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MSO's Graber, Bishara, Miller and Whipps Honored in Hawaii

Several members of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists were nationally recognized at the 112th Annual Session of the American Association of Orthodontists in Honolulu, Hawaii. Dr. **Samir Bishara** (posthumously) from Iowa, Dr. **Lee Graber** from Illinois, Dr. **Francis Miller** (posthumously) from Missouri and Dr. **J. Franklin Whipps** from Illinois were acknowledged for their various contributions to orthodontics and humanity.



Dr. Bishara from Iowa City received the Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial International Teachers and Research Award from the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation. His daughter accepted the award on his behalf. In his 40 years at the University of Iowa, Samir distinguished himself as a respected author, researcher and educator for decades of orthodontic residents. He also served on

the review boards for several orthodontic journals.

In addition, Samir received many honors, including a Guggenheim Fellowship, and was an honorary member of many international organizations. He was a past-president of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics and spent many years involved with that organization.

Dr. Graber from Vernon Hills, Illinois, received the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award from the American

Board of Orthodontics. Lee has been involved in almost every aspect of orthodontics from the Illinois Society of Orthodontists to the World Federation of Orthodontists. Serving as president of those two organizations as well as the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and the American Association of Orthodontists, Lee's impact not only on these organizations but on all aspects of dentistry can be felt by all of us. Lee's vocation and avocation are one-and-the-same – orthodontics. In addition to all of his involvement in organized orthodontics, he also is a respected educator, author, speaker and practitioner.



Dr. Frank Miller from Washington, Missouri, was a
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President's Report

In March the MSO Board met at 3M's Innovation Center in St. Paul, Minnesota for its Ad Interim Meeting. The Board was pleased to welcome two new Directors, Dr. **Kevin Denis** from Minnesota and Dr. **Conny Athanopoulos** from Manitoba. Dr. **David Gehring** from Iowa and Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** from North Dakota also were able to



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join us. Their terms officially begin in August 2012 at the end of the business meeting.

The Innovation Center served as a great location to inspire the Board to think "outside the box" and discuss the issues at hand. The Ad Interim Meeting typically is the forum that allows the Board and the Delegates who represent the MSO at the House of Delegates to

discuss the various issues facing the AAO.

The AAO Annual Session in Hawaii was a great platform on which the MSO and its leaders were able to shine. Many awards were presented to our members – something of which we all can be proud. Dr. **Lee Graber**, a past president of both the AAO and the MSO, was awarded the prestigious ABO Ketcham Award. The AAOF Jarabak Award was presented to the late Dr. **Samir Bishara**. The late Dr. **Frank Miller** shared the spotlight with Dr. **Frank Whipps** in accepting the AAO Humanitarian Award. Dr. Miller's daughter, Dr. **Jackie Miller**, accepted the award on behalf of her father.

The Annual Session also saw the ending of Dr. Graber's term on the Board of Trustees. I am sure that Lee will, however, surface in many other roles involving the AAO. Dr. **Keith Levin** also ended his awesome three-year tenure as the Speaker of the House.

This year, the MSO was represented by the following Delegation: Drs. **Ross Crist** (Chair); **Ara Goshgarian**, Vice Chair; **John Kanyusik**; **Steve Marshall**; **Deb Lien**; **Steve Litton**; **Jane Bentz**; **Mike Durbin**; **Kim Stafford**; and **Jackie Miller**, who, at the last minute, was able to

graciously step in to fill my spot when I was unable to attend. My personal sincere gratitude to Jackie for representing the MSO with true class and style.

The House of Delegates approved a \$5 dues increase for its members. Increased budget expenditures also were approved for a new-member survey and a consultant for the AAO Credit Union Investigatory Committee. The resolutions regarding governance restructuring were the most debated issues of the House and the final conclusion was to refer the issues back to the Board of Trustees of the AAO. A reminder was issued that by May 2013 members are required to use the new AAO logo. For more information, please refer to the AAO's website.

