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Gjerset becomes AAO President-Elect and Graber becomes MSO Trustee

Dr. **James E. Gjerset**, MSO's trustee for the past eight years, was installed as president-elect of the AAO during the House of Delegates at the AAO Annual Session in Toronto. Dr. **Fred G. Preis**, from the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists, was installed as president and Dr. **Lee W. Graber** was installed as MSO's newest trustee.

Jim, who has served in so many capacities during his involvement with organized dentistry and with his



Lee W. Graber and James E. Gjerset

community, brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the leadership of our organization. The list of his efforts on behalf of all of us is extremely impressive. He has served as president of the following dental organizations: Northeast District Dental Society, North Dakota Dental Association, North Dakota Society of Orthodontists and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

Jim also has been extremely involved with the Northeast North Dakota Cleft Palate Team, CDABO, North Dakota Dental Foundation, AAOF, ADA and, obviously, the AAO in many different positions.

In his community of Grand Forks, North Dakota, Jim also has been quite involved with such diverse organi-

zations as the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, Greater North Dakota Association, Grand Forks Symphony Association, Greater Grand Forks United Way, Empire Theatre Renovation and the North Dakota State Health Council.

Jim has received numerous honors for his commitment to dentistry including being inducted as a fellow of the American College of Dentists, the International College of Dentists and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. He also is a member of Federation Dentaire Internationale and the World Federation of Orthodontists. He received the Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

The future of the AAO is in good hands as Jim, along with his wife, LuAnne, prepares to take over the presidency at the 2002 Annual Session in Philadelphia.

Lee was installed as MSO's trustee at the AAO Annual Session in Toronto. We believe there is no one more qualified within the ranks of orthodontics today to serve as AAO's newest trustee.

Lee received his dental education at Michigan, his orthodontic training at Northwestern and then went back to Michigan for a Master's in Anatomy and a Ph.D. in Human Growth and Development.

Having taught, lectured and practiced orthodontics, Lee also served as president of his local dental society, the Illinois Society of Orthodontists and the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists. He also served as editor for the *MSO Newsletter* and currently serves on the editorial board

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President's Report

Summertime in the Midwest – what a great place to live! Isn't this life that we enjoy as we balance our careers with family and our special interests just awesome? The dance card is usually full for all of us and I think we all feel fulfilled, if not overwhelmed, by the paths we have chosen. However, I hope that this time of the year affords you the opportunity to relax, refresh and renew yourself and that you may even have time to reflect.

I want to thank everyone for helping me in service to the MSO as business continues as usual. I am amazed at how much of one's life some of our members give to the association. Your Board members are some of the most selfless people I have been associated with, and I hope each of us appreciates the time and effort they share for the good of "the order." O6396f course, keeping us moving and at task is our wonderful executive director, **Kristi Burmeister**. She's the class of her peer group, as we all know.

I'm sure by now your component director has shared with you the highlights of the business of the House of Delegates in Toronto. If you have any questions or concerns, I hope you will take the time to contact him.

A resolution proposed by our immediate-past president, **Dr. Keith Levin**, that successfully passed the House of Delegates relates to the regovernance of our AAO. This was a well-organized effort to look at how we can more efficiently and more effectively run the business of the organization. This promises to be huge and will likely affect us all. Thank you, Keith, for your foresight and leadership.

As I am sure you know, this October the MSO's Annual Session will be with the GLAO at Marriott's Desert Springs Resort and Spa in Palm Desert, California, a terrific resort. It will be a meeting you will not forget.

Speaking of our annual meeting, the sites for the next four years are already solid. However, after reviewing the membership surveys and finally receiving the ad hoc



Brian R. Jesperson

committee report submitted by **Dr. Bob Schoettger**, we have come up with a three-year rotating schedule that we feel should serve our membership well. If you have any concerns about this, I certainly hope you will contact an officer or someone on the Board.

Year 1 – This will be a larger meeting held with another

constituency with a host/guest relationship, and may be held outside of the Midwestern boundaries.

Year 2 – This will be a smaller meeting held with or hosted by one of our components that also may involve one of the orthodontic programs (here we come Iowa City!).

Year 3 – This will be a larger meeting held either in St. Louis or Chicago and the MSO may invite another constituency to join with us.

Other current issues such as vendor responsibility, the shortage of orthodontic assistants, the need for faculty, the cost of education and countless others continue to offer all of us challenges.

In summary, I hope that you are thoroughly enjoying your summer and that we will see you all in October in the desert!

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Volunteering in Belize

Have you ever wanted to use your dental training to help others in situations where little help is available? Well, here is your chance. The Belize Mission Project can use dentists, physicians, assistants, hygienists, technicians and interested others to render care to the people of Belize. Dentally, this is mainly a restorative and preventative project. You say you're an orthodontist and do not know if you can still do restorative dentistry? Yes, you can!

This is an inspiring experience where you can utilize your unique skills. The people appreciate any effort you are willing to provide. This is an excellent trip and the accommodations are comfortable. I can assure you that you will go on this trip planning on giving of yourself, which will happen, but you will come home having received so much more.

For more information, contact **Dr. Frank Whipps** at 618/532-7210.

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of the *AJO/DO* as well as several other publications.

Recently elected president of the World Federation of Orthodontists, Lee also has served on several AAO councils and committees and has been involved in the planning of several AAO Annual Sessions.

Lee and his wife, Jane, who also is a dentist, have three daughters. The future of the leadership of the MSO is in great hands with Lee!

Trustee's Report

It seems like the AAO Annual Session in Toronto ended just yesterday, but here it is weeks later and, as your new trustee, I can tell you that things are moving at the AAO. Elsewhere in this newsletter, the *AJO/DO* and the *Bulletin*, you will find summaries of the activities that took place during the 101st Annual Session of the AAO. I wanted to devote this, my first "trustee's report," to information on the selection process of a trustee, transitions of AAO leadership, trustee responsibilities and some of the things I will be doing in my first months on the job.

The AAO is divided into eight constituents of which the MSO is one. Each constituent elects a trustee to the AAO Board of Trustees (BOT), each trustee serving up to four two-year terms. During the last year of service as a trustee, an individual may be elected as AAO's Secretary/Treasurer. The trustee has then completed direct representation of his constituency and may be elected to further office at the AAO level. While the AAO House of Delegates sets policy for the organization, it is the AAO Board of Trustees that is charged with the daily management and execution of those policies. Therefore, the trustee is required to develop an understanding of the issues that confront the organization and the avenues of management available to resolve them.

In recent history, the MSO has been well represented by Drs. **Gene Blair**, **Bill DeKock** and **Jim Gjerset**. This past year, in his final year as MSO's trustee, Jim also has served the AAO as secretary/treasurer. He has been further entrusted with the leadership of the AAO having been elected as President-elect in Toronto. Jim will become president at next year's annual session in Philadelphia and is in charge of the 2003 Annual Session in Hawaii.

While we are all happy to see Jim move up the officer chairs of the AAO, we also realize that he no longer serves as our trustee. Dental leaders are like those in positions of management elsewhere – you really do not think much of who they are and what they do unless something goes wrong! During Jim's tenure there have been difficulties and challenges for the AAO, but he has represented us well and, as a result, has become a nationally recognized dental leader. To Jim we say a huge "thank you" for the efforts you have made on our behalf. At the same time, we wish Jim and his wife, LuAnne, well as they begin the countdown to the presidency of the AAO. We know the stewardship of our organization is in good hands with Jim at the helm.

After a constituency elects a new trustee, there is a transition period during which the incoming trustee reviews all of the actions taken by the AAO BOT in the previous six months. In addition, he reviews the issues and the concurrent actions of the board leading up to the meeting of the House of Delegates. The incoming trustee also sits in as an

observer on the AAO BOT meeting held the three days immediately prior to the annual session.

Having just participated in this learning experience, I can attest that the scope of issues and the ramifications of actions by the AAO are large and diverse!

Each of us as members sees the AAO a bit differently, depending on our needs. For one, the AAO is the provider of education; for another, the sponsor of insurance; the producer of patient education pamphlets; the monitor of health care legislation impacting orthodontics; or the source of a practice partner as he or she transitions their practice for the future. The list of differing AAO "descriptors" goes on, but the commonality in provision of membership benefits remains the same.

Each AAO Board member serves as a liaison to one of the nine AAO councils (Council Reports begin on page 7). In addition, the trustees are each assigned to a number of internal board committees and task forces addressing specific issues. There are 17 committees of the AAO BOT and an additional nine ad-hoc committees and task forces in which members of the AAO BOT participate. These committees mirror the management needs of the AAO with such committees as budget and finance, governmental affairs, strategic planning and central office management, to name just a few.

All of you have served in one fashion or another on committees in professional, civic or school organizations and know that the depth of involvement varies. I have been most impressed with the depth of knowledge and commitment shown by your AAO board members who are involved in these board committee deliberations. While the AAO Board of Trustees selection process assures that there are differences in opinion and approach amongst the trustees, they share a dedication to a thorough review of the materials and development of solutions to the problems with which the AAO is confronted every day.

