Message from our President

Dr. John Carter

Masquerade in New Orleans

September 14 – 17
The Roosevelt New Orleans
New Orleans, LA

Mark the time off on your Calendar to join us for the 2017 Combined Annual Session of GLAO, MSO & SWSO in New Orleans!

Our headquarters' hotel is the famous Roosevelt-Waldorf Astoria. This is a fully restored and updated “Art Deco” masterpiece just blocks away from Bourbon Street. It has a roof top deck with a swimming pool, and a famous signature bar, “The Sazerac” with a cocktail invented there by the same name. Our headquarters hotel was just voted the best hotel in Louisiana by Travel and Leisure Magazine.

We kick off our meeting Thursday evening with a “Masquerade” themed cocktail party. All guests will receive a Mardi Gras mask at the door when you enter. Try and guess who is who during the evening. There will be surprises!

Friday morning we all come together at our opening breakfast with local entertainment. The Presidents of the GLAO, MSO, SWSO will welcome everyone to our Combined Session. Friday evening is open for you to explore The French Quarter and New Orleans on your own. Saturday evening is our signature event: a “bucket list” event to check off. It is a cruise on the steamboat “Natchez” with dinner and a jazz band. We will also have guided tours of the steam engine room while you are enjoying all the
sounds and tastes of a New Orleans evening on the Mississippi River.

We will fill up your mornings and afternoons with excellent Doctor and Staff Programs. On Friday the Doctors will hear Dr. David Sarver’s lecture on “Esthetics & Orthodontics.” Dr. Clark Colville will speak on the “5 Keys To Achieve An Excellent Clinical Success With Invisalign” on Saturday. Dr. Dan Rinchuse will complete our scientific program for the Staff and Doctors on Sunday morning with his presentation on “Evidence Based Clinical Orthodontics”.

The Staff programs will cover a broad range of topics to help make your practice run more efficient and perform with greater success with presentations from Dr. Ann-Marie Gorczyca on Friday and Ms. Sarah Keller on Saturday. Their presentations will cover these topics.

**Joint Meeting with SWSO, GLAO & MSO**

**Sept. 14-17, 2017**
**New Orleans, LA**

“Masquerade! in New Orleans”

Don’t forget to check out our Facebook Page:

[https://www.facebook.com/swsoortho/](https://www.facebook.com/swsoortho/)
Award for 2016.

Our meeting will be a gathering of your friends, their families, staff and colleagues from thirteen States and four Canadian Provinces. You won't want to miss it. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

Message from our Trustee

Dr. J. Kendall Dillehay

November 2016 Board of Trustees (BOT) Virtual Meeting

The AAO Board of Trustees held its first full virtual meeting. Our goals, to reduce travel costs and expedite businesses, were both accomplished.

Please note the following, unofficial, significant actions taken of interest to the constituent organizations:

AAO PAC Appointees – Terms Beginning April 2017

Dr. Jennifer Butler (SÃO)
Dr. Michael Feinberg (PCSO)
Dr. Michael Durbin (MSO)

Membership and Dues Waiver Applications

All membership applications submitted were approved. All dues waivers as submitted were approved.

Crest Oral B Resources

As part of AAO’s marketing agreement with Crest Oral B, AAO’s Orthodontic Staff Career new brochure and PowerPoint slides will be made available to www.Dentalcare.com. Also the BOT approved adding of the www.Dentalcare.com to AAO’s Orthodontic Staff Resource Guide.

AAO Website – www.aaoinfo.org

As part of the communications audit recommendation, the BOT approved a website usability study with the goal of improving navigation on the website. A complete website update is currently in process.

GME Funding

The availability of Graduate Medical Education (GME) funding for orthodontic programs was discussed. Since the funding is intended for graduate medical education, the mechanism is complex and open only to new dental programs that have never existed without GME support. The BOT asked COGA to investigate ways in which the GME rules could be modified to make it fair for all dental programs and communicate their efforts to
AAO members. Staff will request the PowerPoint presentation given on GME funding at the 2016 ADEA conference to better inform orthodontic programs and constituent leaders about this federal funding program.

AAO Audit, FY2015-16

The AAO Board of Trustees reviewed the annual audit and report provided by RubinBrown LLP. A presentation was made by Brent Stevens (audit partner) and Liz Arro.

Key takeaways:

1. The auditors did not make any adjustments to the financials. They noted that the staff team had everything in proper order as well as strong internal controls.

2. There were no management notes or recommendations for the 6th year in a row.

Membership with the Association of Dental Support Organizations (ADSO)

The AAO was invited to join the ADSO as a corporate member. The BOT agreed that being a corporate member with an organization whose member’s employees are either current or potential AAO members would address our critical issue to provide programs and services for all members regardless of practice modality.

Partnership Program for DSO’s

The AAO has had an open dialog with Dental Support Organizations (DSO) for the past few years in an effort to gain a better understanding of these corporate practices that employ current and potential AAO members. A partnership program was approved which provides access for two DSO entity representatives to www.aaoinfo.org and the eBulletin. Through understanding what the AAO does for its members, it encourages DSO’s to promote membership among their employees. In addition, this partnership program would formalize the open collaboration that we have established in an effort to address our critical issues.

CTECH

The BOT approved a recommendation from CTECH to examine the feasibility of creating an easy-to-use mechanism that facilitates AAO members’ reporting of non-orthodontists who are misrepresenting themselves as orthodontists to the public.

The BOT further approved the exploration of options to better differentiate orthodontists from general dentists when it comes to websites listings or advertising of orthodontic services, orthodontics and other services that could confuse the public. Staff will work with CTECH and bring a report to the BOT at its February 2017 meeting.

CTECH believes that a "branded" tech talk track in the doctor's scientific program at each Annual Session would be beneficial to the membership. The BOT agreed and approved this concept for implementation by CTECH and the AAO Annual Session planning committees.

Dr. Steve McEvoy was appointed as Chair for 2017/2018.

Annual Session Advisory Committee

The BOT will be appointing an expertise-based advisory group to work with the Annual Session planning committees with the goal of scanning new speakers, programs and other enhancements to evolve the program at the Annual Session, with the goal of maintaining its future relevance.
**COE**

The BOT approved the Council on Education (COE) recommendation that international faculty who are members of the WFO be eligible to attend the Society of Educators meeting held at the AAO Annual Session.

**COGA**

The BOT approved extending the agreement with Republic Strategies, subject to contract negotiations. Republic Strategies conducts AAO PAC’s fundraising. This agreement will be reviewed again at the November 2017 BOT meeting.

**COC**

The BOT approved the Council on Communications (COC) request to conduct research specific to the CAP message. The original CAP target audience and key message points were based on research conducted 10 years ago. This data needs to be updated in order to refine the CAP program.