As of December 2011, Dr. **Kevin Horner** of South Dakota has become the MSO's representative to the AAOPAC. Kevin follows in the footsteps of Dr. **Mike Hipp** of Iowa who dedicated many years to the PAC. On behalf of the MSO, we all thank Mike for his many years of committed service. We look forward to honoring Mike at our Annual Session in August with the MSO's 2012 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.

We also would like to thank Dr. **Mark Dake**, Missouri, for his eight years of dedicated service on COGA. Dr. **Deb Lien**, Minnesota, has been approved by the AAO as the new MSO representative for COGA.

The MSO also would like to thank Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh**, Missouri, for his dedication to the AAO Foundation. He has completed his term as the MSO's representative and the MSO will now be represented by Dr. **Steve Roehm**, Illinois. Be sure to support our foundation.

The MSO Board next will convene at the Annual Session held on the *ms Westerdam* destined for Alaska, August 4-11, 2012. The cruise features the best of the best speakers for both staff and doctors. If you have not yet booked your cabin, "I'll ask ya" to be sure to do so as soon as possible. This Annual Session will be a trip of a lifetime with multiple Continuing Education Credits for both staff and doctors.

As always, if you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to let me or any of your Board members know.

All the best,

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related to orthodontics. It is there to serve you and your entire staff!

As always, I am thankful to be part of the MSO and to have the opportunity to represent you at the AAO level.

Please contact me at any time if you have any ideas or feedback for me.

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Trustee's Report

For those of you who attended the AAO Annual Session in Hawaii, my guess is that you had a great experience! A fantastic location, along with a world-class list of speakers, provided a wonderful learning experience for all of us in attendance. In addition, the chance to gather with classmates and to renew old friendships truly made it worthwhile. If you missed the meeting this year, it's not too early to plan for next year in Philadelphia on May 3-7, 2013. Attendance at the AAO Annual Session is one of the great benefits of AAO membership!

Once again this year, the MSO had several recipients of the most prestigious awards given out in Hawaii. Dr. **Lee Graber** received the ABO Ketcham Award and, as always, was most gracious in his words of acceptance making all of us in attendance feel like we got the award with him. Dr. **Samir Bishara** received the AAOF Jarabak Award and his award was accepted by his daughter who shared some personal anecdotes about growing up in that orthodontic family. The AAO Humanitarian Award was presented to two MSO greats, Drs. **Frank Whipps** and the late **Frank Miller**. The mission work done by these two men and their friends and families is truly inspiring! Congratulations to all these deserving MSO award winners!

The Consumer Awareness Program, *My Life. My Smile. My Orthodontist.* is now in full swing. There were extremely high levels of interest in this program at the Annual Session and an office mock-up showing how you could incorporate these materials in your own local marketing campaign was very popular. You should have received a starter kit from the AAO by the time you read this newsletter with more information on how to take advantage of this great member benefit. The idea is to truly make the AAO a recognizable brand for all things dealing with orthodontics. By associating yourself with this brand, you can take advantage of the millions of dollars of consumer advertising we are all sponsoring together. If you need more information about this program and how it can work for you, visit the AAO website at aaoinfo.org, and click on the Practice Marketing Solutions banner.

The MSO was once again a leader in the AAO House of Delegates. Our delegation led by Dr. **Ross Crist** helped this governing body get its work done in a professional and collegial fashion. A few of the actions taken by the House include:

- Asked the AAO Board of Trustees to examine the costs and availability of consultants with association management expertise who may be able to help the AAO determine whether a change in our governance model would help us to stay relevant and effective in the future.
- Approved updated definitions of comprehensive orthodontics, interceptive orthodontics, limited treatment

and preventive orthodontic treatment (*see page 9*).

- Added some recommendations regarding patient transfer to the AAO Clinical Practice Guidelines.

- Approved investigating whether the AAO should be part of the *Image Gently* campaign coordinated by the American College of Radiologists. *Image Gently* includes online teaching materials and checklists to help providers use the lowest radiation dose to obtain the necessary information when performing imaging studies on children.



