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Message from our President

Dr. Clark Colville

As the spring edition of the SWSO newsletter arrives in your email, hopefully it finds all of our members enjoying a healthy start to 2015. While it is easy to think our association moves along with business as usual, there are plenty of significant things occurring in our SWSO region, as well as throughout the entire country. This newsletter has a number of articles that have been



2016 Annual Session

April 29 - May 03, 2016

Orlando FL

Orange County Convention Center



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Preview your meeting sessions.

Plan your visit to the Exhibit Hall.

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Receive live news from the meeting.

Post social media content.

And much more!..

Meeting Info

November 5-8, 2015

San Antonio Marriott River Center

San Antonio, TX

SATURDAY NIGHT TEXAS MUSIC FESTIVAL!!!

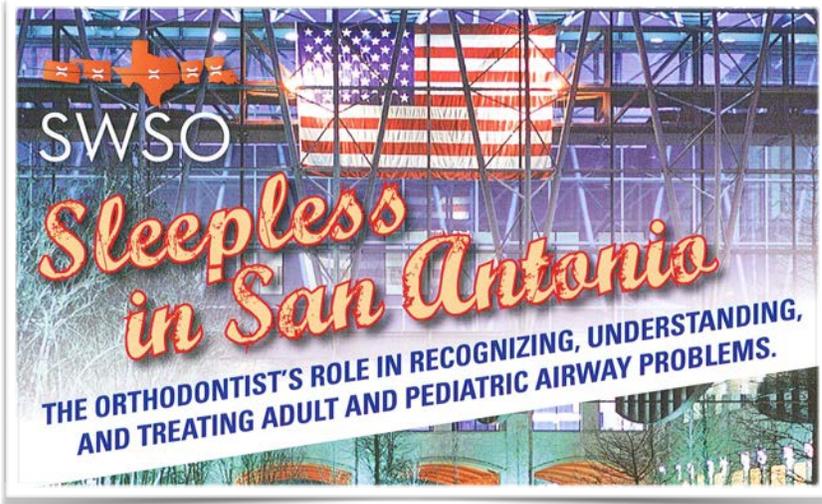
Including but not limited to:

LIVE BANDS, FOOD TRUCKS,
COLD BEER

BYOB (Bring your own Boots)

submitted by your representatives to various AAO Councils, Committees, Task Forces and related entities which can keep you apprised of all the details.

Please take a few minutes and scan through or read the articles that may be of interest to you. I am very proud of the group of volunteer members working on our behalf to help us maintain successful orthodontic practices, to provide exceptional orthodontic treatment for our patients, and to produce the highest quality orthodontic education to the residents in the programs residing within the SWSO.



And finally, please plan to attend our annual meeting in San Antonio on November 6-8 where we have put together a great program – Sleepless in San Antonio. The theme for this year's meeting will focus on the orthodontist's role in recognizing, understanding, and treating adult and pediatric airway problems. Our orthodontic speakers are Dr. J. C. Quintero and Dr. David Paquette. They will be joined by Dr. Jose Barrera, an ENT physician who will discuss surgical correction of airway problems, and Dr. Jeffrey Rouse who will provide his own personal experience in dealing with sleep disturbed breathing. I am most excited that we have a fantastic staff speaker, Mr. Bruce Christopher, who will be entertaining and informative. His motto is to laugh and learn at the same time. The Saturday night event is one that promises to be memorable. We are having a Texas Music Festival with a live country band, food trucks, and cold beer. Plan to bring your staff and have a great time on the Riverwalk in San Antonio!

My Life, My Smile, My Orthodontists App

The Council on Communications conducted a study to determine interest in a customizable app for www.mylifemysmile.org. The BOT approved a plan to move forward with this app at the November meeting.

The BOT also approved the creation of two videos that will showcase the unique relationship between the AAO member orthodontist and his/her patient.

AAOinfo.org Member Mobile App

The BOT approved the development of a mobile app for the AAO members.

This app will offer various features including a template for constituent's use and a meeting app for AAO annual session, winter conferences and constituent meetings. Details for constituents will be provided at a later date. In addition, the BOT approved the conversion of aainfo.org and mylifemysmile.org to a responsive design, which would make it possible for each site to be displayed properly, regardless of the type of device used to access them, i.e., iPad, iPhone, tablet, Android.

Please feel free to contact Dr. Ken Dillehay with any questions at (316) 683-6518 or ken@toothmovers.org



Message from our Trustee

Dr. J. Kendall Dillehay

Dear Friends,

This report includes some significant actions from this spring. I hope you will find this report relevant and succinct. If anyone has ideas on improving future reports, please share them with me. If you have any questions or want additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. The AAO Board is comprised of hard-working, informed and engaged individuals whose primary objective is to promote and support our profession at the highest standards. It is an honor and a privilege to represent the SWSO and to work alongside these individuals. Thank you for the opportunity.

The Council on Governmental Affairs has been busy **developing legislation** called the RAISE Act. HR 1185 restores the FSA back to \$5000 and includes a \$500 carry over provision in perpetuity. The bill, sponsored by Reps. Steve Stivers (R-OH) and Michelle Grisham (D-NM), also states that if the FSA holder has dependents (as defined by the IRS), he/she may deposit up to an additional \$500 for each dependent who is not independently eligible for an FSA through an employer. There are currently 26 co-sponsors and the AAO is having **our** bill scored to determine the loss of tax revenue in an effort to enlist more sponsors. Dean Jensen, our COGA representative, is available for additional questions.



