches on what is sure to be a fantastic time for all who attend. Our theme is “TEAMWORK: Common Goals, Uncommon Results.” Remember, bring your staff members. We have planned the entire meeting around team building and stay through noon on Sunday because The FISH Philosophy speaker will send us home to create energetic, unified, and successful work environments. Fill out and send in your official SWSO registration materials and make a hotel reservation now.

See you in Oklahoma City, October 25 to 28, 2012.

TRUSTEE REPORT

Dr. Ken Dillehay, SWSO Trustee to the AAO

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Trustee. It is an honor and a privilege to represent your interests and your desires to the Board of Trustees (BOT). I want to use this message to update you on some important information and actions that are occurring at the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO).

Hawaii is a wonderful place to hold an AAO annual session, and for all of those that attended, most all would say that it was worth the trip. Consideration is under way to return to Hawaii for the 2022 Annual Meeting. If

you have thoughts about Hawaii as a meeting location, please share them with me, as that decision is likely to be finalized during the next 9-12 months.

The AAO completed a successful House of Delegates (HOD) meeting in Hawaii and many resolutions were debated and actions taken. I want to call your attention to two hold-over resolutions that will require action in the future. First, the HOD requested a request for proposal (RFP) be completed to determine a consultant, selected from among the RFPs by the BOT for consideration at the 2013 HOD. The purpose of this consultant, if approved by the 2013 HOD, would provide the House with information needed to determine whether or not to move forward with the AAO Credit Union. Secondly, the HOD directed the BOT to select a consultant “with expertise in association management and governance to study AAO’s governance structure with the goal of maintaining relevance in the face of a changing membership demographic and marketplace.” A report to the ad interim meetings and a final report is due at the 2013 HOD.

Dr. Glenn’s wonderful planning session in Santa Fe New Mexico in June was facilitated by Dr. Bob Frazer. The BOT discussed leadership styles and the use of “emotional intelligence” as leaders of the AAO. The BOT developed a draft “vision” statement, discussed “applied strategic planning” and conducted a “strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT)” review that identified issues for current and future planning purposes. The goal is to match our five-year “vision” to our established critical issues and goals incorporated in our existing strategic plan.

Over this past summer, a BOT committee has been assigned to review the AAO-AAOMR-CBCT position statement. The AAO has asked the communities of interest for their feedback, and o’ boy, did we hear your message loud and clear about the guidelines and recommendations included in the “**draft**” report. So, if you reviewed the document and commented, thank you for your time and interest. The full BOT will review the recommendations of the BOT committee at the September Board meeting.

Finally, the issue of Medicaid orthodontics in Texas is a problem. There is plenty of blame to go around and many current patients are “caught in the middle.” Since this is a state issue, the AAO is grappling with how to advocate on our members’ behalf. There was a Federal Oversight Committee that heard testimony earlier this year on Medicaid fraud and Patton-Boggs, our Washington Governmental Affairs consultant, represented AAO. The AAO will provide spokesman training the upcoming BOT meeting in September for doctors located in major media markets. I have spoken with several of you and am open to communicate any suggestions that you may have to the BOT. Please don’t hesitate to contact me.

I want to make sure that you are aware of four important events in the future. The 2013 Professional Advocacy Conference will be held in Washington D.C. on January 28-30. If you have an interest in attending or you have a legislative contact, please let Scott Hamilton our representative to the Council on Governmental Affairs, Kevin Dillard, our AAO general counsel, or me know of your interest. Secondly, the AAO Mid-Winter Conference in Palm Desert will occur February 8-10, 2013. Registration opens September 10th and the title of the conference is, “A Collaborative Approach for Today’s Patient-Orthodontists and Periodontists Working Together.” Lastly, a limited attendance conference of 75 participants, primarily residents and members in practice less than 10 years, will assemble on February 7th, immediately prior to the Mid-Winter meeting, to discuss the topic, “Young Leaders in Orthodontics: Shaping a Vision for the Profession.” The goal of this is to set a course to meet the needs of members over the next five years. Registration for the 2013 Annual Session, “The Key to Excellence,” will open October 1st and will be held May 3-7 in Philadelphia. Please help spread the word about these conferences. I hope to see you at one or more of them!