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- Recognized outgoing AAO Council members for their service including MSO member Dr. **Mark Dake** for his eight years of service on the Council on Government Affairs.

- Elected new AAO Council members including MSO representative Dr. **Deb Lien** to the Council on Government Affairs.

Legislative and regulatory action in Washington, D.C. continues to be one of the largest threats to the future of orthodontics. In this election year, it is particularly important that our AAO Political Action Committee has the dollars available to gain access to influential members of Congress. Since January 1, Dr. **Kevin Horner** has taken over as the MSO representative to AAOPAC, and I ask you to seriously consider a contribution to this worthwhile organization – it is truly the cheapest insurance you can buy! And after you contribute, get at least one of your orthodontic colleagues to do the same!

During my first three years on the AAO Board of Trustees, it's been comforting to have two MSO colleagues there with me – Dr. Graber through his presidential and past-president years, and Dr. **Keith Levin** as AAO Speaker of the House. They both have completed their service on the Board and I will miss their presence greatly. My personal thanks to both Lee and Keith for their exceptional service to the AAO and to orthodontics! Fortunately, I still have their cellphone numbers for guidance when I need it!

I continue to suggest that you regularly visit the AAO website (aaoinfo.org) to take advantage of all that it offers. From the *AJODO* Case of the Month, to News Briefs, to Complimentary Distance Learning, and much more, the website can keep you up-to-date on everything

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Membership Report

Current Membership – May 23, 2012

Active Members	1,012
Affiliate Members	3
Retired Members	340
Academic Members (non-US/Canada)	4
Total Members	1,359

Active Membership by Component

Illinois	367
Iowa	78
Manitoba	19
Minnesota	147
Missouri	150
Nebraska	55
North Dakota	16
South Dakota	23
Wisconsin	155

Deceased Members

John J. Barton – Minneapolis, Minnesota
Ross D. Christensen – Waterloo, Iowa
Donald H. Ketterhagen – Lake Geneva, Wisconsin
Charles D. Ostergren – Shoreview, Minnesota
Harold T. Perry, Jr. – Florence, Oregon (Illinois)

Retired Members

Douglas J. Fox – Austin, Texas (Missouri)
Elisha J. Greenfield – Chicago, Illinois
Richard Herz – Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin
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Lisa Russell – Transfer from MASO to MSO

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Kris L. Row – Winnipeg, Manitoba
Carrie Hedin Thangamani – Hinsdale, Illinois
Michael G. Weinberg – Gurnee, Illinois

*Membership data from November 18, 2011 to May 23, 2012

In Memoriam

The MSO recently lost two very prominent members, Dr. **Donald Ketterhagen**, Wisconsin, and Dr. **Hal Perry**, Florence, Oregon.

Don served in the Navy in WWII and practiced in the Lake Geneva area. He was very involved in his commu-

nity and served as president of the MSO in 1965.

Hal was chair of orthodontics at Northwestern University for many years, was well-known and well-liked by many and a teacher and mentor to scores of orthodontists. Our condolences to their respective families.

Treasurer's Report

Cash Assets – As of May 31, 2012

Checking/Investment Accounts		Special Events Fund	
Money Market	\$129,523.97	Money Market	\$2,028.81
CDs	\$90,046.62	Subtotal	\$2,028.81
Mutual Fund Portfolio	\$133,578.53		
Subtotal	\$353,149.12	Total Cash Assets	\$355,177.93

News and Notes about our Members

Thank you to Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh**, Missouri, for his service on the AAOF Board and Dr. **Steve Roehm**, Illinois, as his successor.

Congratulations to Dr. **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, who received the 2012 University of Minnesota Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award.

Congratulations to Dr. **John Kanyusik**, Minnesota, who will receive the Samir Bishara Award of Merit from CDABO.

Congratulations to Drs. **Sundaralingam Premaraj**, Nebraska; **Lina Moreno Uribe**, Iowa; **Phimon Atsawasuwan**, Illinois; **Jose Bosio**, Wisconsin; and **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj**, Nebraska, for receiving AAOF grants.