The House of Delegates (HOD) passed two resolutions pertaining to the Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) at this year's annual session meeting in San Francisco. One resolution increases the national CAP program by \$1M per year for the next three years out of excess liquid reserves, and the other resolution provides matching grants to Components (states) for a local CAP program. Applications must go through the Component and use existing CAP developed materials. If you have questions, our



Council on Communications (COC) representative is Mike Ragan.

The other resolution of note from this year's HOD was to create a Component legislative network to provide legislative support for Components that are facing challenges in their individual statehouses. COGA and the Board are working out the application process. With all of the attention that has occurred in Texas recently, this network will prove to be invaluable in guiding the action of other states undergoing similar legislation.

55% of our active members attended the annual session in San Francisco, along with roughly 500 other doctors and 500 international members. A total of almost 17,000 attended the session. Ask anyone that attended, and they will tell you that it was awesome. Be on the lookout in August for early registration and housing for next year's meeting in Orlando Florida.

Dr. Poole and his planning committee have an outstanding program planned that will focus on family-friendly activities. Don't procrastinate in your decision-making process and have to shuttle in a long distance to enjoy the meeting.

At the July 2014 Board of Trustees Planning Session, we studied two years' worth of data that highlighted various trends that are changing the way our members practice as well as concerns impacting the AAO and the dental profession. A report was developed with a summary of trends, potential impact, and strategies. This report was scanned at the September BOT meeting and as a result, the AAO BOT recommended the following as AAO's "critical issues" to replace the critical issues in the current strategic plan. The definition of a critical issue is a trend that should have the leadership's focus as it may impact the organization dramatically over the next 1-3 years. While areas such as advocacy and practice management have been "critical" over the past few years, these concerns have become part of our ongoing goals and will continue to have a focus. These critical issues were adopted in this year's strategic plan in San Francisco.

Proposed New Critical Issues

1. Maintain relevance to all members by providing AAO programs and services to create value for all demographics and practice modalities.
2. Promote the distinct value of specialty orthodontic care to consumers, healthcare providers, and government entities.
3. Influence changes in third party reimbursement and provider relations that are occurring as a result of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in order to promote orthodontic specialists providing orthodontic services.
4. Increase the engagement of members to improve the impact of the AAO brand.
5. Develop business alliances to strengthen the orthodontic specialty for the benefit of patient care.

If you have any questions about how the AAO can best serve your needs, don't hesitate to contact me and I will obtain the information that you request or direct you to the appropriate AAO staff member. Thanks again for the opportunity to serve the SWSO as your Trustee.

Message from our Past President

Dr. Kirt Simmons

If you were one of the attendees at the last annual SWSO Meeting held on October 23-26 in Little Rock, you know what a great meeting it was. If not, you should have been there!

Doctors Mel Collazo, John Carter, and Richard Roblee, our Convention Planning Committee Co-Chairs, did a phenomenal job of organizing the unique program on interdisciplinary care for the Doctor's meeting. The Friday morning breakfast speaker, Clint Bruce, a former Navy SEAL and NFL football player, presented a very inspiring talk on Teamwork that was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance. The Doctors' Program on Friday, presented by the team of Dr. Pat Allen (periodontist), Dr. Robert Winter (prosthodontist) and our own Dr. Rick Roblee was extremely well-received on the evolution and practice of interdisciplinary dentistry, clearly a way for the orthodontic specialist to distinguish himself/herself from the average provider. The incomparable Ms. Charlene White did a great job of educating our staff to be pro-active rather than reactive, while Ms. Beth Leach educated them on the next generation of practice marketing.



Saturday morning my good friend Dr. Ward Smalley, a prosthodontist and an orthodontist, and a contemporary of the late Dr. Vince Kokich, showed us all the epitome of incredible interdisciplinary patient outcomes and how to strive to achieve these. Dr. Jeff Rouse gave an appetizer to all for next year's meeting when he briefly shared his experiences regarding the role of orthodontists in sleep apnea.



Connie and Phil Tyne, of the nationally famous Cooper Institute, did a wonderful job presenting how to improve/maintain physical fitness and manage stress. The SWSO educators had a very well attended and productive meeting at the Arkansas Children's Hospital on collaborations and shared thoughts/concerns/ideas about specialty orthodontic education in this current day and age.

Dr. Mel Collazo organized a great event at the new Diamond Bear Brewery with samples, a tour, and a shirt for all those who showed up. The Saturday night social event at the Clinton Presidential Library was a resounding success with great food, atmosphere, and music overlooking the Arkansas River. Many of our members took advantage of the great weather we had to walk back to the hotel and visit some of the local drink and entertainment establishments along the way on the River Walk.

I would like to personally thank the SWSO members who were so instrumental in pulling off this wonderful meeting - Drs. Mel Collazo, Rick Roblee, John Carter, Brenton Glassell, and Darrin Storms. I had great hopes for this meeting and, thanks to these gentlemen as well as all the attendees, it surpassed my expectations.

News Release from the ABO



The Highest Commitment To Excellence.