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve as your SWSO Trustee. If you have any questions or want to become involved in the AAO, please don’t hesitate to contact me at (316) 683-6518 or at ken@toothmovers.org

REPORT FROM THE AAO PRESIDENT-ELECT

Dr. Gayle Glenn, President-Elect of AAO

After eight years as your SWSO Trustee, I am honored and privileged to serve as the President-Elect of the AAO. The highlight of the summer was attending the European Orthodontic Society Congress in Santiago de Compostela, Spain in June. International membership has the greatest potential for growth of all AAO membership classifications. John Buzzatto, AAO President, Chris Vranas, AAO Executive Director, and I promoted the benefits of AAO International membership for both practicing orthodontists and students during the meeting.

In August, I attended my first Graduate Orthodontic Residents Program (GORP) meeting in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Once again, the purpose was to promote AAO membership to the students who attended. The event had a record number of attendees and was well organized by the residents at the University of Michigan Orthodontic Program. Other SWSO members who attended included Justin Power, who gave a presentation on behalf of the Council of New and Younger Members, and Larson Keso who represented the World Federation of Orthodontists. Merleen Holman represented the AAO central office and has an excellent rapport with the students. She is a wonderful contact for them as they transition from student membership to active membership after graduation.

Relationships with general dentists and other healthcare professionals continue to be important to the AAO. We meet regularly with the American Dental Association (ADA) and other organizations of general dentists and dental specialists, including the Dental Specialty Group (DSG). I attended the August 9, 2012 meeting of ADA and AAO Officers and Executive Directors, which was very productive and marks a continuing improvement in our relationship with the ADA. We discussed shared advocacy issues, the recent ADA governance audit, and membership trends including collaboration with corporate dentistry. Representatives from the AAO Board of Trustees will attend the ADA Annual Session in San Francisco October 18-23, 2012. A dessert reception will be hosted by the AAO on Friday, October 19, serving ice cream and cordials, at the Marriott Marquis San Francisco Hotel.

As AAO President-Elect, I will attend the Canadian Association of Orthodontists meeting in Ottawa, Ontario and the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists (MASO) meeting in Baltimore in September. In October, I will attend the ADA Annual Session in San Francisco and our SWSO meeting in Oklahoma City. Then in November, I will attend the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists (NESO) meeting in New York City.

For the last three years, the AAO and 21 other dental organizations have participated in the National Roundtable for Dental Collaboration. An outcome of this collaboration was the development and distribution of a message intended to improve the oral health of children. Our dental campaign is called “Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives”, which made its debut in August 2012 via electronic and print media. I will represent the AAO at the next meeting of the National Roundtable in January 2013.

OTHER NEWS:

The 2013 Professional Advocacy Conference will be held January 28-30, 2013 in Washington, D.C. If you have legislative contacts or are interested in attending the conference, please contact our COGA representative, Scott Hamilton, or Kevin Dillard at the AAO.

Registration will open on September 10th for the AAO Mid-Winter Conference “A Collaborative Approach for Today’s Patient—Orthodontists and Periodontists Working Together”. This conference is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) and will be held February 8-10, 2013 in Palm Desert, California. Program information is available to AAO and AAP members at www.AAOinfo.org.

“Young Leaders in Orthodontics: Shaping a Vision for the Profession” will convene in Palm Desert on February 7, 2013, prior to the Mid-Winter Conference. Attendance is limited to 75 participants. Priority will be given to residents and those members in practice 10 years or less. Interested persons should contact Julie Sutter at the AAO.

Registration will open October 1st for the 113th AAO Annual Session to be held May 3-7, 2013 in Philadelphia. The theme of the meeting will be “The Key to Excellence.” Online registration is easy to use, convenient, and guarantees the fastest confirmation of your registration and housing.

Nominations are currently being accepted for the AAO Humanitarian Award. AAO constituent and component organizations and individual members are eligible to submit nominations. The award is designed to recognize significant contributions to improve the quality of human life that extend beyond the usual scope of private practice, academic functions or organized dentistry. Two letters of nomination and the nominee’s CV or resume must be mailed to the AAO by March 2013. A monetary award of \$1,500 will be given to the recipient to cover travel and room expenses to attend the award ceremony at the AAO Annual Session.

Plans are now underway for the 2014 AAO Annual Session to be held in New Orleans. Mel DeSoto will serve as General Chair of the meeting. Other members of the Planning Committee include Doctors’ Program Co-chairs Peter Sinclair and David Sarver, Staff Program Co-chairs Dean Jensen and Sarah Pollan, Featured Speaker Series Chair Mark Felton, and Local Arrangements Chair Carol Stuckey. We will need additional members of the planning committee in the future, so please contact me if you would like to help.