Thank you to Dr. **Mark Dake**, Missouri, for his service on COGA and Dr. **Deborah Lien**, Minnesota, as his successor.

Congratulations to Dr. **Billy Wiltshire**, Manitoba, who was appointed president-elect of the Society of Educators.

Thank you to Dr. **Keith Levin**, Manitoba, for his three years as Speaker of the House.

Congratulations to MSO nominee Dr. **Roberto Justus**, Mexico, who will receive the 2013 Jarabak Award.

Congratulations to Drs. **Leo Sinna**, Minnesota, and **Michael Fuchs**, South Dakota, who were reelected as AAOSI Directors.

Thank you to Drs. **Leo Sinna**, Minnesota; **Lucas Boe**, Iowa; and **Steve Henseler**, Minnesota, for their service on the various AAO credit union committees.

Thank you to the following for their service on various AAO committees: Drs. **Ronald Jacobson**, Illinois, Committee on Orthodontic Information Technology; **Deborah Lien**, Minnesota, Access to Care Task Force; **Randall Markarian**, Illinois, Access to Care Collaboration Committee; **Michelle Bergsrud**, Minnesota, Task Force on Relations with General Practitioners and the Public; **Mark Dake**, Missouri, Rapid Response Committee on Legislative Matters; **Rick Fuchs**, South Dakota, Committee on Members' Practice Environment and Marketplace; and **Carla Evans**, Illinois, **Brent Larson**, Minnesota, **William Lobb**, Wisconsin, and **William Wiltshire**, Manitoba, Task Force on Recruitment and Retention of Faculty.

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co-recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the American



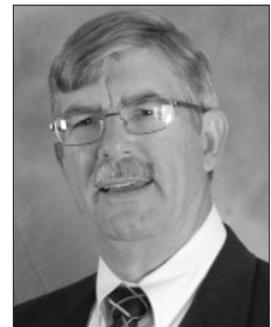
Association of Orthodontists. His daughter, Dr. **Jackie Miller**, accepted the award on his behalf. Although Frank practiced in Washington, his compassion extended around the world. He was a founding member of the Washington Overseas Mission, which provided dental and medical services to Central America as well as to Africa, Kosovo,

Cambodia and Haiti. The organization inspired by his passion continues to this day to provide care in Honduras. Frank earned a medical degree in 2002 so he could do even more.

Frank taught orthodontics at Washington Univer-

sity, was on the board of East Central College in Union, Missouri, was a co-founder of the Four Rivers Vocational School and the St. Francis Borgia Regional High School Academic Association.

Dr. Whipps from Centralia, Illinois, was a co-recipient of the Humanitarian Award from the American Association of Orthodontists. Frank began traveling on mission trips with the Christian Medical and Dental Society in the 1980s, providing needed services in the Caribbean, Central America and South America. In 1993, he established the Belize Mission Project to provide



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AAO Council and Affiliate Group Reports

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

Council on Communications

The AAO Council on Communications (COC) next meeting is scheduled for June 8-9, 2012 in St. Louis.

The main COC project has been the launch of the *My Life. My Smile. My Orthodontist.*sm campaign, which reaches out to potential adult patients as well as to parents of children and teens. The campaign's target is women ages 25 to 49. The main message is:

Whether you're considering clear aligners, retainers or today's braces, an orthodontist is the smart choice. Orthodontists are specialists in straightening teeth and aligning your bite. They have two to three years of education beyond dental school. So they're experts at helping you get a great smile – that feels great, too.

New advertising and public relations firms were hired to develop the campaign, including a new consumer-facing website with a new URL: MyLifeMySmile.org. All messaging drives consumers to the website where they can learn more about orthodontic care and orthodontists. Consumers can use the updated "Find an Orthodontist" service to locate AAO members near them.

The tagline text *My Life. My Smile. My Orthodontist.*sm is being phased in so that it appears under the AAO's logo. New TV commercials, print ads and Web banner ads were developed with the tagline. They were deployed with the mid-January 2012 launch.