Important Changes to the ABO Certification and Certification Renewal Pathways

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) routinely seeks orthodontic educators' feedback in regard to its board-certification process. As a result of recommendations received at the Vincent G. Kokich ABO Educators Symposium in March 2014, the ABO has refined its certification process to standardize requirements among all examinees. Below is a synopsis of the changes that went into effect at the beginning of October 2014. Complete details on the certification pathway can be found online at www.americanboardortho.com.

"The ABO directors request feedback from orthodontic educators, examiners, and examinees on a regular basis," said Dr. Paul Castelein,

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 completion 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.



past president of the ABO. "We take this information seriously. The changes to the certification and certification renewal pathways clarify and facilitate the examination process and will encourage more orthodontists to pursue certification. The Board anticipates impending changes to the ABO website and increased educational outreach to the public will further enhance the value of board certification for ABO Diplomates."

The ABO now offers one certification pathway - the Initial Certification Examination. Eligibility for this pathway is divided into two categories, the Recent Graduate and the Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner. Both categories require the examinee to be a graduate of an advanced specialty education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics in the United States or Canada that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). The examinee must also successfully complete the ABO Written Examination for eligibility to participate in the Initial Certification Examination.

Recent Graduate: This examinee must submit a minimum of three of the required six cases within 24 months of graduating from a CODA-accredited orthodontic program. Recent Graduates must submit cases that they solely treated while in their residency program, clinical orthodontic practice, or a combination of both. The balance of case requirements will be collected either from residency within 24 months of graduation or from post-residency practice within 10 years and two more attempts at completion of requirements.

Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner: This examinee graduated from a CODA-accredited orthodontic program more than 24 months ago and must submit six cases from clinical orthodontic practice. Full-time orthodontic educators who have met all other requirements may present a maximum of three cases that they directly supervised while teaching within a CODA-accredited program.

Initial Certification Examination Case Criteria: The Recent Graduate and the Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner must meet the same case criteria. Standardization of the clinical examination has balanced the requirements for the two categories of examinees. Specifically, both the Recent Graduate and Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner may now submit at least one *non-orthognathic surgical case with bilateral end-to-end or greater Class II molar relationship present at the time of appliance placement*. All other case requirements remain the same.

Banking Process: If an examinee does not fully complete the Initial Certification Examination at the first sitting, presented cases that are evaluated as complete will be "banked," or documented, at the ABO Central Office. The examinee, whether a Recent Graduate or Clinical Orthodontic Practitioner, will have 10 years and two more attempts to collect the balance of required cases.

Certification Renewal Examinations

The ABO has also announced changes to the certification renewal examinations. Diplomates with time-limited certificates must complete the First Certification Renewal Examination (followed by the Second, Third and Fourth Certification Renewal Examinations) to maintain certification every 10 years. The ABO will institute an online examination component for the Certification Renewal Examinations as of September 2015. With the addition of the online exam, case requirements have been reduced, and cases are to be submitted online and by mail only.

More recent news

Dr. Paul Castelein of Princeton, Ill., has completed his term as president of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO). The ABO installed Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. of Augusta, Ga., as president; Dr. Steven Dugoni of South San

Francisco, Calif., as president-elect; and Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung of Bryn Mawr, Pa., as secretary-treasurer on May 19 during the ABO President's Dinner. This event was held in conjunction with the 2015 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in San Francisco, Calif.

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.

Report from the SWSO Delegation: 2014 AAO House of Delegates

Dr. Mark Felton, 2014 SWSO Delegation Chair

The 2014 AAO House of Delegates met in April in New Orleans, passing resolutions that will impact the Association's governance structure, members' practices, the services that the Association provides to members, the AAO budget, strategic planning, and the manner in which business will be conducted during future meetings of the House of Delegates. Following is a synopsis of significant actions taken by the HOD (*condensed from the 2014 AAO House of Delegates Report*):

- Board and Council terms were reduced. Board terms were reduced from 11 to 10 years with the elimination of the immediate past president seat. Council terms have been reduced from four two-year terms to three two-year terms, effective at the close of the 2015 House of Delegates.
- The Governance Task Force (GTF) was reappointed for 2014 -15 and will continue studying the AAO's governance structure. The GTF will study the role of constituents and components within the AAO Organizational structure. The GTF will identify opportunities for additional collaboration, communication, and cooperation between constituents and components. The GTF will develop criteria for volunteer leadership positions. The GTF will develop a self-assessment policy for the House of Delegates, standing committees, and councils to ensure that association leaders are current with association best practices.
- The House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees will review the AAO governance practices every seven years and the next review will occur in 2020.
- Effective immediately, the Council on Insurance will be restructured from a council to a Board-appointed committee of five.
- An Affordable Care Act Rapid Response Team will be created.
- The HOD passed resolutions amending the AAO definition of Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care and updating the AAO TMJ position statement.

2014 SWSO Delegation

To see more details regarding the 2014 House of Delegates actions, they can be accessed online at aaoinfo.org.

You will need to sign in with your username and password. Under "Search" in the upper right corner of the screen, you can type in: *2014 House of Delegates Adopts Term Limits*. The article with details of actions will be the first on the list entitled, "*2014 House of Delegates Adopts Term Length Reductions for Board and Council Members*." This article will have links to specific information about all significant actions of the HOD.

Your SWSO delegation this past year consisted of delegates Drs. John Carter, Mark Felton, Devek Frech, Dean Jensen, Justin Power, Michael Ragan, and Kyle Shannon. Alternate delegates were Drs. J. K. Dillehay, Kirt Simmons, and Ryan Streight.

