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Marshall Receives Shepard Award

The MSO annually presents the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to a person who exemplifies



Kenneth C. Marshall

the ideals of the orthodontic profession, community and family. The MSO Board of Directors unanimously voted to present its highest award for 2006 to Dr. **Kenneth C. Marshall**, professor and chairman emeritus of the Saint Louis University department of orthodontics. His career spanned more than four

decades, and he was instrumental in the establishment of Saint Louis University's renowned graduate orthodontic program.

Born and raised in Maplewood, Missouri, Dr. Marshall received his dental training at Washington University in St. Louis. Following service in the U.S. Army Dental Corps in World War II, he earned his master's of dentistry degree in orthodontics at the University of Michigan. While there, through a fellowship with the Michigan Public Health Department, he established a public school orthodontic program in Sturgis, Michigan.

In 1947, after initially accepting a clinical instructor

appointment at Washington University, Dr. Marshall was asked by Saint Louis University to chair its new dental school undergraduate orthodontic department, with the opportunity to help establish a graduate orthodontic department. After obtaining his release from Washington University, he began teaching at Saint Louis University half-time, which enabled him to open a private practice in St. Louis County. A year later, the first class was accepted in the new graduate orthodontic school, which was incorporated into the university's graduate department.

After considerable research, the decision was made to develop a strong clinical program, integrated with the curriculum of the graduate orthodontic school. Several outstanding clinical orthodontists, including Drs. **Charles Tweed, Cope Sheldon, Robert Strang, Cecil Steiner, Walter Winter, Harold Kesling** and **Sam Lewis**, agreed to serve as visiting professors. The program was supplemented by an annual two-week course directed by Dr.

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President's Report

Thank you, thank you, thank you!! When I originally started to serve on the MSO board in 1994 as the director from Minnesota, little did I realize how much of my life would be spent in association with this great organization. Since that time, I have been fortunate to serve in such capacities as the General Arrangements Chair of the 1997 MSO Annual Session, *MSO Newsletter* editor and now as



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president. In addition, I've been fortunate to serve on a number of AAO committees and a council – things that never would have happened if I had not finally said “yes” to Dr. **Arnie Hill** when he asked me to get involved in the MSO. For me, it has been a great trip! I only hope that when someone asks you to get involved, you also say “yes.” And, even more importantly, if no one asks you, please, please, take the initiative to mention it to an officer, director – anyone in a leadership position. We need to continue to grow our organization and need you to help make great things happen.

The MSO Annual Session in St. Louis was a huge success. Thank you to Dr. **Jim Klarsch** and his Annual Session Committee for their dedication which made this meeting so successful: Drs. **Mike Purcell**, General Arrangements Chair; **Buzz Behrents**, Scientific Chair; **Jackie Miller**, Staff Program Chair; **Jeff Cavanaugh**, Social Chair; and **Kevin Horner**, Exhibits Chair. In addition to those on the committee and their staffs, we also thank Dr. **Virginia Mennemeyer** and her staff for serving as greeters at the registration desk.

As we start the new year, thoughts turn to the upcoming House of Delegates in Seattle in May. Although major issues like last year's funding for orthodontic education and the public awareness campaign have not as yet surfaced, I'm sure there will be significant issues to be discussed, debated and voted upon. If you have concerns, please let the officers, directors, delegates or alternate delegates know. To date, the following are serving on the delegation: Drs. **Jackie Miller**, **Mike Fuchs**, **Mike Hipp**, **John Kanyusik**, **Brent Larson**, **Steve Litton**, **Paul Hermanson**, **Ross Crist** and **Kathy Kula**.

Our first major discussion of these issues will be at MSO's ad interim meeting, scheduled for March 23-24 in St. Louis. Aside from major items that affect all of orthodontics, we also will spend time dealing with more specific

MSO issues, including an environmental scanning and review of the MSO Strategic Plan. Again, be sure to let us know if you have any issues or concerns.

Every 24 years, each constituent provides the Speaker of the House for AAO's House of Delegates. Since, in 2010 it will be MSO's turn to provide the next Speaker of the House, the MSO Board currently is finalizing this selection. We also are looking for our next trustee to replace our current trustee when he moves up the ladder. If you know of someone or if you are interested, please contact Dr. **Keith Levin**, chair of the Trustee Search Committee at colevin@shaw.ca.

The MSO also had a search committee, chaired by Dr. **John Kanyusik**, to find MSO's next ABO director. The individuals whose names were submitted to the ABO were Drs. **Paul Castelein**, Princeton, Illinois; **Terry Guenther**, Rochester, Minnesota; **Fred Regennitter**, Rochester, Minnesota; **Steve Roehm**, Peoria, Illinois; and **Robyn Silberstein**, Highland Park, Illinois. We thank all of these individuals for their willingness to serve our organization and our profession.

The 2007 Annual Session is planned for September 28-30 in exciting San Antonio, Texas. This meeting will be with the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists. There are great speakers for the orthodontist and staff, exciting social events and a fun city to explore. Be sure to save these dates.

I want to mention that Dr. **Frank Miller**, Washington, Missouri, will be the recipient of the 2007 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. The award will be presented in San Antonio at MSO's business meeting on September 29. Further information will be available in the next newsletter as well as with the registration materials to be mailed this summer for the fall meeting.

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Lewis, which was a prerequisite for the Charles H. Tweed Foundation course given each summer in Arizona and focused on the Tweed orthodontic technique taught at Saint Louis University. For many years, 25 to 50 practicing orthodontists were attracted to St. Louis for this course and, as a result, became strong supporters of the Saint Louis University graduate orthodontic program.

Through the years, the graduate orthodontic department attained national prominence. In 1967, however, budgetary concerns prompted a newly appointed university

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Trustee's Report

The recent AAO survey of our membership indicates that the two major issues that are of concern to our members are (1) consumer awareness of orthodontics by orthodontists and (2) orthodontic education. It is no surprise, then, to see that the focus of our efforts at the AAO level have been on these two areas. These two areas also have received our greatest funding, with over two million dollars provided to our graduate orthodontic programs and an equally large member investment in the national Public Awareness program.

In the September/October issue of *The Bulletin*, you received a poster for your office that replicates the advertisement campaign underway during the fall. This is just part of a campaign that includes both print and broadcast media. The Council on Communications spent last year researching what consumers needed to know about orthodontics and how best to approach them. The results of the study mirrored similar results from an American Dental Association-funded study, documenting that only a small portion of the public understands the educational differences between a dental specialist and a generalist. Additionally, the independent research demonstrated that when consumers understood the differences in education, even if they were prone initially to seeking orthodontic services from their general dentist, they would switch to services provided by the specialist.

One of the surprising things that I have noted is that in my own office, new patients often are uninformed as to the difference in education between specialists and generalists. Our hope is that with the public awareness campaign, we can educate prospective patients and their parents as to the difference and, by implication, the benefit of seeking an AAO "trained" orthodontist. In order to get the message out, I strongly encourage you to put your poster up in the office. The specialty's best advocates are those lay-persons who are not seen as self-serving and can tell relatives and friends the differences within the dental profession and how these relate to specialty dental healthcare for the consumer.

While it is too early to really measure the effectiveness of our campaign, early reports indicate a significant jump in calls to the AAO's 800 information number and a dramatic rise in "hits" on the AAO public Web site. Requests for information and referrals on the Web site are up significantly since the campaign started.

Two areas of the country have an augmented media purchase, allowing almost four times the exposure to the public of our consumer awareness announcement. Here, too, we will be able to ascertain the effectiveness of the campaign using not only the Web-based data but also by monitoring new patient exams and starts in the targeted areas. Data will be developed over the next year, with a

report to our House of Delegates to be used in planning future educational campaigns.

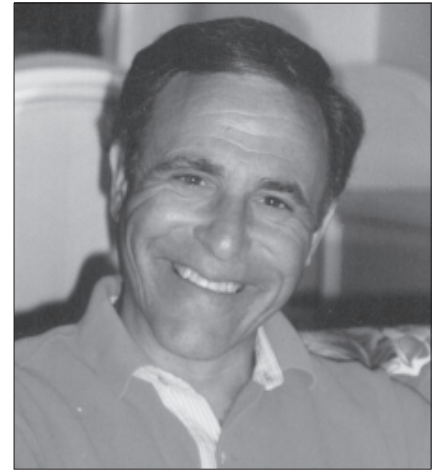
The House of Delegates voted to provide approximately \$30,000 to each of our graduate orthodontic programs. A review committee was established and the awards have been disseminated. While the \$2 million dollar aggregate is large, on an individual basis it cannot make up for the differences in salary between what a full-time faculty member would make as an educator versus his/her income in private practice. The MSO delegates have realized this and have made suggestions to help improve the job environment for faculty members. Ideas are being evaluated by a new Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty.

The hope is that the task force can assist departments in a number of areas. At the same time, we as a profession need to help with the funding of dental education and research. Many have made pledges to help the AAOF. Many more still need to make this pledge to the future of our specialty (see page 14). We all have benefited from our education. It has provided us with opportunities to work in a wonderful profession, and for the vast majority, earn a living that provides a very comfortable lifestyle. We need to make certain that the future of our teaching institutions remains strong, and we each can help with yearly donations to our alma maters. When writing out the checks for contributions, remember your orthodontic department with an extra check. Every dollar helps.

The Council on Orthodontic Practice has developed a new information sheet on orthodontic emergencies to be used by school nurses and others who might need to help our patients when problems arise. The laminated form will be mailed to the nation's school nurses, with a sample to be placed for our members as an insert in *The Bulletin*. These information sheets also would be helpful in pharmacies and pediatrician offices.

