

MSO NEWSLETTER



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Casko receives 2008 Jarabak Award

The MSO is very pleased to recognize Dr. **John S. Casko** as the recipient of the 2008 Louise Ada Jarabak



John S. Casko

Memorial International Teachers and Research Award presented by the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. The award was presented during the Excellence in Orthodontics luncheon in Denver. Accepting the award on behalf of Dr. Casko was his son, **John, Jr.**

To list Dr. Casko's curriculum vitae would

consume more pages than this newsletter! It is very extensive, diverse and most impressive, so only the highlights will be outlined here.

John received both his dental and orthodontic education from Georgetown University and his PhD in Education from the University of Pittsburgh in 1970. After two years at the University of Pittsburgh and a few years as director of the orthodontic clinic at the University of North Carolina, John moved to Iowa City as professor and head of the Orthodontic Department at the University of Iowa and was chair of the department from 1976 to 2002. In 2000 he received the B.F. and Helen E. Dewel Endowed Chair in Clinical Orthodontics at the University of Iowa.

Dr. Casko has received many honors and awards including induction into the American College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He has been asked to give a number of named lectures such as the keynote speech

at the 6th International Orthodontic Congress in Paris in 2005, the British Orthodontic Conference in England in 2003 and the 2005 Heritage Lecture for the American Association of Orthodontists. He also was named the 2006 Jarabak Scholar in Orthodontics at the University of Indiana.

Very involved with the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists and the American Board of Orthodontics, John has served as president of each of these prestigious organizations. He continues to serve as an examiner for the ABO. He also served as a member of the ADA Council on Dental Accreditation and the AAO Council on Orthodontic Education and was a Commissioner on the ADA Commission on Dental Accreditation.

With a deep and abiding interest in education, John also is known for his many educational endeavors outside of the university setting such as the Iowa Summer Meeting in

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President's Report

Summertime greetings to all from the MSO Board. My term will conclude this fall and I would like to thank the membership for your support and the opportunity to serve.

The MSO Ad Interim meeting this year was held March 14 -15 in Chicago. We welcomed Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** as the director-elect from Illinois. Other special guests were Dr. **Keith Levin** as delegate and future Speaker



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of the House, Dr. **Kevin Horner** MSO representative to the AAO Council on Communications and former South Dakota director and Dr. **Paul Castelein** as the ABO Director representing MSO. Kevin gave a PowerPoint presentation on the success of the "More than a Smile" campaign and asked for support to continue the campaign. Paul updated the Board on ABO activities. A variety of ideas to ensure access to care as well as quality of patient care throughout the MSO constituent area also were discussed.

MSO looks forward to installing two new directors this fall. Dr. **Tim Dumore** will be the new director from Manitoba as the current Manitoba director, Dr. **Babette Cohen**, will be nominated to serve as incoming MSO secretary-treasurer. Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** also begins his term as the new Illinois director when Dr. **Steve Marshall** retires from the MSO Board after serving his full term.

We thank Dr. **Steve Marshall** for his dedication and service to the MSO as delegation chair and Illinois director for the past eight years. You may thank and congratulate him at the MSO Annual Session where he will be awarded the 2008 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. We look forward to benefiting from his continued service to our specialty on the MSO delegation, as a leader in other organizations such as serving on the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics and as faculty at the University of Iowa Orthodontic Department.

Please check your schedule and consider participating in one of the following upcoming AAO volunteer leadership conferences:

- AAO will be asking selected member key contacts to attend a meeting that the AAO will fund in Washington, D.C., in January 2009. For more information about the conference or being on the AAO key contact list for legislature interaction, contact **Kevin Dillard** at the AAO at 800/424-2841.

- The 2009 AAO Presidents-elect/Leadership Conference will be held February 5 in Orlando immediately prior to the combined AAO/periodontist meeting. Each component will be able to select and fund the travel for up to two representatives. MSO also will be selecting additional leader representatives to attend. Contact your component director if you are interested in representing the MSO at this event as the MSO Board will be finalizing its list of attendees soon.

A special thanks goes to the MSO delegation for their efforts this year in Denver. Education and public awareness were topics of much discussion. The MSO delegation was composed of chair **Steve Marshall**, vice-chair **Jackie Miller**, **Babette Cohen**, **Mike Hipp**, **John Kanyusik**, **Brent Larson**, **Keith Levin** and alternate delegates **Paula Harre**, **Deb Lien** and **Steve Litton**. Both Keith and Babette served on Reference Committees.

I also would like to mention that Dr. **Dave Musich** from Illinois was announced as the James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award winner and will receive the award in Boston.

Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** was recognized for her service to the Council on New and Younger Members, and her replacement will be Dr. **Alison Fallgatter**, from North Dakota. Dr. **Casey Warren**, University of Nebraska, also will serve a one-year term on CONYM as a student representative.

A highlight of the AAO Annual Session in Denver was the presentation of the 2008 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award from the AAO Foundation to Dr. **John Casko** of the University of Iowa. We wish him a speedy recovery from his knee surgery and look forward to hearing him speak at our fall meeting in Iowa City.

Our heartiest congratulations go to our Trustee, Dr. **Lee Graber**, who was installed in Denver as the 2008-2009 AAO Secretary-Treasurer. Special thanks go to Lee for his guidance and personal dedication as trustee on behalf of the MSO membership. Our sincere wishes to Lee for continued success as he advances towards presidency of the AAO.

I am delighted to announce that the Trustee Search

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We have just been informed of the passing of Dr. **Francis J. Miller**, Washington, Missouri, on June 20. He was the recipient of the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the MSO in 2007 and was president of the MSO in 1993. For more information go to www.msortho.org. The MSO extends its sympathy to the Miller family.

Trustee's Report

Happy Summer! The heat has hit the Midwest much faster this year than in the past. Weather has seemed to dominate the news – along with the presidential campaign and general concerns with the economy tied to specific worries relating to the mortgage/credit crisis and gas prices. We tend to think we are insulated from most of the news, but those who have practiced for a while will be the first to tell you that we are as vulnerable as anybody to the socio-political issues that swirl all around us. The following paragraphs are “personal opinion” on where I believe we should be as members of the AAO.

A number of practice management consultants have noted a downturn in new patient examinations and starts for orthodontic offices. It has been postulated that some of this is due to the changes in the economy and more is likely due to increased competition for the dental health care dollar. More and more non-orthodontists are providing orthodontic-related services that they used to refer to their orthodontic colleagues. Some of our non-orthodontic colleagues are motivated to provide orthodontic services for those patients they surmise “would never see an orthodontist.” Others have been led to believe the new services they provide are comparable to those of specialists. Still others are doing combined restorative work and minor tooth movement in belief that they are providing an “economic orthodontic service” in both cost and time.

The problems produced for patients, and for us, bring emphasis to two audiences where we need to be more proactive as orthodontists. We have not been effective enough in showing the value of our services to the very folks who matter most, our referring colleagues and, secondly, the public – whom orthodontists and fellow dental colleagues are charged to serve in an ethical manner.

First, as dental specialists, we have to do a much better job of educating our dental and medical colleagues as to what we do and how well we do it. This means stronger efforts in undergraduate orthodontics to educate as to the scope of orthodontics and how it fits into overall dental health care. This also means better efforts at being on dental C.E. programs, not with simplistic “how-to” demonstrations, but with considered discussions of specialty orthodontic care integrated with quality restorative, periodontal and surgical treatment. I would encourage you to become active in local study groups and push for the inclusion of orthodontics in C.E. programs on a regular basis.

We are making some inroads with the second group – the public. As reported in the recent *AAO Bulletin*, the 2008 AAO House of Delegates voted to continue with an enhanced national AAO public awareness program. Based on solid social science and public education principles, this program is working to teach health consumers

that “orthodontists receive an additional two-to-three years of specialized education beyond dental school to learn the correct way to straighten teeth and align jaws.”

The basis of the program is that an educated health care consumer usually makes better therapeutic choices. We have positioned the

AAO to be an authority, with the hope that expanded state-wide and local programs will further enhance what we have achieved to date. Look for the AAO Public Awareness Program postings, but also consider using the materials within your own office or with a group of colleagues in a local area. The AAO central office can help you procure materials for your own use. Again, it is our professional responsibility to educate the consuming public as to what is in their best interests when it comes to dental care in general and orthodontics in particular.

Access-to-care issues are a major focus of lay groups with state legislatures taking increasingly aggressive roles. The recent experience in the Minnesota legislature demonstrates that well-intentioned but under-educated legislators can (and did) have the ability to change the manner in which dental health care is (will be) delivered. There are other dental- and medical-related “communities of interest” who have motivations very different from ours but are often seen with more sympathetic eyes by the lay public and, therefore, have a greater impact than we do. The lesson is that we need to be active in local and state politics. If you cannot actively participate by giving time yourself, provide contributions identified as coming from an orthodontist. Republican, Democrat or Independent, be a part of the process as much as possible on a regular basis so that when issues are raised, you are recognized as a reliable health care information resource.