**HOD Virtual Meeting**

The BOT believes that the concept of a virtual meeting for the HOD is warranted in this day and age, given the necessity of being nimble. Therefore, the BOT will be appointing a committee to review the protocols necessary to adapt the electronic meeting to conduct business, rather than its current format of only providing information on current projects.

**Independent Specialty Recognition Board**

As previously reported, the ADA currently is recognized by the US Department of Education to be the body that recognizes specialty organizations. The ADA, due to recent court cases and FTC oversight, is looking at ways to continue the status quo, form an independent body or get out the recognition business altogether. While the AAO is at the table with the ADA’s discussions, the Dental Specialty Group (DSG) is exploring ways to form an independent body. The BOT allocated $5000 towards the exploration of this concept using independent attorneys that specialize in certification boards.

**Nominations**

The BOT has a nominating committee that considers all individuals that the AAO is charged with nominating, appointing or recommending. These individuals are brought to the full Board for approval.

**AAOIC Directors** - Dr. Terry Pracht and Dr. John Buzzatto were appointed for 3-year terms beginning in April 2017.

**AAOSI** - Dr. Lucas Boe, Dr. Norman Nagel, and Dr. Steven Hanseler were appointed for 3-year terms beginning April 2017.

**CODA Site Visitors** - Dr. Sunni Suri, Dr. Katherine Kelly, Dr. Snehlata Oberoi, Dr. John Spolyar, Dr. Baden Whateley, Dr. Emile Rossouw, Dr. Jeff Nickel, Dr. Tom Kluemper, Dr. Larry Tadlock, Dr. Bhavna Shroff and Dr. Kelton Steward be presented to the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) for their consideration.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve SWSO as your Trustee. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.
The very best to all,
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ABO Update

ABO’s Press Release

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) installed Dr. Larry Tadlock of Colleyville, Texas, as secretary-treasurer May 3 during the ABO President’s Dinner. This event was held in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in Orlando, Florida. The other officers of the ABO are Dr. Steven Dugoni of South San Francisco, California, president, and Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, president-elect. Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. of Augusta, Georgia, is the immediate past president.

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. Tadlock has represented the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO). Dr. Tadlock is a member of the ABO Clinical Examination Committee and the Policy Committee. In addition, he is the ABO’s liaison to the Commission on Dental Accreditation site visitors.

Dr. Tadlock is the Program Director of the Department of Orthodontics at Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry and is in part-time practice in Keller, Texas. Dr. Tadlock earned his dental degree from the Baylor College of Dentistry in 1984 and earned his orthodontic certificate and master’s degree from The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in 1988. He has been board certified by the ABO since 1995.

He is a member of Angle Southwest, the southwest component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists; the AAO; the SWSO; and the Texas Association of Orthodontists, among many other organizations. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists; a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics (CDABO); and a member of the Texas Orthodontic Study Club, formerly known as the Tweed Orthodontic Study Group of Texas. He is a past president of the SWSO and the University of Texas Orthodontic Alumni Association. He has received numerous awards for his contributions to the orthodontic specialty, including the 2016 Martin Dewey Memorial Award from the SWSO, the 2012 Eldon Attaway Award from Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry, the 2012 Baylor Ortho-Oscar Award from Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry, the 2009 Yellen-Schoverling Award from the University of Texas Orthodontic Alumni Association, the 2008 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Award of Distinguished Service from the ABO, the 2004 Tom M. Matthews Award from the Baylor Orthodontic Alumni Association, the 2003 Service Appreciation Award from CDABO, and the 2015, 2013, 2003 and 2002 Robert E. Gaylord Award of Excellence in Orthodontic Education from Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry Department of Orthodontics.

Message From Dr. Larry Tadlock

As always, it is a pleasure for me to represent the SWSO. I will be assuming the role of Secretary/Treasurer for the 2016-2017 year, following this year’s AAO Annual Session. Currently, I serve as chair of the ABO Clinical Committee and the Standards of Care Committee, and I serve on the ABO’s IT/Website Committee, and Certification/Growth Committee.
Clinical Examination Update

The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in both February and September of 2015 as well as February 2016. A total of 298 examinees were certified or recertified at these exams. A complete listing of newly certified or recertified orthodontists by constituency can be found on the ABO website. The next exam is scheduled for September 2016 in St. Louis. Dates for 2017 are now posted on the ABO website.

Additions to the exam include the following:

1. Development of a Craniofacial Certification Examination beginning September 2016
2. Final Digital Models accepted beginning September 2016
3. Banking rules have been extended to apply to all orthodontic practitioners
4. There are now two teams for each examinee during the Clinical Exam – one team to score the Board Case Oral Exam (BCOE) and the second team to score the examinee’s cases and Case Review Oral Exam (CROE)

Please visit www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com for additional details on the above items.

Written Examination Update

The ABO Written Examination was administered April 12-15, 2016 at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers throughout the United States and Canada. In all, 383 of the examinations were complete, resulting in a 98 percent pass rate. The reliability of the examination was .88. The next Written Examination will be offered April 4-7, 2017.

Marketing Update

• ABO consumer brochure is now offered in English and Spanish
• Board certified orthodontists now have the option to download the consumer brochure and pyramid free of charge to print in-house.
• ABO Seal and logo available for download by individual orthodontists to accompany office logo on promotional materials.
• Certification Pyramid available in a higher resolution for enhanced printing.
• Board certified seal offered in a smaller size, suitable for use on business cards or email signature lines.

To learn more about the ABO, visit the website www.americanboardortho.com.
ABO at 2016 AAO Annual Session:
The AAO House of Delegates confirmed Dr. Timothy Trulove as the ABO new director representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists. The ABO presented the following recognition awards during the 2016 Annual Session meeting:

Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. W. Eugene Roberts
Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Phillip M. Campbell
Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Stephen K. McCullough
O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Steven D. Marshall

The 2017 ABO Awards will be presented during the 2017 AAO Annual Session:
Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award: Dr. Sheldon Peck
Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics: Dr. Andrew J. Haas
Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award: Dr. Michael L. Riolo
O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award: Dr. Deborah Priestap

During the Orlando meeting, the ABO showcased several successful cases from the year’s Clinical Exam at the ABO Case Display Room. Directors and staff were available to answer questions on board certification. In addition, an informational ABO booth was located outside of the Exhibit Hall to display educational materials available to board certified orthodontists. Workshops on both Cephalometrics and Written Exam Question Writing were held and well received.

- Staff buttons with training tools for staff on “Why Board Certification Matters” available online.
- Professional videos created to include “Why Board Certification Matters” and “A Day in the Life” of the Clinical Exam and are located on the ABO’s website to link to board certified orthodontists’ website pages, as well as to add to continuous loop feeds in waiting rooms.