Supporting our delegation were SWSO Trustee Dr. Ken Dillehay and SWSO Executive Director Judy Salisbury. Over the course of the AAO Annual Session, various HOD sessions require 2.5 days of your delegation's time. On behalf of the SWSO, I want to thank them for their dedication to our organization and profession!

- Revisions were made to the AAO Clinical Practice Guidelines.
- The AAO policy on the Role of Specialists, Overlap of Treatment between Specialties, and Ethical Practices by Specialists was amended.
- A senior limited-practice membership fee reduction waiver will be established for members meeting specific requirements. A task force will study the use of the ABO logo on the mylifemysmile.org locator.
- A Task Force will develop an electronic mentoring program to support the professional development of new members.
- The Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns will evaluate membership criteria and process for orthodontists who have graduated from Commission on Accreditation-accredited programs.
- The AAO will maintain Average Liquid Reserves equal to 75 percent of the average of the previous three years' operating expenses. This amount shall be deemed Target Liquid Reserves. Average Liquid Reserves in excess of Target Liquid Reserves shall be deemed Excess Liquid Reserves. When the AAO Average Liquid Reserves for the 12-month period immediately preceding each meeting of the House of Delegates exceeds the Target Liquid Reserves by more than 2 percent, the Board of Trustees may recommend that the House of Delegates approve a dues rebate of up to 50 percent of Excess Liquid Reserves.
- The Strategic Planning Committee will be an annual standing committee of the Board of Trustees. The House also revised the AAO Strategic Plan.
- All non-Bylaws resolutions to the House of Delegates are to be presented to the Board of Trustees 30 days prior to the AAO Annual Session.
- Non-members may now provide limited Reference Committee testimony upon request of members in attendance and with the consent of the RC.
- Other House of Delegates actions included a unique additional, first of its kind, "virtual" HOD session, which occurred on September 5, 2014. This meeting was called to allow the HOD to elect a new 2015-2016 AAO president-elect. This action was precipitated by the resignation earlier this summer of Dr. Hugh Phillis from NESO, who was slated to be elected president-elect in May 2015. Dr. DeWayne McCamish of SAO was elected by acclamation.

Report from the Council on Governmental Affairs

Dr. Scott D. Hamilton, SWSO Representative to COGA

COGA met February 28-March 4 in conjunction with the Professional Advocacy Conference. In addition to normal business proceedings, the following were discussed to continue to be our most critical issues for this legislative session:

2015 Legislative Priorities

Preserve Access and Affordability for Oral Health Care

Repeal Excise Tax on Medical Devices

Medical device manufacturers, producers, and importers are likely to pass any costs imposed by the 2.3% excise tax on medical devices on to providers.

As small business owners and health care providers, we must make the difficult decision of either absorbing the tax, which would cut into our narrow margins, or passing the cost on to consumers.

According to a survey of medical technology companies, the tax will also result in layoffs or reduced hiring to help offset the tax.

An increase in the cost of oral health care because of the excise tax on medical devices, including dental and orthodontic devices, will negatively affect access to oral care at a time when many are struggling with rising health care costs among other financial challenges imposed by the tough economy.

Furthermore, an increase in the cost of oral health care may negatively influence patient decisions to seek such services. Failure to ensure proper access to primary and preventive oral health can have devastating and sometimes tragic consequences.

We applaud the House for passing HR 436, the “Protect Medical Innovation Act of 2011,” in the 112th Congress.

The AAO continues to support legislation to repeal the excise tax.

Protect Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)

FSAs are utilized by individuals of all incomes and are one of many critical protections for the underinsured as well as those with extraordinarily high health care expenses.

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) established a \$2,500 annual cap on FSAs effective in 2013.

The AAO strongly encourages Congress to eliminate the cap on FSAs, which would have the unintended consequence of limiting access to critical health care services and threaten affordability.

In Notice 2012-40, the Treasury Department and the IRS indicated that they are considering modifying the “use-or-lose” rule to provide relief. AAO encourages the Treasury Department and IRS to modify the “use-or-lose” rule to allow any contribution to an FSA to be used in a subsequent plan year.

FSAs empower consumers to make proactive choices about their health care, which is a critical component in today’s health delivery system.

We strongly urge protection of this important tool.

We have had recent success with the development and introduction of HB 1185 which we wrote. It would raise the limit for FSAs to \$5000 plus \$500 for each additional dependent after two. It also allows funds to carry over and eliminates the ‘use it or lose it’ provision. It is now in the House and we are working on getting as many co-sponsors as we can.

Preserve Access to High Quality Dental Care

Access to oral health care continues to plague our nation, particularly among our most vulnerable populations. Enhancing health care coverage comes with the responsibility of ensuring adequate access and quality of covered health care services, particularly as we approach the impending expansion of Medicaid in 2014.

While we must make every effort to enhance access to dental care, the AAO strongly

Ease the Burden of Student Loan Debt

- The Budget Control Act of 2011 created additional challenges by eliminating the federal subsidized (interest free) loans for graduate students while a student is in school or in a deferment period.
- The high cost of an education in orthodontics effectively prevents many current graduates from opening practices in less-lucrative or underserved communities in need of these dental specialty services.
- Congress should change tax laws to allow all professionals who incur significant student loan debt to deduct the interest costs for those loans, regardless of the professional’s income level.
- AAO also supports making federal subsidized loans available to graduate students.

believes it is critical that workforce initiatives meet all state licensing requirements and that only licensed dentists perform irreversible procedures such as extractions and tooth drilling.