During this first year as MSO trustee, I have been assigned to serve as the board liaison to the Council on Scientific Affairs as well as board committees on budget and finance, board policies, nominations and Committee D of the board. In addition, I will serve as an advisor to the

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Membership Report

Current Membership – June 1, 2001

Active Members	955
Affiliate Members	9
Associate/Holdover Members	30
Retired Members	260
Total Members	1,254

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	350
Iowa	81
Manitoba	17
Minnesota	144
Missouri	145
Nebraska	54
North Dakota	12
South Dakota	15
Wisconsin	137

Deceased Members

Harold “Buzz” Bigelow – Waterloo, Iowa
Charles E. Smith – Berwyn, Illinois
J. Michael White – Peoria, Illinois

Retired Members

Thomas J. Brown – Punta Gorda, Florida
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Michael G. McDermott – Brainerd, Minnesota
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Elizabeth Peruchini – Chicago, Illinois
Robert Shapiro – Creve Coeur, Missouri
Kimberly Smith – Lake Forest, Illinois
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Brad Twaddle – Maryville, Missouri

Cancelled Memberships

Gerald L. Ashley – Wilmette, Illinois
Bartholomew R. Christopher – Oak Lawn, Illinois
Thomas F. Gengler – Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
Larry D. Kosten – Collinsville, Illinois
Stephen J. Newcomer – Rockford, Illinois
Mary Anne Thometz-Uhland – Northbrook, Illinois

Transfers

Gilbert V. Carter – Transfer to GLAO from Merrillville, Indiana (practiced in Illinois)
Kenneth Danyluk – Transfer to PCSO from Winnipeg, Manitoba
Thomas Lovinggood – Transfer from SWSO to Independence, Missouri
Jimmie G. Rudd – Transfer from SAO to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin

News and Notes about our Members

• Congratulations to Dr. **Reed E. Sanford**, Fargo, North Dakota, for receiving the Outstanding Achievement Award from the North Dakota Dental Association for his contributions to his community and to dentistry.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Farhad Moshiri**, St. Louis, Missouri, for receiving the Greater St. Louis Dental Society’s Award of Special Merit for his work to enhance the relationship between dentistry and the surrounding community in an extraordinary way.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Michael Zakula**, Hibbing, Minnesota, on becoming a fellow of the American College of Dentists.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Michael A. Fuchs**, Huron, South Dakota, for receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the South Dakota Dental Association at its annual meeting.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Brent E. Larson**, Rochester, Minnesota, on his appointments to the AAO Council on Information Technology and as Vice Chair of the Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) of the AAOF.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Stephen F. Litton**, Golden Valley, Minnesota, for receiving both the Roger J. Fredsall Distinguished Service Award from the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists and the 2000 Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Carla A. Evans**, Chicago, Illinois, upon her appointment to the Council on Orthodontic Education.

• Congratulations to Dr. **Zane F. Muhl**, Chicago, Illinois, on receiving the University of Illinois-Chicago College of Dentistry’s Alumni Loyalty Award.

Treasurer's Report

Income and Expenses

Actual 2000, Budget 2000, Budget 2001

Actual January 1 through June 8, 2001

Income:	Actual 2000	Budget 2000	Actual 2001	Budget 2001
401 Membership Fees	82,834.50	99,000.00	2,575.00	123,480.00
402 Applicant Fees	1,020.00	0.00	270.00	800.00
403 Interest	14,756.90	16,000.00	6,168.09	15,500.00
410 Annual Session Income	2,692.35	13,000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Income	<u>\$101,303.75</u>	<u>\$128,000.00</u>	<u>\$9,013.09</u>	<u>\$139,780.00</u>
Expenses:	Actual 2000	Budget 2000	Actual 2001	Budget 2001
501 President's Expense Reimbursement	250.00	250.00	0.00	250.00
502 President-Elect's Expense Reimbursement	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
503 Secretary/Treasurer's Expense Reimburse.	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
503A Newsletter Editor's Expense Reimburse.	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
504 Printing, Copies and By-Laws	3,091.95	3,000.00	688.63	3,000.00
505 Postage	2,520.62	3,400.00	404.12	3,000.00
506 Administrative Office	64,680.00	60,000.00	33,510.00	67,500.00
507 Executive Secretary Travel/Hotel	2,621.45	2,000.00	1,330.53	2,300.00
508 Phone	661.37	2,200.00	213.32	1,700.00
509 Supplies	1,061.38	850.00	0.00	850.00
510 Bank Fees/Miscellaneous	671.22	200.00	52.83	250.00
511 Fidelity Bond & Liability Insurance	853.00	860.00	453.00	860.00
512 Directors' & Officers' Liability Insurance	1,878.47	1,500.00	1,907.83	1,900.00
513 Dues Billing Charges	967.00	1,000.00	960.00	1,000.00
514 Dues Refunds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
515 AAO Delegation—Meeting	1,321.93	1,200.00	533.04	1,300.00
516 AAO Delegation—Per Diem	1,280.00	1,100.00	1,280.00	1,320.00
517 AAO Delegation—Travel/Hotel	13,426.68	11,000.00	11,525.90	12,500.00
519 AAO Foundation	1,025.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
520 MSO Ad Interim—Meeting/Council	1,545.57	1,000.00	1,208.76	1,500.00
521 MSO Ad Interim—Per Diem	1,200.00	0.00	1,120.00	1,280.00
522 MSO Ad Interim—Travel/Hotel	8,126.08	8,000.00	8,747.16	8,000.00
523 MSO Membership Committee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
524 Accountant	1,816.75	1,800.00	1,300.00	1,800.00
525 Recognition Awards	971.38	500.00	0.00	500.00
526 Newsletter	8,312.37	9,100.00	4,279.33	9,000.00
528 MSO Annual Session—Per Diem	960.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
529 MSO Annual Session—Travel/Hotel	11,105.42	8,000.00	0.00	8,500.00
530 Executive Committee Contingency	320.19	250.00	0.00	250.00
531 AAO Leadership Conference	961.33	1,800.00	1,185.96	1,000.00
534 President's Reception Fund (2003)	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
536 GORP Contribution	1,250.00	1,000.00	1,250.00	1,250.00
539 Student/Educator Grants	1,925.00	3,825.00	0.00	3,825.00
540 Survey	2,033.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
545 Future Year Annual Sessions	13,174.39	0.00	16,275.91	0.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$152,911.55</u>	<u>\$127,735.00</u>	<u>\$90,726.32</u>	<u>\$139,735.00</u>
Net Income	<u>-\$51,607.80</u>	<u>-\$265.00</u>	<u>-\$81,713.23</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>

Cash Assets – As of June 9, 2001

PaineWebber Checking	\$58,881.30
Smith Barney Checking	\$100,759.59
MSO/GLAO Annual Sessions Account	\$69,070.21
President's Reception Fund (2003)	\$7,831.78
Total Cash Assets	<u>\$236,542.36</u>

Note: The Annual Sessions account includes \$10,000 funded by each constituent. The balance is exhibitor and sponsorship deposits paid to date.

AAO Council Reports

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

Council on Communications

The COC schedule peaks in intensity with the arrival of the AAO Annual Session. This year's session proved to be filled with projects and agendas that were directly involved with the Council's focus. Our promotional efforts have taken a change in direction in response to last year's will of the House to not continue with spending AAO dollars on "prime-time" television advertising.

The Council, in partnership with the AAO's new advertising firm, Adamson, has shifted its focus to seek out other organizations with similar promotional needs and goals to combine talents and revenue and to ultimately reach broader and more diverse promotional target groups. This pooling of communication monies should prove to be a more cost-effective way to spend the AAO dues dollars allocated to COC.

Currently, the AAO is involved with projects and partnerships with the American Lung Association as well as the School Nurse Association. Future projects have targeted the dental hygienists as a valuable source of positive promotion of orthodontic services and will be geared towards providing information and materials to this very important referral base to promote our "Age Seven Orthodontic Screening" message.

The newly revised reception room brochures are now available for membership use. They feature positive changes that reflect the ever-changing technology in our profession.

National Orthodontic Health Month continues to provide a solid promotional platform that can be utilized individually by the members to the degree that they wish to participate. Modified promotional materials will be available in early fall of 2001. Despite a lack of television exposure, the AAO still receives close to 300 calls per month in response to the 1-800-STRAIGHT informational and referral phone promotion. Over 50% of these calls result in a request for the promotional video or for a direct member referral.

Orthodontic Dialogue, the biannual publication sent by the AAO to the general dental membership, was cut from the existing budget by the Board and by the House. This decision was made not in light of specific complaints or concerns with *Orthodontic Dialogue* but in an attempt to balance the proposed initial budget presented to the House. The Council will explore the future effectiveness of this publication before making a final decision.

COC is committed to efficiently and effectively

communicate with our membership, our referral sources and our patients to promote the specialty of orthodontics in new and positive ways. Grass-roots feedback always proves to be valuable in helping guide the Council's efforts in the best possible fashion. Please feel free to communicate to the Council your thoughts and concerns. We are always open to your comments and suggestions!

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Council on Governmental Affairs

The Council is pleased to report that Mr. **Jim Bowlin**, General Counsel for the AAO, is now staff liaison to the Council on Governmental Affairs. He is joined by a new member of the AAO staff, Mr. **Kevin Dillard**.

I also am very pleased to report that during the May meeting in Toronto, the Board of Trustees decided to retain the firm of Haake and Associates as the federal government relations consultant for a period of three years.

During the same meeting, the first ever Key Contact Breakfast was held on Sunday, May 6. Highlights from the breakfast include:

- Mr. **Tim Haake**'s update on the developments in Washington, D.C.
- Dr. **John Buzzatto**, from Pennsylvania, Chairman of AAOPAC, presenting the "Importance of Key Contacts."
- Dr. **Michael Rogers**, from Georgia, presenting a program entitled "A Key Contact Story."
- Mr. **Ron Moen**, AAO Executive Director, presenting "Mechanics of AAO Programs."

The upcoming COGA meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. on June 9-12, promises to be a very active and productive meeting with an unprecedented four VIP functions. Our honored guests will include Senator **Jack Reed**, Rhode Island; Senator **Susan Collins**, Maine; Congressman **Phil English**, Pennsylvania; and Congressman **Steve Buyer**, Indiana.

This will be the first meeting in which we will have Dr. **Melvin DeSoto**, the trustee from SWSO, joining us as the trustee liaison for this year.

Many issues are on the agenda and there will be numerous visits to Capitol Hill. I look forward to giving you an update in my next report.

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If you have any questions concerning this Council, please feel free to contact me.

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Council on Insurance

The last two years have been successful for all insurance plans endorsed by the AAO. Enrollment in the Life & Health, Professional Liability and Business Office Plans has reached an all-time high. Seventy percent of the U.S. and Canadian membership participate in one or more of these plans.