What about the national scene? A cursory review of some of the comments on health care in the recent presidential primaries should provide plenty of evidence that major reform will be considered almost immediately after the new Congress is seated. Where will dentistry (orthodontics?) fit into the plan(s)? What will happen with the SCHIP legislation? Will ergonomic and/or material safety issues impact our practices? What kind of federal mandate will be prof-



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Membership Report

Current Membership – May 28, 2008

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| Active Members | 1,013 |
| Affiliate Members | 4 |
| Retired Members | 303 |
| Academic Members (non-US/Canada) | 2 |
| Total Members | 1,322 |

Active Membership by Component

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|--------------|-----|
| Illinois | 367 |
| Iowa | 81 |
| Manitoba | 20 |
| Minnesota | 157 |
| Missouri | 155 |
| Nebraska | 49 |
| North Dakota | 13 |
| South Dakota | 18 |
| Wisconsin | 147 |

Deceased Members

Francis J. Miller – Washington, Missouri
Edward R. Pflum – Appleton, Wisconsin

New Active Members

Jason J. Aleman – Springfield, Illinois
Kate Barnette – Hillsboro, Missouri
Gregory D. Bell – Waukesha, Wisconsin
Wesley J. Chladny – Champaign, Illinois
Andrew M. Clark – Downers Grove, Illinois
Silvana Gonzalez Manzur – Chicago, Illinois
Iwei M. Huang – Green Bay, Wisconsin
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*Membership data from December 4, 2007 to May 28, 2008

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Committee has submitted the name of Dr. **Brent Larson** as MSO's candidate for trustee. Following election at the MSO Annual Business Meeting on October 25 in Iowa City, he will be installed at the 2009 AAO Annual Session.

I'm very grateful to our multi-talented Executive Director **Kristi Burmeister** for her professional management, organizational skills and friendship. I also want to thank Dr. **Steve Litton** for continuing his excellent work as our newsletter editor.

We are excited to return this fall to Iowa after more than a quarter of a century as we strive to recognize and support the achievements of the orthodontic programs in our region. MSO especially thanks the University of Iowa

orthodontic faculty for their encouragement to bring this meeting to Iowa City where they will share their latest clinical and research findings along with lectures by Drs. **Jim Hilgers** and **Jack Fisher**.

Registration forms have been mailed and I encourage you to register early for this weekend opportunity for "Winning Solutions For Patient Success."

I hope all of you have a great summer and I look forward to seeing you in Iowa City in October.

Thanks again for this opportunity to serve you and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

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Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of May 30, 2008

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| Checking/Investment Accounts | | President's Reception Fund | |
| Money Market | \$74,979.33 | Money Market | \$1,825.96 |
| CDs | \$182,277.75 | Treasury Note | \$14,229.69 |
| Mutual Fund Portfolio | \$121,803.46 | Subtotal | \$16,055.65 |
| Subtotal | \$379,060.54 | | |
| | | Total Cash Assets | \$395,116.19 |

News and Notes about our Members

- Congratulations to Dr. **Robert Isaacson**, Minnesota. The Board of Trustees has named the 2009 Educator's Leadership Conference in Boston in his honor.
- Congratulations to the following young educators within the MSO who received AAOF Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards for 2008:
Dr. **Ki Beom Kim**, Saint Louis University.
Dr. **Dawai Liu**, Marquette University, received the *Orhan C. Tuncay Teaching Fellowship Award*.
Dr. **Lina Maria Moreno**, University of Iowa, received the *Willie and Earl Shepherd Fellowship Award*.
Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj**, University of Nebraska, received the *Subtelny, Baker, Eastman Teaching Fellowship Award*.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Zachary Mellion** from Saint Louis University for receiving a Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit from COSA.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Carla Evans**, Illinois, who received the 2008 Teacher of the Year Award from the Illinois Society of Orthodontists.
- Congratulations to Dr. **David Musich**, Illinois, who will receive the James E. Brophy Distinguished Service Award from the AAO in 2009 in Boston.
- Thank you to Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, Illinois, for her service on the Council of New and Younger Members.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Alison Fallgatter**, North Dakota, on her election to the CONYM.
- Thank you to Drs. **Rolf Behrents**, Missouri, **Carla Evans**, Illinois, **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, and **William Lobb**, Wisconsin, who continue to serve on the Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty.
- Congratulations to Drs. **Leo Sinna**, Minnesota, **Mark Dake**, Missouri, and **Michael Hipp**, Iowa, who were elected chairs of COI, COGA and AAOPAC.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Bryan Vebito**, Mayo Clinic, who was awarded first place in the Charley Schultz competition at the AAO Annual Session in Denver.
- Thank you to the following who will serve on AAO Board of Trustees committees: Drs. **Stephen Roehm**, Illinois – Investment Committee; **Mark Dake**, Missouri – Rapid Response Committee on Legislative Matters; **Jeffrey Cavanaugh**, Missouri – AAO/AAOF/PARC Committee; **Mark Dake**, Missouri – Orthognathic Surgery; **Brent Larson**, Minnesota – Paperless House Meeting Committee; and **John Kanyusik**, Minnesota – HOD Strategic Planning Committee.
- Thank you to Dr. **Carla Evans**, Illinois, who will serve as AAO's delegate to ADEA's Council of Hospitals and Advanced Education Programs.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Keith Levin**, Manitoba, who was nominated to serve as AAO Speaker of the House beginning in 2010.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Jerry Cash**, Missouri, who was honored as the 2008 Distinguished Orthodontist of the Year at UMKC.
- Congratulations to Dr. **Andrew Haas**, Illinois, who was given an Alumni Loyalty Award by the University of Illinois – Chicago.

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Lake Okoboji, Iowa, and the Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar in Vail, Colorado. In addition, he has presented at numerous state, regional, national and international orthodontic meetings.

John has been active as an editor of or consultant to a number of printed publications but is probably best known for his contributions as Editor-in-Chief of *Practical Reviews in Orthodontics*. He has written or co-authored

many scientific articles as well as contributed to textbooks.

"In short, Dr. Casko is an orthodontic educational legend," states Dr. **Tom Southard**, the current chair. The 2008 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award is the highest form of compliment to those whose careers have been devoted to education, and there is no one more deserving than Dr. John S. Casko. Congratulations, John, from all of us!

AAO Council Reports

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

Council on Communications

There are several highlights of COC projects that should be of interest to you.

The Consumer Awareness Campaign, a national campaign that is overseen by the COC, will continue through 2010-2011 with U.S. active and affiliate members being assessed \$550 per year. The campaign educates the public about orthodontists' unique qualifications through print, TV and Internet messages and encourages them to visit the AAO's public Web site, www.braces.org.

The Council created and/or revised the following brochures that are now for sale at the Online Store on www.aaomembers.org:

Temporary Anchorage Devices (new)

All About Orthodontics (revised)

Adult Orthodontics (revised)

Keeping Your Teeth Clean (revised, formerly *The Importance of Clean Teeth*)

Show Your Smile (revised, formerly *Looking Good, Feeling Good*)

Your Child's First Orthodontic Check-Up (revised)

During the 2008-2009 fiscal year, the Council will work in union with the Communications Task Force to translate www.braces.org into Spanish and French. Also, the Council will have the brochures listed above translated into Spanish and uploaded to www.aaomembers.org. They will be available to members for free download.

The Council forwarded a survey via Zoomerang to active, affiliate and associate AAO members in the U.S. and Canada to quantify members' attitudes about dentists, determine whether the AAO should create informational and educational resources for dentists, determine whether such resources should be distributed to dentists by the AAO or by AAO members and determine whether AAO members have used existing AAO materials to communicate with and educate dentists.

The results of the survey will appear in an upcoming edition of *The Bulletin*.

The public relations firm Weber Shandwick provided strategic direction and media relations support for National Orthodontic Health Month (NOHM). Projects included an Internet press kit, a radio media tour, a radio news release, a satellite (TV) media tour, a syndicated newspaper release and selling the NOHM story to national editors and writers. Both the radio news release and the satellite (TV) media tour featured Chef **Gale Gand** from

The TV Food Network.

The audience for all media (newspapers, magazines, Internet, TV and radio) was an estimated 110 million, which is 32 million more than the previous year for NOHM – a very low cost of less than \$2.00 per thousand impressions (estimated audience) and overall, a net increase of 120% in media impressions since 2003.

A recap of results from the 2008 National Facial Protection Month campaign is as follows:

- Radio News Release: estimated audience of 8,744,976
- Radio Media Tour: estimated audience of 8,127,734
- Radio News Release Spokesperson: Dr. **William Gaylord Joondeph, Robert Bray, Michael Rogers, Gayle Glenn, Lee Graber and Raymond George, Sr.**

The deadline for the completion of the Communications Action Plan components has been set for May 31, 2009. The Communications Task Force is comprised of Drs. **Myron Guymon** (COC), **Richard Savage** (COIT), **David Turpin** (BOT) and **Bob Bray** (BOT).

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Council on Information Technology

Spring is FINALLY here! It has been a long winter but those of you who made it to the AAO Technology Conference had a nice break. The meeting was fun and informative and the feedback from our members who attended was extremely positive.

When was the last time you visited our Web site? **Jim Pearson** gave an excellent presentation at the tech conference on the outstanding features that our Web site offers, many of which are grossly underutilized. Are you still using the printed books for looking up other members or when referring transfer patients to new offices? The online search engine is so much faster and more efficient.

Here is a summary of our many Web Site Services:

- Member Directories and Locators
- Update Member Information
- Secure (SSL) AAO-branded E-mail Account
- Orthodontic Office Design Guide
- Lots of Practice Resources
- Legal Information and Resources

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- Online Store and Dues Payments
- Web-based Discussion Forums
- Career Resources
- Classified Ads
- Online Library and Research Resources
- Education and CE: Lectures/Videos, *AJO/DO* Tests and CE Manager
- AAO Staff Club Resources

Are you using the AAO e-mail service? It is FREE and secure. Keep in mind that many of the popular e-mail services like Yahoo and Hotmail are not designed for encrypted messaging and are not HIPAA compliant. You can sign up for an e-mail account for your office that is dedicated to the transfer of digital records.

Jim Pearson and **Steve Ruch** are actively working on adding new features to the AAO Web site including Google Search, Podcasts, Personalization and Social Networking.

I hope you all have a great summer!