Adopt Tax Reform for Small Businesses

Support Growth of Small Businesses

As Congress considers comprehensive tax reform, much of the conversation appears centered on tax issues that impact large, multinational corporations. The AAO supports a Congressional tax reform process to streamline provisions that complicate operations and impose significant compliance costs on the small businesses that are the primary engine of job creation in the United States.

The AAO supports a comprehensive review of tax policy that surveys issues including the corporate tax code, individual tax rates, and the death tax to best understand how current policy imposes higher tax burdens on small business owners rather than larger businesses.

Although Congress made permanent the capital gains tax rate, AMT fix, and the estate tax rate, the AAO is concerned that the higher tax rates on incomes over \$450,000 (married) will disproportionately harm small business providers like many of our members.

Support Oral Health Initiatives

Improve Children's Oral Health

The AAO is proud to be a financial partner with the Ad Council and distinguished members of the *Partnership for Healthy Mouths, Healthy Lives* coalition on a national public service advertising campaign that will help improve the oral health of America's children through oral health messages stressing prevention.

The AAO believes the most important factor with dental health care is that all individuals have access to primary oral health care, especially our nation's children.

The AAO supports the inclusion of pediatric dental coverage in the Essential Health Benefits package established by the ACA and encourages HHS to clarify in the Final Rule that the pediatric oral dental benefit includes *medically necessary* orthodontic coverage.

While we recognize the critical fiscal environment facing our nation, the AAO believes it is important to invest in the country's oral health infrastructure and encourages Congress to continue to support funding for prevention and wellness programs and workforce training initiatives.

The Regular Business Meeting Included:

The regular business meeting included reports by our lobbyists Patton Boggs concerning the current legislative session, election probabilities, and future concerns. We met with several legislatures and discussed our issues as well as listened to their views. The implementation of the "Affordable Care Act" was at the forefront of many discussions, but little seems to be known about what the ultimate impact will be. We will continue to monitor it and develop responses as needed. Legislatures always are open to learning our perspectives on issues, and it has a positive impact on the decision-making process.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve on COGA and welcome any questions you might have.

Please e-mail your questions to Scott Hamilton at Drscott@hwortho.com.

Report from the Council on Scientific Affairs

Dr. G. Frans Currier, SWSO Representative to COSA

The Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA) met via videoconference on January 7, 2015. COSA reviewed 21 applications for the Hellman, Sicher, and Graber Awards. The winners will present their lectures during Annual Session. The following are the 2015 AAO Research Awards winners:

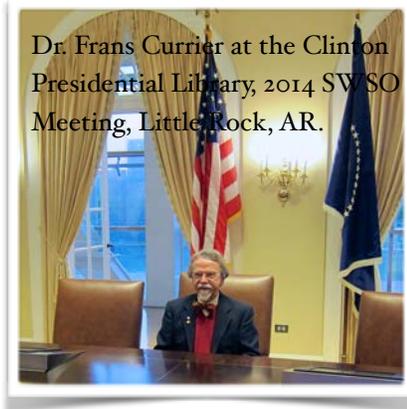
Milo Hellman Research Award to *Dr. Rebecca Chen* from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine for research titled: Attenuation of Articular Cartilage Degeneration Progression by Inhibition of Tgf- β 1 Signaling in a Mouse Model of Osteoarthritis

Harry Sicher Research Award to *Dr. Cole A. Weaver* from University of Iowa for research titled: Candidate Gene Analysis of Dental Malocclusions.

Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit to *Dr. Brian Zebrick* from Temple University for research titled: ACTN3 R577X Genotypes Associate with Class II and Deepbite Malocclusions; *Dr. Lina Sharab* from the University of Kentucky for research titled: Genetic and Treatment Related Risk Factors Associated with External Apical Root Resorption (EARR) Concurrent with Orthodontia; *Dr. Elizabeth Dela Cruz Ubaldo* from the University of Washington for research titled: Cephalometric Analysis and Long-Term Outcomes of Orthognathic Surgical Treatment for Obstructive Sleep Apnea; *Dr. Ross Jeffrey Pulver* from the Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry for research titled: Miniscrew Assisted Slow Expansion of Mature Sutures.

The 2016 Hellman, Sicher, and Graber application will be an online application. The 2016 online application will be available on March 15, 2015. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2015.

COSA accepted 28 Oral Research applications, 532 E-Poster applications, and 38 Table Clinic applications to be presented at the 2015 AAO Annual Session. There will be no hard copies of Posterboards displayed at Annual Session. E-Posters will be available for viewing during the Annual Session and for two months after Annual Session on the AAO website.



Dr. Frans Currier at the Clinton Presidential Library, 2014 SWSO Meeting, Little Rock, AR.

Dr. Greg Huang gave an update to COSA about the three Practice Based Research Network (PBRN) studies that are in the approval process: an open bite study, a Class II study, and a root resorption study. Once a study is approved, AAO members can volunteer to participate in the study. The first step to participate in a study is for members to enroll into the National Network. During Annual Session there will be a PBRN booth in the AAO membership services area where AAO members can enroll in the National Network.