Life, Disability and Medical Insurance plan participation is up to 64% of eligible U.S. and Canadian members. Over the last 12-month period, all Life and Health plans posted increases in enrollment. The average age of enrollees is 46, indicating younger members are continuing to join the plan as students or at the time of graduation.

The rating structure for the Term Life Insurance Program is being reviewed to determine how rates can be decreased to make this plan even more competitive. Benefits up to \$1,000,000 are available to members, and their spouses may apply for coverage up to \$500,000.

The Council has approved an increase in the monthly benefit maximum up to \$12,500 under the AAO Long-Term Disability Plan.

The Group Health Plan has had a series of modest rate increases over the last two years. These increases are consistent with inflationary trends in the medical care industry. The fastest growing option available is the Medical Savings Account (MSA)-qualified High Deductible Health Plan. MSAs offer significant tax advantages and a retirement savings opportunity. AAO members may open an MSA account in addition to any IRAs or other qualified pension plans they may now have in place. The MSA is available under a traditional (freedom-of-choice) or preferred provider organization option.

The Professional Liability Plan continued to grow. Over 45% of the eligible U.S. members are now enrolled. New business has increased by 7.3%. Of the new graduates, 59% are enrolled in the plan. AAOIC is now the number-one insurer of orthodontists in the world!

Fewer than two percent of those members insured over the last five-year period filed professional liability claims. The Council, AAO and AAOIC are confident the frequency and severity of incidents will remain low due to the professionalism and training of AAO members. A risk

management seminar held at each annual session educates policyholders in understanding professional liability exposures. As an alternative to the seminar, policyholders may purchase a risk management videotape for \$40. This video or seminar attendance qualifies the insured member for a premium discount of 10% for the next two policy years (subject to a maximum 50% discount cap on the Professional Liability Policy).

The AAO Business Office Package (BOP) has grown by 17% in the last 12 months. The AAO designed the BOP so it may be purchased independently or in conjunction with the AAOIC Professional Liability Plan. A member insured with the AAOIC Professional Liability Plan will also receive a 10% premium discount on the BOP. The BOP covers the member's office for physical damage to the premises and includes general liability, vandalism, and business interruption coverage at a very competitive rate. Optional worker's compensation coverage is also available.

If you need information on any of the AAO-endorsed insurance plans, please call the AAO Insurance Office at 800/622-0344.

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Council on Information Technology

This is the first report from the newest AAO Council. This is an outgrowth of the Informatics Committee that has been active for the last few years, but its designation as a standing Council underscores the AAO's commitment to using technology to better serve its members.

The Council became a reality after the House of Delegates meeting in Toronto. The initial members of the Council are: Drs. **William A. Viechnicki**, Chair (MASO), **Raymond T. Bedette** (NESO), **William E. Harrell, Jr.** (SAO), **David L. Hime** (SWSO), **Joseph Janowski** (GLAO), **Gary J. Kloberdanz** (RMSO), **Brent E. Larson** (MSO) and **Richard A. Savage** (PCSO).

The members were randomly assigned initial terms of membership so that Council members will have terms expiring at different times. Many of these people have been active previously on the Informatics Committee, but there are also new members to help keep us moving forward with new ideas.

The AAO Web site was recently bifurcated into two sites, one for members and one for the public. The new

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public site recently went live at <http://www.braces.org> and I encourage you to visit it frequently as new content is added. The plan is to make this a robust site for information on orthodontics that your patients or prospective patients can use. It also has the orthodontist locator that helps people find an AAO orthodontist in their specific area and maps the location for them.

The member Web site will have a new look and feel in the near future, likely by the time you read this newsletter. The member site will become much easier to navigate and make information easier to find and use. Our hope is that the AAO member site will become increasingly useful to you as a tool in your clinical practice. Let me know if you have ideas on how the AAO Web site can meet your needs and expectations.

COIT is not limited just to the Web site but is to explore the use of technology in general. Further development of distance learning and its use in continuing education is a likely short-term outcome. Long-term, we need to decide how information technology can be used to better serve the membership. For instance, should the AAO get into the software business for orthodontic office management? Again, I would ask for your input into these issues.

In keeping with the focus of this Council, I would ask that you contact me by e-mail, if possible!

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

The Council met in February in St. Louis and discussed a number of issues.

The Council reviewed the *2000 AAO Needs and Satisfaction Survey* and issued a report to the BOT. It also recommended to the BOT that the results of the survey be distributed to councils, committees, constituent organizations and related organizations for their use.

The Council also reviewed the *Members over Age 50 Survey* and issued a report to the BOT. Again, it also recommended to the BOT that the results of the survey be distributed as outlined above.

Ethical complaints that have been referred to COMEJC are in the process of being investigated, reviewed and acted upon.

The following resolutions that affect membership were acted upon by the 2001 House of Delegates and the Board of Trustees:

- Resolution 2-01 – The House adopted the By-laws amendments related to recognition of component organizations.
- Resolution 3-01 – The House adopted a By-laws amendment that waives the ADA membership requirement for those involved in teaching and who are not able to obtain a license to practice in the United States.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for September 8, 2001. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns you have regarding this Council.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

The Council on Orthodontic Health Care (COHC) met in January at the AAO headquarters in St. Louis.

COHC and its DR Subcommittee reviewed the performance of the expanded DR-USA program. The expenses-to-date are as budgeted and the results are better than projected. For the period June 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001, DR-USA proposed to add 74,000 covered lives to DR plans, with 23,000 of that total to have been achieved by the January Council meeting. As of January, more than 30,700 covered lives had been added to DR plans by the AAO.

The Council met the four new regional salespeople for DR-USA. One sales position is not as yet filled. The Council is pleased with the expanded DR program in its first six months. The budget and performance figures for 2001-2002 are the same as were projected one year ago when a five-year DR-USA business plan was adopted. The number of requested cost estimates has increased over the past six months, and the Web version is producing a more efficient process. The Council recommends that the DR-USA expansion continue for 2001-2002, using the updated business plan adopted in January of 2001.

The Council also approved a document that describes the roles and responsibilities of the various entities involved in DR (COHC, AAO Board of Trustees, AAO staff, AAOSI DBAS staff and the AAOSI Board of Directors). This document will be reviewed by the AAO BOT and the AAOSI Board of Directors. The Council is to publicize the results of the DR-USA program.

The Council will work with the ADA to publicize the correction that the ADA made in the CDT-3 codes for comprehensive orthodontic treatment. In addition, Council

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members will attend meetings with the American Association of Dental Consultants and the ADA.

There are several other items of interest to report. ChamberDent is no longer reported as an activity of the Council or staff. AAO staff is providing information on Medical Savings Accounts, state laws on prompt payment of claims and state Children's Health Insurance Programs.

The Council requested a budget of \$38,300 for 2001-2002 – its lowest budget in more than ten years.

The Council will meet in conjunction with the ADA's DR Days in Chicago in September 2001. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

The Council met at AAO headquarters in St. Louis in February. We also met at the AAO's Annual Session in Toronto for a short, informal review session.

Under the wonderful organizational skills of Dr. **Rebecca Polling** and AAO staff, COOP was able to sponsor another successful transition seminar in Toronto. Since transition will continue to be a concern to retiring and incoming AAO members, COOP will continue to sponsor and organize speakers for future annual sessions transition seminars. Dr. **Bud Scott** is working on the transition seminar for the 2002 Annual Session in Philadelphia.

A half-day practice development and marketing seminar was presented in Toronto by Mr. **Larry Mickey** who advises COOP and COC. His seminar was very well received and may be added to future annual sessions.

"Orthodontist as CEO" is currently being planned by COOP under the guidance of Dr. Polling. This stand-alone session will take place on February 7-9, 2003, in Tampa, Florida. The speakers for this meeting, many from the business community, will give orthodontists several "take-home" business methods that can be applied immediately to improve the business aspects of their practices.

Both the toothbrushing video and new practice brochures are available from AAO. Both practice enhancement items are excellent. If you have not seen samples of the brochures, call AAO staff and ask for them.

Council members have several initiatives to assist members in the staff development area.

- Recruitment – One of the brochures in the new series addresses staff recruitment. Orthodontists have a

captive audience of patients receiving treatment and their parents who may be interested in careers in orthodontics. Several offices already discuss career opportunities with parents of prospective patients and young adult patients who may be seeking treatment. The AAO brochure, *Careers in Orthodontics*, assists the orthodontist in making this connection.

- Training – A very helpful *Orthodontic Staff Training Syllabus* can now be downloaded from the AAO Web site. This syllabus, updated every six months, is designed to be a training resource by listing all the known training materials for orthodontic assistants and administrative staff. The syllabus lists the company's name, phone and fax number, topics covered, format and cost of the training material. Any office can receive this syllabus, discuss the training material available and develop its own library of appropriate training materials. A unique course is planned for the fall of 2001 called "Train-the-Trainer." COOP, in conjunction with SAO's fall meeting, will select 30 assistant trainers and 30 clinical staff trainers and present a pilot training program from experienced orthodontic staff teachers. The findings of this pilot program will be presented in the next newsletter.

- Retaining – Keeping good staff in an economy that created the lowest unemployment in the history of the country is a major challenge. The following ideas are being developed, many of which will be further refined during the "Orthodontist as CEO" course. All of these career features can be discussed with staff during their annual or semi-annual performance review: staff recognition, wages, benefits, working conditions, flexible scheduling, working as part of a team, helping young people gain self-esteem, continuing education opportunities and the staff recognition pin available from the AAO. There has been some discussion about enhancing the pin to designate years of service.

COOP is working with the American Lung Association and has developed mechanisms through which the orthodontist can be effective in helping young people avoid addiction to tobacco products. Brochures and other teaching aids have been mailed to AAO members.