Educators Symposium

The ABO held the Charles Burstone – American Board of Orthodontics 2016 Educators Symposium “Clinical Challenges” on April 2, 2016, in St. Louis. Approximately 96 individuals attended the meeting including department chairs, program directors, faculty and ABO-appointed advocates. Topics discussed included results/feedback from the 2014 Educators Symposium, common reasons for incomplete cases, growth/advocacy as it relates to certification renewal, craniofacial pathway, technology overview on stereolithic models and adding value to certification.

The College

The ABO and the College (CDABO) continue to work together to support orthodontic programs in their preparation for the clinical exam thru our advocacy program. To-date, all 72 orthodontic programs have at least one advocate assigned to their school. In addition, the College offers courses for examinees to prepare for the clinical exam during constituency meetings and at Annual Session.

WFO

The ABO promoted board certification while attending the 8th International Orthodontic Congress in London, organized by the British Orthodontic Society in association with the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO). The WFO and ABO hosted a special half-day symposium on orthodontic board certification. The well-received meeting helps fulfill the ABO’s vision to be the global leader in orthodontic board certification.
AAOF Update

Dr. Jeffrey Genecov

Please visit www.aaofoundation.net for more details.

Also on the Foundation web site is an update on the Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection Project (www.aaoflegacycollection.org), the purpose of which is not only to preserve a representative sample of these irreplaceable materials, but also to make them available for viewing and further investigation by clinicians, craniofacial investigators, students of human growth, and interested members of the public. To date on the web site, there are 16,000 total images from 752 subjects from nine participating collections.

The web site link for a synopsis of the FACEs Mentoring Consortium Education Innovation Award (University of Michigan) is http://aaofoundation.net/Portals/0/Conley-Scott-Synopsis-2015.pdf.

NAMED AWARDS

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Robert L. Boyd Biomedical Research Award
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James A. McNamara Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award

For more information, including how you can be a part of one of these, go to the AAOF web site (www.aaofoundation.net); select “News”; and then click on one of the Named Awards and also “How You Can Support a Named Award”.

Contact the AAOF EVP at 800.424.2841, #546 (rhazel@aaortho.org) if you would like more information on how you can establish a Named Award either in honor of a beloved mentor or on behalf of your family.

The AAO Foundation Board of Directors met in St Louis at the AAO Building on Feb 23 to 25, 2017. In 2016, AAOF approved $800,830 (a record amount) in Awards Program funding for 24 proposals, marking the total amount invested in the future of orthodontics in this fashion, primarily in support of junior faculty, at just under $11 million for over 400 projects. This year, it approved 31 proposals for a total of $626,774. 2018 Awards Program Materials are now available. Information is included on how to support an existing named award and how to include the AAOF in your estate plans.

MASO has a new Constituent Director (Orhan Tuncay). Previously, Bob Bray (MASO/NJ), who continues on the Board as National Planned Giving Chair, also serving as MASO Director after stepping into that role to fill a vacancy. Dr. Tuncay recently completed his second three-year term on the Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC). He is also an early Regent (#145 out of a current total of 566), marking him as one of the very first academicians to pledge at that level, and he is also a member of the Keystone Society.

All AAO Members are asked to make a Continued Commitment to the Specialty® (a pledge of $5,000 or more, to be redeemed over five years) and to Continued Commitment to the Specialty®. Continued Commitment to the Specialty®. remember the AAO Foundation in their estate plans.

AAOF @ The AAO Annual Session

The 2016 Annual Session included several AAOF functions:

Grants Workshop was held last year, for the first time, in conjunction with the Society of Educators Conference on Friday. “The Future of Orthodontics Lecture” was delivered by Ron Redmond (PCSO/CA) on Saturday morning, replacing the annual “Asset Management Seminar” originally scheduled for this same time.

Sunday morning, the AAOF Board of Directors honored Raymond George (NESO/RI) and Terry Pracht (GLAO/OH) with the Blair Award, the organization’s award for most meritorious service. Also on Sunday morning, Larry Andrews (PCSO/CA) presented the Salzmann Lecture, “The Six Elements of Orofacial Harmony”. Sunday, during the Excellence Luncheon, Kevin O’Brien (INT/UK) received the Jarabak Award.
Similar programs are planned for the 2017 Session in San Diego.

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New Direction/Strategic Plan

The AAOF BOD met during July of 2016 with outside facilitators, involving 18 Directors and Key Volunteers and an equal number of those from “outside the tent” to determine a possible new direction, with committees making an organizational assessment, looking to the future of the Foundation. This process will continue over the next 6-12 months, including the face to face meeting just held and the virtual meeting to be held in July.

In total, three SWSO members have been involved: Dr. Christine Porter Ellis (TX); Dr. Fred Garrett (TX), AAOF National Campaign Chair; and Jeff Genecov (TX) - SWSO Director on the AAOF. Dr Genecov was unable to attend the Strategic Planning Session and Board Meeting. Dr Ellis attended both sessions, acting as a Substitute Director.
Report from the Council on Orthodontic Health Care

Dr. Christine Ellis

The Council on Orthodontic Health Care was called to order at the AAO Headquarters on July 9, 2016 at 8:10 AM CDT. Dr. David Drake, chairman of COHC, thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed Dr. John Metz, the council’s new representative from the SAO. Also Dr. Drake introduced Dr. Sneha Oberoi who has been a member of the council since 2015, however, she was not able to participate in January’s conference call. Dr. Charles Ruff of Waterville, ME was present to represent NESO whose council position is currently vacant until a replacement is appointed.

BOT LIAISON REPORT

The AAO Board of Trustees (AAO BOT) expressed their appreciation that Dr. Robirds will be continuing to serve as Consultant of the COHC.

COHC’s requested white paper contrasting private practice versus corporate practice has been completed.

The 2016 AAO House of Delegates (HOD) approved COHC’s recommended Any Willing Provider statement language.

COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (COGA) REPORT

Dr. Durbin, liaison to COGA and the COHC feels that it is extremely important for COGA and COHC to work cohesively on dental benefit matters and any accompanying legislation. Further, the council feels that, in lieu of shared reports, it would be beneficial for a COGA representative to attend COHC meetings and vice versa. Per board action taken in 2007, a provision exists for COGA and COHC council representatives to attend one opposing council meeting per year to discuss issues of mutual interest.

COHC CONSULTANT (Dr. Robirds) CODING

Dr. Robirds reported that the Massachusetts Association of Orthodontists had contacted the AAO and were concerned that the AAO proposed auto-qualifiers for MNOC may be counter-productive to what they have accomplished with respect to public aid. Dr. Robirds further noted that, if the issue with MAO continues, the council may need to become involved in the resolution.