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Council on Governmental Affairs

COGA will meet in late June to determine strategy for the remainder of the current election cycle and to begin the strategic planning process for the 2009 legislative year.

COGA will meet with the AAOPAC Board of Directors, who also will participate in the strategic planning discussion. Of particular importance is the potential for universal health care reform in the next Congress, which is likely given that Democratic Presidential Nominee-Elect, Senator **Barack Obama**, has made it a central issue of his campaign. Even if Senator Obama is not elected, it is widely expected that the Democratic Party will increase its majority in both the House and Senate. The AAO has already established itself before Congress as the voice of the orthodontic profession, with former COGA Chair Dr. **Robert Merrill** testifying before Congress on issues related to challenges that small business healthcare providers face. Additionally, Dr. Merrill has participated in roundtable discussions with Congressional leaders regarding healthcare reform and how different proposals will affect orthodontic practices.

I expect the Council to have a productive year working with both the AAOPAC Board of Directors and the AAO Board of Trustees in positioning the AAO to advance its legislative agenda. It is a critical time for

orthodontists to realize that we need to be united in our efforts to seek legislation that will protect our patients and help us to continue to provide the highest quality care.

The June meeting also will include a number of proposals meant to increase the level of awareness among AAO members of COGA's activities, including how to better publicize our efforts at the AAO's Annual Session and how to draw in more "Key Contacts" or members who are willing to communicate from time to time with their members of Congress regarding the AAO's positions on legislation.

For more information on the AAO's Government Relations Program, please contact Mr. **Kevin Dillard**, AAO's Assistant General Counsel, at 800/424-2841.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council met in St. Louis in January. We spent a significant amount of time discussing the topic of ethics and outlined possibilities of enhancing the education of not only residents but also our members, on proper ethical behavior based upon our *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct*. Both **Jim Bowlin**, AAO legal counsel, and **Chris Vranas**, AAO executive director, spent time with us discussing this issue. There is much more of this topic to be presented to our members, and articles should be appearing in the various AAO publications.

International membership is the largest area of potential growth for our organization. A resolution to allow international members the option of paying dues for a three-year period was sent to the BOT and eventually to the House of Delegates and was passed. We feel we would keep more international members instead of their moving in and out of membership based upon the annual session location. In this vein, our International Member Subcommittee was reactivated to look at this area of membership.

The whole issue of dues waivers will be looked at by Committee B of the Board of Trustees. The Council believes it is important to have a consistent and workable dues waiver policy.

We also discussed the new format of the membership directory. In general, there were positive comments on the new format, but we would like to have a larger font and larger pages. Although all of the directory information is

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available at www.aomembers.org or www.msortho.org, it was felt that a hard copy was still a useful benefit in many orthodontic offices.

At the House of Delegates in May, a number of resolutions were passed and a number also were referred to COMEJC. Several "housekeeping" resolutions were passed which clean up our dues collection process based upon the dates of our dues statements, etc. A resolution was passed which allows for continuing student membership for those who have completed an orthodontic program outside the U.S./Canada (that is recognized by the WFO) and who do post-graduate studies in the U.S./Canada. Another resolution passed related to those who do a formal fellowship after their orthodontic training. Those individuals may maintain their student status as well.

A resolution from last year which related to what types of abbreviations may be listed after one's name again was referred back to the Council for further discussion. A number of resolutions related to dues for those in academics/hospitals in various capacities or on a part-time basis also were referred to the Council. In addition, resolutions related to modifications to our *Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* were referred to COMEJC.

A resolution, submitted by the Board of Trustees, to change our bylaws dealing with required ADA membership, was narrowly defeated. This issue has come up several times in the past and will, no doubt, be discussed again.

Conference calls will be scheduled as needed and the next scheduled meeting will be held on January 17, 2009, in St. Louis with CONYM.

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Council on New and Younger Members

CONYM met in May during the AAO Annual Session in Denver and we welcomed seven new members. A new editor was appointed for *NYMO (New and Younger Members Online Newsletter)*. This is an ongoing Council project written and edited by Council members for electronic distribution to new and younger members and residents on a range of practice management topics.

A committee was appointed to research and develop ideas to promote new/younger member involvement in AAO, local and regional programs. Members of the Council also volunteered to serve on the AAO task force

regarding how the AAO can use new technology to engage members. CONYM members were appointed to represent the AAO at the 2008 ADA New Dentist Conference, June 26-28 in New Orleans and at the 2008 GORP Annual Meeting, August 1-3, at the University of Michigan.

The Council discussed ways to promote awareness of child care services which will be available at the 2009 AAO Annual Session. The Council's plan to provide child care services during the 2008 AAO Annual Session was canceled due to low registration. Safety and security of the children are the foremost concerns with offering this service. The Council feels this is an important program and assures that it will be provided in Boston in 2009.

The Council hosted the CONYM Resident/New Orthodontist Conference and Reception. Mr. **Larry Mathis**, a financial advisor, was the guest speaker. Spouses were invited to attend this program as well and a cocktail reception followed the speaker. The Council has begun planning for this program for the 2009 Annual Session.

I look forward to serving on this Council and want to thank Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** for all of her efforts as the Council matured from a committee to a council.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

The 2008 T.M. Graber Education Leadership Conference held at the AAO Annual Session at Denver's Convention Center opened with a tribute from his son, Dr. **Lee Graber**. The day featured a workshop titled, *Mentoring 101*, led by **Robin A. Harvan**, Ed.D. from the University of Colorado. She conducted interactive group exercises dealing with such topics as maximizing the potential of mentoring and career advising relationships as well as developing or enhancing a mentoring program. The program also included presentations on COE initiatives and updates from the Orthodontic Section of the American Dental Education Association, the ABO and AAOF. The program concluded with a CODA Open Hearing on the proposed revisions to the orthodontic specialty accreditation standards and a reception. The 2009 Conference will be dedicated to Dr. **Robert Isaacson**.

Among the COE initiatives discussed was a series of surveys dealing with predoctoral orthodontic instruction, educators exit and entrance opinions, faculty trends and distance learning. The Task Force for Recruitment and

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Retention of Faculty also distributed a survey to deans and orthodontic departments dealing with financial and faculty practice models. Participating departments will receive reports on the outcomes of the surveys. All orthodontic departments are encouraged to provide data when surveyed. The Task Force also has prepared white papers on fundraising, grants/fellowships, and mentoring.

New AAO programs of interest to educators include the Full-Time Faculty Teaching Fellowships, Academy for Academic Leadership Awards, the Orthodontic Faculty Career Bank Web site (in development) and the Educators' Discussion Board on the AAO Web site.

The application for accreditation of the Craniofacial Anomalies and Special Care Fellowship was submitted to CODA in December 2006 and was reviewed in January 2007. In January 2008 CODA reviewed comments received during the year review period and requested some minor modifications. The application has been resubmitted.

COE members are concerned about the recent decision by the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations that starting in 2010, only pass/fail scores will be reported to the dental schools and advanced specialty programs. The Joint Commission suggested that alternative testing be developed by another group or agency if something is needed for the admissions process.

The next COE meeting will be November 1, 2008, in St. Louis in conjunction with the ABO Symposium on November 2.

MSO's orthodontic chairs/program directors are invited to meet together on October 25 at the MSO Annual Session in Iowa City. Also of interest is ADEA's Summit III on Advanced Education, titled, *Emerging Issues in Advanced Dental Education: Developing Strategies for the Future*, which will take place October 23-25, 2008, in Philadelphia. The topics will be: Evaluation of Residents in Advanced Education Programs; Workplace and Compensation Issues; Mandatory Year of Postdoctoral Training (PGY-1); and Issues with the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA).

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The Council met in St. Louis in January and addressed a long agenda of issues.

Ms. **Ann Sebaugh** reported that the AAO Hotline

handled more than 400 calls this year – a record number. Third-party complaints and coding questions formed the bulk of the calls. In many instances, patients' complaints should be mitigated through their employers' human resources personnel. Insurance companies are known to reimburse in an untimely manner and often set up unique procedural codes, which is illegal. The ADA has a copyright on all dental codes. Some states mandate a 30-day pay process. Ms. Sebaugh reminded the Council that practice management letter templates are available and are often very effective in dealing with third-party problems. The At-A-Glance guide continues to be available on the AAO Web site. The Council agreed that the benefits of the Hotline program should be promoted at AAO and constituent meetings.

Council member Dr. **John Harrison** submitted a draft of a White Paper on Orthodontic Insurance last year. The AAO BOT reviewed the work and requested that he refine the paper as a Position Paper on the topic.

The American Association of Dental Consultants held a Payer Meeting in May concerning third-party payers and ADA Coding. Representing the COHC were Drs. **John Harrison, Steve Robirds** and **Paul McKenna**.

The AAO Board of Trustees referred the task of evaluating state specialty licensure to COHC. Concern was expressed regarding consumer awareness of orthodontic specialty training and certification. Specialty licensure is currently a states issue, complicating a universal policy recommendation from the Council. COHC requested that the Board of Trustees clarify its role regarding orthodontic specialty licensure.

Dr. **Robert MacLean** is the COHC member on the Advisory Board of the *Smiles Change Lives (SCL)* program. He gave a status report with particular emphasis on the financial aspect of setting up and maintaining *SCL* programs. His presentation was followed by a conference call with *SCL* board members Dr. **Kelly Toombs** and Mr. **Tom Brown**. The focus of the conversation was finances and included cost accounting per patient, challenges of financing the setup of programs in new locations and disbursements to participating orthodontists. In response to the January meeting, the program has been changed so that the participating orthodontist is no longer reimbursed for treatment rendered. This will reduce *SCL*'s cost of providing treatment for each child from \$2,750 to \$750. The "EmbraceSmiles" program of orthodontic supply sales was discussed and poor performance was noted.

