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PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

Dr. J. Clifton Alexander, President SWSO

Hello SWSO Members:

President’s Invitation

It is an honor and privilege to serve as SWSO president and to invite you and your staff to the annual Southwestern Society of Orthodontists Meeting. **It is being held on October 10-13, 2013 at the Gaylord Texan in Grapevine, Texas.** The Gaylord is only minutes north of DFW Airport, so very easy access coming and going. It is one of the finest Convention Centers/Destinations in Texas. You will definitely want to make plans to attend.

A special thank you goes to my cousin and dear friend, **Moody Alexander**, who graciously agreed to serve as Convention Planning Committee chair. He has done a phenomenal job and we have had a blast putting the meeting together along with our Study Club who serves as our Committee Heads: **Dan Mallory, John Kelley, Clay Pickering, Wayne Sankey, Coby Buchanan, Darrell Sherman and Patrick Briscoe.** This team has designed a fantastic and unique program, like never before seen at an SWSO Meeting. It not only includes top of the line speakers for both doctors and staff but also first-rate entertainment events.

Each day begins with a 1-hour joint Doctor and Staff session led by a motivational and/or spiritual speaker. **Deena Ebbert**, who presented last year on Sunday, is returning as the Friday morning lead-off speaker. She will inspire us for the following 3 days with new and fun material.

Saturday morning, **Cousin Moody** will share his story of life in practice and how he has maintained balance in his professional and personal life. His is a truly incredible story. Then, on Sunday, our own Past President **Rick**

Boyd will share his testimony at the Devotional Service. He presented this last year and it is so good of him to present to a larger audience this year. Please don't miss this opportunity to hear how The Lord worked so powerfully in Rick's struggle with cancer.

After each morning session, the Doctors and Staff will split up for their own sessions. This year's theme is how technology affects our practices, clinically and professionally. The Doctors' speakers are **Drs. Patrick Curiel, Rohit Sachdeva, David Sarver, Asif Chatoo, Randy Womack, and Marco Pinto**. They will speak on topics such as customized 3D appliances, the newest orthodontic technologies, and social media affects us. **Dr. Doug Depew**, on Friday, and **Mrs. Cathy Sundvall**, on Saturday, will treat the Staff to fine presentations by on similar topics and how staff members can uniquely benefit practices.

In addition to the great speaker lineup is the wonderful entertainment. Hitting "lead off" is legendary MLB Hall of Fame Pitcher and President of the Texas Rangers, **Nolan Ryan**, who will speak at Friday's Opening Breakfast. **There will be limited seating and photographic opportunities for the first 50 to register.** Friday night, a Wine and Cheese reception will be held for our own **AAO President Gayle Glenn**. This will be an opportunity for all of us to honor a gracious and deserving individual. Saturday night will include a tour and dinner at the spectacular new **Cowboys Stadium in Arlington**. Busses will take us there for dinner with tours throughout the evening. The Stadium is not just a football/sports arena, but rather a work of art and magnitude, which should not be passed up.

So, in closing, Moody and I have great hopes this meeting will surpass all expectations, in terms of education, inspiration, and entertainment. Please join us in Texas in October. See you there!

TRUSTEE REPORT

Dr. J. Kendall Dillehay, SWSO Trustee to the AAO

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

The Board of Trustees met February 22nd and 23rd 2013 in St. Louis, Missouri. This meeting traditionally deals with House of Delegate (HOD) items and the annual budget, in addition to regular Board of Trustee business. The recommended budget meets the objective to include only 50% of expected earnings on investments in revenue and there are only a few new initiatives included in the budget. In keeping with financial best practices, the AAO Board of Trustees is offering a revision to the reserves policy. The proposed budget is balanced, as is policy, and it will be reviewed and discussed.

There were two motions for the HOD from the Council on Membership. One adjusted the dues structure to allow a phase-in of dues for new and younger members. The other relates to the assessment fee structure. Both of these recommendations are designed to smooth out the impact of the increases, and they will be presented to the HOD for consideration.

The BOT did approve a resolution to be considered by the HOD to amend financial policy to allow for a senior limited practice dues waiver. Eligibility: doctors who have at least 30 cumulative years of membership (excluding student membership) and practice no more than 350 hours per year.

The BOT approved a COGA request to host two complimentary webinars for members focused on how new laws and regulations can impact a member's bottom line and patient experience. Issues such as reduced FSAs, medical device tax, etc. would be covered. COGA hopes to get more members involved in advocacy by bringing the issues to their individual practices.

A committee of the BOT reviewed the many programs, including Donated Orthodontic Services, Smiles Change Lives, Give Kids a Smile, Smiles for a Lifetime, that provide reduced or free orthodontic services to those in need. The AAO

has decided that it will actively promote to the public all programs that provide reduced or free orthodontic services to those in need in order to fulfill our mission to serve the public interest. The AAO will collect pertinent data including the number of patients serviced in these organizations, which may help with our advocacy efforts.

The new AAO member site launched in mid-March. We would love to have your feedback after you have a chance to review it. I think that you will find it much more user friendly.

The Young Leaders Conference took place on February 7, 2013. AAO staff will be working with a board committee to develop a charter that will outline the next steps. Some of these steps will include active engagement through the open community, listing of volunteer positions at the constituent level, responding to issues raised during the meeting as well as potential actions that the group recommended. We will tie in the constituents and the Executive Directors to the open community once the charter has been completed.

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

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS

Dr. Larry Tadlock, ABO Representative of SWSO

Under the leadership of President Dr. Scott Jameison, the ABO continues to work tirelessly to achieve its mission, which has four parts:

1. To elevate the knowledge and clinical skills of graduates of accredited orthodontic programs by conducting exams and conferring time-limited certificates;
2. To re-evaluate clinical knowledge and skills through administration of recertification exams throughout a Diplomate's career;
3. To support the development of qualify graduate, postgraduate and continuing education programs in orthodontics; and
4. To promote and encourage certification expertise throughout the world.

Clinical Exam

The ABO conducted four clinical exams during the year 2012 and examined a total of 517 candidates. This year we three exams; however, we added days to each exam so the total number of exam days is about the same as 2012. The date for the upcoming exam is Nov. 19-23, 2013. The exam in the past February produced 112 more certified orthodontists with a pass rate of 71%. Fourteen of those were from the SWSO.