The effectiveness of the campaign is being tracked through web analytics tools and through a tracking study conducted for the AAO by Millward Brown, a global leader in the field of advertising tracking.

AAO members can use the materials created for the Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) to promote their own practices. View the materials in the Practice Marketing Solutions section of AAOmembers.org (look for the link on the home page). Materials can be used as-is or customized. Members who wish to customize materials can call the AAO, which has arranged for vendors who can assist with customization, at the member's expense.

A popular new feature on the consumer's site is "Ask an Orthodontist." Consumers may submit a question to be answered by an actual orthodontist. Since many of the same questions are asked repeatedly, as a consumer types in the question, responses from the knowledge base will appear when select keywords are entered. In most cases, the consumer's question is answered on the spot. If the consumer wishes to pursue submitting a question, he or she can

continue. Most questions have to do with the cost of care or where to find free care.

The "Find an Orthodontist" service was upgraded. When a consumer enters search parameters, a grid of results is returned. The grid displays members' names, addresses, telephone numbers, the dental and orthodontic schools attended, and the distance from the geographic center of the search results. If members have given the AAO their practice website addresses, the URL will display in the grid.

A study of general and pediatric dentists is in progress. The COC conducted studies of general dentists in 1996-97 and 2006. This is the first time the study was extended to include pediatric dentists. The qualitative and quantitative studies are intended to determine participants' opinions, needs, interests and concerns relative to orthodontists they have worked with and how relationships may have evolved over the past few years. It will help the AAO understand and quantify what drives or inhibits referrals to orthodontists. After the results are analyzed, recommendations will be made to help enhance relationships with general and pediatric dentists.

Two PowerPoint presentations are in development. Once completed, they will be posted for free download. One presentation will be suitable for use at a career-day presentation. The other presentation will be for use with school nurses, either in a one-on-one setting or to use at local or regional conventions. When complete, announcements will be made about the availability of the presentations.

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Council on Governmental Affairs

COGA and AAOPAC will convene in late June in Washington, D.C. to examine the remainder of the legislative session for opportunities to advance the AAO's agenda. Topping the agenda at this point are the expansion of limits on flexible spending accounts (FSAs), currently set at \$2,500, effective January 1, 2013. The AAO knows from surveys that over 60% of patients pay for orthodontic treatment with FSAs, and many have responded that the new limits will severely impact patients' ability to pay for orthodontic treatment.

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The AAO also is actively lobbying to specifically exclude orthodontic appliances from the medical device tax. Currently, the tax does not apply to orthodontic devices, but a regulatory ruling easily could change that.

The Council also will be monitoring tax reform, as significant changes are being considered to the tax code. Small business tax reform likely will be an item on Congress' agenda next year. The AAO is actively working to build relationships with key lawmakers in an effort to ensure that small business health providers will be treated fairly and that the tax code will encourage economic growth and job creation so that high quality care can continue to be offered at affordable prices.

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Council on Orthodontic Health Care

COHC met via videoconference on January 21. COHC continues to focus on access to orthodontic health care, insurance coding and third-party payer issues.

The AAO Donated Orthodontic Services program is going strong in the five pilot states, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey and Rhode Island. The program is administered by Dental Lifeline Network, which was formerly known as the National Foundation of Dentistry for the Handicapped, which also administers the DDS program. Dr. **Steve Robirds** and I have participated in several conference calls related to establishment of a business plan for DOS that would allow expansion of the program into other states. A nominal \$200 fee is now being charged to help defray the administrative costs associated with the program. Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** was featured in a WGN-TV segment highlighting the DOS program in Illinois. The demand for services has been greater than expected, so if asked, please volunteer to participate in this program to further enhance access to orthodontic treatment for the underserved.

The Council was charged by the AAO House of Delegates to examine the current orthodontic definitions listed in the *AAO Policy Manual*. Based on this study, the COHC, along with input from the Council on Orthodontic Practice, forwarded a resolution to the House of Delegates for its consideration. It recommended removal of all references to specific adjunctive procedures from the orthodontic definitions. The goal of this resolution was to prevent expansion of the practice of insurance payers

“bundling” of procedures under orthodontic codes. The resolution passed and changes will be made to the *Policy Manual* reflecting the approval of the resolution. The COHC will continue to monitor this issue in the future.