Many members have complained about the inaccurate advertising of non-specialists in the Yellow Pages in the "orthodontic specialist" sections of their phone directories. The AAO has been working to challenge this through legal means and will continue to invest significant funds in

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Membership Report

Current Membership – December 7, 2006

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| Active Members | 1,021 |
| Affiliate Members | 7 |
| Associate Members | 1 |
| Retired Members | 290 |
| Academic Members | 3 |
| Total Members | 1,322 |

Active Membership by Component

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| Illinois | 373 |
| Iowa | 84 |
| Manitoba | 21 |
| Minnesota | 155 |
| Missouri | 155 |
| Nebraska | 52 |
| North Dakota | 12 |
| South Dakota | 20 |
| Wisconsin | 149 |

Deceased Members

Joseph A. Engelman – Columbia, Missouri
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 Robert F. Schroeder – Carol Stream, Illinois
 Robert A. Sullo – Beloit, Wisconsin
 Maynard A. Ukena – Ames, Iowa

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 Robert L. Thomas – Naperville, Illinois
 Michael A. Thompson – Chicago, Illinois
 James J. Tomassetti – Appleton, Wisconsin
 Raymond Y. Tsou – Arlington Heights, Illinois
 Luciana M. Van Westen – Iowa City, Iowa
 Andrew J. Wahl – St. Anthony Village, Minnesota
 Marc S. Welge – West Des Moines, Iowa
 Ryan M. West – Fargo, North Dakota
 Isaac C. Yue – Chicago, Illinois

New Academic (non U.S./Canadian trained)

Dawei Liu – Milwaukee, Wisconsin
 William A. Wiltshire – Winnipeg, Manitoba

Transfers to/from MSO

Jacob Jarvis – Transfer from MSO to PCSO
 Sundaralingam Premaraj – Transfer from GLAO to MSO
 Rose D. Sheats – Transfer from MSO to SAO
 Michael J. Silverman – Transfer from MSO to GLAO

*Membership data from May 24, 2006 to December 7, 2006.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of November 30, 2006

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| Checking/Investment Accounts | | President's Reception Fund | |
| Money Market | \$264,931.12 | Money Market | \$884.98 |
| CDs | \$69,934.70 | Treasury Note | \$8,952.91 |
| Mutual Fund Portfolio | \$75,029.10 | Subtotal | \$9,837.89 |
| Subtotal | \$409,894.92 | | |
| | | Total Cash Assets | \$419,732.81 |

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board to announce plans to close the dental school, along with its graduate departments. Dr. Marshall began a grassroots campaign to save the orthodontic department by contacting every graduate of the program. With support from the alumni and financial pledges from members of the AAO, sufficient funds were raised by 1968 to persuade the university board and president to allow the graduate orthodontic program to continue as long as it was self-sufficient and to expand by taking over 16,000 square feet of space in the dental school.

As a result of the efforts of Dr. Marshall, his colleagues and succeeding generations of educators and orthodontic professionals, the program has continued to flourish, and Saint Louis University has earned a worldwide reputation defined by the achievements of its graduates and the many research awards it has received. The program now

is housed in its own multi-million-dollar, state-of-the-art facility in the Dreiling-Marshall Hall on the campus of the Saint Louis University Medical Center.

During his career, Dr. Marshall received a number of honors, including achievement awards from alumni associations of Washington University and the University of Michigan; and the Gold Medal Award of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society. He retired as orthodontic department chair in 1976 but continued to teach in the clinic until the mid-1980s. He maintained his private practice for 40 years until selling it in 1987 and moving to his farm.

Dr. Marshall and his wife, Helen, have been married for 65 years and have two daughters, a son, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Congratulations to Dr. Marshall for all of his efforts on behalf of the orthodontic profession.

News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **David Musich**, Schaumburg, Illinois, who was appointed to attend the AAPD conference on Lifetime Oral Health Care for Children and Adults with Special Health Care Needs on November 17-18, 2006, in Chicago.
- Thank you to Drs. **Rolf Behrents**, St. Louis, Missouri; **Lee Graber**, Vernon Hills, Illinois; **Brent Larson**, Minneapolis, Minnesota; and **Katherine Kula**, Kansas City, Missouri, for serving on the Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Steven Billings**, Parkville, Missouri, who was named Orthodontist of the Year by the University of Missouri – Kansas City Orthodontic Alumni.
- Thank you to Drs. **Rolf Behrents**, St. Louis, Missouri, and **Brent Larson**, Minneapolis, Minnesota, for serving on the 2006-07 AAO Committee on Faculty Salaries and Benefits.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Stephen Litton**, Golden Valley, Minnesota, for receiving the 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award from the University of Minnesota Alumni Association.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Francis Miller**, Washington, Missouri, who was honored with the Gold Medal Award from the Board of Directors of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society on January 6, 2007.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Dan Blackwell**, Lee's Summit, Missouri, who was named University of Missouri – Kansas City School of Dentistry's Man of the Year.
- Congratulations to Dr. **James Baldwin**, Clinical Professor of Orthodontics in UIC's Department of Orthodontics, who received the Dale B. Wade Award of Clinical Excellence from the ABO.

AAO Council Reports

These reports are submitted by MSO's representative on each of these councils.

Council on Communications

The AAO Council on Communications met December 1-2, 2006, in St. Louis. Following are some highlights from the meeting:

The 2007 National Facial Protection Month campaign will include a radio media tour, a radio public service announcement and a "Public Service Announcement How-to Guide" to assist component societies with placing "live" public service announcements with radio stations in their state/province.

Please watch upcoming editions of *The Bulletin* for additional details about the upcoming 2007 National Facial Protection Month campaign.

AAO staff currently is developing a PowerPoint presentation that will summarize the first year of the Consumer Awareness Campaign, will explain how public relations is used to extend the Consumer Awareness Campaign message, and will provide members with a glimpse of what they can expect from year two of the Consumer Awareness Campaign.

Each Council on Communications member will deliver the presentation at the upcoming ad interim meetings during the spring of 2007.

Now available as a free download at www.aaomembers.org is a PowerPoint presentation titled "Orthodontic Problems in the Seven-Year-Old Patient." The presentation is designed as an outreach tool and can be used to educate dentists, dental hygienists and dental staff about orthodontic problems in children.

A second PowerPoint is titled, "Healthy Smiles" and can be used for classroom presentations. "Healthy Smiles" will be the basis for the new "Brace Your Face" and will be available in PowerPoint and on DVD. The "Healthy Smiles" PowerPoint and DVD will be identical; however, the "Healthy Smiles" PowerPoint would be given by the orthodontist who would speak from a supplied script which also will be available on www.aaomembers.org. In the "Healthy Smiles" DVD a professional announcer will be reading the script, and the visuals will be advancing on their own. The member using the DVD format would need only to put the DVD in a player.

In an effort to market a number of consumer education materials that are in Spanish, the Council plans to send a *Straight Off The Wire* to states in which a significant number of Spanish-speaking citizens reside. AAO staff and the Council on Communications currently are developing a

document that would educate members about the "how-tos" of marketing oneself as an AAO member orthodontist.

The Council voted to add the document to www.aaomembers.org and to inform members via *The Bulletin* and a *Straight Off The Wire* as to how the marketing document can be used to the benefit of the AAO member orthodontist.

The 2007 Patient Census Survey will be forwarded to AAO members in the early months of 2007. The last survey was completed in 2005 for calendar year 2004. The data collected will be used to assist the AAO in understanding member wants and needs, so that the Association can provide relevant member services, materials and programs. It also will quantify the number of patients in treatment by AAO members. This information is provided to news media upon request.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

The Council on Governmental Affairs met September 10-12, 2006, in Washington, D.C. The following actions were taken by the Council:

The Council will submit a resolution to the 2007 AAO House of Delegates urging the permanent combination of the AAO's Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conferences. The Council believes that combining the events would serve the AAO in a number of ways, most notably, addressing the training of volunteer leadership and governmental affairs advocacy.

The Council discussed the issue of access to orthodontic healthcare, including a draft one-page "leave-behind" document, meant for AAO members to use when meeting with members of Congress or other officials involved in the public policy process. The Council plans to work with the Board of Trustees in order to develop a paper that will be ready for the January 2007 Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conference.

The Council suggested several changes to be made to the AAO's Governmental Relations Web site, including a different layout and added content.

The Council provided several suggestions for possible Congressional speakers for the AAO's 2007

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Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conference. Included are Senators **John McCain** and **Bill Frist** as well as Secretary of Health and Human Services **Mike Leavitt**, Representative **Jack Kingston**, Vice President **Dick Cheney** and the Surgeon General. The Council also discussed several other issues relative to the conference, including the goal of identifying new Key Contacts, increasing PAC participation and the development of volunteer leaders within the governmental affairs program.

The Council will recommend to the Board of Trustees that the AAO host a Government Relations Reception at the 2007 Interdisciplinary Conference in Palm Springs, California. If approved, the Council will invite notable members of Congress to speak at the event.

The Council discussed times and speakers for the Government Relations Reception to be held during the 2007 Annual Session in Seattle. It was determined that the selection of a speaker will be made during the Council's January 2007 meeting. Additionally, it was determined that the reception would take place on the weekend of the meeting, thus maximizing the AAO's chance to draw a key member of Congress.

The Council and AAOPAC Board of Directors will meet next in January 2007.

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Council on Information Technology

Remember to mark your calendars for the AAO Technology Conference which is scheduled for February 8-10, 2008. The venue has changed since my last report. The AAO has reserved the JW Marriott Resort and Spa for the event. This promises to provide a different Las Vegas experience. Located off the Strip at Summerlin, the resort features lush gardens, an 11,000-square-foot outdoor pool with cascading waterfall, several adjacent golf courses and a full-feature spa. The resort is located near the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area for outdoor hiking and beautiful landscapes. There is a huge casino and live entertainment on site, but if the Las Vegas nightlife peaks your interest, the Strip is only a short cab ride away.