The Gateway option has expired; although, approximately 130 still remain to be examined this year due to the exam space available. Thirty-one percent (31%) of those who took advantage of the Gateway option are now certified. Those remaining will not change the total percentage much. Those who didn't complete the Gateway are still eligible to take the Beginning Certification Exam. They do NOT have to retake the written exam! The number of ICE (Initial Certification Exam) candidates taking the exam has grown each year (75 in 2010, 118 in 2011, and 182 in 2012). Since 2010 100% of the ICE candidates have passed at least three cases, which is required for banking.

What's New?

We continue to increase the number of candidates at each exam who are submitting their full records through electronic submission. Currently, the only record that we do not accept in digital format is the final model. However, the ABO is working diligently on the standards required for a measurable final model, and will allow them as soon as it is possible. We also will soon have our own digital model viewer so that we can accept

digital models from ANY company as long as they are in one of several standard formats. The ABO will announce this on the website soon, and will contact all the vendors.

Advocacy Program and the Partnership with CDABO

The ABO and the College continue to work together to aid orthodontic programs. We have 100% participation from every orthodontic residency program in the United States. Some programs have more than one advocate. The ABO has prepared presentations and placed them on the ABO server for use by the advocates through remote log in. The ABO is tracking certification with the programs and their participation in advocacy.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON INSURANCE

Dr. Larson R. Keso, SWSO Representative to COI

A regular meeting of the COI was held in St. Louis Missouri, January 19, 2012, Dr. Larson R. Keso, Chair, presiding. All members were in attendance. Others included Dr. Nahid Maelki, Trustee liaison; Mr. Scott Cant, staff liaison; Liz Franklin, Claims Manager, AAOSI and representatives from New York Life and Aon Affinity (broker/marketer).

NYLIC Report

The endorsed health plans continues to be of concern. There were 230 insured with Major Medical on 10/2012, a 21% drop. The analysis is calling for an 11.1% renewal increase. Due to PPACA limits, a 9.9% increase was accepted. The resultant reduction in premium income and an increase in the number and size of claims had a deleterious effect upon the Cost Stabilization Reserve (CSR) and the Dividend on Deposit (DOD). For the policy year ending 3/31/12 the CSR is \$1,324,301 a reduction of \$1,772,609 from the previous years CST. The DOD at the same time was \$6,951,157, a decrease of \$644,481. The overall program, Term Life, AD&D, DI, POE, and Medical produced a gross income of \$8,809,004, expenses x claims of \$3,006,076, and claims expenses of \$6,410,906, yielding a net loss of \$607,979.

AON Report

There are currently 5175 certificates in place representing \$12,028, 066 in premium, a 3% decline in the past 6 months and 6% in the past year. The primary cause is a decline in participation in the major medical plan.

Besides direct mail and the internet, AON plans to develop relationships with AAO members, starting at the Resident level and thereafter. This effort will be reinforced at conventions, over the phone and during insured service.

General

On a personal note, this was my last meeting of the Council as my term of office ended in May, 2013. I have truly enjoyed this experience and keenly appreciate the current and past Boards of Directors for giving me this opportunity. Any member with experience in, education about, or strong interest in business/insurance /related fields is encouraged to submit a letter of interest with qualifications to Judy Salisbury, SWSO Executive Director. jsalisbury00@gmail.com

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Dr. Scott D. Hamilton, SWSO Representative to COGA

The COGA met January 28 prior to the Professional advocacy conference. In addition to normal business proceedings, the following was discussed to be our most critical issues for this legislative session:

2013 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.
- 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.

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 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 and Students

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, 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.

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.

Support Oral Health Initiatives

Improve Children's Oral Health

- 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:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL REPORT

Eugenia Edwards provided an update on the fiscal cliff deal and the legislation included in the bill. She also discussed other items on the agenda this year including filibuster reform, immigration reform, gun control, tax reform and sustainable growth rate reform (the formula used to control spending by Medicare on physician services), as well as implementation of the new medical device tax, the limit on flexible spending accounts and the proposed Physician Payment Sunshine Act.

Ms. Edwards also discussed the 2014 agenda, which includes the final implementation of the Affordable Care Act including the individual mandate, Medicaid expansion, access to care, the health care exchanges, and essential health benefits.

A discussion took place regarding the best way to promote advocacy to our members and communicate the top issues that impact their professional and personal lives.

It was decided that \$5,000 be allocated to one or more webinars related to governmental affairs, specifically focusing on how implementation of the Affordable Care Act will affect the practice of orthodontics.

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

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 4, 2013. COSA reviewed 21 applications for the Hellman, Sicher, and Graber Awards. The following are the 2013 AAO Research Awards winners:

Milo Hellman Research Award to Dr. Aaron Havens from the University of Michigan for research titled *Skeletal regeneration by human very small embryonic-like (VSEL) cells, a potential autogenous treatment for craniofacial maladies*

Harry Sicher Research Award to Dr. Collin David Kraus from the Baylor College of Dentistry for research titled *Bony adaptation after expansion with light-to-moderate continuous forces*

Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit to:

Dr. Dylan Schneider from the University of Michigan for research titled *A single injection of low dose recombinant osteoprotegerin protein prevents orthodontic relapse after tooth movement*

Dr. Cecilia Cuairan from the Baylor College of Dentistry for research titled *Enhanced longitudinal miniscrew implant stability with the local application of Zoledronate*

Dr. Ayman Al Dayeh from the University of Washington for research titled *Real-time monitoring of the growth of the nasal septal cartilage and nasofrontal suture*

Dr. Anna N. Vu from the University of Kentucky for research titled *Naturally missing teeth are associated with rs10088218, an ovarian cancer susceptibility marker on 8q24: link between hypodontia and ovarian cancer?*

The 2014 Hellman, Sicher, Graber Award application will be available March 15, 2013 on the AAO website. The deadline to apply for the 2014 awards is October 15, 2013.

The Board of Trustees has asked COSA to write and publish in the AAO e-Bulletin an article on radiation hygiene. This article will be published in an upcoming AAO e-Bulletin. The article will also be posted on the AAO website in the library section. The article links to recommendations posted on the ADA website and to the CBCT advisory statement published in the August 2012 JADA issue.

