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The 2019 ISO annual meeting was held Sunday and Monday October 13-14, 2019. The Sunday session occurred 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 took place at the Graduate Hotel in Iowa City and featured Dr. **Shane Langley** from South Alabama Orthodontics speaking on a variety of clinical topics.

The Iowa Society of Orthodontists Annual Meeting for 2020 will not be held in Iowa. It will instead be held in conjunction with the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Session in Chicago October 2-3, 2020.

In January 2019, the Iowa Dental Board began the process to enact rules that would define standards of practice for teledentistry. 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. These rules were then presented at the September 27 Board meeting, which the AAO's **Sean Murphy** attended. Sean further explained to the Board the AAO's comments. Although the Board unfortunately did not accept the majority of the AAO's proposed revisions, the Board did accept the AAO's provision to include the treating dentist's practice address location in the informed consent. The Board then voted to adopt the rules, with an effective date of November 27, 2019.

A bill relating to orthodontia and teledentistry has recently been introduced in the House as H.F. 2157 by Rep **Jeanery**. Attached is a summary of this proposed legislation, which would require the Iowa Dental Board to adopt rules that an Iowa licensed dentist who provides treatment for the correction of malpositions of human teeth or the initial use of orthodontic appliances shall perform an in-person examination of the teeth and supporting structures prior to beginning orthodontic treatment. This language is similar to language that passed in the California AB 1519 bill. The rule also requires the Dental Board to adopt rules relating to supervision of dental auxiliaries as it relates to digital scanning. Rep. Jeanery is a retired dentist, served on the Iowa Dental Board for six years, and is concerned with ensuring that Iowa's laws are keeping patients in mind. The AAO is waiting to see which committee will consider this bill, and is anticipating the Senate version of this bill to be introduced soon as well.

The AAO continues to monitor activity at both the dental board and legislative levels. If you are aware of any issues that would affect orthodontist or Iowa patients, please reach out to the AAO's Government Affairs Specialist, **Gianna Hartwig**, at ghartwig@aaortho.org

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