The conference itself is coming together nicely. We are inviting a number of experts on all aspects of technology who should provide an entertaining and informative program. Our goal is to provide a glimpse into the future, but we will concentrate on ways to get the most out of the

technological systems we use every day. Besides the large lecture format, we are preparing multiple breakout sessions and panels for more intimate discussion on various topics, breakfast table clinics and lots of "technology pearls." If you have any "pearls" that you would like to contribute to the program, you may e-mail me directly or post your ideas on our Web site at www.aaomembers.org in the Discussion Group section under the topic "2008 Tech Conference." We appreciate your input!

Speaking of our Web site... don't forget about the new AAOExpress home page interface. If you're not already using this as your portal to the Web, please give it a try! You may customize the page to include all of your favorite links and news bulletins, plus it will update you on the latest AAO news and alert you to new and "hot topics" discussion groups.

That's it for now. Have a very happy and healthy New Year!

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Council on Insurance

Despite December weather stranding our major vendors, New York Life in New York City and AON Affinity Services in Chicago, the Council on Insurance was able to conduct its business by way of conference call. There have been several noteworthy developments of importance to the AAO-endorsed insurance programs in the last six months. Historically, the AAO Life and Disability Plans have experienced very favorable margins, offsetting to some degree the predictable increasing costs incurred by the AAO Medical Plan. The claims experience of the previous six months, however, has been precisely reversed. Unfortunately, there have been several large death and disability claims within the Life and Disability Plans. During the same period, the claims experience of the AAO Medical Plan has been unusually favorable. The management of the reserves for these plans, which are intended to stabilize premium volatility and reduce management costs, has proven successful in mitigating the impact of the Life and Disability Plans claims experience and has allowed the Council to recommend a minimal 5% increase in Medical Plan premiums, even though the national trend for medical insurance premiums continues in excess of 14%.

The AAO-endorsed Professional Liability Program, offered through the AAO Insurance Company, continues to prosper with 53% of eligible orthodontists in the United

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States participating. The AAO Insurance Company has been able to attract 80% of eligible new-graduate orthodontists. The renewal persistence level has remained very favorable throughout the year at somewhat over 97%. Life, Disability and Medical Plans also are experiencing steady growth. The value AAO members attribute to these insurance offerings is reflected in the finding that 70% of AAO members who purchase insurance protection through AAO-endorsed plans enroll in more than one plan.

COI continues to recommend AAO members review the 20-Year-Level-Term Life Insurance available and to consider adding the protection of Employment Practices Liability Insurance. It should be noted that the average liability claim against an employer for infractions in employment practices is 10 times that of the average professional liability claim for an orthodontist accused of malpractice. In addition, COI recommends AAO members consider Long-Term Care Insurance presented to AAO members through the Long-Term Care Quotes Service administered through AON Affinity Services, the broker/administrator of AAO Insurance Plans.

COI will review several new insurance product possibilities including identity theft insurance and long-term care insurance from a single carrier, since the Long-Term Care Quotes Service currently available is a method of obtaining competitive quotes in a given region without the AAO endorsement of a specific carrier.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council has held two conference calls since the last newsletter. There are some significant issues the Council is dealing with, and I will elucidate you about some of them at this time.

We have surveyed a number of affiliate members, those who are trained as orthodontists but do not practice orthodontics exclusively. There are approximately 55 of these members throughout the U.S. Confusing as it sounds, if you are trained as an orthodontist, but practice orthodontics along with another ADA-approved dental specialty for which you also have completed formal training, you can be an active member. If you are not formally trained in another specialty or practice general dentistry along with orthodontics, then your only option is to be an affiliate member. It turns out that the vast majority of affiliate members may be

active members, and we are in the process of making those changes. Affiliate members may not vote or hold office, but there is no reason these individuals should not be more involved in our organization.

We also are looking at the service member category. The vast majority of the 100 service members reside in the U.S. but do not belong to components or constituents. Thus, they are left out of significant opportunities. We are looking at options to make these members a more active part of this organization.

At the last House of Delegates, the associate member category was eliminated. Thus, the Council is trying to make membership more user-friendly and all-inclusive for all educationally-trained orthodontists.

Another issue that has come up has been related to those orthodontists who are in the "twilight" of their careers and work significantly fewer hours than the average orthodontist. The recent public awareness assessment has made it obvious that the assessment for these individuals is a concern, and we are starting to look at options for this segment of our membership.

We also are looking at the whole category of international members, including student international members, as well as ways to make our annual session more user-friendly to this group.

Ethical complaints continue to be a significant portion of the efforts of this Council. We are looking at ways to streamline this process while still maintaining the Council's responsibility in this area.

Our next meeting will be in St. Louis on January 13 in conjunction with the Council on New and Younger Members, since we both deal with many aspects of membership. This should be a great meeting.

If there are other issues or concerns you have about membership, please contact me.

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Council on New and Younger Members

Since the last newsletter, our Council has had one conference call. As we reviewed the success of the 2006 Annual Session New Orthodontist program, we began planning the 2007 program. Dr. **Chris Lundberg** will oversee the subcommittee in planning our program, and it will focus on practice management issues facing newer/

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younger orthodontists. The subcommittee still is finalizing the speaker and format.

As for new business, our attention has turned toward member services for the new and younger orthodontist. The subcommittee evaluating future member services investigated two proposals from outside companies that would provide child-care services during the Annual Session. As more young orthodontists bring their families and as the number of female orthodontists increases, family-friendly events at the AAO may become more necessary. The subcommittee also presented to the Council several pertinent issues such as having all CONYM members attend every leadership conference, expanding insurance coverage to include maternity care, updating the AAO disability insurance to be sure that it is current and competitive in the marketplace and to consider developing a relationship with a banking institution to provide loan repayment/consolidation service. We also considered encouraging new and younger members to serve as delegates and alternate delegates to the House of Delegates as well as developing a training/orientation program (CD or DVD) for newer delegates and alternates introducing them to the Annual Session procedures and protocols.

We also sent one of our Council members, Dr. **Reid Winkler**, to the ADA 2006 New Dentist Conference in order to evaluate what type of services the ADA provides its new members. He noted that the ADA offers a great many resources and programs for the new dentist and stresses the importance of new member involvement in organized dentistry.

We still are working with the AAO coordinator in planning visits from a CONYM member to the universities to present practice alternatives and new member programs.

Our next face-to-face meeting will be in January 2007 in St. Louis with COMEJC. We are very excited about this collaboration and expect to have a great and productive meeting.

We encourage any feedback or comments, so please feel free to contact me with any questions, ideas or concerns.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

The Council on Orthodontic Education met in St. Louis on October 21, 2006. In attendance were Drs. **Robert**

Binder, Jerry English, David Hall, Peter Greco, Lisa King, Eugene Roberts, Emile Rossouw, Leslie Will, Carla Evans (COE Chair) and **Lee Graber** (Board of Trustees liaison).

The 2007 Educators' Conference is scheduled for May 18 in conjunction with the 107th AAO Annual Session in Seattle. Participation is open to two representatives per accredited orthodontic program. Planned presentation topics include accreditation standard review, Internet II, orthodontic life-style, resident selection techniques, ABO board certification process and luncheon focus groups. Dr. **Robert Binder** is the program chair.

Other topics discussed were the 2007 Deans' Luncheon at the March meeting of the American Dental Education Association in New Orleans and developments related to the ABO pilot study as well as the Phase II and Phase III examinations, ADA CERP changes, Internet II program progress, Faculty Development Awards, the AAO Subcommittee on Faculty Retention and Recruitment and updating ADA accreditation standards.

A draft of a proposed accredited fellowship, "Craniofacial Anomalies and Special Care Orthodontics," introduced by Dr. **Gene Roberts**, was approved and forwarded to the Board of Trustees for subsequent submission to the Commission on Dental Accreditation for its consideration. This type of fellowship will provide orthodontists with advanced education related to cleft lip/palate patient care, syndromic patient care, orthognathic surgery, craniofacial surgery and special care orthodontics.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The goal of COHC is to increase and ensure availability of quality orthodontic care to the public by promoting provider systems that benefit the patient and orthodontist. We have been focusing on two specific areas: the insurance industry's involvement with the specialty and access-to-care issues.

Drs. **Raymond George, Sr., Rod Dubois, John Harrison** and **Gary Wisner** attended the Subcommittee on Code Revision meeting hosted by the American Dental Association in Chicago in July 2006. The meeting served as a workshop to introduce specialty group members and payers to the code review process. The AAO representatives

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agreed that it was a valuable experience.

COHC hosted a forum-style meeting on July 15, 2006, between AAO and insurance payers. The meeting was held in an effort to work jointly for resolution of respective areas of concern, and COHC requested a position paper from the insurance industry representatives outlining their unified perspective. The paper is expected prior to November and will be presented to the BOT upon receipt. The meeting was deemed very productive with each entity expressing the desire for future meetings.

COHC representatives along with Dr. **Rod Dubois**, as the AAO Council and consultant responsible for representing AAO interests with respect to Current Dental Terminology (CDT) coding, recently attended an ADA Code Review Committee workshop intended to introduce specialty group members and payers to the code review process. The AAO contingent noted that the AAO/ADA relationship is amicable and AAO attendance at the CRC meetings is critical.

The AAO's endorsement of the Virginia Brown Community Orthodontic Partnership known as the "Smiles Change Lives (SCL) Program" continues to contribute to the program's growth. Dr. **David Turpin**'s March 2006 editorial in the *AJO/DO* highlighted SCL as an AAO program to address the access-to-care initiative. The Council will be exploring how the existing SCL programs will continue to be self-perpetuating and will invite Mr. **Tom Brown** and Dr. **Kelly Toombs** to the Council meeting in January. Dr. **Robert MacLean** continues to represent the AAO on the SCL National Advisory Board. COHC noted that the AAO endorsement of the SCL program will serve to provide access to care in urban as well as rural areas when the program has more fully expanded.