Regarding the AAO's access-to-care effort, two issues were discussed. Orthodontists' participation in cleft palate team programs should be recognized; a poll of teams

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will be taken regarding orthodontic man-hours of pro-bono service. At the suggestion of the COHC, the AAOF has presented a call for proposal defining a research effort in the area of access-to-care which will be funded by the AAOF.

Many of you and your staffs may have participated in the Insurance Coding Webinar in March. Dr. **Doug DePew, Doyle Williams** and Ms. **Ann Sebaugh** presented the AAO's first Webinar on this subject. The program was a resounding success and plans for future Webinars will be planned with the Council's direction.

The COHC will meet again in July.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

As your representative to COOP, I want you to know that I am here to take your questions, concerns and recommendations to our Association. It is our intent to help you deliver the "highest possible quality orthodontic care" and so I need to hear from you. In the past four months, I have been contacted only twice. You can make a difference if you want to.

Here are some Council highlights: COOP has a subcommittee working with other individuals regarding the progress with AOA as the AAO-endorsed formal staff training program. Member numbers have quadrupled since the endorsement by the AAO. Another subcommittee has been commissioned to investigate features for practice management software and explore the need for AAO-sponsored software. COOP's office design Web site is one of our proudest accomplishments. It is a "work in progress" — we now have a "going green" section and this is very up-to-date, thorough and user-friendly. The Webinar "Navigating the World of Insurance Coding" was sold out. Does anyone have other ideas for another valuable Webinar like this? We also continue to update and develop brochures and work on various other projects.

Finally, I encourage you to attend the regional *Orthodontist as CEO* pilot conference November 14-15, 2008, at the Grand Hyatt in New York City. You will hear speakers Mr. **John McGill**, Mr. **Bo Elliot**, Mr. **Paul Zuelke** and Mr. **Randall Berning** discuss accounting, overall business practices as they pertain to orthodontists, leadership and marketing.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

The AAOPAC met in Washington, D.C., in January to prioritize contributions to candidates and review legislative and regulatory strategies.

The 2008 election will be an extremely important race. The presidential and congressional elections will largely determine what type of healthcare policy our nation will have for decades. The AAO has a broad list of federal policy concerns, so the AAOPAC has a significant number of legislators who could be potential champions for the Association's legislative issues.

This year AAOPAC will invest a record amount, in excess of \$500,000, in candidates who support views favorable to orthodontists. 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 with policy makers.

Without the AAOPAC, the AAO would be left without a message on Capitol Hill and would be unable to develop relationships with influential members of Congress.

We continue to face regulatory and legislative issues that, if passed, could have a significantly negative effect on orthodontic practices. It is not too late to have your contribution count. Please join AAOPAC today!

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of May 1, 2008, the Endowment Campaign has realized \$31.4 million in pledges with \$21.9 million of that being redeemed. Additionally, there are 500 Regents pledging at the \$25,000 level and 42 who have pledged at the Fellow level of \$50,000. Also, there are 221 individuals who have made a commitment to the Keystone Society and have included the Foundation in their estate plans.

The focus for this funding round of the Awards Program will continue to support "junior faculty" (i.e. Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards,

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Postdoctoral Fellowship Awards and Biomedical Research Awards) and collaborative projects (Center Awards) with up to a total of \$450,000 to be awarded.

Award materials are expected to be available online either through www.aomembers.org or directly through the AAOF Web site (www.aaofoundation.net) by July 1. Since 1994, the AAOF has designated approximately \$7.0 million in awards to benefit orthodontic education and research with 123 Orthodontic Faculty Development Awards, 144 Research Awards and over 1,000 gifts in support of orthodontic residencies being given. Currently, 15 of the 67 department chairs and/or program directors were supported early in their orthodontic careers by AAOF awards. Of those receiving AAOF awards, 80% remain in full-time academics after five years.

Awarded at the 2008 Annual Session in Denver was the Eugene and Pauline Blair American Association of Orthodontists Foundation Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Robert Morrison**. The AAOF Board of Directors established this highly prestigious award to recognize those who have "made exceptional contributions to the furtherance of the mission and goals of the Foundation." It will be awarded on an "as appropriate" basis.

Additionally, the Board continues to work with Schupp and Co. to develop a new comprehensive and targeted research and marketing plan. A new campaign slogan and written materials should be ready in time for the fall constituent meetings.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

The review courses for the ABO Written and Clinical Exam were well attended at the AAO Annual Session in Denver. One Written Exam Course, three Model Measurement Courses and seven Discrepancy Index Sessions were held with a total of 100 doctors participating. The College introduced a review course for the ABO Board Case Oral Exam (BCOE). This was given as a pilot to five volunteer doctors. It was very successful and will be offered at the 2009 AAO Annual Session in Boston along with Model Measurement and Discrepancy Index courses.

Drs. **Peter Buschang** and **Larry Tadlock** taught the Written Exam review course. Dr. **Dick Ridgley**, the College's continuing education director, was lead instructor

in the Clinical Exam review courses with assistance from Drs. **Samir Bishara, Walter Buchsieb, John Carter, Michael Guess, Tucker Haltom, Rodney Hyduk, Roberto Justus, John Kanyusik, Philip Markin, Steve Marshall, Jim Morrow, Robert Moss, Bob Nemeth, Tom Skafidas, Dorothy Whalen, John Whitaker and Peter Worth.**

The Annual College Luncheon served a record 200 guests and included six award presentations. The best case report published in the *AJO/DO* was awarded to Drs. **Alexandre Motta, Rafael Seabra Louro, Paulo Jose D'Albuquerque Medeiros** and **Jonas Capelli** from the State University of Rio de Janeiro. Their article, *Orthodontic and Surgical Treatment of a Patient with an Ankylosed Temporomandibular Joint* was published in the June 2007 issue. The Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence was presented to Drs. **Fred Garrett, Daman Thanik** and **Donald Thompson**. The Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was presented to Drs. **Peter Buschang** and **Larry Tadlock**. The ABO Special Recognition Award was presented to Dr. **Bernard Schneider**.

A total of 56 orthodontic programs participated in the College's Resident Case Display program.

Recent activities that continue to push the College forward include the following:

- A combined Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep course will be presented at the GORP Meeting in August.
- A Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep course pilot study program was completed at three universities. This pilot program was successful and will be continued.
- A congratulatory postcard with information about the College is now included with the ABO's letter that informs the candidates they have successfully completed the certification process.

The annual summer meeting will be held July 13-17 at Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana. This will offer the best combination of cutting edge academic programs combined with a full social program.

The scientific program includes Dr. **Birte Melsen** who will give the Ray Thurow Honorary Lecture on temporary anchorage devices. In addition, Dr. **Emile Rossouw** will discuss how TADs can assist our anchorage needs. Dr. **Bill Harrell, Jr.** will outline how 3D imaging may totally change our current treatment planning. On the "cutting edge" Dr. **Skip Ferguson** will present the state of the art using alveolar decortication to enhance outcome and reduce treatment time. In addition, Drs. **Dave Harnick** and **Steve Roehm** will each give a case presentation.

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This year's Award of Merit recipient is Dr. **David Turpin**, and the Founders Award will be presented to Dr. **William Wallert**.

For additional information on the College or if you have questions/suggestions for the Board, please go to www.cdabo.org or send an e-mail to cdabo@charter.net.

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American Board of Orthodontics

The ABO meeting and clinical exam held February 22-28, 2008, carried a full schedule. The Directors Meeting on Saturday was devoted to discussing the procedures and flow of the new exam facility. The written examination now contains 240 questions in four modules. There has been an increase in the number of cases to eight with five questions for each case, and the cephalometric and skull portion has added 15 questions.

Three hundred sixty-two examinees participated in the April 2008 written examination. Twenty exams were incomplete resulting in a 94% completion rate. Successful completion of this examination is required of all graduates of ADA-accredited orthodontic specialty programs as a prerequisite to apply for the ABO Clinical Examination. The Board acknowledges the distortion that frequently occurs with panoramic radiographs by omitting the scoring of the canine relationship with adjacent teeth when using a post-treatment panoramic radiograph.

The Board's eight directors, twelve past directors and thirty-six examiners invited from the eight AAO constituent societies administered the three-day examination. We administered 111 examinations with 88 complete

and 23 incomplete for a 79% completion rate. There were 779 cases evaluated with 707 complete and 72 incomplete for a 90% completion rate. The examination session also marked the last administration of the traditional Option I and Option II Clinical Examination. In the next four examination years the Board expects an increase in the number of examinees, as the diplomates who accepted the Gateway Offer will need to recertify.

The MSO had ten examinees who showed completed cases. We congratulate Drs. **Tim Dumore**, Winnipeg, Manitoba; **Maria Therese Galang**, Chicago, Illinois; **Budi Kusnoto**, Chicago, Illinois; **Jeffrey Loveless**, Owatonna, Minnesota; **Ameerah Mansour**, Forest Park, Illinois; **Eric Overby**, Austin, Minnesota; **Peter Reichl**, Hartland, Wisconsin; **Marlene Sanabria**, Iowa City, Iowa; **Tushar Shah**, Ottawa, Illinois; and **Frank Sharp**, Springfield, Missouri, for their time and efforts in completing the Board requirements.

The Legal Committee reported that a group of Korean orthodontists have developed a Web site advertising board certification by the ABO. They display the ABO seal on the site which is a violation of our trademark rights. Our attorney, **Lynn Fleisher**, will try to resolve the conflict. We will be searching for other sites that may have similar infractions. We also are considering a section on our Web site that will disclaim the information on the Korean site.

The Public Relations Committee reported on the low usage of our Web site so we brainstormed ways to try to increase the traffic from the public.