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. COSA meets every January by videoconference. The next videoconference meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014.

REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL ON NEW AND YOUNGER MEMBERS

Dr. Justin Power, SWSO Representative to CONYM

NEW ORTHODONTIST/RESIDENT CONFERENCE AT ANNUAL SESSION

Dr. Mark Yanosky spoke at the Council's 2012 New Orthodontist/Resident Conference at the Annual Session in Hawaii. His topic was entitled "Enjoying the Journey" and the conference was sponsored by AAOIC.

NEW AND YOUNGER MEMBERS ONLINE NEWSLETTER (NYMO)

Dr. Dan Ryan from NESO is the *NYMO* editor and our goal has been to have quarterly newsletters. We as a Council continue to provide articles for this newsletter. Usually the articles are practice management oriented. Each Council member is asked to write or solicit an article each year. *NYMO* is also used to promote key educational programs to the new and younger members. Dr. Daniel Ryan is the *NYMO* Editor.

AAO REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ADA NEW DENTIST CONFERENCE

Dr. Jason Charnley, a member of CONYM, represented the AAO at this year's ADA New Dentist Conference, which was held June 22-24 in Washington, D.C.

CONYM REPRESENTATION AT ANNUAL GORP MEETING

A member of CONYM attends each annual GORP meeting to represent the AAO and make a presentation to the residents about the purposes of CONYM and its mission to help and represent the residents. For the second year I had the opportunity to represent CONYM at the 2012 GORP in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I spent most of my time at the AAO table talking to residents and giving them information about the AAO. There were many residents that signed up as student members of the AAO. I also made a presentation to the residents about how CONYM can be of benefit to them and about its representation of the interests of residents and new practitioners to the AAO.

The council held its annual meeting on January 25, 2013 in St. Louis, MO in conjunction with COMEJC. All council members were present and reports were given on the progress of the 2013 New Orthodontist/Residents Conference. A committee was formed to plan for this event at the 2014 annual session. Assignments were made for council members to attend the 2013 ADA New Dentist Conference and the 2013 GORP Meeting. Also, a new editor for NYMO was selected to replace our current editor who is rotating off the council. Assignments for NYMO articles were made for the following year. Our next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 2014 in Las Vegas.

REPORT FROM THE SWSO FACULTY SUPPORT COMMITTEE

Dr. Hank Bussa, Chair

The Committee A once again has arranged for a SWSO Faculty & Chairs' Meeting to be held this year at the SWSO Annual Session in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Saturday, October 27, 2012. This year the meeting will be at the OUCOD campus in either the library or the seminar room. The agenda will include a SWSO provided luncheon and a discussion of a number of topics, which will be submitted by chairs of the university-based orthodontic programs in our SWSO region. Of special interest will be seeing the progress of OU's "Denver Study" which our SWSO Faculty Support program has helped to fund. This year's proposed agenda includes the following topics:

- Each Chair's overview of their department's status, research, new or needed technologies (clinical & research opportunities at your program)
- Accreditation Issues/ Proliferation of Programs
- Match Program policies/ need for sanctions?
- Feasibility of an Advanced Dental Admission Exam
- ABO Initial Certification Exam, updates and comments
- Society of Orthodontic Educators (SOE).
- PASS participation/any problems?
- Faculty recruitment and retention issues
- Craniofacial Fellowships
- Resident class size relative to facility, faculty, staff, needs
- Student Debt

- Technologies/CBCT, etc.
- Update on ADEA’s Section on Orthodontics
- OU’s Denver Study

Last year, the faculty and chairs in attendance were very appreciative of the SWSO’s efforts to support our faculty and once again thanked the SWSO Board for its generosity. The number of participants is increasing from year to year and the attendees seem to be “taking ownership” of the process as they realize that the SWSO is committed to their support.

This year the funding provided to the Committee by the SWSO Board of Directors is being allocated in three ways:

- 1) Faculty development support funds for the four university based programs in the SWSO region are being awarded. Each department receives \$5,000 for use by faculty for research endeavors, travel to orthodontic meetings, etc.
- 2) Two competitive research awards for 2011 (in the amount of \$4,000 each) will be presented this year. Committee members Simmons, Stretesky, and Bussa have reviewed all applications from each orthodontic program. I am pleased to report that all the orthodontic programs made applications for the available funds this year. The recipients this year are: Reginald Taylor from Baylor COD for his study, “Modulation of Collagen XII and XIV Protein Expression in SLRP Null Mice”, and Peter Gakunga from UTHSCSA for his study, “Mechanisms Controlling Growth of the Cranial Base Synchronroses.”
- 3) The SWSO Faculty Support Committee continues to host an annual SWSO Faculty & Chairs Meeting at which a meeting room, refreshments, and lunch are provided. Qualified attendees (0.5 FTE or greater and registered for the SWSO Annual Session) at this meeting receive a \$200 expense reimbursement. Their basic meeting registration fee is also waived. These policies have been very popular with the educators and are seen as an indication that the SWSO values their contribution to our profession.

The Committee wishes to thank the SWSO Officers, Board of Directors and the Membership for their continued support of this important program. To my knowledge, the SWSO remains the only AAO constituent to provide such unique and important support for orthodontic education.

Committee Members:
 Hank Bussa, Chair
 Kirt Simmons
 Tony Stretesky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE AAOF: AWARDS PROGRAM

Outcomes and Measurements

Goal of the Foundation’s Awards Program

- AAOF Mission is “to advance the orthodontic specialty by supporting education and research.”
- Foundation funding designed to ensure the future viability of the specialty, by investing in the next generation of educators and researchers.

Since 1994, the AAO Foundation Awards Program has provided \$8.9 million in funding (includes 2012 Awards Program), primarily in support of Junior Faculty, including:

- 164 Fellowship Awards
- 158 Research Awards
- Over 1,000 Gifts in Support of Orthodontic Education

Support for Junior Faculty has resulted in:

- Publications – over 100 articles and abstracts, most of which have been published in journals within orthodontics, but many in journals outside the specialty and the profession.
- Lectures – scores of lectures at dental, orthodontic and at other scientific meetings as well.
- Professional advancement – to date at the 70 graduate orthodontic residency programs in the US and Canada there are:
 - 28 Department chairs and/or program directors funded Junior Faculty
 - Numerous tenured, associate and full professor positions
 - 12 NIH funding recipients
- 80% of Junior Faculty supported by the AAOF remain in full-time academics after five years.
- On the AAOF web site, there are Final Reports from some 250 peer-reviewed, funded proposals.