The Council is working on a draft plan to ensure that the AAO is properly represented at the many coding and dental benefits conferences that take place throughout the year. We are fortunate to have Dr. **Norm Nagel** representing us at the newly established ADA Code Advisory Committee (CAC) and American Association of Dental Consultants meetings. Other meetings that are attended by COHC representatives or staff include the National Association of Dental Plans meeting and the National Dental Benefits Conference. The purpose of attendance at these meetings is to solidify relationships with third-party payers and ADA personnel associated with the CAC as well as other dental industry leaders. This will help highlight the importance of including orthodontic benefits in packages that are offered to employees. It also will be beneficial in making sure the interests of orthodontists are represented whenever coding issues arise at the CAC.

The Council also is exploring the use of medical codes for some orthodontic procedures, especially in surgical and cleft palate cases. It is hoped that some consensus can be arrived at in how to properly code procedures that are not adequately described in the dental codes. The AAO Dental Benefits Advisory Service is an excellent resource for all coding and insurance issues and is directed by AAO staff member **Ann Sebaugh**, who is excellent at getting even the most complex coding issues resolved. The DBAS hotline number is 800/424-2841.

The Council will meet again in July in St. Louis.

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Council on Insurance

COI is the group tasked with researching and discussing the insurance products which are endorsed by the AAO and offered by the AAOIC. The Council makes recommendations to the AAO Board of Trustees to better serve AAO members' insurance needs. COI met in January and June at AAO headquarters in St. Louis.

If you have any questions or comments on how the AAO can improve its insurance products, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

When was the last time you were lost? Recently, my wife and I took a drive to a part of town we had not seen in a few years, which has undergone considerable growth. With a cloud-covered sky and winding streets, it wasn't long before we had no sense of direction or the way to navigate ourselves back to familiar territory. It struck me how seldom the "lost feeling" surfaces in us these days. With dash-mounted devices and smart phone applications, most folks now seldom suffer those anxious feelings associated with losing one's way. However, when it comes to ethics in orthodontic practice, do we have the same secure feelings that keep us from becoming lost?

Dr. **Peter Greco** has been providing insightful navigation systems of his own helping orthodontists become more familiar with the ethical landscape of orthodontic practice while also offering road maps to help us avoid that "lost feeling." Ethical pitfalls often can be avoided with the review of the AAO's *Principals of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct* (found on the members' website) and the use of common sense rather than emotion. Dr. Greco's brief ethical scenarios help us become more familiar with the ethical neighborhood in which we work daily. COMEJC encourages all members to take advantage of the Ethics in Orthodontics articles found in the *AJO-DO*.

The 2012 House of Delegates amended the AAO's Position Statement on *Overlap of Treatment Between Specialties, and Ethical Practices of Specialists* by striking the last sentence of the first paragraph of the statement. The first paragraph now reads as follows:

Ethical Practices of Specialists

In order for a dentist to ethically announce as a "specialist," the dentist must have successfully completed an advanced educational program in that specialty accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. The scope of an individual specialist's practice shall be governed by the educational standards for the specialty in which the specialist is announcing.

The 2012 AAO House of Delegates also adopted amendments to *AAO Policy Manual* definitions for comprehensive orthodontics, interceptive orthodontics, limited treatment and preventive orthodontic treatment as recommended to the AAO Trustees by a COMEJC/COOP subcommittee. Amended definitions now read as follows:

Comprehensive Orthodontics

Comprehensive orthodontic care includes a coordinated diagnosis and treatment leading to the improvement

of a patient's craniofacial dysfunction and/or dentofacial deformity which may include anatomical, functional and/or esthetic relationships. Treatment may utilize fixed and/or removable orthodontic appliances and may also include functional and/or orthopedic appliances in growing and non-growing patients. Adjunctive procedures to facilitate care may be required. Comprehensive orthodontics may incorporate treatment phases focusing on specific objectives at various stages of dentofacial development.