AAO has information about special patient situations that may be helpful in their resolution, i.e. custody situations, divorce, armed services commitment, etc.

Another important topic is the emergency disposition of a practice. AAO staff has developed a series of steps to be taken with sample letters to be sent to patients and to referring doctors.

The prevention of child abuse continues to be a concept that requires orthodontists' vigilance. The April edition of the *Bulletin* had an article discussing this topic.

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Resolution 51-00 SAO (S1-SAO) from the House of Delegates states: Resolved that all orthodontic suppliers and/or manufacturers be urged to adopt a policy of prompt notification of their customers should there be any defect in a product which could result in less than optimal performance of said product and immediately initiate a recall of the defective product.

COOP continues to be very proactive in developing programs and mechanisms that enhance our members' capacity to deliver top quality orthodontic care and manage their practices and staff with state-of-the-art concepts.

If you have any suggestions for me to bring to the next Council meeting October 13-14, please contact me.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA met in January in St. Louis. Thirty entries were reviewed for consideration of research awards and, by consensus, COSA members selected the research submissions for 2001 awards as follows:

- Milo Hellman Award: "Osteoclast Clearance from Periodontal Tissues During Orthodontic Tooth Movement" – Dr. **Stephen Noxon**, University of Washington.
- Harry Sicher First Research Essay Award: "Treatment Need: A Comparison of Personal and Professional Judgments" – Dr. **Barbara A. Skinner**, University of Michigan.
- Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit: "The Mechanism of Palatal Clefting in the Coll11a1 Mutant Mouse" – Dr. **Igor George Larvin**, Harvard University.
- Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit: "Distraction Osteogenesis and Histogenesis During Bilateral Mandibular Lengthening: Biomechanical and Biological Findings" – Dr. **Jason B. Cope**, Baylor University.
- Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit: "Arch Dimension Changes Following Phase I and Phase II Treatment" – Dr. **James R. Wortham**, University of Florida.
- Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit: "Osteogenic Stimulation of Midpalatal Suture During Palatal Expansion in Rats" – Dr. **Shawn M. Bader**, University of Kentucky.

Award winners presented abstracts of their research at the AAO Annual Session in Toronto where they were hosted at a luncheon.

Ninety applications to present oral abstracts were reviewed and 48 were selected by consensus of COSA

members to be presented at the AAO meeting. These abstracts were presented simultaneously in two rooms. The remaining submissions were requested to change format to either table clinic or posterboard presentations.

Also reviewed were 107 requests for table clinics and 219 requests for posterboard presentations.

At the January meeting, the AAO Board of Trustees asked COSA to review a paper entitled, "Inhalation Risks in the Orthodontic Practice." Due to the preliminary nature of the paper, no suggestions or recommendations were made. The Council agreed that the AAOF PARC be encouraged to solicit research proposals regarding use and possible advantages of 3-dimensional imaging. COSA requested that the budget for outside Reviewer Honoraria be increased from \$1,600 to \$2,600.

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American Board of Orthodontics

Congratulations to these MSO members who were certified as Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics: Drs. **James A. Coglansie**, Orland Park, Illinois; **Michael G. Durbin**, Antioch, Illinois; **David W. Feuerhahan**, Cape Girardeau, Missouri; **Marissa C. Keesler**, Neenah, Wisconsin; **Julie F. McCray**, St. Louis, Missouri; and **Charles E. Montoure**, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Sixty-two or 81% of the candidates taking Phase III became certified. This year the Board asked candidates to use the measuring gauge to evaluate their cases and the Board feels that this raised the case completion rate to 95%.

The first winner of the Dale B. Wade Award was Dr. **Glen A. Armstrong**, Moscow, Idaho. Glen was a 1991 graduate of the University of Texas at Houston orthodontic program. This award is based upon the Phase III case presentation and will be presented along with the Earl and Wilma Shepard Award, which is given to the candidate making the highest score on the Phase II examination. That recipient was Dr. **Paul W. Sproul**, who also trained at the University of Texas at Houston.

Candidates who took the written exam in 1995 were invited to take the Board Case Report Oral Examination. The BCROE is the portion of the oral examination requiring review of two sets of clinical records. They have one hour to prepare a problem list and develop treatment plans and then discuss their findings and recommendations.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

One hundred and twenty candidates presented themselves for this examination and all passed. They were also invited to present cases for the Option II pathway to certification. Ten candidates, including Drs. **Abu A. Joseph**, St. Louis, Missouri, and **Gregory K. Ross**, Hudson, Wisconsin, became "provisionally certified." All received a five-year extension and now have ten years to complete the certification process.

Others completing the BCROE were Drs. **Demetre Constantonis**, Athens, Greece; **John T. Dovorany**, Wausau, Wisconsin; **David C. Gehring**, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; **James K. Grabowski**, Sioux City, Iowa; **Heekyoung Jo**, Deerfield, Illinois; **Abu A. Joseph**, St. Louis, Missouri; **John H. Kelsey**, Northbrook, Illinois; **Michael R. LaFerla**, Joplin, Missouri; **Virginia A. Menemeyer**, Troy, Missouri; **Randall C. Moles**, Racine, Wisconsin; **Yan M. Razdolsky**, Buffalo Grove, Illinois; **Gary D. Sexson**, Long Grove, Illinois; **Frank A. Sharp**, Springfield, Missouri; and **Kevin J. Wilke**, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Board is very concerned that it is unable to increase the percentage of orthodontists completing their Phase III examination. We hope that Option II and the pathway described above will increase the number of Board Certified orthodontists. Thus, the Board is very excited about the new CDABO Mentoring Program. As of May 2001, there are 1,992 ABO/AAO active members or 24%. The MSO has 216 ABO/AAO active members or 23%. SWSO has the highest percentage of ABO/AAO active members with 29%.

Over 300 orthodontists and orthodontic residents took the Phase II written examination in Toronto. The three basic science sections of the written examination are in the morning and the two clinical sections are in the afternoon. The Board now allows candidates who have passed Phase II and whose ten-year time limit has expired to retake the two clinical sections to get them back on track for board certification. Hopefully, this will help middle-aged orthodontists complete their certification process. Over twenty orthodontists retook the clinical sections in Toronto.

The Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award recipients for 2001 were Drs. **Lyle Johnson**, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and **Paul Tessier**, Paris, France. Drs. **Robert J. Isaacson**, MSO's nominee, and **O. B. Vaughan** were chosen to receive the Ketcham Award next year.

There will be an ABO breakfast on Friday morning at the MSO/GLAO joint meeting in Palm Desert that all orthodontists – board certified or not – will be invited to attend. Dr. **Mike Riolo**, GLAO Director, and I will present more information on ABO activities and answer questions.

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CDABO again hosted the ABO luncheon at this year's meeting in Toronto and approximately 275 orthodontists and their guests attended. In addition, 60 orthodontic departments displayed their ABO cases and the residents participating received congratulatory ribbons from CDABO.

The College is pleased to announce its plans for the first-ever winter meeting this coming January 19-25, 2002, in Acapulco. This meeting will be in addition to the annual summer meeting planned for next July in Mont Tremblant, Quebec. A wide variety of topics will be presented in keeping with the theme of "An Ocean of Orthodontic Knowledge in Acapulco." Speakers include Drs. **Donald Joondeph**, **Robert Little**, **Peter Shapiro**, **Vince Kokich**, **David Turpin**, **Greg King** and **Ward Smiley**.

All CDABO members, ABO Diplomates and board-eligible orthodontists and their families are encouraged to attend. CDABO members will automatically receive pre-registration material this summer. Non-members should contact CDABO at 105673.1513@compuserve.com to be placed on the mailing list. Don't miss this first-ever CDABO winter meeting!

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

Adding up component dues, constituent dues and national dues for both the ADA and AAO produces a telling number as to why AAOPAC is challenged to achieve an increase in its membership.

The goal of AAOPAC is to build long-term relationships in the political arena before they are needed. Recently, one of these bridges had to be walked due to a late-night presidential directive involving an OSHA regulation. This change directly impacted your ability to practice your profession "as you see fit." AAOPAC and COGA successfully participated with Congress to rescind this proclamation.

While your AAO dues help support COGA's work,
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only voluntary contributions support AAOPAC. So, help AAOPAC meet the challenge and join today!

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

As of the first of June, the AAOF Endowment Campaign has realized a total of \$16.8 million in pledges, of which \$11.3 million has been redeemed. Pledges received during the meeting in Toronto amounted to \$227,733. As of May 31, 2001, a total of 178 individuals have pledged at the Regent level or higher. Regents account for only about 6% of the total individual pledges, and yet they represent \$4.9 million of the total dollars pledged or almost one-third of all dollars pledged by individuals. Persons pledging at the Regent level or higher have up to ten years to redeem their pledges.

The MSO and its components continue to be good supporters of the AAOF. As of May 31, 2001, 386 MSO members have pledged a minimum of \$2,500. This is a participation rate of 31%. The goal of the campaign is to realize a pledge from at least one-third of the membership. MSO needs only 27 new pledges to become the third constituent to reach the goal. We can be proud of the fact that the average pledge is \$4,851, second only to SWSO.

So far this year, 27 members have made pledges. Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota are at the 33% goal. Illinois needs only 25 pledges to reach goal; Iowa needs only one; Missouri needs two; and Wisconsin needs twelve.

I am pleased to announce that Drs. **Karen Weede**, Wisconsin, and **Michael Klepacki**, Illinois, have agreed to chair the campaign in their respective components.

Dr. **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, is the new PARC Vice Chair. PARC reviews the various awards proposals and also acts in an advisory capacity to the AAOF Board of Directors regarding changes in the Foundation's Award Program. Award information for the 2002 funding cycle has been sent to the department chairs and program directors at the graduate programs in the U.S. and Canada. Other persons interested in receiving information may also contact the AAOF via mail, fax or e-mail and request a set of "2002 Awards Materials." The deadline for consideration is Friday, December 14, 2001, at 5:30 p.m. CST.