Foundation funding also goes to support the AAOF Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection (www.aaoflegacycollection.org), designed to preserve representative materials from participating orthodontic legacy collections. Attached is a recent press release about the status of the Collections Project.

2012 & 2013 Awards

Of those 26 proposals funded in the 2012 Awards Program, 16 were for Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards (for junior faculty in years one-five of their academic careers), 8 Biomedical Research Awards (for junior and mid-level faculty in years three-14 of their academic careers), and two Education Innovation Award Planning Grants.

In the SWSO, in addition to further funding of the University of Oklahoma Denver Growth Study through the Collections Project, Sercan Akyalcin of the University of Texas at Houston received an Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Award designated the 2012 *Eugene E. West Memorial Fellowship Award*.

The synopsis of his project, provided by Dr. Akyalcin, is as follows:

Sercan Akyalcin, D.D.S., Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, School of Dentistry and also serves as the director of the Imaging facility at the same department. Upon the completion of his orthodontics specialty training, Dr. Akyalcin began his teaching career at the University of Manitoba in Canada. In 2009, Dr. Akyalcin received the American Association of Orthodontists full-time faculty fellowship, and University of Manitoba Excellence in Classroom Teaching Awards while in Canada. He received the American Association of Orthodontists Academy of Academic Leadership Award in 2011 and successfully finished the Institute for Teaching and Learning program in affiliation with American Dental Education Association. His main teaching and research interests are 3D imaging, biomechanics, biomaterials, and facial and smile esthetics. He is a member of the editorial review board of American Journal of Orthodontics and World Journal of Stomatology. He is also serving as an ad hoc reviewer for numerous journals including Angle Orthodontist, Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research, and Journal of World Federation of Orthodontists. His current motive in academics is to strive for excellence in both research supervision and clinical training of graduate orthodontic residents.

One of my goals for the AAOF Fellowship experience is to further enhance my ability to engage in the scholarship of teaching and learning. Although being an academician is a passion of mine because it is

intellectually stimulating and professionally rewarding to educate and train students, it is difficult for some individuals to understand why someone would make such a career investment because of the many challenges in dental education. However, without well-qualified dental educators, schools are little more than buildings and equipment. Due to my clinical research background, I am expected to deliver my students the best available information based on evidence and high quality scholarship. In these very days of limited resources, AAOF is providing the young scholars with a tremendous opportunity to enhance their activities related to discovery and science. Therefore, The AAOF Faculty Development Award will assist me in gaining independence as an investigator ultimately leading to opportunities for academic leadership. The AAOF Faculty Development Award will also assist me in achieving my career goal in moving towards an academic leadership position by further enhancing my clinical and patient care skills through advanced academic training, career mentoring and actual clinical and patient care experiences. I am fortunate to have a constellation of mentors from within the School of Dentistry as well as external to the school. Those mentors along with the AAOF Faculty Development Fellowship Award and my strong desire to become a successful and impactful academician, should assist me in reaching my overall career goal of becoming a leader in the field of Orthodontics.

I sincerely appreciate the wisdom and generosity of the AAOF for making this competitive award available to young orthodontic educators.

For the next funding round, the Board budgeted support for the Collections Project, and an aggregate of \$600,000 for further development of the two Education Innovation Award initiatives, if progress warrants, as well as support for junior faculty through Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards, Post-doctoral Fellowship Awards, Biomedical Research Awards and Research Aid Awards (which offers research funding, for the first time, to part-time faculty and residents).

VIDEOS

The AAOF videotaped a series of interviews at the Annual Session in 2012, and these are being edited into separate videos as follows:

- Awards Program
- Collections Project
- individual endorsements and testimonials.

Kirt Simmons (SWSO/AR) is among those featured.

CAMPAIGN

To date, the Foundation's overall fundraising campaign, currently called **Continued Commitment to the Specialty®**, has realized \$36.2 million in pledges, \$27.1 million of which has been redeemed. There have been pledges from:

- One-third of the AAO Membership
- 1,266 Vanguard Society members, i.e., those pledging while still residents.
- 537 Regent (\$25,000) level pledges or higher
- 237 individuals have made a commitment to include the AAOF in their estate plans and thus are members of the Foundation's Keystone Society.
- Support has also been received from **Corporate Partners**, Constituent and Component Organizations, Study Clubs, Alumni Groups, Friends of the Specialty, and other organizations.

Late last year, ahead of schedule, the Legacy 300 Campaign raised more than \$1.5 million in a restricted gifts effort to fund the Collections Project (www.aaoflegacycollelcton.org)

The Board has planned a new, ambitious fundraising effort, designed to realize over time \$300,000 or more annually in a new orthodontic research endeavor. Constituent Directors on the Foundation Board have been asked to introduce this new effort to Constituent Boards at meetings this fall.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the AAO Foundation and the Collections Project, respectively, see www.aaofoundation.net or www.aaoflegacycolleciton.org. Also, please contact the AAOF EVP at 800-424-2841, #ext. 546, via e-mail at rhazel@aaortho.org.

FROM THE AMERICAN BOARD OF ORTHODONTICS

Dr. Valmy P. Kulbersh elected to serve as a director of the ABO:

The AAO House of Delegates elected Dr. Valmy P. Kulbersh of Bloomfield Hills, Mich., to serve as a director of the ABO on Friday, May 3. The House of Delegates convened in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the AAO in Philadelphia, PA. Dr. Kulbersh is the first woman to be elected to this position.

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 her tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Kulbersh will represent the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO) and will become president of the ABO in 2020. She replaces Dr. Scott Jamieson of Marquette, Mich., who is the immediate past president of the ABO.

Dr. Kulbersh, who has been a Diplomate of the ABO since 1988, is a member of the ABO Written Examination and Technology Committees. In addition, she is the ABO liaison to the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics.