If you have any questions about the AAO, or if you want to become more involved in activities that impact our specialty, please contact me at 214-696-3082 (work) or 214-520-2481 (home).

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON INSURANCE

Dr. Larson R. Keso, SWSO Representative to COI

The Council on Insurance (COI) met in St. Louis 23 June 2012. All members, trustee and staff liaison were in attendance. New York Life reported a six months operating loss of \$1,772,609. Their analysis suggests the program warrants an 11% premium increase. Due to Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) constraints New York Life Insurance Company (NYLIC) recommended a 9.9% increase for the major medical cover effective 1 October 2012. The council accepted the recommendation.

The “20 hours week” underwriting requirement to apply for life insurance has been removed. The maximum limit of \$15,000 monthly total disability limit has been increased to \$20,000. NYLIC predicts these changes will make the plans more attractive and competitive.

Aon Affinity, plan broker and marketer, presented the marketing plan for the new Cyber Liability program.

The COI, in collaboration with the Council on Orthodontic Practice, will present a webinar on Cyber Liability risk/solutions in September 2012.

Other Actions:

1. Directed Affinity to develop an electronic newsletter for regular distribution to members
2. Requested time during the 2013 annual session and thereafter for an annual insurance seminar. The request has since been granted.
3. Engage Guy Carpenter to continue to investigate availability of reinsurance for the disability and term life plans including catastrophic stop loss coverage.
4. Due to adverse loss history, no dividends will be paid this year.
5. Requested the BOT to reconsider the decision to limit COI to one face-to-face meeting 2012-2013.

The next meeting of the COI will be 19 January 2013 via phone or teleconference if request #5 above is denied.

My term on the COI will end at the 2013 AAO Annual Session. Any member with experience in, education about, or strong interest in business/insurance /related fields is encouraged to submit a letter of interest with qualifications to Judy Salisbury, SWSO Executive Director. jsalisbury00@gmail.com

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS

Dr. G. Frans Currier, SWSO Representative to COSA

The Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA) held a meeting on May 4, 2012 at the AAO Annual Session. This meeting was to review COSA members' assignments for the 2012 Annual Session. During Annual Session, COSA members judged 33 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations and 42 Table Clinic presentations. COSA members moderated 24 Oral Research presentations; 389 E-Posters were available for viewing during Annual Session.

Applications are being accepted for the 2013 Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award, and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit. Applications for these awards can be obtained from all program/department chairs of ADA and California Dental Association (CDA)-accredited orthodontic programs. The application can also be found on the AAO website: <http://www.aaomembers.org/mtgs/upload/2013-Hellman-Sicher-Award-Application-FINAL.doc>. The application deadline is October 15, 2012.

The COSA is now accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics, and E-Posters at the 2013 AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia. The online application link is <http://ww5.aievolution.com/aa01301/>. The application deadline is October 15, 2012. Accepted Oral Research presenters will be asked to pre-register for the meeting by February 1, 2013 so COSA can plan the presentations more accurately.

The COSA chair for 2012-2013 is Dr. Frans Currier. Dr. Flavio Uribe has joined the council representing NESO. COSA's next meeting is January 4, 2013 via video conferencing and teleconferencing.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Dr. Scott D. Hamilton, SWSO Representative to COGA

The AAO Council on Governmental Affairs met at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC from 1:00 pm until 3:50 pm on Tuesday, June 26, 2012.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Mr. Jonas discussed the impending Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act. Once the decision is final, Patton Boggs will draft a statement for the *eBulletin* providing the impact it will have on AAO members.

PBS Frontline, an investigative journalism news show, is running an hour-long program this evening regarding the dental crisis in America. The show is expected to focus on corporate dentistry practices, which are believed to be driving excess utilization and over-treatment of patients. There will likely be some congressional interest as a result of the show.

Ms. Black provided input on the following issues:

- *Senate Bill 1878* - would grant funds to professional dentists to provide pro-bono care to eligible low-income individuals. There are currently 30 health related groups on the list, but no movement to date. It was noted that the AAO has not been approached by the Organized Dental Coalition to sign on.

- *Medical Device Tax* - The House passed legislation to repeal the Medical Device Tax; however, prospects for passage in the Senate are not good, and President Obama has issued a veto threat. No movement is expected until the Internal Revenue Service releases the final regulations.
- *Comprehensive Dental Reform Act* - provides alternative dental health care provider participation in prisons, as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of Defense.
- *Sunshine Act* - AAO has submitted its comments to the Department of Health and Human Services. The final ruling is expected later this year.