The AAOF Board of Directors has formed a Strategic Planning Committee to develop new strategies so that the AAOF can best respond to present and future needs

of the orthodontic profession, educators, residents, its members and the patients we serve. If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact me.

If you have not pledged to the AAO Foundation endowment campaign, please consider doing so at this time. If you have already pledged, please consider upgrading your pledge to the next level or even to the Regent level. Approximately one-half of the dollars pledged the past two years has come from pledge upgrades.

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New and Younger Member Advisory Committee

The New and Younger Member Advisory Committee (NYMAC) is a relatively new committee of the AAO. It consists of recent graduates who have been in private practice for less than five years. The committee's objectives are to serve as a liaison to the AAO representing the needs of newer orthodontists and to serve as a contact or resource group for the new orthodontist. There are currently fourteen members on the committee.

A Lunch & Learn Seminar, designed specifically for residents and those who have been in practice less than five years, was held in Toronto. Dr. **Vincent G. Kokich** began the seminar with a philosophical look at the future of orthodontics and what it takes to be an excellent orthodontist in the 21st century. Other presenters included Drs. **Kevin Theroux**, **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, **Lisa M. Stokes** and **John Walker**, all members of the committee, who spoke on their own experiences. Attendees were able to ask questions of the presenters and then roundtable discussions, organized according to region, allowed attendees to mingle with each other within their current or future community.

The response to the seminar was overwhelming. Not only did the attendees enjoy the social aspect of the roundtables but also found it valuable in establishing other contacts. We plan to do the seminar again at the next annual meeting in Philadelphia.

Other objectives for the committee include elimination of the associate membership category, streamlining the AAO's new member manual and visiting various programs presenting all the resources of the AAO. The committee is enthusiastic about its progress, and the response has been very positive.

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At our January meeting the ISO board unanimously approved sponsorship of a presentation by Dr. **Don Joondeph** at the upcoming MSO/GLAO Annual Session in Palm Desert. Our MSO Annual Session has a great program in a wonderful setting, and we encourage all Illinois members to attend.

We learned during the November meeting that our campaign to increase pledges to AAOF from Illinois resulted in an additional \$25,000 in pledges. Our thanks to all those involved in this effort.

At our March meeting, the Board offered to sponsor the registration fee for University of Illinois orthodontic residents desiring to attend the NYMAC meeting during the 2001 Annual Session in Toronto.

Dr. **Bailey** and **Ruth Jacobson** attended our March meeting as Bailey received our society's Outstanding Teacher Award. Congratulations to you, Bailey.

In April, the ISO presented a \$2,000 donation to the Dental Political Action Committee of Illinois, Dental IL-PAC. Our thanks to Dr. **Paul Kattner** who has volunteered to serve as ISO's representative to Dental IL-PAC.

At the AAO Annual Session in May, Dr. **Steve Roehm** kept busy serving as an MSO member of the AAO House of Delegates. Dr. **Lee Graber** was officially named MSO Trustee to the AAO Board of Trustees. Congratulations, Lee, from your proud Illinoisans!

Our program for the 2001-2002 year at the Drury Lane Oakbrook is as follows:



ISO 2001-2002 Board. Back row (l to r): Anthony Maoloni, Carla Evans, Rick Sikora, Cecile Yoon-Tarlie, James Kohl, Ara Goshgarian, John Schuler, C. William Groesch, Lee Graber. Front row (l to r): Frank Gruber, Dave Forbes, Robert Bard, Mike Klepacki, Steve Marshall.

- September 24, 2001 – Dr. **Lionel Sadowsky** with his Interactive Clinical Seminar.
- January 14, 2002 – Ms. **Char Eash** and Dr. **Gary Van** in a combined staff and doctor program.
- March 11, 2002 – Dr. **Larry Wolford** – a combined meeting with Illinois Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.
- April 15, 2002 (tentative) – Combined meeting with the Missouri Society of Orthodontists with a video conference on distraction osteogenesis.

It is with much sadness that I report the untimely death of **J. Michael White** of Peoria. He and his wife, Christine, were killed in the crash of a small plane near Santa Fe, New Mexico. Our sympathies to their families and friends as well as their four surviving children.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Palm Desert this fall!

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We lost a very respected member this spring – Dr. **Harold “Buzz” Bigelow**. He was a great orthodontist and teacher with a great deal of humanity for all people. Not only was he family oriented, but he helped us all realize that all patients needed special care and they were the reason we were there. His part-time teaching at the University of Iowa will be missed as will his smile and kind words. I only hope we can keep up his high standards in our personal lives and practices. He will be missed by all.

The Iowa Summer Orthodontic Seminar will be at Lake Okoboji, August 12-15. It will be an update on surgical orthodontic treatment with Drs. **Richard Burton** and **John Casko**.

The Iowa Society of Orthodontists fall meeting will be in Iowa City on October 1-2. The speaker will be Dr. **Anthony Gianelly** discussing “Simplified and Predictable Edgewise Treatment Procedures.” Make plans to attend this year, and also, look for information on golf and, of course, the cocktail party!

And, Dr. **Mike Hipp** wants us to plan on attending the MSO/GLAO meeting in Palm Desert, October 17-20.

I would encourage all Iowa members to closely watch the new dental assistant rules that are being proposed

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— and I encourage all of us to play an active role in clarifying the rules for the benefit all of our patients.

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The current Canadian Association of Orthodontists president, Dr. **Richard Marcus**, will address the orthodontists in Manitoba at a dinner meeting to be held on June 7.

The external examiner for the orthodontic graduate students, Dr. **Carla Evans**, chair of orthodontics at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will give a two-hour continuing education course to local members when she visits in the middle of June.

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The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists held its Annual Winter Meeting in Minneapolis on January, 12-13, 2001. Dr. **Lysle Johnston** informed and entertained the membership with presentations on Class II treatment strategies, extraction versus nonextraction outcomes, early treatment and the relationship between condylar position and temporomandibular disorders. Mr. **Steve Lucht**, of Lucht and Associates, used personality testing to educate the staff members on recognition and motivation of four distinct personality types.

Dr. **Robert Nemeth**, along with JoAnn Fredsall, presented the Roger J. Fredsall Distinguished Service Award to **Stephen Litton** for his service to the MAO and his community.

The Summer Meeting will be held on September 14, 2001, at the Wilds Golf Course and will feature Dr. **Eric Schiffman** speaking on temporomandibular disorders in the morning. The afternoon will be dedicated to disorders of the golf swing!

MAO's Winter Meeting, to be held January 11, 2002, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center Hotel, will

feature Dr. **Rolf Beherents** speaking to the orthodontists and Ms. **Rosemary Bray** for staff. Registration materials will be mailed this fall.

A recent MAO survey found that a common concern is the increasing difficulty in finding and retaining highly qualified registered dental assistants. President **Leo Sinna** also surveyed the dental assisting training programs in Minnesota and found that, overall, they are at 67% of their capacity. The MAO is initiating a series of programs to help alleviate this problem. A dental assistant scholarship program was put in place at each of Minnesota's 16 dental assisting training programs to reward those individuals who show interest and aptitude in the field of orthodontics.

The AAO brochure on the merits of careers in orthodontics, along with a cover letter describing the need for additional registered dental assistants in the field of orthodontics, was sent to over 850 high school counselors. MAO members were recruited to serve as a liaison to each of the dental assisting programs. Hopefully, these and other initiatives will begin to alleviate this shortage.

Thank you to Drs. **Arnold Hill**, **Brent Larson** and **Stephen Litton** who served as delegates in Toronto.

The MAO, in support of the orthodontic department at the University of Minnesota, has voted to financially assist with the purchase of software for patient tracking and the development of a research database.

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists will hold its annual business meeting in conjunction with the GLAO/MSO Annual Session in October. The meeting will be held in Salon H of Marriott's Desert Springs Resort and Spa on Friday, October 19 at 12:30. Please plan to attend if you will be at this constituent meeting.

The next continuing education opportunity offered by the society is tentatively planned for Monday, April 15, 2002 on distraction osteogenesis. The meeting will be co-sponsored by the Illinois Society of Orthodontists. The teleconference will be held at Saint Louis University and will be video broadcast with viewing sites in Chicago and in St. Louis. Plans are underway for those members attending

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in St. Louis for a social function following the course. Registration materials will be mailed once all the information is finalized.

Again, a reminder to have staff members certified and to take the expanded functions exam to comply with state laws for those duties they perform.

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Nebraska

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The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists met in Lincoln on March 17, 2001, for its annual meeting where Dr. **Richard McLaughlin** presented "Interarch Treatment



Kimberly Stafford, Marty Lewis, Annette Cserna and Joseph Hurd.

Mechanics, Course II."

Thanks to Dr. **Kimberly Stafford** for her year of service as president. In addition, thanks to Dr. **Bob Schoettger**, who

serves as our MSO Director, and to Dr. **Doug Eversoll**, who serves as MSO President-Elect.

Members of the Nebraska Society of Orthodontists are encouraged to attend the MSO/GLAO Annual Session in Palm Desert on October 17-20, in support of Doug as he assumes the presidency of the MSO.

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The North Dakota Society of Orthodontists salutes Dr. **Brian Jespersion**, MSO president, for his outstanding leadership and commitment to the advancement of the art and science of our specialty. Our members are looking forward to the combined GLAO/MSO meeting in Palm Desert. We know that Brian and his planning committee

have put together a great meeting for all of us.

The North Dakota Society of Orthodontists has tentatively scheduled its fall meeting in Fargo on November 2. Ms. **Char Eash** of Profit Management Systems will again present a two-part program for doctors and staff in the morning and for the doctors in the afternoon. Last year's presentation was well-received and our society welcomes anyone who would like to attend.

Dr. **John Warford's** son, John, Jr., is a recent graduate of the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry and will begin his orthodontic training at the University of Missouri at Kansas City. John is hoping that he will return to Bismarck and join him in practice.