In response to the 2006 House of Delegates resolution regarding orthodontic care for dependents of military personnel killed in the line of duty, COHC conducted a study, and the resulting data led COHC to conclude that the majority of these dependents have access to orthodontic coverage. COHC believes that a large number of AAO members already are delivering pro bono care to individuals in a variety of these tragic circumstances. Traditionally, these orthodontists are active in their communities and are aware of persons who could benefit from the receipt of pro bono treatment. The Council recommends that an article be published in *The Bulletin* outlining instances of this benevolence and believe it will serve as an effective vehicle for enlisting the support of even more orthodontists for this initiative.

The Bulletin and *Straight Off The Wire* articles have been prepared by AAO staff in direct response to a significant number of member calls to the AAO regarding

letters about obtaining NPIs that were received from dental consulting firms. The letters tried to create an artificial deadline for orthodontists to obtain their NPI number and made the situation seem far more urgent than necessary. Additionally, the firms have offered unnecessary services to AAO members at a fee. The *Straight Off The Wire* article was released on August 7, 2006, and *The Bulletin* article appeared in the July/August 2006 issue.

As an aid to the access-to-care initiative, Ms. **Ann Sebaugh** and AAO staff prepared a report that identified the locations of current practicing orthodontists and areas of population density. This will be helpful in pinpointing geographic areas with the greatest need for orthodontists.

COHC will meet at AAO headquarters in January. If you have any questions or problems you would like the Council to address, please contact me.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

The following are some key initiatives for COOP:

- The 2007 Transition Conference will be a full-day program on May 18 in conjunction with the Annual Session in Seattle. This program is being developed by a COOP subcommittee.
- The 2007 S.T.A.R.T. Program (Staff Training: Advancing and Renewing Teams) will be a full-day, ticketed program on May 18 in conjunction with the Annual Session in Seattle. The topic and speakers currently are being developed by a COOP subcommittee.
- The office design manual is now available at (www.aomembers.org) and serves as a "how-to" guide for office design from concept to completion.
- COOP will hold a 2007 Orthodontic Staff Competition on May 22 in conjunction with the Annual Session in Seattle. Applications are available on the AAO Web site.
- The Academy of Orthodontic Assisting (AOA) "Orthodontic Assistant Technique and Theory" Training Program was adopted by the BOT as the approved AAO Formal Staff Training Program. For more information refer to www.aomembers.org and click on the staff training program icon.

The date of our next COOP meeting is January 5-6.

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American Board of Orthodontics

I would like to begin my report by congratulating Dr. **Jim Klarsch** on the excellent MSO Annual Session in St. Louis in September. I keep wondering if he knew his St. Louis Cardinals were going to peak in October and win the World Series. I thought he might invite the MSO back to the party suite for a World Series game. We certainly enjoyed a great evening at the ballpark in September.

Speaking of the MSO meeting, I'd like to thank Drs. **Robert Girgis**, Naperville, Illinois; **Pamela Hanson**, Nashotah, Wisconsin; **Bret Cooper**, Bemidji, Minnesota; **Brad Pearson**, Edina, Minnesota; **Gregory Ross**, Lakeland, Minnesota; **Robert Shafer**, Champaign, Illinois; **Kimberly Stafford**, Omaha, Nebraska; and **James Tomassetti**, Appleton, Wisconsin, for displaying their board cases in St. Louis.

It is very hard for me to believe this is my eighth and final year as the MSO director to the ABO. The good news is that this is the last ABO report I have to write for the *MSO Newsletter*. The bad news is that I really will miss working with the outstanding MSO leaders that I have had the privilege to know and work with the past years. People like Drs. **John Casco**, **Jim Gjerset**, **Lee Graber**, **Brent Larson**, **Steve Litton**, **John Kanyusik** and **Jim Klarsch** are just a portion of my list. And, of course, **Kristi Burmeister** has been superb for all of the MSO members.

It was a busy summer and fall for the ABO. The written exam committee had its summer meeting in St. Louis in June. Six of the eight ABO directors attended the CDABO meeting in Park City, Utah. MSO's Dr. **Bob Nemeth** presided over an excellent meeting. The Board also had its annual fall retreat in Kansas City with a full agenda. Bylaws, personnel manual, radiographic policy and our Web site were among the many topics discussed.

The Board also decided to invite twenty recertified ABO diplomates to St. Louis in February 2007 to train as examiners for the clinical examination. The Board foresees an increase in the number of orthodontists taking the clinical examination with Gateway diplomates and recent graduates taking the First Recertification and Initial Certification Examinations, respectively. We need to have enough properly trained people to adequately examine the influx of candidates in the future. MSO diplomates Drs. **Patrick Foley**, Illinois, **David Schody**, Iowa, and **Steve Harrison** and **Ken Rowan**, Missouri, have been invited to participate in the clinical examinations.

The ABO has added over one thousand new

diplomates via the Gateway offer. You recall that any educationally-qualified orthodontist who has passed the ABO written examination can obtain a five-year time-limited certificate. Passing of the First Recertification Examination is required within five years to maintain certification. Passage will give the orthodontist a new ten-year certificate that will require recertification examinations throughout his/her career.

Gateway recipients may have the remaining years of their Gateway certificate added to their ten-year certificate by passing the First Recertification Examination early in their process. For example, a Gateway recipient passing the exam in the third year of their five-year Gateway certification would receive a twelve-year certificate. The Gateway offer will expire on June 30, 2007.

The ABO also offered a special written examination at Pearson Vue centers in December 2006. Any educationally qualified orthodontist who has never taken the written exam could register, and over 225 orthodontists took the exam. The College sponsored a special written examination review course in November to help orthodontists prepare for this examination. Passing the exam allows one to take the clinical exam in the future or sign up for the Gateway offer. It will not be given at the May AAO meeting.

The ABO directors are pleased that the certification process changes have generated so much interest in board certification. Today nearly forty percent of all eligible U.S. and Canadian AAO member orthodontists are diplomates of the ABO. This is an all-time high. We expect significantly more diplomates in 2007 from the Gateway applicant registrations and from recent graduates passing the Initial Certification Examination.

The public will be the prime benefactor of the increase in ABO Diplomates. The Board certification process is an excellent way for clinicians to review, evaluate and improve their clinical skills, and participating in the recertification examination will attain the same result. All orthodontists, regardless of their own skill level, will improve their case results for their patients.

The Board will honor Dr. **Bjorn Zachrisson** with the 2007 Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award and Dr. **W. Bonham Magness** with the Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics.

I want to again thank Dr. **John Kanyusik** for the excellent job he did in chairing a committee to find my replacement. The MSO has selected and submitted a list of five names to the ABO Board which will make a decision on the new representative to the Board in February 2007.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

The AAO Political Action Committee met in Washington, D.C. in September to prioritize contributions to candidates and review future legislative and regulatory strategies.

The Directors reviewed the AAO/PAC dues statement and concluded that adding a line in each credit card field asking for the "name as it appears on credit card" would increase the PAC's "hard money" contributions and decrease "soft money" contributions. Additionally, the change will save staff time in determining the nature of the credit card.

The AAOPAC broke a record during the 2006 election cycle, contributing more than \$400,000 to candidates who support the AAO's views on important issues. Significantly, the AAOPAC contributed to victorious members of Congress in some hotly contested races, such as Senators **Joe Lieberman** (I-VT) and **Ben Nelson** (D-NE), Senator-elect **Bob Corker** (R-TN), and Representatives **Heather Wilson** (R-NM), **Thelma Drake** (R-VA) and **Tom Reynolds** (R-NY).

This election cycle showed the importance of AAO-member involvement in the AAOPAC. We were able to be active in a record number of elections, and the AAO will benefit.

AAO members should look at the elections as an opportunity to evaluate their level of political activity, particularly within the AAO. Establishing relationships with lawmakers is important because they need to be aware of the specialized needs of orthodontic offices and patients. Our membership gives us the ability to have a unified voice when interacting with policy makers.

President Bush faces the final two years of his presidency with Democrats in control of both the Senate and the House of Representatives for the first time in a dozen years. The Democrats' agenda for the 110th Congress is likely to be dramatically different from the last Congress. Given their new-found majority status, the Democrats are likely to seek to confront the Administration across a wide range of issues. Notwithstanding the desire of many in the Democratic party to undo legislation adopted by prior Republican Congresses, the narrow Democratic majority in the Senate will make it difficult for the party to move legislation that does not enjoy at least a moderate amount of Republican support.

Presidents who have opted for compromise with

their opponents have been able to achieve significant victories in their final two years in office. President Bush will have the opportunity to pursue legacy initiatives including fundamental tax reform and comprehensive entitlement reform (Medicare and Social Security) but will have to reach out to Democrats.

Presently, AAOPAC is funding candidates who were successful and need further help in reducing their campaign debt. It is not too late to have your contribution count. Please join the AAOPAC today!

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

Our 2005-2006 President, Dr. **Robert Nemeth**, St. Cloud, Minnesota, hosted the 28th Annual Meeting of the College July 15-19 in Park City, Utah. From the opening reception to the closing panel discussion, the attendees enjoyed incredible special events, stimulating lectures and exquisite hospitality. The Stein Eriksen Lodge lived up to its five-diamond designation. The presenters held our attention for four straight days with evidence-based material (posted at www.cdabo.org). Dr. **Raymond Thurow**, MSO member and one of The College's Founding Fathers, was honorary chair, and Dr. **David Musich**, MSO member, was presented The College's Award of Merit for his unselfish dedication to the activities of The College.

The 2006-2007 council members are President Dr. **Richard Ridgley**, PCSO; President-Elect Dr. **Thomas Skafidas**, SAO; Secretary Dr. **Tucker Haltom**, RMSO; and Treasurer Dr. **Philip Markin**, MASO. Councilors include Drs. **Dorothy Whalen**, NESO; **Jim Morrow**, SWSO; **Rodney Hyduk**, GLAO; **Steven Marshall**, MSO; and **Michael Guess**, PCSO.