We are working with Sure-Smile in developing an electronic grading process. It is now possible to grade electronic models but the scores are much higher than when graded by hand. We are planning to allow the voluntary recertification examinees to submit electronic models in 2009 to evaluate the process.

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ferred to develop new “dental health care workers” to serve a perceived lack of “economical” providers?

These issues and more will be raised and we need to be present to make sure we protect the interests of the public. Our AAOPAC, chaired by MSO President **Mike Hipp**, is the means we have at hand to help our cause. The political climate in Washington is charged to a degree that dental issues are currently invisible. This situation will change within less than a year. The legisla-

tive relationships we develop now will be those through which we will best be able to express ourselves when these concerns come back. You may contribute to the AAOPAC when you pay your dues or by separate contributions. You also may consider becoming a “Key Contact” in your district. Either give Mike a call or contact **Kevin Dillard** at the AAO at 800/424-2841 for more information.

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Component Reports

Illinois

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The Illinois Society of Orthodontists finished up its year on a high note with an outstanding lecture from Dr. **Vince Kokich, Sr.** on April 7, 2008. Thanks to Dr. **Isaac Yue** for moderating this meeting. It was a very busy meeting, as the ISO installed its new slate of officers for 2008-09 as noted above. In addition, Drs. **Betsy Ulrich**, Incoming Trustee, and **Patrick Foley**, re-elected as a Trustee, were installed. The ISO also wishes to thank Immediate Past-President **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie** for her hard work and dedication toward creating such a successful year.

Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** will be installed as the new Illinois Director to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists at the MSO Annual Session this October, replacing Dr. **Steve Marshall**. The ISO is grateful to Steve for his years of exemplary service in that position and is excited that he will be serving in a new position as the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) Liaison, replacing the esteemed Dr. **Frank Green**. Also, congratulations to Steve as the deserving recipient of the 2008 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the MSO.

Words cannot do proper justice to the debt of gratitude that the ISO and organized dentistry owe to Dr. **Frank Green** for his years of service. His leadership at the state and national level has improved our specialty in countless ways, and his mentoring of orthodontists over the years has helped develop many of the leaders in our field today. On behalf of a grateful organization, thank you, Frank, for your tireless effort, dedication, expertise and good cheer (especially at our 7:00 a.m. board meetings!). We all will miss your input and guiding spirit at our board meetings.

Dr. **Carla Evans**, Chairman of the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago Dental School, received the Teacher of the Year Award from the Illinois Society of Orthodontists at its April meeting. On hand were the residents from her first graduating class in 1998, who spoke of her dedication and strong commitment to orthodontics and to teaching. In addition to her teaching duties, she has been extremely involved in the American Association of Orthodontists Council on Orthodontic Education, serving as its Chair. Congratulations, Carla, for a well-deserved honor.

Also at the April meeting, ISDS President **Keith Dickey** addressed the membership, discussing his *Bridge*

for a *Healthy Smile* campaign to provide dental care for working families in Illinois. He also updated the group about current political events in Springfield and what the ISDS is doing on the members' behalf.

Drs. **Lee Graber**, **Mike Durbin** and **Eloisa Garcia** attended the AAO Governmental Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C. this past January. This is a very important meeting, so we thank those who attended and lobbied on behalf of our specialty.

Our program for 2008-09 is as follows:

- September 22, 2008 – Dr. **Gerald Samson**
- November 17, 2008 – Drs. **Will** and **Larry Andrews**
- February 27, 2009 – Dr. **Vince Kokich, Jr.** (CDS Midwinter Meeting)
- April 6, 2009 – Ms. **Joan Garbo** (staff is invited)

I hope everyone has a great summer.

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In recognition of his lifetime of service to orthodontic education and research, Dr. **John Casco** received the 2008 Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Orthodontic Teachers and Research Award from the AAO Foundation in May. According to Dr. **Paul Hermanson**, "Dr. John Casco's son accepted the award on John's behalf at the Excellence in Orthodontics Luncheon in Denver. Unfortunately, John injured his leg and had surgery and was unable to make the trip to receive his award. Not to worry, however – his son looks exactly like John and half the audience probably didn't know the difference."

Dr. **Robert Furhman** wrote to say, "Our Quad Cities United States Tennis Association 4.5 team qualified for the sectional tournament in Oklahoma this July. To qualify, the team competed against other teams from the state of Iowa and advanced for the opportunity to play the best teams in the Midwest. The winning team of the sectional tournament advances to the national tournament." Best of luck to your team, Bob!

Dr. **Mike Rover** sent a great picture of his trout fishing adventure while in Colorado attending the AAO meeting. His fishing companions were Drs. **Paul Hermanson**, **Rick Zimmerman**, **Eric Atha** and **Corey**

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Conrad. Mike went on to say, “For the record, I’ve been fishing nine times in my life. This is the first time I’ve ever caught anything but a cold.”

Drs. **Melissa Bernhardt** and **Blair Smith** are pleased to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the opening of their new practice, Bernhardt & Smith Orthodontics, on August 1, 2008. They have two office locations – Waukee and West Des Moines. Also, Melissa and her husband, **Jeff**, were thrilled to welcome their son, **Dane Nicholas**, on March 17, 2008. He joins big sisters, **Shae** and **Regan**.

Dr. **Mike Hipp** is hoping for a big turnout at the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Session in Iowa City, October 24-25. Please mark off those dates on your busy schedules and plan to attend.

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

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The most recent meeting of the Manitoba Orthodontists Society was held on April 17, 2008, at 529 Wellington, where your meal comes with a coupon for one free defibrillation. Our meetings tend to be fairly relaxed affairs as we mix discussion with dinner, making for an enjoyable evening.

Our special guest was Dr. **Gordie Organ**, president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists. Gordie’s presentation touched on communications (the success of the *CAO Bulletin* as recognized by a recent member survey; plans for a major reworking of the CAO Web site); efforts to maintain contact with recent graduates; the continuing futility of attempting to negotiate with the Federal Government for benefits for Aboriginal Canadians; and Bisphenol-A, among other subjects. In recent years the CAO has made extra efforts to ensure that the president attends the meetings of the provincial associations, and most believe that it has been successful in enhancing communication.

Just prior to the previous ice-age, ‘Thag,’ an early president of the Manitoba Caveman Orthodontic Society,

made efforts to advertise for the organization (records show draft cave drawings with happy smiles), and those efforts now finally have come to fruition. The MOS membership has agreed to contribute approximately \$850 each toward a television advertising campaign, building on the AAO’s efforts through Schupp and Company.

The Canadian Association of Orthodontists will be hosting its annual scientific session in Winnipeg, September 11-13. It promises to be an outstanding meeting:

- We have created a technology theme, including speakers Drs. **Ron Redmond**, **James Mah** and **Sean Carlson**. Additionally, **Angus Trumble**, author of *A Brief History of the Smile*, will speak (he doesn’t know a thing about TADs, CL II correctors, fibroblasts...).
- The auxiliary program is one of the best ever and, coupled with great hotel rates, means that you can bring your whole staff.
- The social program boasts Ramblin’ Gordo’s River Casino Cruise, the Diamond Jubilee 60th anniversary President’s Ball, golf at the prestigious Glendale Country Club and a Hermetic Code Tour of the Legislative Building by author **Frank Albo**.

For more information, please go to <http://www.cao-aco.org/MEETINGS/Meetings.html> and <http://www.destinationwinnipeg.ca/>

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We would like to extend thanks to our dedicated members who currently are serving as MSO officers – Dr. **Brent Larson** as president-elect and Dr. **John Kanyusik** as vice president. We also would like to recognize our capable director, Dr. **Deb Lein**. We are proud to have such active members helping to guide the MSO.

The MAO Winter Meeting, held January 11, was a success. Dr. **John Casko** presented a program entitled, *Surgical Orthodontics, Class III Treatments on Adults*, to the doctors. Ms. **Rita Bauer** discussed practical tips on using digital photography in orthodontics for the staff. Thanks to Dr. **Suzan Ekim** for chairing this meeting.

The 2008 AAO Governmental Affairs Conference was held January 29-30 in Washington, D.C. Thanks to Dr.

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Michael Zakula for representing MAO at this event. The conference fostered the strengthening of bonds among leaders within the AAO and raised awareness of the specialty and associated issues among U.S. legislators.

In lieu of hosting a Summer/Fall meeting, the MAO is encouraging members to attend the MSO Annual Session on October 24-25, 2008, in Iowa City. Program Chair Dr. **Tammy Meister** has organized the MAO Winter Meeting to be held at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel on Friday, January 9, 2009. The doctor program will include Dr. **Anoop Sondhi** presenting on indirect bonding and self-ligation as well as Dr. **Jason Cope** presenting on TADs. Dr. **Harold Crossley** will present the topic of street drugs for the staff program.

The MAO Regulatory and Governmental Affairs Committee is pursuing a change in the supervision level for elastic separator placement. The committee's past experience already has helped to streamline this involved process. We are pleased to report that the Minnesota Board of Dentistry has approved the change so it is now in the rulemaking process. Despite this positive progress, the committee expects it will take at least another six months before the rule change takes effect.

The MAO is pleased to report that the *Smiles Change Lives* program hit a huge milestone in Minnesota – the first Minnesota patient started his treatment in April! The Orthodontic Department at the University of Minnesota is continuing the clinical screening of potential patients to be treated through this program. In addition, due to a significant change in the program (orthodontists no longer are reimbursed for their participation), many more patients will be able to receive treatment with available funds.

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists is planning a continuing education meeting with Kansas in January 2009. They will meet next at the Annual Session in Iowa City in October 2008. Members who have any questions are encouraged to contact a Missouri officer.

