

## **IOWA**

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The 2018 ISO Annual Meeting was held at the Graduate Hotel in Iowa City on September 16-17, 2018. Sunday's session featured lectures on a variety of interesting topics from the University of Iowa faculty. Topics included early treatment, airway considerations, as well as other clinical pearls. Monday's sessions featured Dr. **Peter Ngan** who discussed *Early Timely Orthodontic Treatment: Is it Worth the Burden?*

The 2019 ISO Annual Meeting will be held Sunday and Monday, October 13-14, 2019. The Sunday session will occur at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry featuring Dr. **Tom Southard** and the residents and faculty of the Iowa Orthodontic Department. Monday's program will take place at the Graduate Hotel in Iowa City and will feature Dr. **Shane Langley** from South Alabama Orthodontics speaking on a variety of clinical topics.

In January 2019, the Iowa Dental Board began the process to enact rules that would define standards of practice for teledentistry. The AAO's Mr. **Trey Lawrence** attended the January Iowa Dental Board meeting to express the AAO's concerns with the draft and offered suggestions for improvement so that the proposed amendments would best protect the health and safety of Iowa's patients. The rules were then open for written public comment through May 15. The AAO, along with many of its Iowa members, sent the Board comments with ways in which the draft rules could be revised to ensure that teledentistry in Iowa would be carried out in the best and safest way for patients and practitioners. A public hearing for the proposed rules has been scheduled for Wednesday, July 24 at 2:00 pm in Des Moines, and all Iowa members are encouraged to attend. The AAO will continue to monitor and participate in the rulemaking process.

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