The College continues to be an active volunteer-driven working board, with recent activities including:

- Quickly coordinating, upon request from the ABO Board, a preparatory course for the ABO Written Exam held November 18 in Dallas prior to the December 11-15, 2006, ABO Examination. The preparatory course drew 84 participants.
- Designing a Discrepancy Index & Individual Model Measurement Course to be presented at the AAO Annual Session in Seattle in 2007. This will be a one-on-one,

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- individualized course.
- Redesigning The College's Web site.
- Redesigning the brochure called "Your Orthodontist Has Taken a Step Beyond."
- Adding members to the Mentor Committee due to an increase in activity.
- Assisting the ABO in clinical grading as some Councilors are asked by the ABO.

The 29th Annual Meeting of The College of Diplomates will be held July 15-19, 2007, at the Ritz Carlton in Half Moon Bay, California. The program theme is "Mixed Dentition Treatment." The meeting is dedicated to Dr. **Art Dugoni**, PCSO, and the honorary chairs are Drs. **Samir Bishara**, MSO, and **Raymond George, Sr.**, NESO. Speakers include Drs. **Samir Bishara**, **Kasey Li**, **Steven Dugoni**, **Asuman Kiyak**, **Tiziano Baccetti** and **Camilla Tullock**.

The College's Web site, www.cdabo.org, features general information for the public and specific information on future events including course registration and registration for The College's luncheon at the AAO Annual Session in Seattle.

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of November 1, 2006, the Endowment Campaign has realized \$29.6 million in pledges with \$19.8 million of that being redeemed. Additionally, there currently are 441 individuals who have pledged at the Regent, Fellow or Founder level. There also are 195 individuals who have made a commitment to the Keystone Society by including the Foundation in their estate plans.

The focus for this funding round of the Awards Program will continue to support "junior faculty" and collaborative projects.

1. Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards – Under the One-Year Option, funding is for a maximum of \$15,000. This option may be selected anytime during the first five years of an individual's academic career for a maximum of three years. Under the Three-Year Option, funding is \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$20,000 for years one, two and three, respectively. Funding is not guaranteed but is instead contingent upon the completion and submission of an acceptable Progress Report.

2. Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards – This is a

new award this year designed to support postdoctoral fellowships (post Ph.D. or equivalent). Up to two \$50,000 per year awards will be granted for up to two years.

3. Biomedical Research Awards – A maximum of \$15,000 for any single award and designed for junior faculty in years 3-10 of their careers, these are intended to help junior faculty develop independent research activities to help complete requirements for tenure and to provide pilot study data for other external funding applications.

4. Center Awards – For 2007 there are two categories of Center Awards available. One is the applicant-defined General Center Award, and the other is for a special Call for Proposals. At least one General Center Award is available this year with a maximum amount of support of \$25,000 per year for up to three years. The Call for Proposals is for a maximum of \$100,000 for a Planning Grant to investigate archiving orthodontic collections, following the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Center Awards/Collections.

The Board has determined that there will be no funding available in 2007 for any of the other announced categories.

The Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) will meet January 20, 2007, in St. Louis to review the applications for these awards and to recommend which should be funded when the AAOF Board meets in March. The AAOF Board has budgeted to award \$620,000 this funding round. Since 1994, the AAOF has designated almost \$5.7 million for awards to help address the challenges facing orthodontic education, primarily in support of junior faculty.

In conjunction with the next Board meeting, the AAOF will hold a strategic long-range planning meeting. The session will focus on fundraising in the future. In addition to the members of the AAOF Board, others have been invited to participate. Drs. **John Kanyusik** and **Deborah Lien** will attend representing the MSO.

The AAO Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament is planned for the Golf Club at Newcastle in Seattle on Friday, May 18. Once again, the Foundation is grateful to American Orthodontics, GAC International and Ormco for sponsoring this event. A "Golfer Registration Form" can be downloaded from www.aaofoundation.net.

Dr. **John Pershing** has submitted his resignation as the Fellow Chair. John has served the AAOF for over ten years as a director representing the MSO, as the National Endowment Campaign Chair, as President and as the Fellow Chair. We would like to thank John for his enthusiasm for the Foundation and the attention he has brought to it.

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Welcome back for another exciting and productive year at the ISO. We kicked off our 2006-2007 season on November 6 with a lecture from the always great Dr. **Jim McNamara** who spoke on vertical dimension. During the lunch meeting, the ISO was honored to have attending ISDS President Dr. **Dean Nicholas** and Mr. **David March**, Director of ISDS Legislative Affairs. AAO Trustee Dr. **Lee**



(l to r) *Dennis Manning, George Chipain and Ara Goshgarian*

Graber discussed the upcoming AAO public awareness campaign and reminded members to help promote the campaign by hanging posters in their reception areas and talking with their own patients about the qualifications and training of orthodontists. Afterward, the ISO board of directors had a very productive dinner with the officers of the Chicago Dental Society to help foster good communication between the two groups. Thanks to Dr. **Anthony Maoloni** for arranging the event.

At our December 4 meeting, Dr. **Tom Southard** presented an excellent lecture on diagnosis and treatment planning. The ISO was honored to have Eighth District ADA Delegate Dr. **Dennis Manning** address the membership on current issues facing dentistry. ISO President Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** presented a special recognition award to Dr. **George Chipain** for his many years of service to the ISO, orthodontics and organized dentistry. His wife, Joyce, was at his side during the presentation. And finally, Dr. **Mike Durbin** was welcomed as a new trustee, replacing Dr. **John Schuler**. The ISO thanks John for his many years of service as a trustee.

Our remaining programs for the 2006-2007 year are as follows:

February 23, 2007 – Dr. **Jeffrey Okeson** – ISO-sponsored speaker at the CDS Midwinter meeting

April 16, 2007 – Dr. **Ron Roncone** – “Treatment, Technology and Touch”

I wish you all a safe and happy New Year.

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The annual October meeting of the ISO was held at the Sheraton Hotel in Iowa City. Other than a reconfiguration of doors in the lobby, there was no evidence of the devastating tornado that blew through Iowa City last April, causing millions of dollars in damage and displacing many University of Iowa students. Dr. **Charles McNeal** from San Francisco was the guest speaker, and his purely orthopedic approach to the topic of “TMJ Disorders” was extremely informative.

Dr. **Michael Hipp** announced that there will be a 3% increase in Title XIX fees retroactive to July 1, 2005. Also, it was voted that beginning in 2007 there will be a \$25 increase in ISO dues in order to cover increasing expenses.

The joint meeting of the ISO and MSO will be held in Iowa City October 24-26, 2008. Volunteers are needed to help organize and orchestrate the meeting. Please contact Dr. Hipp if you are available to help.

The ISO hopes to sponsor a continuing education program for orthodontic assistants in 2007. The program will be available statewide over the Iowa Cable Network (ICN). If you have any suggestions for topics or speakers or if you are willing to be one of the speakers, please contact Dr. **William Olin**.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers who are listed above. Many thanks to outgoing president Dr. **Curtis Geyer** for his hard work this past year. After many years as secretary/treasurer, Dr. **Judith Demro** finally has passed the torch. Thanks, Judy, for going above and beyond in your service to the ISO.

We all were very sad to hear of the passing of Dr. **Maynard Ukena** of Ames this past year. The ISO has sent a memorial in his honor to the University of Iowa Department of Orthodontics. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Dr. Ukena’s family.

Please send me your news and announcements for the next issue of the *MSO Newsletter*. It is a good way to stay connected.

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Manitoba

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Our semi-annual Business Meeting was held on October 19, 2006. We were honored to have as our guest the president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO), Dr. **Robert Hatheway**. Dr. Hatheway reported that the next CAO meeting will be held in Newfoundland September 26-29, 2007, and the topic will be "Self-Ligating Appliances." He also reported that the CAO has initiated a program of self-mediation for its members to intercept complaints going to the Provincial regulatory bodies. It appears as though the vast majority of complaints are being brought to this committee first and, therefore, the program appears to be quite successful.

The Planning Committee for the CAO's 2008 Annual Meeting is working hard at putting together a strong program to be held in Winnipeg on September 11-14, 2008. More information will be available as the meeting date approaches.

The dean's position at the University of Manitoba Faculty of Dentistry currently is being held by an "acting" dean, Dr. **Randy Mazurat**. The Search Committee is in the process of interviewing three candidates for the dean's position.

Drs. **Robert Baker** and **Allan Baker** both will be retiring from the dental school over the next few months. Dr. **Kushee Sharma** has started a six-month-term position to help with the transition until further funding can be secured.

No pending continuing education courses are scheduled at this time.

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Congratulations to MAO members who recently were installed as MSO officers at the September MSO Business Meeting. Dr. **Stephen Litton** was installed as president, Dr. **Brent Larson** as vice president and Dr. **John Kanyusik** as secretary-treasurer. We are excited to have such active members helping to steer this organization. Dr.

Kanyusik also served as chairman for the ABO Director Search Committee.

Drs. **Deb Lien**, **Carlin Wiemers** and **Donna Stenberg** will attend the first combined AAO Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conference January 28-31 in Washington, D.C.

This fall the MAO dispersed over \$24,000 to regional orthodontic programs as part of the North Central Orthodontic Committee (NCOC). The NCOC was organized as an ad hoc committee to raise funds for orthodontic research. Those orthodontic programs that received funds were the University of Minnesota, Mayo, University of Iowa, Marquette University and the University of Manitoba.

The MAO Summer Meeting was a success. Dr. **S. Jay Bowman** delivered an excellent presentation on facial esthetics and orthodontic anchorage appliances. Program Chair Dr. **Stephen Nelson** has organized the Winter meeting to be held on January 12, 2007, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel. Dr. **Vince Kokich, Sr.** will present a program entitled, "Adult Orthodontics: Are You Making the Correct Treatment Decisions?" National orthodontic speaker/consultant Ms. **Lori Garland Parker** will present an interesting mix of clinical and administrative topics for the office staff.