The Missouri Dental Association had hoped to amend several bills during the legislative session to increase the penalty for "practicing dentistry without a license" to a

felony and to authorize a study to examine the dental access issue in the state. Due to the slow pace of the legislative year, this was not possible.

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met February 1, 2008. Dr. **Tom Weber** organized an educational meeting featuring Dr. **Thomas Pitts** and the Damon system. We thank Ormco for sponsoring this event and also Dr. Weber for serving as president of the OOSC and planning the annual meetings over the last several years.

Drs. **John Brand**, **Peter Spalding** and **Clarke Jones** spoke to the Nebraska Society of Orthodontists attendees on March 21, 2008. The annual meeting was conducted and the officers as noted above were elected. We would like to thank Dr. **Rebecca Hohl** for serving as an officer of the NSO. Dr. **Laura Rothe** is planning the 2009 annual meeting. It will be March 27, 2009, and Dr. **Rick McLaughlin** will be the featured speaker.

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Dr. **Bryan Vibeto**, a 1993 graduate of Minot High School and 2001 graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, will complete his graduate study in orthodontics at the Mayo Clinic in July and will return to his hometown of Minot to begin an orthodontic practice. Prior to his residency, he served as a dentist in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Minot AFB. Bryan and his wife, **Amber**, have two children – **Halle**, age 5, and **Maya**, age 2. He is excited to return to his home state and is looking forward to becoming involved with local, state and regional dental/orthodontic societies. Welcome, Bryan!

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South Dakota

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Ryan Van Laecken, Vice President
Ross L. Crist, Secretary/Treasurer

The annual business meeting of the South Dakota Society of Orthodontists was planned to coincide with the AAO Annual Session in Denver. Due to a minimal number of members attending, the meeting instead is planned for the summer months via telephone conference (date and time yet to be announced). Revisions to the Society bylaws and ideas regarding annual meetings, attendance and speakers will be discussed.

Effective October 2008, Dr. **Ryan Van Laecken**, Watertown, will become the SDSO Communications Director, succeeding Dr. Crist whose term expires.

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

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Wisconsin

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George B. Wedell, President-Elect
Richard P. Fisher, Vice President
John Kittleson, Secretary/Treasurer

The 2008 WSO spring conference was held April 20-22 in Wisconsin Dells at the Kalahari Resort. Our special guest speaker was Dr. **Thomas Pitts** of Pitts Orth-

odontics in Reno, Nevada. His presentation, *Recapturing Orthodontics with Excellence*, focused on protocols for achieving beautiful facial-driven finishes.

Elections occurred at the conference and the new officers listed above were installed. In addition, Dr. **John Crawford** continues to be our Director to MSO, and Drs. **David Olsen**, **Charles Montour** and **Kevin Race** were elected as trustees.

Dr. **Gerry Bradley** from the Marquette School of Dentistry presented information on the Russell T. Kittleson Endowment Fund. The fund was started to supplement faculty income and assist in narrowing the salary discrepancy between those in private practice and those in faculty positions. The endowment fund is named after Dr. **Russell Kittleson**, who was instrumental in initiating the graduate training program in orthodontics at Marquette University in 1961. Russ currently serves as Adjunct Professor and has maintained continuous teaching service for forty-five years. He also has been actively involved in the major fundraising efforts for the new Marquette orthodontic department. If you would like more information on this fund, please contact Dr. Bradley at thomas.bradley@marquette.edu.

The 2008 WSO fall meeting will be held October 5-7 at the Landmark Resort in Egg Harbor. Our speaker will be **Howard M. Rochestie**, JD, LLLM, co-owner and Board Chair of Mercer Advisors. Mr. Rochestie is a gifted speaker who has brought Mercer's message of peace of mind and economic freedom to healthcare professionals for years. This will be a great time of the year to visit beautiful Door County and enjoy its color and natural beauty.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists at 920-560-5626; fax 920-882-3655; or at www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com.

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The AAO continues to provide outstanding support for orthodontic faculty and additional funds were voted in May at this year's AAO House of Delegates. The faculty training awards have done much to add to the pool of new teachers we will have to train our teaching colleagues of tomorrow. To have a strong orthodontic department requires not only educators but the means by which they are able to teach. Please support your own alumni organization and also the AAOF. Continued support for education and research is critical if we are to survive as a dental specialty. Contact MSO's representative Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh** or call Mr. **Robert Hazel** at 800/424-2841 for more information.

The AAO has a Disaster Relief Fund, so if you are aware of any of our colleagues who have suffered hardships from the recent floods, have them contact the AAO immediately or check the MSO Web site.

Thank you again for your support and the opportunity to serve. As trustee of the MSO for my last year and as current secretary/treasurer of the AAO, I'm honored to represent each and every member of our organization. If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please feel free to contact me. I'm only an e-mail away!

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Graduate School Reports

Marquette University

It is a busy time of the year with the first-year residents arriving in the clinic and those in their second-year doubling their patient load. We welcome Drs. **Ian Fitzgerald** (Dublin, Ireland), **Ellissa McRae** (Marquette University), **Nicole Mullally** (University of Florida), **Andrew Rummel** (The Ohio State University) and **Jeffrey Waterhouse** (Marquette University). We are excited and thrilled to have this group of enthusiastic new residents, and we look forward to seeing them grow in their orthodontic knowledge over the next two years.

In March we welcomed to the department as a full-time Assistant Professor Dr. **Jose Bosio** who will contribute to both the undergraduate students and orthodontic residents. He will be a wonderful addition to the program as the new graduate clinic director. Dr. Bosio received his dental education at the Pontifical Catholic University, Curitiba, Brazil, in 1987, then completed a two-year residency in facial pain in Rochester, New York, and a Master of Sciences and Certificate in Orthodontics at The Ohio State University in 1996. He is a Diplomate of the ABO as well as the Brazilian Board of Orthodontics.

Dr. **David Liu** was successful in three important areas in the past six months. He was awarded the □Orhan C. Tuncay Teaching Fellowship Award by the AAO, was accepted into the Young Investigator Initiative Program by the US Bone and Joint Decade (2002-2011) and, finally, won a Research Development Program award from Marquette University. Congratulations to Dr. Liu on a great year so far in 2008.

Congratulations to our departing second-year residents. We held our graduation at the Pfister Hotel on May 22, 2008. It was a wonderful evening and once again we found it hard to say good bye. Our graduates are spreading across the country this year. Dr. **Trent Lofgren** is going to Dallas, Texas; Dr. **Joe Whitesides** is taking the Florida boards and hopes to practice there; Dr. **David Christensen** is going to Charleston, South Carolina; Dr. **Meghann Longo-Dietz** will be joining Dr. **Thomas McGowan** in Menominee Falls, Wisconsin; and Dr. **Brian Pelsue** will be joining his father, Dr. **Mitch Pelsue**, in Janesville, Wisconsin. We wish them all the best of luck in their future endeavors and hope they keep in touch.

On April 27, 2008, we lost a very important member of our orthodontic department. Dr. **Erwin Stier** passed away in his home in Clinton, Wisconsin. He served as Clinical Professor and Interim Program Director in the department for eight years. He always will be remembered for the great smiles he created and his contributions to the

program. He will be missed by the many people he has touched over the years.

The residents are looking forward to the upcoming GORP meeting in Michigan. We wish the organizers well and look forward to getting a report from our residents upon their return.

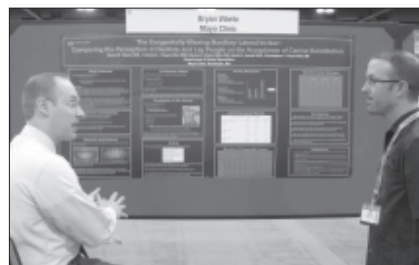
Hope you have a safe and happy summer!

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Mayo Clinic

It was great to see so many Mayo Clinic alumni at the AAO meeting in Denver. There were 32 alumni members and guests in attendance at the reception held at the Broker Restaurant and it was well received. We will try to do it again in Boston in 2009.

Dr. **Bryan Vibeto** presented his research at the young scholars program and at the poster presentations at the AAO. He was awarded first place in the Charley Schultz



Dr. Vibeto (left) discussing his winning project.

competition. He completes his training at the end of June receiving both a certificate and MS in Bio-medical Sciences from the Mayo Graduate School. Dr. Vibeto and his

family will be moving to Minot, North Dakota, where he plans to open a practice.

The newly remodeled clinical practice areas have been wonderful. The architects and staff helped plan this project and there have been few problems. Two new conference rooms are located within our department. The Stafne conference room will be rededicated next month and features the latest in audiovisual equipment.

Residents and staff took advantage of extramural educational opportunities earlier this year. These included the Moyers Symposium, Bottom Line seminar and Orthodontic Summit in Las Vegas.

Congratulations to Dr. **Tim Scanlan** who successfully challenged the written ABO examination a year early. His research is progressing well and he is ready to be the new chief resident. Congratulations also are extended to Dr. **Lance Albrechtsen**, a Mayo Clinic alumnus practicing in Ogden, Utah, on his recent Board Certification. Dr.

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Albrechtsen presented his cases in Dallas last February.

On July 1 our match candidate, Dr. **James Stork**, will begin his training. Dr. Stork received his DDS at the University of Illinois. He and his wife, **Jenna**, are from Illinois. We hope to be able to convince them that they will love Minnesota sports, especially winter sports!

I hope everyone has a great summer.

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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December of 2007, and they have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and the specialty admirably.