2013 Annual Session Speaker

The COGA discussed several issues that the Board of Trustees' requested it examine relative to its request to add \$50,000 to the budget for the purpose of securing a well-known speaker in government affairs for the 2013 Annual Session.

By consensus, the Council decided to forego an event during the 2013 Annual Session, and will request that those funds be utilized for other purposes.

Midlevel Providers

Dr. Inman distributed an article written by Dr. Michael Flynn, President-Elect of the Minnesota Dental Association, entitled *What is the Dental Therapist in Minnesota*. Dr. Lien provided an overview of the program and explained the differences between the Dental Therapist program at the University of Minnesota and the Advanced Dental Therapist program at the state community college. Practice is limited to settings that serve low-income, uninsured and underserved patients or in an area where there is a shortage of dentists.

Portability of Licensure

Dr. McCamish reported that both Council on Orthodontic Practice and COGA agreed this is a state's rights issue, and that the AAO refrain from taking a position. The Board of Trustees voted not to sign on to the letter as requested by the Florida Association of Orthodontists.

2013 Professional Advocacy Conference

It was suggested that the Planning Committee for the 2013 Professional Advocacy Conference consider hiring Tripp Frolichstein to train conference attendees for their meetings on Capitol Hill.

RAP Index Presentation

The COGA discussed the presentation made by Rap Index and various ways the service could be of value to the AAO in terms of its advocacy program. The Council feels it is worth consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Council on Governmental affairs.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON ORTHODONTIC HEALTHCARE

Dr. Stephen Robirds, SWSO Representative to COHC

“ The times they are a’changing” ...That verse from a 1960’s song could not be more true today for the profession of orthodontics in general, and the role of the COHC specifically. At our July council meeting, held at the AAO headquarters in St. Louis, changes to the committees within the council were approved as some new ones were created and old ones were eliminated.

CONSULTANT

Much discussion was held as to the importance of the COHC consultant’s continued work with the Dental Insurance Industry, monitoring any changes proposed in orthodontic coding of procedural claims, communicating with Human Resource managers, or sharing with other specialties within the dental profession. It is the council’s hope that the BOT decides to continue to allow the use of the consultant.

ORTHODONTIC CODING AND CLAIMS

Since the ADA has radically altered the makeup and procedures of the Code Revision Committee (CRC), the COHC has been observing very carefully the effect of these changes. First and foremost is the ADA’s code resource manual (The CDT) will be issued yearly now as opposed to every other year. Input is allowed from the different specialties on any code changes pertaining to them and also from the dental payers, but final decisions are made behind closed doors with the CRC giving its input to the Council on Dental Benefits, which will then issue the final changes for the new CDT book. COHC’s initial reaction to the change in the process is positive, especially in light of how poorly the previous CRC’s functioned.

A lot of coding information has been put into a New Member Packet, which, considering how many new members we seem to be getting, would be useful to obtain. The information includes:

1. National Insurance Guide
2. AAO at a glance guide to CDT coding
3. Frequently asked coding questions
4. Articles on evaluation of Provider agreements
5. Article on claims submission
6. Coordination of Benefit information
7. Prompt Payment statutes by state

Discussion with the ADA was proposed concerning the elimination of check boxes #40-42 on the ADA claim form because they identify an orthodontic claim which could be used give orthodontic coverage to a non-orthodontic procedure (i.e. extractions) and reduce the coverage for actual orthodontic treatment.

ACCESS TO CARE

COHC is going to work with the American Cleft Palate Association on compiling a code resource for orthodontically treating patients with craniofacial anomalies

The AAO Access to Care Task Force is looking to expand beyond the original five states. Funding mechanisms are being put into place and the next states to come on board are being determined. The program now collects \$200 from each new patient as a requirement for treatment (except of course for special circumstances) and to give them a little ‘skin in the game’ so to speak. The goal is to be nationwide in the next 5-7 years.

MEDICAID FRAUD IN TEXAS

It has been making national headlines (page 2 of the first section of the Aug. 20th issue of the *Wall Street Journal*). COHC had a conference call with Dr. Christine Ellis (orthodontist in the Dallas/Fort Worth area), who gave testimony before Congress on the situation. As a result of our conversation with her and much discussion, the COHC voted to send two recommendations to the BOT concerning the matter. These will be forthcoming in future communications as they have not yet been sent before the BOT.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Barry Briss concludes term as president of The American Board of Orthodontics

Dr. Barry Briss of Boston, Mass., has completed his term as president of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO). This event was held in conjunction with the 2012 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The ABO is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association (ADA) and sponsored by the AAO. Board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers as to orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The passage of the examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

Each ABO director represents one of the eight constituent organizations of the AAO and serves an eight-year term, which culminates in the position of the president. The ABO directors are responsible for establishing policy with regard to the board certification of specialists in orthodontics. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Briss represented the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists (NESO).