Council on Orthodontic Health Care

ACCESS TO ORTHODONTIC HEALTH CARE, AAO DONATED ORTHODONTIC SERVICES (DOS) PROGRAM

Dr. Durbin provided a status report on the DOS program. He reported that the DOS Board was trying to expand the program to a nationwide status and encourage more state programs to sponsor a program. He noted that some states were fearful of program start-up costs. He further noted that the DOS Board recently undertook a corporate sponsorship drive to secure program funding and would be expanding the number of directors on the board by encouraging our orthodontic supply company partners to participate.

POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL CODING REQUESTS

The council discussed the following issues to consider for development of potential new coding requests:

- Code for complex orthodontic treatment: The council noted that the purpose of the code would be to capture additional contracted/allowable fees when orthodontic treatment exceeds usual parameters for comprehensive treatment.

- Code for fabrication of sleep apnea appliances: The code would clearly state the procedure would be for appliance fabrication only, and only in the presence of a medical diagnosis of sleep apnea.
AAO MEETING WITH PAYERS AND SPECIALTIES
Immediately prior to the start of the CMC meeting, the AAO sponsored a meeting of dental specialties and industry payers to provide an overview of what has been happening relative to MNOC and efforts to streamline qualification and administration of orthodontic cases. He noted the following:

Diagnostic codes will need to be assigned to the proposed auto-qualifiers; SNODENT coding has been suggested

Dr. Oppenhuizen, COHC, is undertaking a retrospective study to help determine the efficacy of the auto-qualifiers and identify the case acceptance level.

MNOC - Dr. Robirds provided an overview on the background of the project and noted the efforts to try and streamline the qualification and administration of orthodontic cases in the present environment created by the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

AAO HOD
Dr. Robirds reported that the AAO HOD recently approved an “Any Willing Provider” policy statement that sets forth that any dentists willing to abide by the terms of the payer’s contract should be eligible to participate in the program and that patients should have the freedom of choice of dentists; all legally qualified dentists should be eligible to render care for which benefits are provided.

ADA CODE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE (CMC)
The CMC meeting was held March 2-5, 2016 in Chicago, IL. The dental specialty groups met once again prior to the CMC meeting to discuss code requests of mutual interest.

Dr. Robirds reported the following status of codes that would impact orthodontics:

Inventory #41-arch reformulation therapy (ART)-defeated.

Inventory #43-orthodontic scheduled payment-withdrawn from consideration.

Inventory #42-orthodontic bracket removal-AAO was requested by the CMC to revise and re-submit.

Motion: Durbin/Oppenhuizen

Resolved, that CMC Inventory item #42-Orthodontic Bracket Removal be revised and submitted to the BOT for approval as “Removal of Fixed Orthodontic Appliance(s)”. (On vote, motion carried)

REFERRAL FROM THE 2016 HOUSE OF DELEGATES
Dr. Durbin gave an overview and the genesis of this resolution that was brought before the 2016 House of Delegates. The constituents wanted the policy language revised and referred to COHC. This policy language involved the orthodontic definition for interceptive orthodontics. (Motion: Durbin/Oberoi, Resolved, that the definition as drafted by COHC be approved by the AAO BOT and forwarded to the 2017 House of Delegates for consideration.)

Interceptive orthodontics is orthodontic treatment that can occur in the primary or transitional dentition. When initiated during the incipient stages of a developing problem, interceptive orthodontics is intended to reduce the severity of a malocclusion and/or mitigate its cause. Once permanent dentition has been reached, subsequent comprehensive orthodontic therapy may be needed. (On vote, motion carried)
Report from the Council on Scientific Affairs

Dr. G. Frans Currier

The 2016 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award winners were:

Basic Science Research

1st place: Negin Katebi – Harvard School of Dental Medicine; Research titled: Anthrax Receptor 1 and Its Role in Craniofacial Growth and Development.

2nd place: Lauren Van Gemert – Texas A&M University Baylor College of Dentistry; Research titled: Osseous Boundaries of the Regional Acceleratory Phenomenon with Micro osteoperforations (MOPs).

3rd place: Huiyan Guan – State University of New York, Buffalo; Research titled: A Nanoscaffold with BMP2 Genetically Engineered Stem Cells Promotes Vascularized Bone Formation.

Clinical Research

1st place: Melissa Alfonso – University of Florida; Research titled: Orthodontic Tooth Movement with Aligners Using the AcceleDent® Aura Device in Adults.

2nd place: Doreen Ng – University of Sydney; Research titled: The Effect of LowLevel Laser Therapy on Orthodontic Root Resorption and Pain.

3rd place: Tingxi Wu – University of California, Los Angeles; Research titled: Managing Orthodontic Bracket Induced Plaque Formation and Associated Oral Diseases.

The 2016 Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award for Table Clinics winners were:

Michael Segall – TriService Orthodontic Residency Program Uniformed Services of the Health Sciences; Research title: Shear Bond Strength of AdhesiveCoated Metal Brackets to Zirconia Conditioned with Various Primers.

Mathieu Laramée – Universite de Montreal; Research title: Could Oxygen Saturation Variation Be Associated to Sleep Bruxism in a Healthy Pediatric Population A Preliminary Report.

Angela McNeight – University of Florida; Research title: The Effect of Vibration and Clear Aligner Treatment on GCF Biomarker Levels.

COSA

COSA held a meeting on April 29, 2016 at the AAO Annual Session. This meeting was to review COSA members’ assignments for the 2016 Annual Session. During Annual Session, COSA members judged 40 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations and 64 Table Clinic presentations.

COSA members moderated 28 Oral Research presentations and the Hellman, Sicher, Graber lectures. 446 EPosters were available for viewing during Annual Session.

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

Applications are being accepted for the 2017 Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit. Applications for these awards can be found on the 2017 Annual Session website click on the Awards and Competition tab: https://www.aaoinfo.org/meetings/2017-annualsession.
Only the online application will be accepted for these awards. The application deadline is 6:00pm EDT on October 1, 2016.

COSA will be accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and E Posters at the 2017 AAO Annual Session starting the first week of August 2016. The application deadline is 6:00pm EDT on October 15, 2016.

COSA will be accepting online applications for the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award presentations at the 2017 AAO Annual Session starting the first week of January 2017. The first forty residents who apply for the program are accepted. The application deadline has changed to 6:00pm EST on February 15, 2017.

The 2016 - 2017 members of COSA are: Dr. Jeffrey Nickel, chair (MSO), Dr. David Covell (PCSO), Dr. Frans Currier (SWSO), Dr. Jeff Erickson (RMSO), Dr. Sylvia FrazierBowers (SAO), Dr. Nan Hatch (GLAO), Dr. Flavio Uribe (NESO), Dr. Robert Vanarsdall (MASO), Dr. Rolf Behrents (Trustee Liaison).