The orthodontists in both Fargo and Grand Forks could use a new orthodontist to complement their ability to provide orthodontic services to their communities.

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We hope to have our next meeting of the South Dakota Society of Orthodontists in conjunction with the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists' Winter Meeting on January 11, 2002.

For further information, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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Wisconsin

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The WSO met in April in Kohler, Wisconsin, and heard Ms. **Charlene White** speak on "Team Power." It was a very interesting and stimulating presentation.

The WSO, in support of orthodontics in Wisconsin, donated \$10,000 to the orthodontic department at Marquette University. In addition, a stipend of \$200 is provided to each resident to help defray the costs of attending meetings.

Future meetings of the WSO include Dr. **Robert**

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Vanarsdall on October 8-9, 2001, at the Heidel House Resort and Conference Center in Green Lake and Dr. **Richard McLaughlin** on March 18-19, 2002, at the

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MSO Welcomes New Directors

The MSO is fortunate to have two outstanding new directors join the board. We welcome Dr. **Brent E. Larson**, Rochester, Minnesota, and Dr. **Steven D. Marshall**, Deer Park, Illinois.

Brent received his dental education at the University of Minnesota and his orthodontic training at the University of North Carolina. After a tour of duty with the Air Force, he joined the staff at the Mayo Clinic where he was the program director of the orthodontic program. He is a Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota.



Brent E. Larson

A diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, Brent was the recipient of its Shepard Award. He has received many other honors and awards including election to the Mayo Teachers Hall of Fame. He is a Fellow of the American College of Dentists.

Brent has served in numerous positions including the Council on Orthodontic Education and

is a member of the newly-formed Council on Information Technology. He serves on several other ADA and AAO committees and is a site visitor for the Commission on Dental Accreditation. In addition, he is a reviewer for the

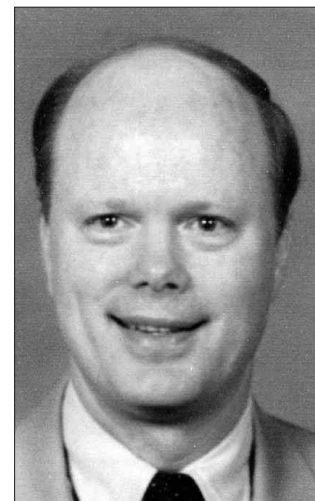
Practical Reviews in Orthodontics tape series.

Currently in private practice with Drs. **Terry Guenther** and **Arnold Hill**, Brent enjoys spending time with his wife, Cindy, who also is an active volunteer, and his three teenaged sons – Matt, Andy and Chad.

Steve received his undergraduate education at Knox College, received a Master's in Biochemistry from the University of Iowa and his dental and orthodontic education from Northwestern University.

Steve is a member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon, the Edward H. Angle Society, Midwest Component, and a Fellow of the American College of Dentists. He is president of the Northwestern University Dental School Alumni Association.

Currently President-Elect of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists and MSO Chair of the Mentor Committee for CDABO, he also is president of the Chicago Chapter of Xi Psi Phi Dental Fraternity.



Steven D. Marshall

Steve practices with his partner, Dr. **Neil Weintraub**, in Buffalo Grove. His wife, Susan, who is a dental hygienist, and his children, Nina and Gianna, consume all of his free time.

Trustee's Report

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committee charged with AAO international membership concerns. This latter appointment stems from my concurrent position as president of the World Federation of Orthodontists. I also have been assigned the honor of a position on the AAO delegation to the ADA's Conference on the Future of Dentistry Project.

I will be attending meetings of the AAO Board of Trustees in July, August, November, February and again in May at the 2002 Annual Session. (I hope the people at O'Hare airport can get me to the right places on time!).

I encourage you to review this issue of the *MSO Newsletter* and read about the many things your organiza-

tion does for you. Review the *Bulletin* and the issues decided by your elected representatives during their meetings in Toronto. I can assure you that they have worked hard to ensure you are getting the biggest "bang for your dues buck."

If you have any questions, concerns, remarks or advice, please feel free to contact me. The best way is through e-mail, but I am also as close as your phone or fax machine. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and our specialty of orthodontics.

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Marquette University

The Orthodontic Department Alumni Graduation Dinner was held in May, and we had the parents of one of our graduates deliver the lecture. Drs. **Roberto** and **Anna Lima**, graduates of the University of Illinois who practice orthodontics in Brazil, gave an excellent day-long talk. We were delighted to have them present on the day that their daughter, Dr. **Carolina Lima**, graduated from our program.

Congratulations to our five graduating residents who received their certificates at a reception held in their honor. Dr. Lima plans to return to Brazil to practice there after some further study in the U.S. Dr. **Bryan Kozak** is returning to his hometown of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and is in the process of starting up his own practice. Dr. **Viney Saini** is joining a group practice in Marshfield, Wisconsin. Dr. **Chris Lovell** is relocating to Denver, Colorado, and his wife is beginning a pediatric residency there. Dr. **Susan Karimkhan-Zand** is returning home to California and joining a private practice. We very much enjoyed them and wish them well in the future.

On June 7 the new residents will arrive and we are looking forward to that event. The plans for the new school have been finalized and the construction of the new facility is underway. We expect to move in August 2002, on time and on budget.

Congratulations to Drs. **Marissa Keesler** and **Charles Montoure** (class of 1989) for passing Part III of the ABO examination.

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Mayo Clinic

We are pleased to announce that Dr. **Frederick J. Regennitter** will be joining the Mayo Clinic Division of Orthodontics in August 2001 as Graduate Orthodontic Program Director. As a board-certified orthodontist, Dr. Regennitter brings the experience of directing orthodontic graduate programs both in the U.S. Army and at the University of Louisville.

Dr. **Joe Rebellato** spoke on "Orthodontic Considerations in Orthognathic Surgery" at the 2001 Annual Session of the AAO in Toronto. Orthodontic residents presented posters and CDABO cases.

The Annual Mayo Alumni Dinner was held atop the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto. We were pleased to have in attendance not only former graduates and spouses

of Mayo's graduate orthodontic program, but also current residents, two of our illustrious orthodontic allied health staff, **Maureen Scheffler** and **Marcie Mix-Miller**, and two orthodontists from Mechelen, Belgium, Dr. **Luc Tourne** and Dr. **Lieve Tourne-Michiels**. Dr. Tourne-Michiels was a guest of Mayo's Section of Orthodontics approximately ten years ago.

Dr. **Lloyd Noel** graduated in June and entered private practice in Portland, Oregon. His Master's thesis was entitled, "Effects of Argon Laser Irradiation on Demineralization Resistance of Human Enamel Adjacent to Orthodontic Brackets: An in vitro Study."

In July, Dr. **Anne E. Day**, a June 1999 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, joins Drs. **David T. Allen** and **Maryam Saiar** as the newest orthodontic resident. In June she will complete a two-year General Practice Residency at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Pittsburgh.

Dr. Rebellato's article entitled, "Transverse Displacement of the Proximal Segment after Bilateral Sagittal Osteotomy" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*.

Look for third-year resident Dr. **David T. Allen**'s case report on a central giant cell granuloma in an upcoming issue of *JADA*.

The March 2001 *AJO/DO* was book-ended by two articles by former resident Dr. **Christian Kenworthy**, who graduated in December 2000. The issue led off with a case report by Dr. Kenworthy and concluded with his contribution to Clinician's Corner.

Future contributions will be penned by our new program director, Dr. Regennitter. Dr. Rebellato and I are looking forward to welcoming him into our practice.

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Saint Louis University

The Graduate Orthodontic Training Program at Saint Louis University Center for Advanced Dental Education has undergone some administrative changes this spring. Dr. "**Skip**" **Ferguson** has stepped down as Director to assume a more active role in teaching and research as a full-time faculty member. In addition, Dr. **Dennis Killiany** has resigned to assume a position at UMKC. Dr. Killiany served as Program Director, Director of Research and teacher. We applaud his many years of dedicated service here and know that he will be greatly missed.

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Dr. **Eustaquio “Tako” Araujo** has been appointed Director, Orthodontic Training Program and Clinics. As a former dental school Dean and Chairman of the Graduate Program in Orthodontics at the Catholic University of Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, his expertise as an administrator, researcher, outstanding teacher and clinician are well known. We are extremely pleased and happy to have Dr. Araujo join our family.

We also welcome Dr. **Dauro Oliveira**, a junior full-time faculty member who graduated from Marquette University in 2000. Dr. Oliveira will be teaching courses to our incoming first-year residents and treating patients.

Guest speakers who have lectured to our residents this semester include Drs. **J. Brodsky, James Howard, Norman Cetlin, Steve Harrison, Susan Zunt, Russ Kittleson, W. Rody, Aldo Carano** and **Michael Williams**.

The Orthodontic Alumni Association held a breakfast meeting in March at the Flamingo Hilton Hotel in Las Vegas. Dr. **Bob Dennington** received the Alumni Merit Award from the Saint Louis University Graduate Alumni Association. Dr. **Robert Shapiro** was elected President for 2001-2002.

Twenty-one presentations were given by faculty and residents at the recent AADR meeting in Chicago. First-year resident Dr. **Chin-Yu Lin**'s poster presentation took third place in the Hatton Award competition in the post-doctoral category. Dr. Lin received a travel award for the IADR meeting in Japan this June.

Drs. Ferguson, Killiany and Nikolai each made presentations at the AAO meeting in Toronto. In addition, Drs. Ferguson and Araujo served as chairs of research presentations. The Saint Louis University Orthodontic Alumni Association reception was held at the Sandra Ainsley Gallery and was well attended.

During the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2000, Dr. **Randy Brown** received the Gus G. Sotiropoulos Outstanding Clinical Instructor Award from the graduating class. Dr. **Stephane Aim**, from France, was valedictorian of his class and received the J. P. Marshall Award.