“It has been a great privilege and honor to serve as a director of The American Board of Orthodontics and with the other seven directors of the Board,” Dr. Briss said. “Serving on the Board has provided me with the unique and special opportunity to make a difference and to carry on the legacy of the founding fathers of the Board and those who preceded me to this position. During my eight-year tenure on the Board, there have been remarkable changes in the certification process. As we move ahead into the future, my personal hope is that all newly graduated residents from ADA-recognized advanced education programs in orthodontics will become fully certified.”

Dr. Briss attended Boston Latin School (the oldest public school in the United States, which was established in 1635) after which he earned his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts in 1963. He earned his DMD from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston in 1966. Following his service as a dentist in the U.S. Navy Reserve, Dr. Briss earned his certificate in orthodontics from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston in 1970. Except for a 12-year break in service to the orthodontic program, he has held a faculty position in the Department of Orthodontics since his graduation from the program. Currently, he is professor, chairman and director of the postdoctoral orthodontic program at Tufts. He has been chairman of the department since 1998. Dr. Briss also maintained a private orthodontic practice in the Boston area for nearly 32 years.

Dr. Briss, who has been an ABO Diplomate since 1984, served as the ABO liaison to the AAO Council on Orthodontic Education and the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure. From 2004 to 2010, Dr. Briss served as a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation Orthodontic Review Committee, and he was the ABO liaison to this same committee from 2004 to 2008. Dr. Briss, a member of NESO, has served on the NESO Executive Committee since 2003. He is a past president of Angle East, a component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, and past president of the Tufts Association of Orthodontists. He is a fellow of

the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists. He is a member of the AAO, the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics and the American Academy of Dental Science. In 2010, he received the Frederick Moynihan Award for Distinguished Service in Orthodontics from the Massachusetts Association of Orthodontists. He has been a member of the Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine National Dental Honor Society, since 2000.

Dr. Scott Jamieson installed as president of The American Board of Orthodontics

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) installed Dr. Scott Jamieson of Marquette, Mich., as president May 8 during the ABO President's Dinner. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Jamieson has represented the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO).

"It is incumbent upon each one of us as orthodontists to promote excellence, not only in our profession but also in our practices," Dr. Jamieson said. "We are ethically obligated to protect the public who seek our orthodontic care, and must always strive to be the 'best we can be.' We must commit to being a lifelong student both academically and clinically."

Dr. Jamieson earned his DDS from the Northwestern University School of Dentistry in 1972. He specialized in orthodontics, graduating with his master's degree from the Northwestern University School of Dentistry in 1974. He served as a staff orthodontist in the U.S. Navy from 1974 to 1976. He is an adjunct assistant clinical professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Marquette University School of Dentistry in Milwaukee, Wis., and is in private practice in Marquette, Mich. He is a past president of the GLAO, the Michigan Association of Orthodontists and the Superior District Dental Society. A Diplomate of the ABO since 1991, Dr. Jamieson is a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics; he is also a member of the AAO. He has served as a GLAO delegate and/or alternate delegate to the AAO House of Delegates and has served on the AAO Council on Orthodontic Practice and the AAO Council on Orthodontic Health Care. He also served on the Michigan State Board of Dental Examiners and was a member of the Michigan State Board of Dentistry. He is an ordained permanent deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Marquette and serves as the Director to the Office of the Permanent Diaconate/Catholic Diocese of Marquette. He is an active member of the St. Peter Cathedral Parish in Marquette.

The American Board of Orthodontics installs Dr. Marvin Kastrop as president-elect

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) installed Dr. Marvin Kastrop of Billings, Mont., as president-elect May 8 during the ABO President's Dinner. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Kastrop has represented the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists (RMSO).

"The ABO has given me the best opportunity to serve the profession that has been so good to me," Dr. Kastrop said. "Furthering the goals of excellence in our profession is a source of great interest and pride for me. I am truly humbled, honored and grateful to serve with the fine individuals of the ABO."