COSA continues to review published evidence based orthodontic research. Appropriate article citations are being added to the evidence based orthodontic research website on a regular basis. The evidence based orthodontic research website is on the AAO website.

COSA

COSA met on Friday, May 15, 2015, prior to the start of Annual Session.

During Annual Session, COSA members were involved with judging the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award presentations, judging the Table Clinics, awarding the Joseph E. Johnson Table Clinic Award, and moderating the Oral Research presentations.

COSA meets every January by videoconference. The next videoconference meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2016.

For questions and comments please contact Dr. Frans Currier at frans-currier@ouhsc.edu.

COSA approved a CBCT Resource Center. The resource center has article citations; articles can be requested from the AAO Library, regarding the use of CBCT in orthodontics. Dr. Ahmad Abdelkarim, who has dual specialty training in Orthodontics and Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, is a consultant to COSA for the resource center. The CBCT Resource Center is on the AAO website.

Report from the Council on New and Younger Members

Dr. Tamara Jones, SWSO Representative to CONYM

The Council on New and Younger Members had their annual meeting at the AAO Headquarters in St. Louis on Friday January 16th, 2015.

Representatives and/or speakers were assigned for the following events: ADA New Dentist Conference, GORP meeting, ASDA meeting (I will lecture at the 2016 Meeting in Dallas), ADEA Virtual Career Fair (I am participating), and the New Orthodontist and Resident Conference at the AAO.



The council decided to continue the quarterly newsletter, nominated a new editor, and took volunteers for future articles. (I am writing one for the Winter edition.)

The AAO Strategic Plan and Operating Plan for 2015-2018 was reviewed and no feedback was provided.

The meeting focused on the development of an Electronic Mentoring Program. The Electronic Mentoring Program Task Force had previously prepared an example for discussion. Issues discussed included confidentiality, availability of mentors, and the ease of use. This topic was added to the joint meeting with COMEJC, who provided their recommendations from the mentoring perspective. The results of this discussion will be reported back to the Electronic Mentoring Task Force.

The meeting concluded with budget approval and council chair election.

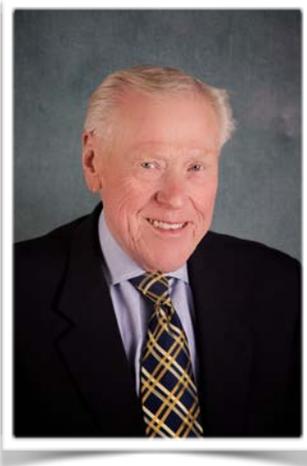
Report from Dr. Kyle Shannon

2015 SWSO Leadership Program

The inaugural SWSO leadership program was kicked off in Dallas, Texas on March 27th, 2015. Six guests were in attendance from Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, and Kansas. The curriculum is a two part seminar including exercises highlighting different leadership and personality styles, AAO and SWSO governance structures, how to run an efficient meeting, and much more. The second meeting will occur on Thursday, November 5th, 2015 concurrently with the Annual Session board meeting in San Antonio, TX. We are very excited about this opportunity to develop leadership skills and identify future leaders in our profession. Those guests in attendance were: Michael Behrmann (OK), Deji Fashemo (TX), Jesse Teng (TX), J.K. Dillehay (KS), Don Wilson (KS), and Trey Jackson (LA). If you would like more information about this program or future events, please contact Kyle Shannon at shannonortho@mac.com.

Announcements

Dr. Keso receives the James E. Brophy AAO Distinguished Service Award

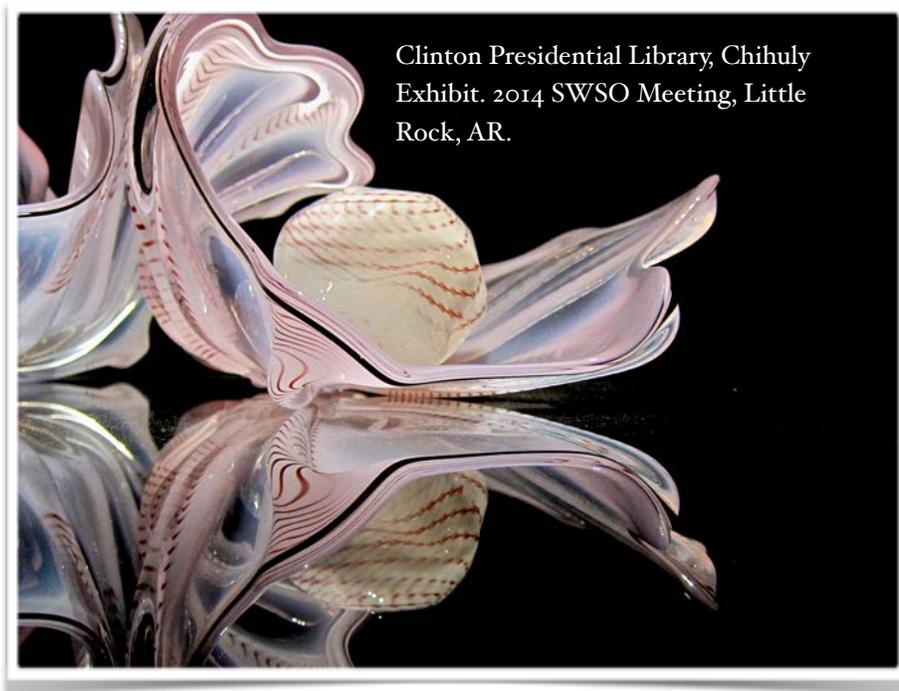


Dr. Larson R. Keso of Oklahoma City received the 2015 James E. Brophy AAO Distinguished Service Award this past May during the 2015 AAO Annual Session in San Francisco.

