

COUNCIL ON ORTHODONTIC EDUCATION (COE)

Dr. **Ken Dillehay**, BOT Liaison to the Council on Orthodontic Education (COE), reported that the Board voted to reinstate the Faculty Fellowship Award Program for a 3-year period beginning in 2019. Of the 20 former Fellows who previously received fellowship awards, all but one has remained in academics. The remaining 19 orthodontic faculty members have generated 153 years of teaching and current indicators suggest they will stay in orthodontic program settings for the foreseeable future. Other AAO-funded Fellowships have similar successful outcomes to help address the faculty shortage, but more positions exist than are filled. This trend is anticipated to worsen.

This spring the American Board of Orthodontics announced changes in the clinical examination process. Scenario-based examinations will improve the Board's ability to assess clinical proficiency and critical thinking skills. Scenario-based testing is utilized by several other medical and dental specialty boards. The new examination design will require an orthodontist be proficient in four key domain areas: data gathering and diagnosis, treatment objectives and planning, treatment implementation and management, and critical analysis and outcomes assessment. The ABO has included a one-year transition period prior to fully implementing the new design for the February 2019 clinical examination. The Board will continue to provide guidance to educators including those graduate programs located in the MSO region.

The 2018 Rolf G. Behrents Educational Leadership Conference Society of Educators (SOE) was recently held in conjunction with the AAO 2018 Annual Session. This was a well-planned and excellent conference with over a 100 of the nation's orthodontic educators in attendance. **Steven Siegel**, University of Maryland and AAO Trustee and **Kelton Stewart**, SOE President-Elect, Indiana University, discussed important revisions to the CODA accreditation standards that are being proposed. These included establishing a minimum FTE per resident for clinic coverage as well as updating mandatory experience in contemporary appliances (aligners) and procedures (TADs/lasers). This discussion is in the very early stages and likely a topic at the Fall MSO Educator's Conference to be held at the Radisson Blu Mall of America, September 22, 2018 in conjunction with the MSO meeting.

Lastly, CODA recently communicated to its communities of interest that it will refer to all advanced dental education disciplines as advanced education programs. This includes orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. As a result, it has removed *specialty* terminology from the standards and website. Speaking on behalf of the AAO, President **Brent Larson** noted, "This is really a clarification to avoid a misunderstanding of CODA's role. CODA is responsible for accrediting dental education programs of all types and does not, and has not, been responsible for recognizing specialties." It should be noted that the AAO has strongly advocated the position that a licensed dentist seeking specialty recognition must have successfully completed an advanced education program

of at least two full-time academic years, and that the program be accredited by an agency that is recognized by the United States Department of Education.

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