COSA reviewed 31 applications for the Hellman, Sicher, and Graber Awards. The winners will present their lectures during Annual Session. The following are the 2017 AAO Research Awards winners:

**Milo Hellman Research Award** to Dr. Paul Lazari from the University of Illinois-Chicago for research titled: Secretory microRNA-29 in gingival crevicular fluid during canine retraction

**Harry Sicher Research Award** to Dr. Chris Cramer from Texas A&M University for research titled: The effects of micro-osteoperforations on tooth movement and bone in the beagle maxilla

**Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit** to Dr. Matthew Cozin from the University of California – San Francisco for research titled: Altering osteoclasts in utero leads to changes in mandibular lengths in adult mice, Dr. Paula Zabalegui from University of Southern California for research titled: Three-dimensional quantification of post-surgical condylar displacement, Dr. Fouad-Hassan Ebrahim from the University of Michigan for research titled: Accuracy of cone beam computed tomography in assessing the internal trabecular structure of the mandibular condyle, Dr. Eliane H. Dutra from the University of Connecticut for research titled: Cellular and matrix response of the mandibular condylar cartilage to botulinum toxin.

AAO President-Elect (MASO) Dr. Nahid Maleki addressing the BOD during the Santa Fe Meeting.
The 2018 Hellman, Sicher, Graber application will be an online application. The 2018 online application will be available on March 15, 2017. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2017.

COSA accepted 28 Oral Research applications, 510 E-Poster applications and 65 Table Clinic applications to be presented at the 2017 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.

COSA is accepting applications for the 2017 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award program to be held at the 2017 AAO Annual Session. The online application can be found on the AAO website. The deadline to apply for this program is February 15, 2017.

COSA continues to review published evidence based orthodontic research. Appropriate article citations are being added to the Evidence Based Orthodontic Research Resource Center on a regular basis. The Evidence Based Orthodontic Research Resource Center is on the AAO Library webpage. Also in the resource center area of the AAO Library webpage is the CBCT Resource Center and the Bisphosphonate Resource Center.

On January 1, 2017 Dr. Robert Vanarsdall, Jr. passed away. Dr. Vanarsdall was finishing his second stint serving on COSA. COSA appreciates all the work Dr. Vanarsdall did while serving on COSA. Dr. Jeffrey Nickel, COSA chair, sent a letter of appreciation in memory of Dr. Vanarsdall to the AAO Board of Trustees, the University of Pennsylvania, MASO leadership and Dr. Behrents, AJODO editor.

COSA’s next meeting is on Friday, April 21, 2017 prior to the start of Annual Session. During Annual Session, COSA members will be involved with judging the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award presentations, judging the Table Clinics and 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 5, 2018.

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**Report from the Committee on Insurance**

**Dr. Donald Wilson**

A meeting of the AAO Committee on Insurance was held December 5, 2015. Those present were Drs. Steven Hensler, Chair, Norman Boucher, Shawn Lehman-Grimes, Brian Holman, Chris Roberts, Board Liaison, and Mr. Scott Cant, AAOSI Senior Manager of Endorsed Products and Services were present. Dr. Donald Wilson was unable to attend.

Mr. Raghu Rangachar, VP and Actuary of New York Life Insurance; Ms. Colleen Scherrer, Corporate VP of New York Life; Ms. Sharon Harman, VP Affinity Client Relations of Pearl Insurance; and Mr. David Bland, Project Manager of Pearl Insurance were present.

Ms. Elizabeth Franklin was present for a portion of the meeting, Dr. Chris Roberts presented the AAO Board Liaison report.

The committee discussed contacting all new orthodontic residents after match completed via a congratulatory letter. The letter would include information on endorsed insurance products student members are eligible for and the $100,000 of free life insurance. The committee requested NYLIC to research a free disability program for US student members.
Life and Health Program Reports

Mr. Rangachar and Ms. Scherrer presented the 2016 policy year second quarter financial report of New York Life endorsed insurance program for period ending 10/1/2015. The plans are currently operating with a positive margin (underwriting profit) of $2,259,176. The following are balances of the Cost Stabilization Reserve (CSR) and Dividend on Deposit (DOD). CSR: $2,136,765; DOD: $7,965,621. Currently the CSR balance is at its 30% maximum per agreement. Mr. Rangachar presented NYLIC report on the possibility of changing premium rates from unisex to gender premiums. It was not recommended to implement gender rates at this time.

Mr. Rangachar presented disability program pooling analysis, and that NYLIC is offering a new pooling arrangement. However a detailed projection wasn’t ready and further analysis was determined to be necessary. Mr. Rangachar also presented the proposal to change the CSR for NYLIC programs. It was moved that the committee recommend that the AAO Board approve raising the CSR cap to 60% of earned premium, with a cap of 4.5M, and use funds from the DOD to fund the CSR to the maximum and maintain the 50/50 split of a positive margin in return for a 4.7% risk charge. On vote the motion was approved.

Proposals are to be submitted to the committee on a critical illness plan, chronic care rider, over 70 life insurance, and student disability.

Ms. Sharon Harman, Mr. David Bland, and Mr. Shannon Warner presented the Pear administration report on the Life and Health program. They discussed their different marketing and retention campaigns, which include brand recognition/online visibility, online applications, and cross-sell campaigns.

Report from the COMEJC

Dr. Kevin Cassidy

The council met and discussed the following Bylaws changes:

That AAO affiliate members have the same dues and benefits as active members (for a copy of the addendum please contact Kevin Cassidy at: dr_kevin@cassidyorthodontics.kcoxmail.com)

Adding a humanitarian service waiver for doctors in full time humanitarian service and not actively practicing orthodontics as well as adding a permanent disability waiver for those who are not eligible for retired status.

Other topics discussed: Recognizing Life Members with a letter signed by the council chair and a pin.

A subcommittee was formed in February 2015 with COOP to look into patient abandonment issues after meeting the council recommends the sub-committee develop a top down protocol for how a doctor would take in an abandoned patient and to also provide direction to the AAO on how to direct incoming patient phone calls. The subcommittee will meet again to discuss these recommendations.

The Strategic Plan approved by the 2015 HOD assigned COMEJC to develop recommendations for volume discounts customized benefit packages depending on interest. COMEJC feels the number of members in Dental Service Organization structure is small in scope at this time. This distribution of members working in DSO’s doesn’t lend itself to a broader approach. The AAO should continue its efforts to build relationships with the leadership of the large group practices. Based upon the ADA report, council recommends not moving forward at this time with any group membership program.
Dr. Wolk provided an update on the DSO Task Force. AAO will meet with some Dental Service Organizations in conjunction with the 2016 Professional Advocacy Conference. The meeting agenda was projected for the council's awareness. Dr. Marcus suggested collaboration with DSOs so member orthodontists are not penalized for participation in AAO official business / events.