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists, in conjunction with the Kansas Association of Orthodontists, is sponsoring Dr. **Kelly Conway** on January 19-20, 2007, at the KC Marriott. Dr. Conway challenges the conventional concepts of occlusion and the neuromuscular feedback mechanism that affects the stability of our final results. His day-and-a-half presentation will explore the biology of the muscular function of the oral cavity and how better understanding this relationship can help us complete our cases with an even more stable conclusion. The Missouri Society will be having their annual meeting during this meeting. Please call Dr. **Steve Billings** at 816/741-9007 if you have any questions.

The Board of Directors of the Greater St. Louis Dental Society will be honoring Dr. **Francis J. Miller** with

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the Gold Medal Award at the presidential installation dinner on January 6, 2007. Please call the GSLDS at 314/569-0444 if you are interested in attending.

On January 5, 2007, an ad hoc committee of the Missouri Dental Board will be meeting to discuss the Expanded Functions Work Force and proposed changes. One item of discussion will be possibly eliminating the assistants' testing for expanded duties since the orthodontist already is responsible for all reversible tasks that he/she delegates to an assistant. Please make plans to attend if you are interested in this area of possible legislation. In the meantime, make sure to have your staff members certified and have them take the expanded functions exam to comply with the current state laws for the duties which they now perform.

Thank you to all the Missouri Society members who attended the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists meeting in St. Louis at Union Station. The meeting was extremely successful and was a great way to "Show Me Excellence" in St. Louis. Thank you to our own Dr. **Jim Klarsch** and his awesome team who put together a fantastic meeting. During the Midwestern meeting, the Missouri Society voted to contribute \$10,000 to the "Smiles Change Lives" program to help the program get off the ground in St. Louis.

Please do not hesitate to call me or any of the Missouri officers if you have any questions.

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The upcoming 2007 meetings have been announced by the Omaha Orthodontic Study Club and the Nebraska Society of Orthodontists.

The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club will meet on Friday, January 19. We will have the opportunity to learn from Dr. **Terry Pracht** on "Advancing the Art and Science of Orthodontic Anchorage" and "Orthodontic Risk Management." The meeting will be held at Shadow Ridge Country Club in Omaha with registration starting at 7:45am. Registration forms have been mailed out, so if you would like to attend, please call Dr. **Tom Weber** at 402/896-4500 to be included.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists' Annual Meeting will be held Friday, March 16, in Lincoln at the

Champions Club across from Memorial Stadium. Our guest speaker will be Dr. **David Sarver**. Registration material will be mailed in January or call Dr. **Rebecca Hohl** at 402/421-8000 for further information.

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The NDSO held its meeting with the North Dakota Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Society in October in Fargo. The topics of the meeting were relevant to both orthodontists and oral surgeons. Dr. **Terry Pracht**, former AAO president, gave an informative lecture on TADs (miniscrews) and their applications in orthodontics. Dr. **Michael Milano** from the University of Nebraska spoke on distraction osteogenesis. There were about thirty people in attendance.

Dr. **Dennis Sommers** will be representing North Dakota at the AAO Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conference, which will be held in Washington, D.C. in January.

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South Dakota

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The next meeting of the SDSO is tentatively planned to be held in conjunction with the South Dakota Dental Association Annual Meeting May 17-20, in Rapid City. Due to the fact that the date conflicts with the AAO Annual Session in Seattle, SDSO members are discussing possible alternative dates for our meeting. Members are encouraged to submit alternative suggestions to me.

Two of our members are planning to attend the AAO-sponsored Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conference to be held in Washington, D.C., this January. Those members are Drs. **Ryan VanLaecken**, Watertown, and **Patricia Leonard**, Sioux Falls.

The SDSO would like to extend a sincere "thank-

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you” to Dr. **Kevin Horner**, Sioux Falls, and to all members of the Council on Communications for their leadership and devotion to the profession in producing the “More Than A Smile” public awareness campaign.

Members who have new items, component questions or suggestions are encouraged to contact any of the SDSO officers.

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The WSO’s 2006 fall conference was held at the Abbey Resort in Fontana, Wisconsin, in October. **Cathy Sundvall**’s presentation on “Practice Euphoria—Improving Quality, Performance and Service” was well received by doctors and staff. Cathy’s seminar was packed with common sense information, practical hints and tools for every aspect of practice management.

Dr. **Thomas Lovlien**, the WSO’s new president, shared with the membership his vision of ushering the WSO into the digital age. The society will eliminate as much of our printed communication as possible, in part, by utilizing both the MSO’s and AAO’s Web sites. During the business meeting, Dr. **John Crawford** reminded the members to read the bisphosphonate treatment special report in the July/August issue of *The Bulletin*, since it may have a profound effect on the orthodontic care of people taking this medication. Dr. Lovlien informed the membership of the untimely passing of a longtime member, Dr. **Robert Sullo**. A number of members paid tribute to Bob.

The 2007 Spring Conference is scheduled for April 23-24, 2007, at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. Dr. **Ronald Roncone**, the presenter, has conducted seminars and lectures in the areas of management, marketing, motivation and treatment. The WSO hopes to see you all there in April.

The 2007 Fall Conference is scheduled for September 17-18, 2007, at the Stoney Creek Inn, Onalaska, Wisconsin. Dr. **Jason Cope** will be speaking on temporary anchorage devices. The WSO hopes to see all of you there as well.

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our attempts to stop this blatant and deceiving consumer advertising. While it is impossible to challenge each instance, it is hoped that if we can get positive legal redress in court, this will be “convincing” for the Yellow Pages directory representatives to better police their publications. If you observe a problem in your own area, you are encouraged to copy the material and send it to our legal department at the AAO central office.

For those insured with the AAO Insurance Company (AAOIC), you likely have received information on the use of the AAO Informed Consent form. The AAOIC strongly suggests the use of this form which recently has been updated to include information on a potentially broader range of services. Even if you have insurance from another carrier, I would strongly encourage that you consider the use of the AAO form. It is very complete and now includes information on temporary anchorage devices. One of the benefits of using the AAO form and the informed consent protocol is that it is the “national” form, developed and recognized by the AAO with both member and legal input. While nothing can completely protect against a patient complaint, a properly presented and signed

AAO Informed Consent form provides the patient with significant and important information and helps you to be sure that all the bases are properly covered. These forms may be ordered from the AAO Central Office or online.

The AAO Web site continues to provide a wealth of information to members including the Leadership and Governmental Affairs Conference in January and the Interdisciplinary Conference in February. The speakers are excellent and the location provides a great get-away at this time of the year. Also featured on the Web site is information on the AAO Annual Session which will be held this year in Seattle. It has been a long time since the AAO was in that part of the country, and in addition to another fine staff and doctor clinical program, there are wonderful tour possibilities in the Northwest.

If you have any questions or suggestions as to services and products the AAO provides for you as a member, please feel free to contact either your state/province component director or e-mail me directly.

Best wishes for a healthy and happy 2007.

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Graduate School Reports

Marquette University

It is a busy time of the year with the first-year residents settling into the clinic and the second-year residents finishing data collection for their papers. Drs. **Markus Niepraschk** and **Dan Rejman** were in Athens, Greece, in October and finished two projects with Dr. **George Eliades**. Drs. **Nadav Segal** and **Jeff Foster** are completing projects also that are dealing with orthodontic materials, and Dr. **David Mershon** is working with Dr. **Douglas Lobner** in basic sciences on the toxicity of materials to a neuronal cell line.

Congratulations to Drs. **Smita Cabrera** (2006) and **Doug Barden** (2005) on the acceptance of a paper based on their thesis research. Four of the five graduating residents from this year and all five graduating residents from the Class of 2005 have published manuscripts in refereed journals.

Our interviews for the class of 2009 are complete, and we look forward to our new residents in June 2007.

Happy Holidays to all!

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Mayo Clinic

Change is in the air at the Mayo Clinic Orthodontic Program with new faculty, renovation and residents. It has been a busy fall.

Dr. **John Volz** has accepted an offer to fill our vacant faculty position. He graduated from Marquette Dental School, completed orthodontic training at UMKC in 1986 and was ABO-certified in 1994. He brings experience both in education and private practice. We welcome John and his wife, **Barbara**, to our staff.

I also wish to welcome Dr. **Tim Scanlan** (SUNY Buffalo '02) as our new first-year resident. He joins second-year and third-year residents Dr. **Bryan Vibeto** (Minnesota '01) and Dr. **Chris Holahan** (Iowa '98), respectively. We are fortunate to attract such outstanding students to learn with us. The residents attended the GORP meeting as well as the MSO Annual Session in St. Louis. Dr. Holahan recently had a new addition to his family – Kate Elizabeth arrived in November. If the training program doesn't keep him busy enough, this little bundle should!

Phase I of the clinic renovation has been completed. We hope the second and third phases move quickly. The new facilities will promote effective and efficient

treatment for our patients and better meet their service expectations. This project also will help in our transition to a digital clinic.

As 2006 comes to a close, I would like to say thank you for the tremendous support from alumni, friends and members of Mayo Clinic's Orthodontic Division during this transition period. We will continue to move forward in promoting resident education.

Happy Holidays to all and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

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Saint Louis University

The Third Annual Charles Henry Tweed Memorial Lecture was held at CADE September 14-15 with a presentation by Dr. **Lysle Johnston**. This was part of the annual alumni meeting during which there were opportunities for golf and a Cardinals baseball game.

Fourteen residents graduated in December 2006, and they have scattered across the U.S. and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably. They and their home dental school are: Drs. **Damen Caraway** (University of Texas at San Antonio), **Michael Chung** (Columbia University), **Wes Fleming** (University of Kentucky), **Jennifer Horton** (University of Southern California), **Graham Jones** (University of California-San Francisco), **Steven Lemery** (University of Washington), **Zachary Mellion** (Case Western Reserve University), **Micah Mortensen** (University of Washington), **Melanie Nguyen** (UCLA), **Julie Rambo** (University of Kentucky), **Brian Schlueter** (Southern Illinois University), **Bradley Simister** (Creighton University), **Binh Tran** (University of Southern California) and **Brian Ward** (University of Oklahoma).