“Orthodontics is my passion,” Dr. Kulbersh said. “The American Board of Orthodontics’ main purpose is to elevate the level of orthodontic care for the public by encouraging excellence in orthodontic practice. As I join the directorship of the ABO, I will continue to embrace its mission statement for the betterment of our patients’ care and our profession.”

Dr. Kulbersh is in full-time practice in Sterling Heights, Mich., and is an adjunct professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Detroit Mercy in Detroit, Mich.

In addition, Dr. Kulbersh is a past president of the Michigan Association of Orthodontists and the GLAO, and is a component director to the Angle Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. She is also a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the Pierre Fauchard Academy and the International College of Dentists. In 2011, she received the Distinguished Service Award from the GLAO. She is a member of the AAO and the ADA.

Dr. Kulbersh graduated from the National University of Asuncion Dental School in Asuncion, Paraguay, in 1974. She went on to specialize in orthodontics, graduating from the University of Detroit School of Dentistry in 1977.

Dr. Scott Jamieson concludes term as president of the ABO:

Dr. Scott Jamieson of Marquette, Mich., has completed his term as president of the ABO. The ABO installed Dr. Marvin Kastrop of Billings, Mont., as president; Dr. Paul Castelein of Princeton, Ill., as president-elect; and

Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. of Augusta, Ga., as secretary-treasurer May 7 during the ABO President's Dinner. This event was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the AAO in Philadelphia, PA. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Jamieson represented the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO).

"My eight years as a director for the American Board of Orthodontics has been a time of professional and personal growth," Dr. Jamieson said. "From the moment of my first meeting at the AAO Annual Session in San Francisco, I have been accepted by my fellow directors, challenged, worked hard and have become a better person and a better orthodontist. Our mission of protecting the public and maintaining excellence in the profession of orthodontics is an ethical standard that is addressed and met by each of the directors. Our support staff members share and are also dedicated to the ABO mission. As orthodontists, we are ethically obligated to be continual students, to protect the public, and to do the best that we can for our patients and our profession."

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

The ABO installs Dr. Marvin Kastrop as president:

The ABO installed Dr. Marvin Kastrop of Billings, Mont., as president May 7 during the ABO President's Dinner. This event was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the AAO in Philadelphia, PA. The other officers of the ABO are Dr. Paul Castelein of Princeton, Ill., president-elect; and Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. of Augusta, Ga., secretary-treasurer. Dr. Scott Jamieson of Marquette, Mich., is the immediate past president. Dr. Kastrop represents the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists (RMSO).

"The opportunity to serve as an ABO director has been one of my life's greatest gifts," Dr. Kastrop said. "To be able to further the principles and ideals of the ABO helps complete my lifelong endeavor for excellence in the specialty of orthodontics. To be a part of the 'cogs and gears' of this organization places a welcomed burden on each of us to continually urge our peers to conduct their treatment with the best procedures and skills they can achieve. This can only happen when orthodontists pursue continuing education and challenge themselves to measure up to high standards that continually change due to technology and research. The future of orthodontics looks brighter with each step forward. The opportunity for orthodontic residents to achieve and acquire initial certification through the Initial Certification Examination is a quantum leap for advocacy and liaison efforts between the ABO and the residents. Involving representatives who work with the residents in the ABO examination process will further our goal of early inclusion in the certification process."

Dr. Kastrop earned his D.D.S. from the Baylor College of Dentistry in 1968 and pursued his postdoctoral education in orthodontics at The University of Texas Dental Branch at Houston (UTDB). He earned his master's degree from UTDB in 1973. Dr. Kastrop has maintained a private orthodontic practice in Billings since 1973. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists; a Diplomate of the ABO; and a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, the AAO, the RMSO, the Montana State Orthodontic Society, the Ninth District Dental Society, and the Angle Southwest Component of the Edward H.

Angle Society of Orthodontists, among other organizations. He is a past president of the RMSO, the Montana State Orthodontic Society and the Ninth District Dental Society. He has been involved with the Montana Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped since 2002. He is a member of the Billings West Rotary and served on the Youth Court Conference Committee.

The ABO installs Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. as secretary-treasurer:

The ABO installed Dr. Eladio DeLeon Jr. of Augusta, Ga., as secretary-treasurer May 7 during the ABO President's Dinner. This event was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the AAO in Philadelphia, Pa. During his tenure, Dr. DeLeon has represented the Southern Association of Orthodontists.

Dr. DeLeon is the Goldstein Chair of Orthodontics and chair of the Department of Orthodontics at Georgia Regents University-Augusta. Dr. DeLeon serves as chair of the ABO Written Examination Committee and is a member of the ABO Technology Committee. In addition, he is the ABO liaison to the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, the Orthodontic Review Committee of the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and the AAO New and Younger Member Committee.

Dr. DeLeon earned his D.M.D. from the University of Kentucky in 1976 and later specialized in orthodontics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, from which he earned his master's degree in oral biology in 1985. He served in the U.S. Army from 1976 to 1998.

The ABO awards the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics to Dr. G. Fräns Currier:

The ABO awarded Dr. G. Fräns Currier of Oklahoma City, Okla., the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics Saturday, May 4 at the annual luncheon of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, which was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Philadelphia, Pa.

The ABO bestows this award upon an exemplary senior clinician and Diplomate 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. Currier, a Diplomate of the ABO, is professor, chair and past program director of the Department of Orthodontics, and chair of the Division of Developmental Dentistry at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center College of Dentistry. Dr. Currier has held the Ram S. Nanda Endowed Chair in Orthodontics since 2005 and the Presbyterian Health Foundation Presidential Professorship since 2008. He is a founding graduate faculty member of the Department of Orthodontics.

During his tenure at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Currier has been highly involved in university governance, serving on numerous committees and councils. He received the first Dean's Service Award from the College of Dentistry in 1997. In 1998, Dr. Currier received the Regent's Award for Superior Accomplishment in Professional and University Service. In 1999, the University of Oklahoma Faculty Senate recognized him for outstanding contributions to faculty governance. Dr. Currier received the Martin Dewey Memorial Award, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists' highest award, in 2011.