COMEJC also reviewed the feasibility of establishing new membership categories or special interest groups based on practice modality. The council does not recommend any new membership categories be established.

Report from the Council on New and Younger Members

Dr. Tamara Jones

The Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM) had its annual in person meeting on January 20th, 2017 in St. Louis. On the 21st CONYM met with the Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns (CONMEJC). During this meeting we reviewed the following topics:

**AAO Town Hall** - the second annual town hall meeting has been organized to coincide with the AAO Mid-Winter Meeting and Emerging Leaders Conference in Fort Lauderdale on February 11th from 7-8am. The panelist will include: Dr. Brent Larson, Dr. Norman Nagel, Dr. Michal Kleinlerer, Dr. Mariela Anderson and the current topics set for discussion (but not limited to) are:

- Value of AAO membership New and younger member initiatives.
- Effects of orthodontic residency programs, student debt and DSOs.
- Canadian orthodontist issues.
- AAO’s work with insurance companies to protect members.
- Consumer Awareness Program (CAP).

The next town hall meeting is being scheduled for the AAO Annual Session in San Diego, CA in April with an extended 90 min time slot.

Dr. Nahid Maleki presented an update from the BOT virtual meeting and the AAO’s current Strategic Plan. She also informed us that current statistics show that 20% of orthodontic graduates are entering employment with DSOs, while dental graduates have increased to 30%. The numbers are projected to reach 50% within 20 years. Obviously, as this demographic continues to get larger, there is a need for the AAO to continue to adapt and include resources for this growing group of orthodontists.

**AAO Mentoring Program** is a member benefit that will be officially launching in the summer 2017. Mentors and mentees fill out profiles and it operates much like match.com, giving the mentee options for a mentor based on a percentage match of their profiles, interests and needs. The pilot program launched in July 2016 with 94 participants. There are going to be one-to-one mentorships and also group mentorships based on specific topics.

**Representatives** were selected to represent the AAO and CONYM at the ASDA Annual Session in Feb 2018 (Dr. Tamara Jones), and GORP in Aug 2017 (Dr. Lauren Gray),
ADEA CareerCon (Virtual Career Fair) scheduled for Oct 1-2, 2017

ADA New Dentist Committee - CONYM has recommended having all specialties have a new and younger member representative to create a “roundtable” group with the ADA committee to open up lines of communication among all new dentists AND specialists.

New Orthodontist/Resident Conference at AAO Annual Session 2017 on Sunday following the excellence in orthodontics luncheon with roundtable discussions. We have moved this event to no longer conflict with the excellence in orthodontics luncheon, as it had in years prior and will be followed by the job fair. Selected planning Committee for the New Orthodontist/Resident Conference at the AAO Annual Session in 2018 (Dr. Daniel Keith, Dr. Chris DeLeon, Dr. Trista Felty)

New and Younger Member eNews appointment for a new editor (Dr. Anderson to follow Dr. David Defay/ term ends in April 2017)

AAO Critical Issue #1: Maintain relevance to all members by providing AAO programs and services to create value for all demographics and practice modalities.

- Strengthen communications to targeted audiences.
- Develop collaborative relationships with DSOs.
- Support members’ orthodontic careers.
- Provide support to constituent and component organizations.

Update on the removal of the “exclusive” practice of orthodontics from membership criteria in the bylaws - has gone through 2016 HOD, was tabled to the virtual BOT meeting in Nov, and now moved to the 2017 HOD, to also take into consideration to ADA resolution 65’s change in membership classifications

Voting of CONYM chair (Dr. Daniel Keith or Dr. Anderson) for 2017-2018.

CONYM along with COMEJC are working on one resolution to put forth to the HOD and one recommendation to the BOT this year:

- Allowing a member of CONYM the ability to sit on each of the AAO councils and committees to make sure the voice of the younger growing demographic of members is heard.

A potential graduated fee structure for the AAO annual session, based on years from graduation.

Report from Dr. Kyle Shannon

SWSO Leadership Program 2017

The 2015 SWSO Leadership Development Program was just completed at the annual session in San Antonio. We had a great group of presenters and attendees from all over the Southwest region. Discussion topics included leadership styles of some of America’s greatest such as Abraham Lincoln and George Washington; how to run an effective meeting; personality profiles; governance structure of the AAO, SWSO; and much more.
Our next leadership program will be held in 2017. It will be comprised of two sessions: the first being held in conjunction with our ad interim board meeting in the Spring (Dallas) and the second in conjunction with the Annual Session in the Fall (Sept. 13-17 in New Orleans). Proven leadership skills and techniques will be identified and developed in an exciting, collaborative setting with other orthodontists in our region. Hotel expense and food will be taken care of by the SWSO. Attendees will be responsible for travel expenses and incidentals. If you have questions, please contact program director Kyle Shannon at shannonortho@mac.com.

**Announcements**

**ABO’s Dale B Wade Award**

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) awarded Phillip M. Campbell, DDS, MSD, of Dallas, Texas, the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics on Saturday, April 30 at the annual luncheon of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, which was held in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Orlando, Florida.

The ABO bestows this award upon an exemplary senior clinician and board-certified orthodontist who demonstrates exceptional dedication to orthodontics through clinical excellence and/or devoted teaching in the image of Dr. Dale B. Wade, a past president of the ABO.

Dr. Campbell is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics at Texas A&M University (TAMU) Baylor College of Dentistry. He practiced clinical orthodontics for 32 years in Huntsville, Texas. He returned to TAMU Baylor College of Dentistry as clinic director of the Department of Orthodontics in 2005 and was appointed chair in 2010. He has held the Robert E. Gaylord Endowed Chair in Orthodontics since 2006.

“It is indeed humbling to look at the list of former winners of the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence,” Dr. Campbell said. “Many of my teachers, namely Rick Aubrey, Ed Genecov and Wick Alexander, have previously received this honor. Therefore, I humbly accept this award knowing that there are many colleagues who are more deserving. The
individuals who actually deserve the credit for this honor are our residents, our faculty and our teachers who so selflessly shared their expertise with us over many years.”

During his tenure at TAMU Baylor College of Dentistry, Dr. Campbell has been highly successful in fundraising, having led the funding and establishment of the Robert E. Gaylord Endowed Chair in Orthodontics, the Tom Matthews Endowed Lectureship in Orthodontics, the Peter H. Buschang Endowed Professorship in Orthodontics, and the Peter H. Buschang Endowed Chair for Orthodontic Research.