The orthodontic program at The Center for Advanced Dental Education (CADE) of Saint Louis University welcomed 14 new graduate students in June. They include Drs. **Anas Athar** (Baqai University), **Nathan Bartschi** (University of Nevada-Las Vegas), **Larissa Cali** (Case Western Reserve University), **Keri Horner** (Creighton University), **Hillarie Hudson** (Southern Illinois University), **Genevieve Lange** (University of Southern California), **Dan Lovell** (Southern Illinois University), **Nathan Mellion** (The Ohio State University), **Lance Miller** (University of North Carolina), **Matt Milliner** (University of Kentucky), **Craig Minich** (The Ohio State University), **Joseph Parker** (University of Michigan), **Cameron Rasool** (University of Iowa) and **Ankit Shah** (Gajarat University).

The Fifth Annual Charles Henry Tweed Memorial Lecture will be held at CADE September 19-20 with a presentation and banquet. Dr. **Rick McLaughlin** will be the speaker. This presentation is part of the annual alumni meeting during which there will be opportunities for a round of golf. Contact moscalb@slu.edu for information.

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in St. Louis on March 12-19, 2009. Speakers include Ms. **Charlene White**, Drs. **Gerry Samson**, **Kate Vig**, **Brody Hildebrand**, **Tako Araujo**, **Ki Beom Kim**, **Marty Palomo**, **Luiz Carriere** and Mr. **Paul Gange**. Dr. Vig will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact moscalb@slu.edu for more information.

In addition, the SLU orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the summer and fall of 2008. All MSO students are encouraged to look at the schedule on our Web site and if they find a presentation they would like to attend, please let us know.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

This year's quadrennial alumni meeting, *Protecting the Future of your Orthodontic Practice*, is scheduled as a two-day event on September 5 -6, with practice management consultant, Ms. **Char Eash** of Profit Marketing Systems. The Friday program is for doctors and their treatment teams, followed by a doctors-only session on Saturday. On Friday evening the banquet will be held on a private charter boat on the Chicago River. Information may be obtained from Dr. **Vincent Arpino**, 109 West Maple Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048 (varpinobraces@msn.com).

Two longtime faculty members, Drs. **Cyril Sadowsky** (ortho '71) and **Eliot Sakols** ('75), retired from the teaching staff at the end of the academic year. They each served more than 30 years and were important in the lives of more than 200 orthodontic residents. In addition, Dr. **Nanci DeFelippe**, full-time faculty member, has announced that she is moving to Minnesota. The entire department will miss the dedication and enthusiasm of these three exceptional teachers. Drs. **Robert Manasse** and **Charles Greene** have joined the teaching staff. Dr. **Maria Therese Galang**, a third-generation dentist and new faculty member, was appointed as Predoctoral Orthodontics Course Director. She recently was chosen to attend the Academy for Academic Leadership workshops with support from the AAO.

Top prizes at UIC's Clinic and Research Day were received by dental students **John Foley** (mentored by Dr. **Budi Kusnoto**), **John Lippincott** (mentored by Dr. **Chet Handelman**) and **Aiman Al-Ammar** (mentored by Dr. **Anna Bedran-Russo**). Faculty members Drs. **Gregory Jackson** and **Robyn Silberstein** made news when they were interviewed on ABC-TV about veneers. Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, Clinical Assistant Professor, is immediate past-president of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists. Dr. **Andrew Haas**, an alumnus and faculty member in the department for 30 years, was given an Alumni Loyalty Award by the University.

Dr. **Bernard Schneider** received the ABO Special



(l to r) Vincent Arpino, Bernard Schneider and John Grubb.

Recognition Award at the College of Diplomates luncheon during the AAO Annual Session in Denver. Dr. **Budi Kusnoto**, Clinic Director, was invited to speak at the 2008 AAO Annual Session in the Rising Stars program.

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Dr. **John Grubb** is president of the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. **Carla Evans** is Chair of the AAO's Council on Orthodontic Education, Co-Chair of the ADA's Standards Committee on Dental Informatics Working Group on *Integration of Orthodontic Standards*, and candidate for Vice-President/President of the American Association of Dental Research.

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University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Laura Low**, **Kyle Mann**, **Laura Milnor**, **Lina Moreno Uribe** and **Todd Rasch** for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their Master's degrees this June! Congratulations also to Drs. **Laura Fogle** ('96) **Marlene Sanabria** ('07) and **Paul Helpard** ('96) who became Board Certified this year by the American Board of Orthodontics!

The 30th Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held January 31-February 7, 2009, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar, spearheaded by Dr. **John Casco**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases. Further information on the course may be obtained by contacting Ms. **Linda Keller** at linda-keller@uiowa.edu.

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University of Manitoba

A successful accreditation site visit took place in February and the program now is accredited for another seven years.

We welcome two new tenure-track assistant professors to the department – Dr. **Wellington Rody** who joins us from Brazil and Dr. **Sercan Acyalcin** who hails from Turkey. Thanks to Drs. **Frank Hechter** and **Milos Lekic** who stepped up to the plate when needed while we were short-staffed and helped out, particularly with the undergraduate orthodontic teaching.

Presentations at conferences have been delivered by Drs. **Billy Wiltshire**, **James Noble** and **Magda**

Folwarczna-Barnard at the recent AAO meeting in Denver and by Dr. **James Noble** at the American Cleft Palate Association in Philadelphia, where he went on to win the residents' research award. Conference presentations also were given at the European Orthodontic Society meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, by Drs. **Billy Wiltshire**, **James Noble**, **Nick Karaiskos** and **Derrick Pollard**. Drs. Wiltshire and **Luis Piedade** traveled to South Africa where they presented lectures at the University of Pretoria, which has a cooperation agreement with the University of Manitoba.

We have held a series of successful alumni functions recently where Dr. Wiltshire announced the "Magic Million" orthodontic alumni fund. Dr. **Peter Gold** hosted an alumni evening in Toronto at his orthodontic office where Dr. Wiltshire and Dean **Tony Iacopino** were in attendance and each delivered a lecture. Another bumper alumni function took place in Denver with over 50 attendees. The "fabulous five," Drs. **Kent Goldade**, **Jeff Bales**, **Mark Ziedenberg**, **Zvi Kennet** and **Ken Danyluk**, were in attendance and were acknowledged for their combined pledges of \$125,000. Their donations made possible the purchase of a digital pan/ceph unit which is now operational in the graduate orthodontic clinic. Another \$10,000 from Dr. **Kris Row** made possible computers at every unit in the graduate clinic. This was a wonderful start to the "Magic Million Fund," and hot on the heels of this funding came another \$4,500 announcement from Ms. **Cathy Watt**, the orthodontic secretary – an absolutely wonderful gesture from a support staff member. Dr. **Grant Duncan**, an alumnus from Adelaide, Australia, announced another \$5,000 donation, and this was matched by Dr. Wiltshire, the program director. Our most grateful thanks to these donors through whose generosity the program is able to remain at the cutting edge of technology. Words alone cannot express what your kindness has been able to achieve for the orthodontic program.

Two well-deserved Program Directors Awards were presented in Denver at our alumni function, one to Dr. **Frank Hechter** for over 35 years of dedicated part-time service to orthodontics and one to Dr. **James Noble** for extraordinary efforts in servicing the Craniofacial Anomalies Clinic.

Finally, we bid a fond farewell to our departing three residents who have completed their 36-month program. Dr. **Magda Folwarczna-Barnard** will be moving back to Halifax, Nova Scotia; Dr. **James Noble** will be moving back to Toronto but will be involved part-time in our Craniofacial Anomalies Clinic; and Dr. **Nick Karaiskos** is moving to Ottawa.

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University of Minnesota

The AAO meeting in Denver was the site of another fantastic University of Minnesota Alumni Reception. We had approximately 100 people in attendance, including our dean, Dr. **Patrick Lloyd**. As usual, I must once again thank Dr. **Steve** and **Bonnie Litton** for making the arrangements and providing the room decorations. It was obvious that people enjoy renewing friendships at this annual event, and I would encourage all alumni and friends to join us when we get together next year in Boston. Once again, all of our residents were able to travel to the meeting in Denver funded by contributions to the Orthodontic Residents Endowment Fund.

Dr. **Ben Pliska**, full-time faculty, has been selected for AAO sponsorship in the Academy of Academic Leadership program. This was a competitive award program and we are proud to have Ben as one of the sponsorship recipients. This program is designed to enhance the teaching and leadership skills of faculty members to help them succeed in an academic environment.

Dr. **Mike Keim**, from Fargo, North Dakota, has been a part-time instructor for us for the last few years. Mike would fly down early in the morning and return that same evening every other Monday. A combination of a change in flight times and a busy family schedule has caused Mike to discontinue his teaching participation for now. He will be greatly missed by residents and faculty for his contributions to our program. Thanks, Mike! The opportunity created by Mike's departure has allowed us to add a new member to our part-time teaching staff. Dr. **Nicole Eberle** has generously agreed to join us as a part-time faculty member to fill the void. Nicole completed her orthodontic training at the University of Iowa in 2006 and is originally from Anchorage, Alaska, where her father still practices orthodontics.

The University clinic has been the screening site for the *Smiles Change Lives* program in Minnesota. The residents have been actively involved in this screening process which provides them with additional clinical experience as well as encouraging them to participate as an orthodontic provider in the program once they are in practice. Dr. **John Beyer** has been taking the lead in overseeing this screening program and insuring its success.

Since the use of lasers in orthodontics has become more common, we recently arranged to have a laser certification course given to our faculty and residents. This hands-on training session was very valuable, and we are working on how to best integrate laser use into our clinical activities.

We are looking forward to the upcoming remodel-

ing of our orthodontic conference rooms. The two conference rooms will be joined into one large room to facilitate larger conferences and seminars. A movable wall will be added so that we can still utilize the space as two separate seminar rooms when needed. We anticipate the work being completed this summer so it will be ready for use this fall.