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in Santa Barbara, California, March 1-4, 2007. Speakers include Drs. **Lysle Johnston**, **Rolf Behrents**, **Rick McLaughlin**, **Bill Arnett** and **Richard Boyd**. Dr. **Camilla Tulloch** will receive the Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation Merit Award. Contact moscalb@slu.edu for information on this meeting.

In addition, the Saint Louis University orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the spring of 2007 (Drs. **Vince Kokich**, **Charles Burstone**, etc.). All MSO students are encouraged to visit our Web site, which is updated periodically, and to let us know if

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they find a presentation they would like to attend.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

With November's accreditation site visit behind us, we're looking to a new seven-year period of improvement and modernization. Hopefully, construction of our new enlarged clinic will start soon. We seek additional clinical faculty and welcome submission of CVs from interested individuals.

The name of the alumni association has changed from Illinois Orthodontic Alumni Association to Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois to clarify that it is made up of graduates of the four Chicago-area programs (Loyola, Northwestern, University of Chicago, and UIC). The alumni met at the ADA Building September 7-9 with Drs. **Dwight Damon** and **Gerald Samson** as featured speakers. Special recognition was given to Drs. **Bernard Schneider** and **Terry Sellke** at the dinner at the top of the Hancock Building. The current alumni association officers are Drs. **Vincent Arpino**, president and executive director, and **Michael Conlon**, vice president. The Board members are Drs. **Tom Horrigan '08**, **George Kottemann '08**, **John Lisac '12**, **Michael Nabarowski '12**, **Dale Davis '16**, **Howard Spector '16**, **Ashok Kothari (Loyola) '16**, **Robert Christopher (Northwestern) '16**, and **Gerald Samson (Northwestern) '16**. Considerable progress has been made in linking the alumni of the four orthodontic programs, of which only UIC exists currently.

Congratulations to Dr. **James Baldwin**, Clinical

Associate Professor, who received the Dale B. Wade Award for Clinical Excellence from the ABO.

Due to curriculum revisions in the predoctoral dental program, the didactic and laboratory preclinical orthodontic course has moved to the spring term. The course director, Dr. **Nanci Oliveira De Felipe**, made substantial changes in the course and is recruiting local orthodontists to participate as teachers in the course.



James Baldwin with the Dale B. Wade Award for Clinical Excellence

UIC's orthodontic residents continue to attend the Illinois Society of Orthodontists meetings at Drury Lane in Oakbrook. The fall's speakers were Drs. **Jim McNamara** and **Tom Southard**.

Special appreciation to our part-time clinical faculty for mentoring and educating our residents as well as providing supervision of patient treatment: Drs. **T.J. Aoba**, **James Baldwin**, **Michael Bicknell**, **Anthony Eltink**, **Laurence Golden**, **Andrew Haas**, **Chester Handelman**, **William Hohlt**, **Gregory Jackson**, **Heek Young Jo**, **John Kelsey**, **Ashok Kothari**, **Ralph Robbins**, **Cyril Sadowsky**, **Eliot Sakols**, **Bernard Schneider**, **Robyn Silberstein**, **Peter Tsay**, **Lawrence Voss** and **Isaac Yue**. Dr. **Budi Kusnoto**, Clinic Director, led the effort to digitize the patient records and provided instruction to the clinical faculty and residents.

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University of Iowa

We wish to welcome the members of our new first-year class: Drs. **Laura Low** (Creighton '06); **Kyle Mann** and **Laura Milnor** (Iowa '06); **Lina Moreno** (Columbia '91); and **Todd Rasch** (Marquette '06). Our second-year class consists of Drs. **Dan Gabriel** (Minnesota '03); **Chad Morarend** (Iowa '00); **Marlene Sanabria** (Baylor '03); and **Alex Sierk** (Iowa '05). Our faculty are grateful to these young persons for coming to learn with us.

A special word of thanks to Drs. **Carney Loucks**, **Dave Diehl**, **Ron Hanneman**, **Paul Hermanson**, **Steve Marshall** and **Tom Stark**. As our part-time adjunct faculty, they regularly volunteer their time for the betterment of the orthodontic program and our residents' education. The department would have a very difficult time managing without their help.

I am delighted to inform you that Dr. **William DeKock** has been selected as one of the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients from the University of Iowa. He received his B.A., D.D.S. and M.S. from the University of Iowa. Bill served two years in the United States Navy, and then practiced orthodontics for 26 years in Cedar Rapids, and has taught in the Department of Orthodontics for most of that time.

Dr. DeKock is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and is a charter member of The College of Diplomates of the ABO. He served as a consultant to the American Dental Association Commission on Dental

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Accreditation, president of the Linn County Dental Society, on the board of directors and president of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists, and trustee and president of the American Association of Orthodontists.

On June 14, 2006, Dr. **John S. Casko**, professor and B. F. and Helen E. Dewel Chair in Clinical Orthodontics at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, was named the 2006 Jarabak Scholar in Orthodontics by the University of Indiana in recognition of an outstanding career in orthodontics.

The 28th Annual Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar on Surgical Orthodontics will be held from January 27-February 3, 2007, at Lion Square Lodge in Vail, Colorado.

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University of Manitoba

The culmination of our 40th year celebration took place with a very successful alumni function at the Canadian Association of Orthodontists meeting in Montreal in September.

After 30 years of dedicated service to orthodontics at the University of Manitoba, Dr. **Robert Baker**, Director of the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic for many years, retired at the end of December. A farewell lunch in his honor was held, and it was announced that, subject to approval of the Board of Governors, he will be honored with "Senior Scholar" status. We wish "Dr. Bob" all of the best in his retirement! We also bid farewell to Dr. **Mordechai Benami** who will be leaving us at the end of January. Dr. Benami was instrumental in the establishment of our orthodontic outreach on the Norway House First Nations Reserve, the first such outreach program by a graduate orthodontic program in Canada.

We bid a warm welcome to Dr. **Kushee Sharma** who joined our full-time orthodontic staff in November. Dr. Sharma will be acting Graduate Clinic Director and direct our orthodontic outreach services. Welcome back to Dr. **Frank Hechter** who is taking over the orthodontic management of our orthognathic surgery patients together with Dr. **Lee McFadden**. We also welcome two new part-timers, Dr. **Gerry Solomon**, who will be flying in from Toronto, and Dr. **Kris Row** from Winnipeg.

Congratulations to our third-year residents, Drs. **Jason Gallant**, **Milos Lekic** and **Keyur Shah**, who passed the written, oral and clinical components of their comprehensive orthodontic exam. Their external examiners were

Drs. **Antonios Mamandras** and **John Daskalaginnakis**.

Regarding research and presentations, we had four papers presented at the EOS meeting in Vienna, Austria, by Drs. **Nick Karaiskos**, **Christie Laberge**, **Roberto Porras** and **Billy Wiltshire**. At the CAO meeting in Montreal in September research presentations were presented by Drs. **Nick Karaiskos**, **James Noble**, **Roberto Porras**, **Milos Lekic** and **Keyur Shah**. Generous funding from the CAO made it possible to completely fund our residents' trips to Montreal.

Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** chaired a curriculum workshop of Canadian undergraduate orthodontic programs in Montreal, where all ten undergraduate programs were represented, to discuss establishing a common "Canadian curriculum." Dr. Wiltshire also was invited to sit on the World Federation of Orthodontists (WFO) Task Force on Guidelines for Postgraduate Orthodontic Education chaired by WFO President Dr. **Athanasios Athanasiou**.

Dr. Wiltshire is the orthodontic clinical collaborator with a group of National Research Council Institute of Biodiagnostics researchers who were successful in being awarded a \$1 million NIH-NIDCR grant where the orthodontic component will be the *in vivo* testing of a new tool to be developed based on Polarized Raman Spectroscopy and Optical Coherence Tomography for detecting early caries development around orthodontic brackets. The research team is a consortium led by the NRC-IBD Spectroscopy Group, involving clinical collaborators from the University of Manitoba and Dalhousie University. Micro-optics engineers from Quebec's National Optics Institute also are involved with this project.

Manitoba's graduate program is involved in the North Carolina long-distance seminar experiment with Dr. Bill Proffitt. Other international participants are the University of Sydney (Australia) and Manchester (UK). We have completed the first cycle of seminars and evaluations with our first- and second-year residents and feedback has been very positive. The video-based long-distance real-time seminar format was found to be particularly useful and was enthusiastically supported.

They say "*no professors...no profession.*" I would like to sincerely thank those full- and part-time orthodontists who continue to give so unselfishly of their time and efforts to the teaching process. Specifically, Drs. **Conny Athansopolous**, **Allan Baker**, **Bob Baker**, **Jeff Bales**, **Mordechai Benami**, **Babette Cohen**, **Tim Dumore**, **Susan Lukas**, **Lee McFadden** and **Susan Tsang**. Without the continuing commitment of these orthodontists, there would be no orthodontic program in Manitoba! The

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pay is most pitiful, but the rewards and satisfaction of shaping new, young minds and of being stewards of our profession for the future are rich beyond dreams!!!

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University of Minnesota

It has been a busy fall for the University of Minnesota Orthodontic Program! In October we had our accreditation site visit. This happens every seven years, and many people worked very hard to prepare. All of our efforts paid off with a great report from the site visit team that included three commendations for things that the team felt we were doing beyond expectations. The whole accreditation process allowed us to complete a detailed self-study of our program, and although we did very well, we also identified areas that we want to improve for our students in the future. A special thanks to full-time faculty member Dr. **Suzan Ekim** for her efforts in preparing the accreditation documents.