Dr. Campbell previously served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the TAMU Baylor College of Dentistry, as well as a member of the Board of Directors of the Baylor Oral Health Foundation. He serves as associate editor of *The Angle Orthodontist* and as treasurer of the E.H. Angle Education and Research Foundation. He is a fellow of both the American College of Dentists and the International College of Dentists.

Dr. Campbell received his dental degree and master's degree in orthodontics from TAMU Baylor College of Dentistry in 1971 and 1973, respectively. He was certified by the ABO in 1981 and recertified in 2013. He is a member of the Baylor College of Dentistry Hall of Fame and a Distinguished Alumnus of both the TAMU Baylor College of Dentistry and the Department of Orthodontics. In 2014, he received the Martin Dewey Memorial Award, the highest award given by the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.

**Shepard Distinguished Service Award**

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) awarded Stephen McCullough, DDS, MS, of Yukon, Oklahoma, the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award on Saturday, April 30 at the annual luncheon of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, which was held in conjunction with the 2016 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Orlando, Florida.

The Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was established to perpetuate Dr. Earl Shepard's outstanding accomplishments and to show appreciation for his many contributions as the first executive director of the ABO and those of his wife, Wilma, who was highly involved with her husband's efforts to fulfill the ABO's goals. This award recognizes an individual for outstanding dedication and advancement of the ideals and mission of the ABO.

Dr. Stephen McCullough received his dental degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1979, and his master's degree in orthodontics from the University of Michigan in 1981. Dr. McCullough then returned home to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and began teaching full time as a founding faculty member of the new University of Oklahoma graduate orthodontic program.

“During my time at the University of Michigan, the faculty, most of whom were board certified, continuously encouraged me to seek board certification after I got into practice,” Dr. McCullough said. “They were all excellent clinical orthodontists and role models, so that became a goal of mine from early on in my career. From the time I began my teaching career, I have tried to do the same for my students.”

In 1984, Dr. McCullough opened his private practice in Yukon. “At that time, I joined the Tweed Study Club in Oklahoma. All of the members were board certified so I had even more encouragement and role models for board certification,” said Dr. McCullough, who became board certified in 1990 and voluntarily recertified in 2002.
Dr. McCullough has been an examiner for the ABO since 2007. “Being an examiner has only strengthened my support for board certification,” Dr. McCullough said. "It is important that we continue to encourage young orthodontists to seek certification not only for their own personal growth and satisfaction but also for the future of our specialty.”

For the past 32 years, Dr. McCullough has taught part time at the University of Oklahoma where he is now a clinical professor. Because of this, Dr. McCullough has taught every orthodontic student who has attended the University of Oklahoma graduate orthodontic program.

In addition to his practice and teaching, Dr. McCullough is the assistant course director of the Charles H. Tweed Foundation Study Course and is on the Foundation’s Board of Directors. He is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Oklahoma Society of Orthodontists. He served as president of the Oklahoma Society of Orthodontists in 1989 – 1990.

**ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI) Chairman’s Award**

The ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI) Chairman's Award was presented this year to Dr. Kirt Simmons. Dr. Simmons practices full-time in the Craniofacial Department at the Arkansas Children's Hospital. During these years he made major contributions SCDI and also was a prime figure in the development of technical reports that were published by WG 11.6 (Orthodontics), WG 12.1 (Imaging), WG 10.9 (Laboratory Prescriptions), and WG 10.12. As a member of SCDI Working Group 11.6–Orthodontic Interoperability he has helped move the work forward.

He has influenced:


DICOM Change Proposals.

He was co-chairman of the IHE dental domain. He has been the representative of AAO on the SCDI for many years. He has authored an important and often-cited chapter titled “The Electronic Patient Record: How It Affects the Private Practitioner” in: McNamara JA Jr., ed. Taking Advantage of Emerging Technologies in Clinical Practice. Monograph 49, Craniofacial Growth Series, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor 2012; 9-18.
Practice Based Research Network – Anterior Openbite Study

In the Fall of 2015, the National Dental PBRN study on Anterior Openbite was launched. Dr. Greg Huang, Chair at the University of Washington, is the principal investigator for the study. This study calls for approximately 210 orthodontists to enroll 840 adult anterior open bite patients who are in active treatment. Currently more than 50 practitioners have already completed their study training, and patients are being enrolled continuously into the study.

Why Is Participating in the Openbite Study Important?

1. The openbite study is the first orthodontic study that is being conducted on a National scale. It is extremely important that the profession embrace this type of research and that orthodontists demonstrate their willingness to participate. By doing so, we will place our profession in an excellent position to secure future funding from National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research to conduct practice based research.

2. By participating in this study, you will be helping with a comprehensive and rigorous assessment of current methods to treat openbites and to retain the correction. The analyses performed using data from your patients will allow us to generate clinically relevant evidence that can be used to provide better treatment to our future patients. This is the ultimate goal of any kind of orthodontic research. Participating in this study is great way for practitioners to give back to our specialty. It is a win for patients, practitioners, and the profession!

3. In the course of conducting the openbite study, we will train a large number of orthodontists on practice-based research methods. This group of practitioners will gain valuable experience, and they can be invited to participate in future orthodontic studies. This network of orthodontists will be an invaluable asset to our profession for years to come. The AAO PBRN committee is actively recruiting orthodontists who want to join this national PBRN effort. Each study has specific requirements and every clinician must complete mandatory HIPAA and human studies training. For more information on the open bite study, please visit the AAO PBRN webpage. Number of orthodontists who have participated so far is shown on the thermometer.

AAO Members who complete the National Dental PBRN training will receive a free one year access to the AAO Online Lectures.

Interested in Participating?

If you have an interest in participating in the Anterior Openbite Study then please contact any of the AAO PBRN Committee members: Jaime DeJesus-Vinas, Veerasathpurush Allareddy, John Callahan, Jeff Erickson, Greg Huang, Brent Larson, Bhavna Shroff, Flavio Uribe, or the support staff of the National Dental PBRN, Meredith Buchberg and we will make it happen.
In Memoriam

J. Mark Felton

October 23, 1953 – November 20, 2016

In 2016, the SWSO lost a friend. A great one...

Mark was born in Tulsa, the younger of two brothers, and had lived in the Oklahoma City area for many years. He was a strong supporter of the University of Oklahoma, its College of Dentistry, and the Department of Orthodontics. Mark taught in both the Predoctoral and Graduate Orthodontic Programs for over three decades, rising through the academic ranks to Clinical Professor of Orthodontics five years ago.

Dr. Felton had orthodontic practices in Oklahoma City and Edmond, working with Dr. Larson Keso since 1984. Mark received his diplomate status from the American Board of Orthodontics in 1993 and was President of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO) in 2003. He served as a SWSO Delegation Member and/or Delegation Chair to the House of Delegates of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) and was a former member of the AAO Council on Orthodontic Education.