The Distinguished Service Award was established by the Board of Directors of the American Association of Orthodontists in 1963 and was renamed the James E. Brophy AAO Distinguished Service Award by the House of Delegates in 1986. The award is presented to those who, in the judgment of the Award Committee, have made contributions to orthodontics in addition to other valuable and devoted services to the Association and to its membership.

Dr. Keso has served in leadership roles with the AAO for 40 years beginning in 1975 as an alternate delegate for the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Keso served as president of the AAO in 1997-98. In addition, he has held multiple other positions in service to the AAO, the SWSO and the profession of orthodontics.

For a career most deserving of this highest honor from the AAO, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists congratulates one of our own in this special recognition!





According to Dr. Ellis, "Fred has been influential for many of us throughout our professional lives in orthodontics. He was one of my instructors, and now, I have the opportunity to teach together once a week. When I was asked to help on this project, I didn't think twice."

Dr. Garrett, who at age 79, still practices three days a week and teaches on Mondays, has been a lifelong supporter of academic research and education. "Without good teachers, we can't progress in our profession," he says. "We must support orthodontists who choose to go into academics." Dr. Garrett has been a lifelong example of giving back to the orthodontic profession. An active member of the AAOF for more than two decades, Dr. Garrett and his wife have also made significant personal contributions.

About the AAO Foundation

The AAO Foundation, the charitable arm of the American Association of Orthodontists, provides support to orthodontic education programs and orthodontic research. Foundation funding ensures the future viability of the orthodontic specialty by investing in the next generation of educators and researchers. Since 1994, the AAO Foundation Awards Program has provided \$10.1 million in funding, primarily in support of junior faculty. The AAO Foundation is incorporated as a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit corporation in the state of Missouri. The AAO Foundation's website is www.aaofoundation.net.

Dr. Fred Garrett of Sugar Land (Houston), Texas is recognized By Orthodontic Community for Lifelong Achievements

St. Louis (December 16, 2014)

With more than half a century of contributions to the orthodontic profession, Fred Garrett, DDS, MS, a board certified orthodontist in Houston, has been recognized with a \$250,000 research grant named in his honor. The *Fred and Dianne Garrett Biomedical Research Award* will be used to help further the education of orthodontists who wish to pursue a career in academic research and teaching. The award is made under the auspices of the [American Association of Orthodontics Foundation](http://www.aaofoundation.net) (AAOF), which is devoted to advancing the specialty of orthodontics through research and education.

American Orthodontics, the world's largest privately owned manufacturer of orthodontic products, based in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, contributed half the funding for the award. The remaining funds were contributed by dear friends, including Randy K. Ellis, DDS, MS, of Pearland, Texas and fellow instructor at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; Richard W. Boyd, DDS, MS, who has practiced for 36 years with Dr. Garrett in Sugar Land (Houston), Texas; L. Donald Mayer, DDS, MS, a Houston orthodontist and a fellow instructor at the University of Texas; Richard Fuchs, DDS, MS, who practices in Huron, South Dakota, and is a fellow American Association of Orthodontists Foundation (AAOF) Board member and James Hanigan, DDS, MS, PA, a fellow instructor at the University of Texas, who practices in Tomball, Texas.

As a member of the acceptance committee at the University of Texas orthodontic program, he looks for the candidates who will become good alumni. "We already attract the best dentists in the country and we can make them great orthodontists, but we are looking for the doctors who see the value in giving back, both to our school and to the AAOF." He proudly cites that fact that 100 percent of the schools' graduates pledge to give back within five years of graduation. Under his watch, young doctors have contributed more than two million dollars to research and academics. "I am so proud to have received this award, and am just as proud of the many doctors that choose to give back to their profession," says Dr. Garrett.

"It is indeed a pleasure and honor to be involved in this award project," says Dr. Mayer. "Being a former orthodontic student of Fred's and having the opportunity of teaching with him in the Orthodontic Department of the UT Health Science Center in Houston has had a major positive impact on my life. Fred is totally dedicated to the orthodontic profession and its future. His commitment to excellence begins in his private practice and continues with his lectures and clinical skills taught to his residents. He constantly strives to improve the quality of orthodontic teaching and research here at the University of Texas. Fred's commitment to organized dentistry, and more especially orthodontics, is a priority from the local level through the AAO. He's certainly enhanced the future of our profession."

Dr. Garrett attended Washington University School of Dentistry in St. Louis where he earned his Doctorate of Dental Surgery and completed his 2-year residency in orthodontics, earning his Master of Science Degree. He is a clinical professor on the graduate orthodontic faculty at the University of Texas Dental Branch in Houston. Dr. Garrett is former president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and received the Society's Martin E. Dewey Distinguished Service Award. In addition to his work with the AAOF, he is an active member of the American Association of Orthodontists, and received their James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award.

Dr. Arthur Chester Reed, Jr. (1930-2015)



Dr. "Art" Reed served his profession, nation and his community throughout his life. He was an Eagle Scout that lived up to the oath given to every Eagle Scout when they received their award to "always give back in return for all that you have received by helping the younger and weaker."