"I know of no one who is more passionately committed to the highest standards in education than Dr. Currier," said Dr. Larry Tadlock, an ABO director. "Dr. Currier, through his leadership, is creating a true legacy at the University of Oklahoma."

Dr. Currier has published extensively and has lectured in the United States and abroad. Dr. Currier is also a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, the Pierre Fauchard Academy

and the Omicron Kappa Upsilon Dental Honor Society. He is a fellow of the American College of Dentists, as well as the International College of Dentists.

He earned his D.D.S. from the University of Michigan in 1967 and then served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps from 1967 to 1969 in the Philippines. He earned his M.S.D. and certificate in pediatric dentistry from the University of Washington in 1971, his certificate in orthodontics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1977, and his M.Ed. from the University of Oklahoma in 1984.

“I am honored and humbled to receive the 2013 Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics from the American Board of Orthodontics,” Dr. Currier said. “This recognition highlights for me a commitment to excellence in all aspects of orthodontics, from our clinical treatments to our devotion to teaching and creative activities through research endeavors and professional service. My background at different universities has allowed me to expand, reevaluate and be proactive to the changes we are facing today and tomorrow. I accept this award for our present and past students, faculty, staff and patients here at the University of Oklahoma and the members of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.”

The ABO awards the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Eldon Bills:

The ABO awarded Dr. Eldon D. Bills of Lake Montezuma, Ariz., the Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award Saturday, May 4 at the annual luncheon of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics (CDABO), which was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the AAO in Philadelphia, PA.

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.

“I first became acquainted with Dr. Bills years ago through the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists (RMSO) and have always been impressed with his dedication to orthodontics, which he demonstrated with his service and initiative,” said Dr. Marvin Kastrop, president-elect of the ABO. “His leadership, dedication and vision were outstanding in the RMSO, ABO, the Edward H. Angle Society, and local and state dental organizations. Dr. Bills is a true giver to others in his personal life and dental profession.”

Dr. Bills was involved with the ABO for many years. He has been a Diplomate of the ABO since 1970 and has been a member of CDABO since 1984. In 1990, he was elected to serve as a director for the ABO, where he represented the RMSO. He served as president of the ABO from 1997 to 1998. He is also a past examiner for the ABO Clinical Examination.

“My years of service with the ABO were most certainly a highlight of my career,” Dr. Bills said. “It was an enjoyable experience that allowed me to work hard for a profession I love. I truly appreciate this award.” In addition to his service with the ABO, he is a past president of the Northern Arizona Dental Society, the Arizona State Board of Dental Examiners, the Angle Southwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, the International Interdisciplinary Study Group, and the RMSO. Dr. Bills served as treasurer for the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists for 14 years. He is also a charter and founding member of the Arizona Orthodontic Study Group, and a fellow of the International College of Dentists.

Dr. Bills completed his master’s degree and certificate in orthodontics in 1961 at the University of Iowa and established his private orthodontic practice in Flagstaff and Page, Ariz. He retired from his orthodontic practice in 2004. Dr. Bills also served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps for two years and the U.S. Navy Reserve for 30 years. He retired with the rank of captain in 1985.

The ABO awards the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award to Dr. Thomas J. Cangialosi:

The ABO awarded the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award, its highest honor, to Dr. Thomas J. Cangialosi of Rumson, N.J., Sunday, May 5 at the Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony, which was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the AAO in Philadelphia, Pa.

The ABO created this award in 1936 to commemorate the achievements of Dr. Albert H. Ketcham, one of the pioneers in the specialty of orthodontics. The ABO awards this honor annually to an individual who, in the judgment of the award committee, has made a notable contribution to the science and art of orthodontics. Dr. Cangialosi, a past president of the ABO, is professor and chair of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Prior to this appointment in 2012, he served as the Leuman M. Waugh Professor of Orthodontics at Columbia University's College of Dental Medicine where he was the chair of the Section of Growth and Development and director of the Division of Orthodontics.

During his time at Columbia University, Dr. Cangialosi also held several administrative appointments. From 1989 to 2003, he was the associate dean for advanced and postdoctoral education at Columbia University. Prior to that, Dr. Cangialosi was the associate dean for students/postdoctoral education and the assistant dean for student affairs and admissions. From 1988 to 2003, he served as the co-director of the New York Presbyterian Hospital Cleft Palate and Craniofacial Center.

“Dr. Cangialosi is an individual who has a lifetime record of outstanding contributions to the art and science of orthodontics,” said Dr. Scott Jamieson, president of the ABO. “To say that Dr. Cangialosi is a revered teacher, professor par excellence and consummate mentor not only to his students but also to those who know him personally and professionally is an understatement. Dr. Cangialosi has benefited his profession, his community and also his family whom he holds dear to his heart in faithfulness and love. He is the epitome of an ethical professional, and his personal moral fiber is absolute. Dr. Cangialosi richly deserves the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award.”

Dr. Cangialosi has been a Diplomate of the ABO since 1986. He completed his voluntary recertification in 1999. In 1996, he began his eight-year term as a director for the ABO, where he represented the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists. He served as president of the ABO from 2003 to 2004. Since 2004, he has been an examiner for the ABO Clinical Examination. He is also a consultant to and a member of the ABO Written Examination Committee.

“Receiving the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award is especially meaningful to me because I have always admired Dr. Ketcham as a true visionary who recognized the uniqueness of the specialty of orthodontics,” Dr. Cangialosi said. “He founded the American Board of Orthodontics, the first specialty board in dentistry and patterned it after the only other two boards in the health sciences that existed at that time, ophthalmology and otolaryngology. His motivation, which I share, was ‘protection of the public.’”

“My association with the American Board of Orthodontics as a director and president has greatly influenced my approach to practicing and teaching orthodontics, and the friendships I have made with the directors who preceded and followed me on the board have changed my life in a very positive way.”

Dr. Cangialosi is also the author of 43 publications in refereed journals, 18 abstracts, five book chapters and four teaching manuals. He is the co-editor of the book *Essentials for Orthodontic Practice* (third edition). He has lectured extensively in the United States and abroad.