Mark’s services to the Profession were many: Omicron Pi Chapter of Omicron Kappa Upsilon Honorary Dental Society as Secretary-Treasurer for 10 years; Oklahoma Section of the American College of Dentists as Secretary-Treasurer for four years; International College of Dentists as a Fellow; the Charles H. Tweed Orthodontic Study Group of Texas (Texas Orthodontic Study Club) as a member while receiving the Fred F. Schudy Award for Excellence in the Clinical Practice of Orthodontics eight times and the D.T. Rowland Award; and Site Visitor of Graduate Orthodontic Programs for the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA). He was a member of the Board of Directors for the Oklahoma County Dental Society for over 20 years; Delegate to the Oklahoma Dental Association House of Delegates for over 20 years; member of the Board of Trustees for the J. Dean Robertson Society; and the 2004 recipient of the Outstanding Professorial Achievement Award for Part-Time Faculty at the OU College of Dentistry.

Dr. Felton received his B.S. Degree in Zoology from the OU College of Arts and Sciences in 1975 and his D.D.S. degree at the OUHSC College of Dentistry in 1979. Mark continued his education at Baylor College of Dentistry where he earned a Master of Science in Dentistry (M.S.D.) degree and his Certificate in Orthodontics in 1984.

While teaching and practicing, Mark attended the College of Education at the University of Central Oklahoma where he graduated in 1994 with a Master of Education in Professional Health Occupation with Honors.

Dr. Felton’s article that was published over 30 years ago in the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics on computerized analysis of mandibular arch forms is considered a classic article. Mark served as a member of over 20 M.S. thesis research studies in our Graduate Orthodontic Program here at OU.

During his remarkable career in Orthodontics at the University of Oklahoma, Mark demonstrated a caring, responsive approach to his patients, the students, the staff, and his colleagues. We have all enjoyed the opportunity to call this individual a good friend, an outstanding professional, and a wonderful Oklahoman.

Here is to Mark and his everlasting memory...
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American Association Of Orthodontists Meeting Calendar

2017
Feb 9 AAO Emerging Leaders Conf. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Beach Resort.
Feb 10-12 AAO Winter Conference Fort Lauderdale Marriott Beach Resort.
Feb 17-18 AAO Board of Trustees' Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.
March 2-4 PCSO Spring Training Scottsdale, AZ.
March 3-5 NESO Ad Interim Meeting Boston, MA.
March 10 MSO Ad Interim Meeting St. Louis, MO.
March 11 SAO Ad Interim Meeting Charlotte, NC.
March 21 AAO Deadline-Submit HOD Rpts/Resol.
Apr. 21-25 AAO Annual Session San Diego, CA.
July 6-11 CDABO Annual Session Resort at Squaw Creek, Lake Tahoe, CA.
July 20-23 AAO Board Planning Session Minneapolis, MN, Loews Minneapolis Hotel.
Aug 18-19 AAO Board of Trustees' Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.
Sep. 8-10 RMSO Constituent Mtg. TBD.
Sep 13-15 Canadian Assoc. of Orthodontists Toronto, Ontario.
Sep. 14-17 GLAO/MSO/SWSO Joint Mtg. Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, LA.
Oct. 4-8 SAO Constituent Mtg. Marriott Tampa Waterside Hotel, Tampa, FL.
Oct. 9-12 NESO Constituent Mtg. Marriott Copley Place Boston, Boston, MA.

Oct. 11-15 PCSO Annual Session Reno Convention Center, Reno, NV.

Oct. 19-24 ADA Annual Session Atlanta, GA.

Nov. 2-5 MASO Constituent Mtg. Fairmont, Southampton, Bermuda.

Nov. 17-18 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.

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Feb 9-11 AAO Winter Conference Westin Kierland Resort, Scottsdale, AZ.

Feb 16-17 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.

Apr 4 AAO Deadline Submit HOD Rpts/Resol.

May 4-8 AAO Annual Session Washington, DC.

July 5-10 CDABO Annual Session Orlando, FL. Tentative.

Aug 17-18 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.

Sep. 13-16 GLAO/MASO Joint Meeting Fairmont Royal York, Toronto.

Sep. 21-22 MSO Constituent Meeting Radisson Blu Mall of America, Bloomington, MN.

Sep. 27 - Oct. 2 ADA Annual Session San Francisco, CA.

Oct. 3-7 SAO Constituent Mtg. Sheraton New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.

Oct. 11-14 PCSO Annual Session Monterey Convention Center, Monterey, CA.

Oct. 17-21 SWSO Constituent Mtg. Hyatt Regency Dallas, Dallas, TX.

Oct. 18-21 RMSO Constituent Mtg. Denver or Salt Lake City. Tentative.

Nov. 1-4 NESO Constituent Meeting Marriott Marquis, New York City, NY.

Nov. 16-17 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.

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Feb 15-16 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO. Tentative.

Apr 3 AAO Deadline to Submit HOD Rpts/Resol.

May 3-7 AAO Annual Session Los Angeles, CA.

Aug 15-16 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.

Sep 12-15 MASO Constituent Meeting. Location: TBD. Tentative.


Sep. 26-29 NESO Constituent Meeting Seaport Boston Hotel, Boston, MA.

Oct 3-6 PCSO Annual Session Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, HI.

Oct 17-22 ADA Annual Session TBD. Tentative.

Oct 16-20 SWSO Constituent Meeting San Antonio or Austin, TX.
Oct 25-26 MSO Constituent Meeting Branson, MO.

Nov 6-9 SAO Constituent Meeting Rosen Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando, FL. Tentative.

Nov 22-23 AAO Board of Trustees’ Mtgs. St. Louis, MO.

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AAO Review Governance Practices – every 7 yrs.

May 1-5 AAO Annual Session Atlanta, GA.

Sept 30-Oct 4 MSO Constituent Meeting Chicago, IL (TBD). Tentative.


Oct 14-17 SAO Constituent Meeting Omni Nashville Hotel, Nashville, TN.


Nov 5-8 NESO Constituent Meeting Bonaventure Hotel, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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Nov 4-7 NESO Constituent Meeting Marriott Marquis, New York City, NY.

Oct 6-10 SAO Constituent Meeting TBD. Tentative.

Oct 21-24 PCSO Constituent Meeting TBD. Tentative.

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Sept. 22-25 NESO Constituent Meeting Seaport Boston Hotel, Boston, MA.


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Additionally please join me in welcoming our new Copy Editor, Jan Wilcoxon. Jan has already been instrumental in preparing this newsletter. I am greatly thankful to her for her kind assistance and dedication to the SWSO and our mission.