Our new class arrives on July 5. Fifteen new residents from different backgrounds will initiate their thirty-month training program. They are Drs. **Mosleh Al-Harbi, Thamer Alkhadra, Maria Castano, Kevin Cook, Crystiane Couto, Richard Hadavand, Blake Henry, Eric Leber, Chau Ngo, Jeff Potter, Darren Rodabough, Fernan Rodriguez, Patricia Tran, Samantha Vu** and **Michael Zetz**.

Finally, our graduation dinner for the Class of 2001 will take place on December 7, 2001.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

The Illinois Orthodontic Alumni Association invited graduates of the Loyola, Northwestern, University of Chicago and University of Illinois at Chicago programs to its reception at the AAO meeting in Toronto. The graduates of the three terminated Chicago orthodontic programs also have been invited to join the Illinois Orthodontic Alumni Association.

Dr. **Cecile Yoon-Tarlie**, a member of the AAO's New and Younger Member Advisory Committee spoke at the NYMAC luncheon held during the AAO meeting in Toronto. Other AAO speakers included Drs. **T. M. Graber, Carla Evans, Chester Handelman, Budi Kusnoto, David Musich, Donald B. Giddon, Myungrip Kim, Ali Hasan, Nabeel Talic** and **Tarek El-Bialy**.

The new *World Journal of Orthodontics*, edited by Dr. **T. M. Graber** and published quarterly by Quintessence Publishing Co. (www.quintpub.com), features clinically relevant articles by internationally recognized clinicians. Other examples of the wide visibility of our clinical faculty include articles by Dr. **Robyn Silberstein**, Dr. **David Musich** and Dr. **Eliot Sakols** in recent issues of *Orthodontic Products*. Dr. **Gregory Jackson** is taking an active role in the digital upgrading of the department.

Dr. **Zane Muhl**, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and CE Editor of the *AJO/DO*, received the UIC College of Dentistry's Alumni Loyalty Award in February. Drs. Muhl and **Cyril Sadowsky** recruited most of their class of 1976 for a twenty-five-year reunion held during the 2001 orthodontic graduation dinner.

Dr. **Tarek El-Bialy** (Bioengineering) and Dr. **Ali Hassan** (Anatomy and Cell Biology) were awarded Ph.D. degrees in May. Research prizes were won by Drs. **Nabeel Talic, Adel Al Adhadlaq, Rudolfo Valente, Joko Kusnoto** and **Jianjun Hao** at the College's Clinic and Research Day. Research associate **Meenakshi Balakrishnan** also won an award.

The Department also was well-represented at the Chicago meeting of the AADR in March with 16 abstracts, a symposium presentation on sutures by Dr. **Jeremy Mao**, and AADR Councilor Dr. Evans serving on the local arrangements committee. Dentist Scientist Awardee Dr. **Joseph Kunnel** gave a special presentation in a program organized by NIH called "New Dental Scientists: Future Leaders of Research and Education" held during the American Dental Education Association meeting in March. Dr. Kunnel also was selected for the Orhan Tuncay Faculty Development Fellowship Award from the AAOF. Drs.

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James Nudera and **Tarek El-Bialy**, who conducted research projects in the department with Drs. Mao and Evans, respectively, were two of the three winners of the 2001 Young Investigators Award from the Chicago Section of the American Association for Dental Research.

In January Dr. Evans and three other members of the UIC craniofacial team gave courses on cleft lip/palate in Goa and Belgaum, India. Dr. **Pradip Shetye**, an Indian orthodontist, was sponsored by the UIC Department of Orthodontics for the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association Traveling Fellowship. He attended the ACPA meeting in Minneapolis in April.

Dr. **Jeremy Mao**'s NIH-supported Tissue Engineering Laboratory is fully functional and has attracted outstanding students and scholars. Both Drs. **Adriana DaSilveira** and Mao recently received research funding from the College of Dentistry's Wach Fund. Dr. Mao gave a featured talk on his tissue engineering experiments in the Symposium on Regenerative Medicine at UIC. Dr. Evans lectured about departmental research during the First UIC-UIUC Joint Symposium on Biomaterials.

Two new faculty members, Drs. **Heekyoung Jo** and **James Jensen**, have been added to our clinical teaching staff. Preparations also are being made for the arrival of the Electronic Study Club for Orthodontists (ESCO) directed by Dr. **Joseph Zernik**. Dr. **Thomas Diekwisch** has accepted the position of Director of the Brodie Laboratory for Craniofacial Development, a laboratory made possible by a generous gift from the Brodie Family. Dr. Diekwisch brings with him two NIH grants dealing with enamel formation and a gene important in tooth development.

Memorial gifts are being accepted by the University of Illinois Foundation in two funds initiated by Dr. **Earl Renfroe**'s family to provide scholarships for dental students and a clinical professorship in the orthodontic department.

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University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Corey Conrad**, **Erik Curtis**, **Dan Sletten**, **Dawn Stultz** and **Mark Yanosky** who completed their orthodontic training and received their Master's degrees this summer. Congratulations also to Drs. **Rodney Hillam** ('90), **Curtis Menard** ('91) and **Michael Frazier** ('93) who were certified as Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics.

On a sad note, I am sorry to report that Dr. **Harold "Buzz" Bigelow** died in a snowmobile accident on March

17, 2001. He taught as an Adjunct Professor in the Orthodontic Department from 1985 until January 1999 when he agreed to join the faculty as a half-time Assistant Clinical Professor. He was an outstanding teacher and role model for our students. He was a truly caring person and had a unique ability to relate to people at all levels. Dr. Bigelow will be missed very much, not only for the teaching contributions that he made to the Orthodontic Department but also for the many close friendships he developed with students, faculty, staff and patients.

The 23rd Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held February 2-9, 2002, at the Lion Square Lodge in Vail, Colorado.

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University of Manitoba

We welcome Dr. **Enrique Hernandez**, who joins us from the Vanderbilt program in Nashville where he was Director of the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic. He is settling in well at Manitoba and survived the winter!

We bid farewell to Dr. **Ben Nemeth**, who will be joining his father, Dr. **Robert Nemeth**, at his practice in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Dr. **Chris Woolaver** is heading for Phoenix, Arizona, and Dr. **Brent Nickolaychuk** is opening a practice in Winnipeg. Congratulations to all three of you. The "farewell roast" was held at Dr. **Allan Baker**'s home and was enjoyed by all.

Our alumni function at the AAO meeting in Toronto was well attended and Dean **Johan deVries** and alumni co-chair Dr. **Ken Danyluk** made presentations. Retired technician Mr. **Brian McCann** was roasted by former graduates with Mrs. **Alison Lecuyer** as the Mistress of Ceremonies. The evening ended with a delicious sit-down dinner organized by Drs. **Rano Burton** and **Mark Ziedenberg**. A great evening was enjoyed by all.

Drs. **Pascal Carriere**, **Sean Corsini** and **Warren Cohen** presented their research at the posterboard displays in Toronto. Drs. Nemeth, Woolaver and Nickolaychuk, presented cases for the CDABO case displays, and Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** presented a lecture.

Our second-year class is preparing for their comprehensive exam and, this year, Dr. **Carla Evans** from Chicago, will be our external examiner.

Three students from the Medical University of Southern Africa visited our program this year. Drs. **C. Lewis**, **S. Dawjee** and **P. Hlongwa** all took part in a

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research day with our students and presented updates on their research projects. Dr. **Phumzile Hlongwa** will have the distinction of being the first black female orthodontist to qualify and register in South Africa.

In January 2001 our accreditation site visit took place with a very positive outcome. It has been a full and very active few months and we look forward with enthusiasm to our summer recess in July.

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University of Minnesota

Our second-year residents were busy this spring completing their research and writing their Master's theses and they graduated in June.

- Dr. **John Aamodt's** project was on the quantification of white spot lesions. He will be joining Dr. **David M. Carver** in his Edina practice.

- Dr. **Becky Blachowiak's** thesis was on the correlation between crowding and lip retraction in nongrowing patients who had four first bicuspid extractions. She has not yet finalized her practice plans.

- Dr. **Brian Landrigan's** thesis was on Class III treatment planning in the mixed dentition. He will be practicing with Dr. **James Somers** in Duluth.

- Dr. **Thomas Merrill** evaluated enamel loss associated with adhesive removal on teeth with and without white spot lesions. He will be joining his brother, Dr. **Robert Merrill**, in Wenatchee, Washington.

- Dr. **Theodora Nakou** looked at the long-term effects of the pendulum appliance. She has been awarded a one-year fellowship in the Division of TMJ and Orofacial Pain at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. After completion of that program, Dr. Nakou will be returning to Greece to practice orthodontics.

- Dr. **Stephen Schasker's** thesis was on the effect of phosphoric acid etchants on the surface tension of enamel. He will be practicing in the Chicago area.

We have updated our computerized capacity for patient tracking and patient appointments. Over the last six to nine months we have been working with the dental school to develop a clinical computer software system. This computer system will allow us to track basic patient demographic/diagnostic information and patient outcomes and develop a research database. To supplement this software, Dolphin imaging and diagnostic software will be purchased. This software will provide us with the ability to store digital photographic and radiographic images. The costs related to

this new computer system will be split between the Division of Orthodontics, the Orthodontic Residents Endowment, the North Central Orthodontic Committee and the Minnesota Association of Orthodontists. Thank you all for your generous support.

Dr. **Mike Speidel** presented a paper entitled, "Academics in the 21st Century" at the Midwest Component of the Edward H. Angle Society meeting in Naples, Florida in January.

Congratulations to Dr. **Pat Vayda**, who has been appointed Interim Chair of the Department of Diagnostic and Surgical Sciences. Drs. **Richard Bevis** and **Gerald Cavanaugh** have retired from teaching in the Division of Orthodontics. We wish to recognize them for their many years of service.