Dr. Kastrop earned his DDS from the Baylor College of Dentistry in 1968 and pursued his postdoctoral education in orthodontics at The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston (UTDB). He earned his master's degree from UTDB in 1973. Dr. Kastrop has maintained a private orthodontic practice in Billings since 1973. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists; a Diplomate of the ABO; and a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, the AAO, the RMSO, the Montana State Orthodontic Society, the Ninth District Dental Society, and Angle Southwest, a component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, among other organizations. He is a past president of the RMSO, the Montana State Orthodontic Society and the Ninth District Dental Society. He has been involved with the Montana Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped since 2002. He is a member of the Billings West Rotary and served as a youth court judge for 30 years.

Dr. Nicholas Barone elected to serve as a director of The American Board of Orthodontics

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House of Delegates elected Dr. Nicholas Barone of North Providence, R.I., to serve as a director of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) on Friday, May 4. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Barone will represent the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists. He replaces Dr. Barry Briss of Boston, Mass., who is the immediate past president of the ABO.

Dr. Barone earned his DDS from the Georgetown University School of Dentistry in 1975 and earned his certificate in orthodontics from the Medical College of Virginia at the Virginia Commonwealth University in 1977. Dr. Barone has maintained a private orthodontic practice in North Providence since 1977. Dr. Barone has been active in numerous dental and orthodontic organizations. He is a past president of the AAO Foundation, the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists, the Rhode Island Dental Association, the Rhode Island Association of Orthodontists, and the Providence District Dental Society. Dr. Barone served on the Rhode Island Senate Oral Health Commission from 2000 to 2004. He is also a member of the Angle East Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He is a fellow of the International College of Dentists and a Diplomate of the ABO.

Dr. Barone has also been involved in numerous philanthropic activities, including the Edward H. Angle Heritage Campaign, the Rhode Island Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped and the Rhode Island Dental Association Foundation.

The American Board of Orthodontics installs Dr. Paul Castelein as secretary-treasurer

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) installed Dr. Paul Castelein of Princeton, Ill., as secretary-treasurer May 8 during the ABO President's Dinner. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Castelein has represented the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

“Orthodontics has provided me with many opportunities, and serving as a director to the American Board of Orthodontics has offered me the ability to give back to the profession in a very satisfying way,” Dr. Castelein said. “As members of a governing board, we have developed trusting interpersonal relationships and mutual respect for one another, which allows us to advance the cause of orthodontics. We have become a true working family.”

Dr. Castelein earned his DDS from Loyola University in 1966 and then served in the U.S. Navy, attached to the U.S. Marine Corps, for two years. After his military service, Dr. Castelein spent two years teaching clinical dentistry and then pursued his postdoctoral education in orthodontics at Northwestern University, earning his master's degree in 1972. Dr. Castelein has maintained a private orthodontic practice in Princeton since 1972. Dr. Castelein is a past president of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists, the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, the Angle Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, and the Illinois Valley Dental Society. Dr. Castelein also served as a director to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists from 1992 to 1995. He is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, a Diplomate of the ABO, a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, and a fellow of the American College of Dentists and the World Federation of Orthodontists.

About the ABO

The ABO, founded in 1929, was the first specialty board in dentistry. It is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and sponsored by the American Association of Orthodontists. The primary purpose of the ABO is to elevate the level of orthodontic care for the public by encouraging excellence in clinical practice and specialty education. In its mission statement, the ABO clearly defines four objectives: 1) to evaluate the knowledge and clinical skills of graduates of accredited orthodontic programs by conducting exams and conferring time-limited certificates; 2) to reevaluate clinical knowledge and skills through administration of recertification exams throughout a Diplomate's career; 3) to support the development of quality graduate, postgraduate and continuing-education programs in orthodontics; and 4) to promote and

encourage certification expertise throughout the world.

The certificate issued by the ABO signifies a certification of attainment. It does not confer any legal qualification, privilege, or license to practice orthodontics. It is not a professional or academic degree. In essence, board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers as to orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The passage of the examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

To learn more about the ABO, visit the website www.americanboardortho.com. The ABO's office and exam center are located in St. Louis, Mo.

NOTICE OF MEMBER DEATHS

Paul Wiegand passed away on August 31, 2012. We at SWSO send his family and friends our most sincere condolences for their loss.

If you have announcements for future newsletters, please contact the Editor of the SWSO Newsletter, Dr. Ben Burris [BenB@neasmiles.com] and please copy the Associate Editor, Ms. Caroline Jennermann [admin@healthscienceink.com].