Dr. Reed received his Bachelor degree from Baylor University in Waco and then completed his Dental Degree from Baylor University's College of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas. He was a member of Psi Omega dental fraternity. Following graduation from dental school Art served two years active duty as a Captain in the United States Air Force Dental Corps. He was the Base Dental Surgeon in Nagoya, Japan. After completing his active duty he attended Columbia University in New York City for his graduate education in Orthodontics.

After completing his graduate orthodontic training Art and his wife Ann settled in Houston, Texas where he practiced for the next 50 years in the profession he loved dearly. He immediately became involved in his specialty. Over the next five decades he served all offices including the Presidency of the Texas Association of Orthodontists, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, and the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. He was Co-Chairman for the 1990 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Washington, DC. An enduring legacy from that Annual Session was the 60 foot SWSO

nylon banner that we have used for all of our Annual Meetings for the past 25 years. Art had it designed to match the length of the dais in the Senate Hearing Room where we held an AAOPAC cocktail party for all the Senators and Representatives from the states in our constituency.

During his life Art received many honors for his service to his profession: The Martin E. Dewey Memorial Award, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontist's highest honor, the Founder's Award, the College of Diplomates of the ABO's highest honor. He was inducted as a Fellow of the American College of Dentists and a Fellow of the International College of Dentists. He was awarded Member Emeritis of the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for Orthodontic Research and a Membero Honoracio Sociedad Boliviana Orthodontica. Columbia University awarded him their Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the specialty of Orthodontics.

Art also found the time to serve his community. He was a Scoutmaster and Neighborhood Commissioner for many years in the Sam Houston Council, Boy Scouts of America. He was an active member and President of the Spring Branch Memorial Kiwanis Club.

It was only after Art's health prevented him from traveling these past few years that he relinquished his involvement and service to his profession. Along the way Art left a long legacy of service to others, to his country, and to his profession and inspired many future leaders in our profession to serve as he did.

SWSO Hotel Info San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter



Website: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/satrc-san-antonio-marriott-rivercenter/>

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS MEETING CALENDAR

2015

Sep. 10-13 NESO Constituent Meeting Providence, Rhode Island.
 Sep. 24- 26 GLAO Constituent Mtg. Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI.
 Sep 27-30 World Federation of Ortho. Meeting London, England.
 Sep. 29-Oct. 4 SAO Constituent Mtg. Orlando, FL.
 Oct. 8-10 MSO Constituent Mtg. Rochester, MN.
 Oct. 15-18 MASO Constituent Mtg. Hotel du Pont, Wilmington, DE.
 Oct. 22-25 PCSO Constituent Mtg. Westin Mission Hills Resort & Spa, Palm Desert, CA.
 Oct. 29-Nov.1 RMSO Constituent Mtg. Scottsdale, AZ.
 Nov. 5-8 **SWSO** Constituent Mtg. San Antonio, TX.
 Nov. 5-10 ADA Annual Session Washington, DC.

2016

Jan. 22-24 AAO Winter Meeting Hyatt Regency Grand Champion, Palm Springs, CA.
 Apr. 29-May 3 AAO Annual Session Orlando, FL.
 Sep. 15-18 RMSO/**SWSO** Joint Constituent Mtg. Santa Fe, NM.
 Sep. 22-25 GLAO/MASO Joint Constituent Mtg. Arizona Biltmore, Phoenix, AZ.
 Oct. 6-9 NESO Constituent Mtg. Marriott Marquis, New York, NY.
 Oct. 13-16 PCSO Constituent Mtg. Washington State Conv. Cntr, Seattle, Washington.
 Oct. 19-23 SAO Constituent Mtg. Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort, Destin, FL.
 Oct. 20-25 ADA Annual Session Denver, CO.
 Nov. 2-6 MSO Constituent Mtg. Swissotel Chicago, Chicago, IL.

2017

Apr. 21-25 AAO Annual Session San Diego, CA.
 Sep. 8-10 RMSO Constituent Mtg. TBD.
 Sep. 14-17 GLAO/MSO/**SWSO** Joint Mtg. Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans.
 Oct. 4-8 SAO Constituent Mtg. Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel, Tampa, FL.
 Oct. 12-15 PCSO Constituent Mtg. Atlantis Casino Resort Spa, Reno, NV.
 Oct. 19-24 ADA Annual Session Atlanta, GA.
 Nov. 2-5 MASO Constituent Mtg. TBD.
 Nov. 9-13 NESO Constituent Mtg. Marriott Copley Place Boston, Boston, MA.

2018

May 4-8 AAO Annual Session Washington, DC.
 Sep. 13-16 GLAO/MASO Joint Meeting Fairmont Royal York, Toronto.
 Sep 20-22 MSO Constituent Meeting Radisson Blu Mall of America, Bloomington, MN.
 Sep. 30-Oct. 2 ADA Annual Session San Francisco, CA.
 Oct. 3-7 SAO Constituent Mtg. TBD.
 Oct. 11-14 PCSO Constituent Mtg. Monterey, CA.

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May 3-7 AAO Annual Session Los Angeles, CA.
 Oct 3-6 PCSO Constituent Meeting Honolulu, HI.
 Nov 6-9 SAO Constituent Meeting TBD.

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