One of our alumni, Dr. **Stephen Litton**, was honored this spring by the University of Minnesota Dental School Alumni Society when he was presented with the Distinguished Dental Alumni Award for his contributions to dentistry and his community.

Another successful alumni reunion was held in Toronto during the AAO Annual Session. Over 60 attendees enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and seeing their colleagues.
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University of Missouri – Kansas City

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. **Dennis Killiany** to the new Leo Rogers Endowed Chair. Dennis comes from Saint Louis University with many years of experience in teaching and research. We are looking forward to his arrival and promise that he will become accustomed to many forms of Kansas City barbecue!

Dr. **Don Thompson** will be spending more of his time with the program and has taken on the responsibilities of the tyodont course and a newly established retention/screening clinic.

All of the second-year residents have established their postgraduation plans. Dr. **Becky Schreiner** is going into practice with Dr. **Cy Alizadeh** in Ellisville. Dr. **Mark Gregston** has been ordered to Germany. Dr. **Scott Francois** is joining Drs. **Dan Blackwell** and **Elizabeth Nill** in Lee's Summit. Dr. **Mike Gardner** will be practicing in Salt Lake City, Utah. We are looking forward to the presentation of their final cases and wish them well.

Following the Phase II Board Preparation Course at
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the AAO meeting, the first-year residents, Drs. **Jeff Barlow**, **Tamara Kublashvili**, **Travis Nash** and **Kelly Tabacchi**, were busy the past month preparing for their progress examinations.

Dr. Schreiner and her collaborators, Drs. **Katherine Kula** and **Alan Glaros**, presented the results of a prospective, randomized, split-mouth study on bond failure rate at the AAO meeting. Dr. **Ram Grandhi** published a paper on bonding strength of moisture insensitive primers in *AJO/DO*. Dr. Kula was elected member-at-large of the Council of Sections, American Dental Education Association.

We are looking forward to the arrival of the new residents in July. We have managed to attract Drs. **Gary Holt** from the University of Maryland; **Richard White** from the University of Missouri–Kansas City; **Gerald Johnson** from Northwestern; and **John Warford**, from the University of Minnesota. We look forward to their time with us as residents.

As a result of donations from alumni, the department was able to host several excellent speakers for the residents. Dr. **Jim Boley** from Texas spoke on several topics that included the effect of extraction versus nonextraction therapy on the face. Dr. **Kirt Simmons**, from Children’s Hospital in Arkansas, presented a seminar on bone physiology, implants and orthodontics. Dr. **Frans Currier**, from the University of Oklahoma, entertained the residents with arch development and treatment decisions.

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University of Nebraska

Drs. **Anthony Cha**, **Paul Petsche** and **Jared Randall** will graduate the end of June. Dr. Cha’s research thesis is entitled, “Nicotine Suppresses the Expression of Calcitonin Gene-Related Peptide Receptor mRNA in Osteoblast-like Cells.” He plans to return to Santa Clarita, California, where he will go into private practice. Dr. Petsche’s thesis is entitled, “Experimental vs. Numerically Modeled Neuromuscular Control of the Human Mandible During Biting.” He plans to start his private practice in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Dr. Randall’s thesis is entitled, “The Effects of Human Mastication on the Apparent Static Coefficient of Friction in an Orthodontic Appliance.” He will begin private practice in Idaho Falls, Idaho.

Dr. Petsche and his wife Natalie became parents in a dramatic fashion, giving birth on April 17 to triplets – James, Michael and Carolyn. All are doing well. On the

same day in Iowa City, Dr. **Ping Yao**, class of 2000, and Quinshi Jiang became parents of David. Our congratulations and best wishes to both families!

Our three second-year postgraduate students presented at the Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum held in Omaha in February. Congratulations to Drs. Petsche and Randall, who received awards.

Dr. **Luigi Gallo** from the University of Zurich School of Dentistry made a presentation in March on TMJ function and dysfunction. This lecture was enjoyed by our students as well as other faculty at the College of Dentistry.

On March 16 at the College of Dentistry Professionals’ Day Student Scientific Program, our second-year students, Drs. Cha, Petsche and Randall, and faculty, Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and **Jeff Nickel**, presented table clinics. Dr. Randall received an award in the postgraduate category.

During the AAO Annual Session in Toronto in May, first-year students Drs. **Scott Gibson**, **Navin Hukmani** and **Sonny Tutor** presented a table clinic entitled, “Diagnosis and Orthodontic Management of Acromegaly: A Case Report.” Drs. Cha, Petsche and Randall each presented research poster exhibits as well as clinical case displays sponsored by CDABO. Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel also presented research oral presentations. It certainly was a pleasure to see so many alumni and friends at our Nebraska reception in Toronto.

Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel will be giving oral presentations at the 79th General Session of the IADR in Chiba, Japan, in June.

Dr. Iwasaki recently was awarded a grant from the AAOF for her studies of the effects of gene polymorphism and interleukin-1 and its receptor antagonist on velocity of tooth movement. This represents the third time in the last four years that an AAOF biomedical research grant has been awarded to our program. Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel also are co-investigators with Dr. **Mark Beatty** on a recently funded project on tissue engineering of cartilage from the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel have a number of recently published scientific papers in several journals on a variety of topics including the role of cytokines in tooth movement; stress distribution in the TMJ; mechanics of cartilage; and computer modeling of muscle and joint forces in humans.

Three new students will be joining our program in July. All recent dental graduates, they are Drs. **Amin (Allen) Ghandi** from Baylor School of Dentistry in Dallas, Texas; **Mark Leiker** from the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Dentistry; and **Leigh VonWald** from the University of Iowa College of Dentistry.

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MSO/GLAO Annual Session 2001



Marriott's Desert Springs Resort and Spa
Palm Desert, California
October 17-20, 2001

The 2001 Annual Session of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists will take place with the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists October 17-20, 2001, at Marriott's Desert Springs Resort and Spa, Palm Desert, California. This world-famous resort and spa will be a great setting for both education and enjoyment for you, your staff and your family.

Speakers on Thursday, Friday and Saturday include Drs. **James McNamara, David Hamilton, Robert Isaacson, John Grubb** and **Don Joondeph** who will present talks on a wide variety of subjects. In addition, "Clinical Pearls" will be presented by Drs. **Thomas**

Southard, Robert Jacobson, Brent Larson, Richard Kulbersh, William Hohlt and **Eugene Simon**.

The meeting will include lunches with the technical exhibitors, ABO case displays, MSO and GLAO business meetings, golf, tennis and other social functions. There will be something for everyone at this great resort and spa as well as in the surrounding area.

In addition, Dr. **Jeffrey Schauder**, Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, will be receiving MSO's highest award, the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award for his many contributions to the orthodontic profession and his community. Jeff has served MSO in countless ways and is truly most deserving of this award.



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Housing reservations may be made now by calling Marriott's Desert Springs Resort and Spa at 877/804-4060 toll-free and asking for the "orthodontists" convention rate of \$199 single/double.

Complete registration materials will be mailed to members this summer. For additional information, e-mail the MSO at orthosociety@home.com or call 636/928-3700.

Future Meetings

2001 MEETINGS

- August 12-15** — Lake Okoboji, Iowa; Iowa Summer Orthodontic Seminar; Drs. Richard Burton and John Casco.
- September 24** — Oak Brook, Illinois; Illinois Society of Orthodontists; Dr. Lionel Sadowsky.
- October 1-2** — Iowa City, Iowa; Iowa Society of Orthodontists Annual Meeting; Dr. Anthony Gianelly.
- October 8-9** — Green Lake, Wisconsin; Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists; Dr. Robert Vanarsdall.
- October 13-17** — Kansas City, Kansas; American Dental Association Annual Session.
- October 17-20** — Palm Desert, California; Midwestern Society of Orthodontists/Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists Annual Session.
- October 18** — Palm Desert, California; Illinois Society of Orthodontists sponsoring Dr. Don Joondeph at the MSO/GLAO meeting.
- October 19** — Palm Desert, California; Missouri Society

of Orthodontists Annual Business Meeting.

- November 2** — Fargo, North Dakota; North Dakota Society of Orthodontists; Ms. Char Eash.

2002 MEETINGS

- January 11** — Minneapolis, Minnesota; Minnesota Association of Orthodontists; Dr. Rolf Beherents and Ms. Rosemary Bray.
- January 14** — Oak Brook, Illinois; Illinois Society of Orthodontists; Dr. Gary Van and Ms. Char Eash.
- January 19-25** — Acapulco, Mexico; CDABO Winter Meeting.
- February 2-9** — Vail, Colorado; 23rd Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar.
- February 22** — Illinois Society of Orthodontists; Dr. John Casco; ISO-sponsored speaker at Chicago Dental Society Annual Session.
- March 11** — Oak Brook, Illinois; Illinois Society of Orthodontists; Dr. Larry Wolford.

LOOKING FOR AN ASSOCIATE?

The American Association of Orthodontists currently has two programs to help those seeking opportunities in orthodontics.

The **Practice Opportunity Service** is a program designed to match members offering practice opportunities with those seeking opportunities. These matches can be in the form of an associateship, a partnership or the buying and selling of a practice.

The **Associate Opportunity Service** is a program of matching practicing orthodontists needing temporary or part-time help with those individuals looking for an opportunity to practice one or two days per week on a temporary basis.

All information is maintained in a confidential manner. This service can be particularly helpful for younger members who are seeking opportunities to practice in a traditional office setting. Members who are considering bringing in an associate or partner or are planning their retirement can also benefit. Orthodontic education programs should also contact this service as it could be a worthwhile benefit to orthodontic residents.

To request an application or for additional information, please call Jackie Eickenhorst at the AAO office in St. Louis at 800/424-2841, extension 287, or e-mail her at jeickenhorst@aaortho.org.



MSO Annual Session Marriott's Desert Springs Resort and Spa Palm Desert, California

October 17-20, 2001

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Registration materials will be mailed this summer.

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