We have had a number of special visitors to the program in the last few months who add to the educational experience of our residents. These people donate their time and energies to our program and we are grateful for their generous contributions. Dr. **Ceib Phillips** from the University of North Carolina presented information from the UNC surgery studies on the psychological aspects of orthognathic surgery. This information will help us better assess and prepare our patients undergoing this type of combined treatment. **Rosemary Bray** spent a day with our residents presenting a variety of practice management topics. Her expertise in staff management will definitely help our residents as they go into practice. Our thanks to Dr. **Donna Stenberg** for making the arrangements for Rosemary to visit. Dr. **Jim McCulley**, Fargo, North Dakota, spent several mornings with our residents presenting material on early treatment. Jim has a unique method of treatment using long buccal tubes that can be very effective, especially on cleft children. Jim is now retired and we are pleased that he took the time to share his experience with us.

We also have the opportunity for the residents to hear Dr. **Vince Kokich, Sr.** at our Minnesota Association of Orthodontists' meeting in January. The residents will not only get to hear Vince at the meeting, but he also has graciously agreed to arrive a day early and present some additional material to our residents here at the University.

A very special additional contribution to our curriculum this year has been seminars conducted by former Minnesota chair and current editor of *The Angle Orthodon-*

tist, Dr. **Bob Isaacson**. Bob's seminars on biomechanics have been great, and I think he loves interacting with the residents as much as they love having him.

Dr. **Pat Vayda** is stepping down from her full-time position in our division in January 2007. Pat has been an important contributor to orthodontics, and the whole school here at Minnesota, for many years. Pat is going to spend more time in practice and will devote more energy to raising her two wonderful daughters. She will remain as an adjunct faculty member and will continue to contribute to our mission. We will be conducting a search, chaired by Dr. **John Beyer**, to fill Pat's position.

Please join us for the Minnesota alumni reception at the AAO meeting on Saturday, May 19, from 7:30-9:30pm in Seattle. We look forward to the opportunity to catch up with our alumni and friends! It is an exciting time here at Minnesota – don't forget to stop by and visit us when you are in the area.

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

UMKC welcomes two new full-time faculty members. Dr. **Jeff Nickel** comes as the new Postgraduate Director, and Dr. **Laura Iwasaki** will receive the endowed Leo Rogers Faculty Chair. They are scheduled to arrive the beginning of January 2007. Their research on bone and TMJ, which is highly regarded, will open new avenues of scholarly endeavors for faculty and residents and will add new dimensions to the mission of the bone biology group in Oral Biology. Welcome, Jeff and Laura!

Dr. **Don Sanchez** has received a promotion at his new school. He will be Co-Director of the Orthodontic Residency at the Arizona School of Dentistry and Oral Health. He has been quite busy completing the paperwork necessary for provisional approval by the American Dental Association. He hopes to return for the alumni meeting this year to review his daughter's poster. She is currently in the dental hygiene program at UMKC.

Dr. **Dustin** and **Amy Burleson** are overjoyed with their first child, a beautiful boy named Samuel Patrick. Dustin has started his practice in a trendy area north of Kansas City called Briarcliff.

Dr. **Brad Smith's** wife Becky is teaching in the

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general clinic at UMKC. They have moved somewhat closer to his practice on 135th Street in Overland Park.

Dr. **Shelly Kawamoto** is returning to Hawaii after graduation. She has plans to associate with another female orthodontist on Oahu. She currently is working on a master's and doing a research project on orthodontic pain. Dr. **Nellie Kim** is still deciding on where she wants to associate after she finishes her master's program. Her research area is in genetics. Dr. **Erin Jamesen** is heading back to Texas after her certificate program. Dr. **Adam Saylor** will associate somewhere in the Chicago area and plans to wed in November 2007. The first year residents, Drs. **Mike Barlow, Patrick Briscoe, Laura Freyteg and Tara Cash**, are learning the "wires."

Dr. **Hyo-Sang Park** is scheduled to present a continuing education program on microimplants on February 26, 2007. Dr. Park previously presented at UMKC approximately four years ago. He is known internationally as one of the originators of the technique. Anyone who wishes to attend should contact **Karen Wilson** in the Office of Alumni and Development at 816/235-2142.

The faculty have been very busy. Dr. **Vance Dykhouse** is president of the ABO and is first author on several research papers concerning the findings of the new testing format; Dr. **Jeff Thompson** was elected vice-president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists; Dr. **Dan Blackwell** was named UMKC School of Dentistry's Man of the Year; Dr. **Steve Billings** was named Orthodontist of the Year by the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni; and Dr. **Katherine Kula** is on the AAO's committee on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty.

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University of Nebraska

First-year residents Drs. **Jarom Sauble** (Temple University), **Elizabeth Sheldon** (University of Nebraska Medical Center) and **Steven Swenson** (University of Iowa) joined our program on July 1, 2006.

Effective July 1, Dr. **Peter Spalding** stepped down from his administrative positions as Chair of the Department of Growth and Development and Orthodontic Program Director after 13 years in these roles. He takes great pride in the accomplishments achieved by the orthodontic faculty, staff and students during that time and has thoroughly enjoyed working with the other MSO chairs/directors to address mutual issues and challenges. He felt it

was time for someone new to provide their own perspective and vision. A college-wide search committee has been working actively since July to recruit a new Chair and Program Director. Dr. Spalding remains a full-time faculty member in the Orthodontic Section.

Also in July, Dr. **Laura Iwasaki** presented, "Biomechanical Differences in Static Biting Between Healthy and TMD Subjects," and Dr. **Jeff Nickel** presented, "Tests of Numerical Model Predictions of Muscle Activities During Biting" at the Annual General Session of the IADR in Brisbane, Australia.

During the Dental Alumni Reunion at the College of Dentistry in late September, Dr. **Peter Spalding** presented a CE course entitled, "Management of Some Unusual Orthodontic Cases." Also during this time, we had a dedication ceremony for the new Growth and Development Conference Room. Dr. **Henry Cech** and his wife, **Anne**, in addition to many other alumni, were honored for their support of this project.

All of our residents attended the MSO Annual Session on September 15-17 in St. Louis, Missouri. It was a great experience for them, and we are grateful to MSO for helping to make it possible for them to attend.

We are very pleased to have Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj** join our full-time faculty October 1, 2006, as an Assistant Professor. He recently graduated with an orthodontic certificate and Ph.D. from The Ohio State University with a research interest in cranial suture biology. He has published an article in conjunction with co-authors in *Archives of Oral Biology*, entitled, "Sustained Delivery of Bioactive Cytokine Using a Dense Collagen Gel Vehicle."

Our December 2006 graduates, Dr. **Jeffrey Chandler** whose thesis was, "Stress Magnitude and Interleukin-1 Affect the Speed of Orthodontic Tooth Movement in Humans," and Dr. **Benjamin Thornton** whose thesis was, "EMG-Bite Force Relationships During Static Biting in Subjects Before Orthodontics and Orthognathic Surgery" defended their theses in late fall. They both plan to open private practices – Dr. Chandler near Salt Lake City, Utah, and Dr. Thornton in Eugene, Oregon.

Dr. **Laura Iwasaki** and Dr. **Jeff Nickel** will be leaving our faculty at the end of December to become Chair and Orthodontic Program Director, respectively, at the University of Missouri in Kansas City. We are grateful for their over ten years of dedicated service to our program and the UNMC College of Dentistry and wish them the best in their new positions!

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Straight talk on the Riverwalk

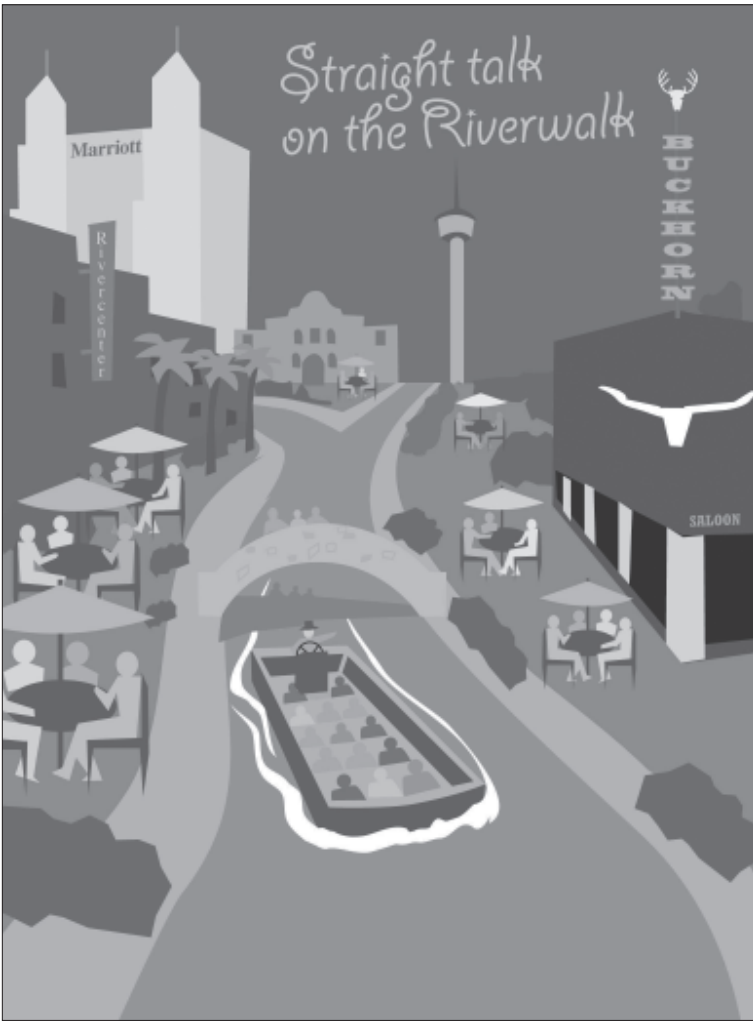
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Paul Gange – bonding
Cathy Sundvall – practice euphoria
Rita Bauer – photography

Other events include social events, spouse tours and all that San Antonio has to offer!

Watch for registration material this summer or check www.msortho.org or contact Judy Salisbury, SWSO Executive Director, at 812/923-2700 or jsalis913@aol.com



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