Dr. Cangialosi is a member of the Angle East Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists, from which he received the Distinguished Service Award in 2006. He has also been active in both the AAO and

the American Dental Association. In the past, he has served as a delegate to the AAO House of Delegates and as a member of the AAO Council on Orthodontic Education, which he chaired for three years. He also currently represents the specialty of orthodontics as its commissioner on the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

Dr. Cangialosi earned his D.D.S. at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., in 1959. From 1959 to 1961, he served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps. He then served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve from 1961 to 1974. In 1975, he earned his certificate in orthodontics at Columbia University.

The ABO awards the O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award to Dr. Jim Boley:

The ABO awarded Dr. Jim Boley of Richardson, Texas, the O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award of the American Board of Orthodontics Saturday, May 4 at the annual luncheon of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics, which was held in conjunction with the 2013 Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) in Philadelphia, Pa.

The O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award of the American Board of Orthodontics is named in honor of Dr. O.B. Vaughan, an ABO past president. The ABO established this award to acknowledge those who have made significant contributions to the orthodontic specialty.

Dr. Boley, an adjunct associate professor of orthodontics at the Baylor University College of Dentistry, is president-elect of The Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for Orthodontic Research & Education and has been a member of its teaching staff since 1971. He is also a past president of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Boley, who retired from his orthodontic practice this year, has been a Diplomate of the ABO since 1971 and recertified in 2002. He serves as an examiner for the ABO Clinical Examination.

“Dr. Boley has been my partner in education every Thursday for the last 13 years at Baylor,” said Dr. Larry Tadlock, an ABO director. “We’ve lectured and worked together, side by side. But in reality he’s more than just a partner. He consistently challenges me to never stop learning and growing, and, in that way, is more like a mentor. His commitment to the profession is unsurpassed.”

In 2012, Dr. Boley received The Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for Orthodontic Research & Education’s Special Recognition Award for exemplary service to the foundation and the specialty of orthodontics. He received the Martin Dewey Memorial Award from the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists in 2010 and the Award of Merit from the Orthodontic Education Research Foundation in 2005. The Department of Orthodontics at the University of Missouri at Kansas City recognized Dr. Boley as its distinguished alumnus in 2004. Dr. Boley also received the Robert E. Gaylord Award of Excellence in Orthodontic Education in 2000 and 2001. In 2002, the Baylor University Orthodontic Alumni Association granted him honorary membership and presented him with the Thomas M. Matthews Award for outstanding contributions to the Department of Orthodontics. Dr. Boley also received The Edward H. Angle Research Award for the best article published in *The Angle Orthodontist* between 1997 and 1999.

Active in The Charles H. Tweed Orthodontic Group of Texas since 1969, Dr. Boley received the C.T. Rowland Award for best applicant earning membership into the organization. He is also a five-time recipient of the organization’s A.P. Westfall Award for excellence in treatment results and diagnosis. The organization recently honored Dr. Boley with the “Trailblazer” distinction, which has been bestowed only four times in the past. Dr. Boley, who has lectured extensively and has conducted orthodontic courses internationally for more than 40 years, earned his D.D.S. at the Baylor University College of Dentistry and his M.S. in orthodontics at the University of Missouri at Kansas City.

“This award is especially meaningful to me because of who it is from and who it is named after,” Dr. Boley

said. “O.B. Vaughan was a ‘big dog’ in our Texas Tweed Study Group when I was just a ‘pup.’ He was such a gentleman and very gracious to us new members. Reed Holdaway was my primary examiner in 1971 when I took the boards and was extremely courteous and constructive with his critique of my cases. This was my introduction to the American Board of Orthodontics, and I have developed much respect for the ABO over the years.

“I want to thank the directors for selecting me as the recipient of this honor and hope I can live up to what it symbolizes.”

Other announcements from the ABO

The ABO certified or recertified 70 examinees who participated in the Clinical Examination August 23-26, 2012, in St. Louis, Mo. To review the list of examinees who completed the Clinical Examination, go to http://www.americanboardortho.com/about/diplomate_digest/2012-08_Certified_Diplomates.pdf.

During this exam session, seven orthodontists successfully completed the Gateway Certification Examination, thereby maintaining their certification. Fifty-eight orthodontists completed the Initial Certification Examination (ICE), and 14 orthodontists banked cases for the eventual completion of the ICE. Four orthodontists successfully completed the Beginning Certification Examination. In addition, one orthodontist completed the Voluntary Recertification Examination.

The ABO certified or recertified 77 examinees who participated in the Clinical Examination November 14-18, 2012, in St. Louis, Mo. To review the list of examinees who completed the Clinical Examination, go to http://www.americanboardortho.com/about/diplomate_digest/2012-11_Certified_Diplomates.pdf.

During this exam session, 41 orthodontists successfully completed the Gateway Certification Examination, thereby maintaining their certification. Twenty-five orthodontists completed the Initial Certification Examination (ICE), and seven orthodontists banked cases for the eventual completion of the ICE. Seven orthodontists successfully completed the Beginning Certification Examination. In addition, two orthodontists completed the Voluntary Recertification Examination, and two orthodontists completed earlier pathways. ABO announces new Diplomates and newly recertified Diplomates

The ABO certified or recertified 113 examinees who participated in the Clinical Examination February 9-15, 2013, in St. Louis, Mo. To review the list of examinees who completed the Clinical Examination, go to http://www.americanboardortho.com/about/diplomate_digest/2013-02_Certified_Diplomates.pdf. During this exam session, 65 orthodontists successfully completed the Gateway Certification Examination, thereby maintaining their certification. Forty-two orthodontists completed the Initial Certification Examination (ICE), and 16 orthodontists banked cases for the eventual completion of the ICE. Four orthodontists successfully completed the Beginning Certification Examination. In addition, one orthodontist completed the Voluntary Recertification Examination, and one orthodontist completed an earlier pathway.

The ABO certified or recertified 83 examinees who participated in the Clinical Examination June 1-7, 2013, in St. Louis, Mo. The list of examinees who completed the Clinical Examination is available on the ABO website. During this exam session, 42 orthodontists successfully completed the Gateway Certification Examination, thereby maintaining their certification. Thirty-eight orthodontists completed the Initial Certification Examination (ICE), and 18 orthodontists banked cases for the eventual completion of the ICE. Two orthodontists successfully completed the Beginning Certification Examination. In addition, one orthodontist completed the Voluntary Recertification Examination.