The Class of 2008 consists of Drs. **Lindsay Schuster**, **Rick Fuchs**, **Sunny Leong**, **Rob Taylor**, **Scott Wenande** and **Oana Honey**. Although we will miss them greatly, we welcome them as colleagues in orthodontics and look forward to their contributions to our profession.

As a final note, we will be hosting the MSO Annual Session in 2009 and hope that everyone will make plans to join us October 15-17, 2009, for what will be a unique orthodontic meeting here in Minneapolis. Drs. **Jim Miller** and **Suzan Ekim** will be putting together the scientific program for the meeting, and I thank them for their willing participation.

Remember to stop by and visit when you are in Minneapolis!

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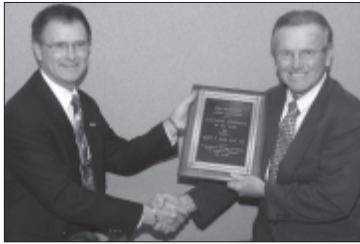
Each year the UMKC Graduate Orthodontics Program organizes the Dr. Eric J. Schweitzer (1992) Memorial Symposium. Its purpose is to have recent orthodontic graduates make presentations to current orthodontic residents. This spring our guest speakers were Drs. **Mike Ellis** ('05) and **John Warford** ('03). The benefactors of the Schweitzer Memorial Symposium have contributed to this endeavor so that orthodontic practitioners can speak frankly of the joys and the difficulties they encountered while embarking on their careers.

In March first-year orthodontic residents Drs. **Ian Ballou**, **Jason Burckhard**, **Paul Anders** and **Chuck Schumacher** attended the Tweed Course in Tucson, Arizona. UMKC residents participate annually as an opportunity to further acquire and develop orthodontic treatment skills. Dr. **Vance Dykhous** shared his knowledge and experience as one of the instructors of the course. He is also a valued part-time faculty member at UMKC.

At the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Meeting held at the Hyatt Regency Conference Center in April, more than 60 gathered for lunch to celebrate the work of Dr. **Jerry**

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Cash, who was honored as the 2008 Distinguished Orthodontist of the Year. This award was presented by classmate Dr. **Jerold Elrod**. During his dental and orthodontic education at UMKC, Dr. Cash was recognized for his scholasticism, having received the senior award in orthodontics and the Rinehart Medallion.



Jerry Cash (r) receives award from Jerold Elrod.

Following graduation, he established his practice in Springfield, Missouri. Throughout his career, he served the dental profession and his community, giving generously of his time to the advisory boards of Springfield College, Vatterott College and Ozark Technical College. Dr. Cash served in various capacities for the Springfield Dental Society, UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Association, Missouri Dental Association and the Orthodontic Education Research Foundation. He was integral in the solicitation of funds for the remodeling of the UMKC orthodontic clinic and instrumental in the campaign to keep alumni informed of the needs of the orthodontic program. We thank Dr. Cash for his devotion to the profession and are proud to say that he is an alumnus of UMKC.

Our guest lecturer was Dr. **Chung How Kau** who spoke on current uses, research and potential for future applications of imaging technologies, with a focus on imaging of the soft tissues of the face using conventional light and laser techniques and on cone-beam computed tomography (CBCT) imaging of the facial hard tissues. Lectures and discussions were diverse, with topics ranging from the logistics of using CBCT in the orthodontic private practice to surgical management of craniofacial anomalies. For many, the highlight of the program was the opportunity for hands-on manipulation of CBCT images.

The alumni meeting was chaired by Board President Dr. **Shannon Kirchoff**. A highlight of the meeting was the announced inauguration of the Dr. Dan Blackwell Lecture Series to honor and commemorate Dr. **Dan Blackwell's** commitment to orthodontic education and the UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Association. Dan plans to retire from active teaching at UMKC this August.



Dan Blackwell (l) receives a plaque from Don Thompson.

We are pleased to have the current president of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, Dr. **Jeff Thompson**, as a part-time faculty member. His vitality and efforts in the clinic are appreciated by the residents. In addition, we are pleased to announce that Drs. **David Jones** and **Duston Burleson** have joined the part-time faculty. They add an important strength to our program. The dedicated part-time instructors who give of their time and collective wisdom provide a wonderfully diverse clinical experience to future UMKC alumni. The next time you have the opportunity to speak to one of these extraordinary orthodontists, please tell them what it means to you that they are teaching at UMKC.

We are pleased to welcome our new orthodontic residents as they embark on the first phase of their orthodontic careers. Drs. **Llon Clendenen** (UMKC), **David Ries** (UMKC), **Ben Frandsen** (The Ohio State University) and **Blake Borello** (UMKC) start bending wire and other activities on the first of July 2008.

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University of Nebraska

New residents Drs. **Ann Granicz** (DMD from University of Connecticut), **Shawn Powell**, (DDS and a Certificate in Pediatric Dentistry from UNMC) and **Thyagasselly (Sheela) Premaraj** (BDS from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka, and PhD from Gifu University School of Medicine, Japan) will be joining us as of July 1.

Our department was fully represented at the AAO Annual Session in Denver. Dr. **Steve Swenson**, a second-year resident, presented his research entitled, *Accuracy of Dolphin 3D Cephalometric Analysis using CBCT vs. Traditional Radiography* for the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar Award. Dr. Swenson and fellow classmates Drs. **Elizabeth Sheldon** and **Jaron Sauble** also participated in the College of Diplomates' Resident Case Display Program and Poster Presentation. Drs. **Quinn Draper**, **Paul McAllister** and **Casey Warren**, first-year residents, presented the table clinic *Miniscrew Retained Distal Jet Appliance*. All residents were able to attend due to the generous support from our alumni.

Dr. **Sudaralingam (Prem) Premaraj** presented the lecture entitled, *Molecular Biology of Tooth Movement: an Understanding of Current Concepts*. Dr. **Marcos Lenza** presented the lecture entitled, *Load Transfer of Miniscrews for Orthodontic Anchorage*, and Dr. **Peter Spalding** was a moderator for a series of Rising Stars Lectures. Our staff,

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MSO Annual Session

MSO Business Meeting Notice

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Business Meeting will be held in conjunction with the 2008 MSO Annual Session as follows:

Saturday, October 25, 2008
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Sheraton Iowa City Hotel

Everyone attending the MSO Annual Session is invited to attend this Saturday morning business meeting. A complimentary light continental breakfast will be available for all attendees.

The agenda along with accompanying background information and the Nominating Committee report for the MSO Annual Business Meeting will be posted by mid-July on www.msortho.org under the Annual Sessions section.



Steven Marshall

A highlight of the meeting will be the presentation of the 2008 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Steven D. Marshall** from

Barrington, Illinois. In addition to his private practice, Steve also serves on the faculty of the orthodontic department at the University of Iowa and has been very involved in several organizations including the MSO and CDABO.

Judy Olsen, Sandy Frank, Melissa Willits and Shannon Maly, also attended and participated in the Orthodontic Staff Scientific Lectures.

Our alumni reception was very well attended with all generations of alumni present to share their professional experiences and acknowledge their gratitude for their education at our program. It was a wonderful evening and enjoyed by all. It has been a pleasure to be involved in this department and have the opportunity to meet with Nebraska alumni spread across this country and abroad.

This spring two well-known guest speakers visited our program and contributed their expertise to the learning experience of our residents. In March Dr. **Sarandeep Huja**, Associate Professor and Research Director of the Section of Orthodontics at The Ohio State University, provided a continuing education event for our residents, faculty, alumni and Nebraska orthodontists on *Temporary Anchorage Devices in Orthodontics – Basic Biology and Clinical Practice*. In May Dr. **Guilherme Janson**, Professor of Orthodontics at the University of Sao Paulo – Bauru, with

2008 – 2009 Officer Nominations

MSO President – **Brent E. Larson**
MSO President-Elect – **John S. Kanyusik**
MSO Vice President – **Jacqueline M. Miller**
MSO Secretary-Treasurer – **Babette Cohen**

Nominations for the 2009 MSO Delegation to AAO House of Delegates

Delegates: **Jacqueline Miller** - Chair, **Ross Crist** - Vice Chair, **Babette Cohen**, **Michael Hipp**, **John Kanyusik**, **Stephen Litton** and **Steven Marshall**.

Alternate Delegates: **Ara Goshgarian**, **Deborah Lien** and **Dennis Sommers**.

We also will be electing a new trustee at this meeting to replace Dr. **Lee Graber**, whose term will be ending as he becomes president-elect of the AAO. The nominee from the Trustee Nominating Committee will be **Brent Larson** who will begin his term with AAO in May 2009.



Brent Larson

On Friday evening, mix and mingle with colleagues and exhibitors after the lectures at a unique blend of two receptions – the exhibitor reception will be sponsored by 3M Unitek, and the University of Iowa's orthodontic department also will sponsor a reception.

numerous published articles on Class II correction in refereed journals, presented a lecture on “*Correcting Asymmetric Class II Cases*”. His direct and simple approach enlightened the audience.

Dr. **Marcos Lenza** spent part of the month of May in Denmark with Dr. **Birte Melsen** at the University of Aarhus finalizing his research on *The Effects of Nicotine on Tooth Movement*. Before coming to Nebraska, Dr. Lenza was a post-doctoral fellow at that institution. Dr. **Sudaralingam Premaraj** is spending some time at the Royal Veterinary College – University of London to further his research on the molecular biology of tooth movement.

Once more, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the suggestions and support from our alumni. If you are planning to visit Lincoln, please let me know so that we can have you present a seminar to our residents on a topic of your choice or simply spend some time with them sharing some of your practice pearls.

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