About the ABO

The ABO, founded in 1929, was the first specialty board in dentistry. It is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and sponsored by the American Association of Orthodontists. The primary purpose of the ABO is to elevate the level of orthodontic care for the public by encouraging excellence in clinical practice and specialty education. In its mission statement, the ABO clearly defines four

objectives: 1) to evaluate the knowledge and clinical skills of graduates of accredited orthodontic programs by conducting exams and conferring time-limited certificates; 2) to reevaluate clinical knowledge and skills through administration of recertification exams throughout a Diplomate's career; 3) to support the development of quality graduate, postgraduate and continuing-education programs in orthodontics; and 4) to promote and encourage certification expertise throughout the world.

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

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

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS
MEETING CALENDAR**

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NOTE: SEE CHART BELOW FOR HOUSE BOOK OF REPORTS DEADLINE DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS, AND TARGET DATES FOR AD INTERIM MEETINGS

T = Tentative; D=Definite; + = Joint Meetings; **Green=AAO-Sponsored meetings**

<u>2013</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D Sep. 19-21	Canadian Assoc. of Orthodontists	Banff, Alberta, Canada
D Sep. 20-22	MSO Constituent Mtg.	Sheraton Kansas City Hotel
+D Sep. 26-29	GLAO/RMSO Joint Constituent Mtg.	Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs
D Oct. 2-6	SAO Constituent Mtg.	Hilton Head Island, SC
D Oct. 10-13	SWSO Constituent Mtg.	Dallas, TX
D Oct. 16-20	PCSO Constituent Mtg.	San Diego, CA
D Oct. 31-Nov. 5	ADA Annual Session	New Orleans, LA
+D Nov. 14-17	MASO/NESO Joint Constituent Mtg.	Wyndham Rio Mar, Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

<u>2014</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D Feb. 7-9	AAO Winter Conference	Las Vegas Caesars Palace
D Apr. 25-29	AAO Annual Session	New Orleans, LA
D Sep. 4-6	Canadian Assoc. of Orthodontists	Montreal, Quebec
+D Sep. 11-13	GLAO/MSO Joint Constituent Mtg.	Chicago, IL
T Sep. 18-21	RMSO Constituent Mtg.	Jackson Hole, WY
D Sep. 29-Oct. 6	PCSO Constituent Mtg.	Anaheim Marriott, Anaheim, CA
D Oct. 8-12	SAO Constituent Mtg.	Atlantis Paradise Island, Nassau, Bahamas
D Oct. 9-14	ADA Annual Session	San Antonio, TX
D Oct. 17-20	MASO Constituent Mtg.	Colonial Williamsburg, VA
D Oct. 23-26	SWSO Constituent Mtg.	Little Rock, AR
D Nov. 6-9	NESO Constituent Mtg.	Hartford, CT

<u>2015</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D February 6-8	AAO Winter Meeting	Miami Beach, FL

D May 15-19	AAO Annual Session	San Francisco, CA
D Sep. 10-13	NESO Constituent Meeting	Providence, Rhode Island
D Sep. 17-19	Canadian Assoc. of Orthodontists	Victoria BC, Canada
D Sep. 24-26	GLAO Constituent Mtg.	TBD
D Sep 27-30	World Federation of Ortho. Meeting	London, England
D Sep. 29-Oct. 4	SAO Constituent Mtg.	Orlando, FL
D Oct. 8-10	MSO Constituent Mtg.	Rochester, MN
D Oct. 16-19	MASO Constituent Mtg.	Wilmington, DE
D Oct. 22-25	PCSO Constituent Mtg.	Palm Desert, CA
D Nov. 5-8	SWSO Constituent Mtg.	San Antonio, TX
D Nov. 5-10	ADA Annual Session	Washington, DC

2016	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D Jan. 22-24	AAO Winter Meeting	Hyatt Regency Grand Champion, Palm Springs, CA
D Apr. 29-May 3	AAO Annual Session	Orlando, FL
+T Sep. 15-18	RMSO/SWSO Joint Constuent Mtg.	Santa Fe, NM
+T Sep. 22-25	GLAO/MASO Joint Constituent Mtg.	Phoenix, AZ
D Oct. 6-9	NESO Constituent Mtg.	Marriott Marquis, New York, NY
T Oct. 13-16	PCSO Constituent Mtg.	TBD
D Oct. 19-23	SAO Constituent Mtg.	Destin, FL
D Oct. 20-25	ADA Annual Session	Denver, CO
D Nov. 2-6	MSO Constituent Mtg.	Chicago, IL

2017	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D Apr. 21-25	AAO Annual Session	San Diego, CA
+T Sep. 14-17	MSO/SWSO Joint Constituent Mtg.	TBD
T Oct. 4-8	SAO Constituent Mtg.	TBD
T Oct. 12-15	PCSO Constituent Mtg.	TBD
D Oct. 19-24	ADA Annual Session	Atlanta, GA
T Nov. 9-13	NESO Constituent Mtg.	Marriott Copley Place Boston,
Boston, MA		

2018	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 4-8	AAO Annual Session	Washington, DC
D Sep. 30-Oct. 2	ADA Annual Session	San Francisco, CA

2019	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
D May4-7	AAO Annual Session	Los Angeles, CA

YEAR	TARGET DATES TO HOLD AD INTERIM MEETINGS	HOUSE BOOK OF REPORTS DEADLINE DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
2014	February 23-Mar. 1 March 2-8	March 25, 2014
2015	March 2-6 March 9-13	April 15, 2015
2016	Feb. 29-Mar. 4	March 29, 2016

	March 7-11	
2017	Feb. 26-Mar 4 March 5-11	March 21, 2017
2018	Feb. 25-March 3 March 4-10	April 3, 2017

NOTICE OF MEMBER DEATHS

We have been notified the following members have passed away: Dr. Michael H. Baxt in April, 2011; Dr. Paul B. Wiegand in August, 2012; Dr. Raymond P. Krob in January, 2013; Dr. John David Owens in March, 2013; and Dr. Terry Duncan in May, 2013.

We at SWSO send their families and friends our most sincere condolences for their losses.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR!

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