Interceptive Orthodontics

Interceptive orthodontics is an extension of preventive orthodontics that may include localized tooth movement. Such treatment may occur in the primary or transitional dentition and may include such procedures as required for the redirection of ectopically erupting teeth, correction of dental crossbites or recovery of space loss where overall space is inadequate. When initiated during the incipient stages of a developing problem, interceptive orthodontics may reduce the severity of the malformation and mitigate its cause. Complicating factors such as skeletal disharmonies, overall space deficiency, or other conditions may require subsequent comprehensive therapy.

Limited Treatment

Limited orthodontic treatment typically focuses on limited objectives, not necessarily involving the entire dentition. It may be directed at the only existing problem, or at only one aspect of a larger problem in which a decision is made to defer or forego a more comprehensive plan of therapy.

Preventive Orthodontic Treatment

Preventive orthodontic treatment is intended to mitigate the development of a malocclusion. Typical services may include dental restorations, temporary prostheses space maintainers, replacement of prematurely lost deciduous teeth and removal of deciduous teeth that fail to shed normally when this might allow their permanent successors to erupt more favorably.

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Council on New and Younger Members

CONYM met in January in conjunction with the 2012 AAO-AAPD joint conference. The next scheduled meeting will be on January 25-26, 2013 in St. Louis.

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The Council-sponsored program at the 2012 AAO Annual Session was held in conjunction with the AAOIC. The speaker was Dr. **Mark Yanosky** and the program provided two CE credits.

Council member Dr. **Justin Power** will make a presentation to the residents attending the 2012 GORP meeting at the University of Michigan about CONYM and how this Council can be of benefit to them. CONYM also will staff the AAO booth to distribute Council and AAO membership information.

CONYM also will represent the AAO at the American Student Dental Association 2013 Annual Session from March 6-9 in Atlanta.

The *NYMO* newsletter is published quarterly and is distributed to students/residents and new/younger members via e-mail blast, focusing on various topics of interest and value to this demographic group.

Over the past year, the Board of Trustees referred several issues to CONYM for discussion and recommendations, which were reported back to the Board:

- The Council recommended that the AAO sign the joint dental specialty letter in support of the reciprocity and portability of licensure. The letter takes a strong position across the dental specialties, and it is the Council's sentiment that the letter should be signed out of concern for the quality of care. AAO members should have mobility.

- The Council recommended to the Board that the ABO certification exam (passed Parts I and II) be accepted in lieu of state certification exams for licensure.

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Council on Orthodontic Education

Our COE meeting took place in Orlando in March 2012, coincident with the ADEA meeting. A successful Dean's Luncheon was hosted and a productive meeting was held where issues were discussed and debated such as the increasing amount of student debt, the Match Program, future resident selection challenges as a "pass / fail" system in dental schools is introduced and the ethics course requirements in our programs *inter alia*. Due to cost-saving initiatives within the AAO, this was the last full COE meeting hosted together with ADEA. In future will be replaced with a teleconference meeting.

Following intensive planning by the COE, the Society of Educators was inaugurated in Honolulu at the

AAO Annual Session. Dr. **Leslie Will** was appointed president and Dr. **Billy Wiltshire**, president-elect. It was a fitting inaugural meeting with a large attendance due to the fact that all orthodontic educators, including part-time instructors, were invited to attend this year's Educators meeting. As we move forward with the new SOE, the plan will be to invite all educators to attend the annual Educators meeting, thereby increasing representation from part-time teachers as well who provide much richness to our teaching efforts.

The next SOE meeting will be held in Philadelphia in 2013 during the AAO Annual Session. One of the major issues discussed was membership dues for the new society, which will function under the auspices of the COE. While different models of dues collection were discussed, a model whereby each accredited program would be assessed an overall dues commitment for and on behalf of its staff, with only a very small dues payment collected from each member, seemed to find general support. Further information will be forthcoming in the following months.

At the Educators meeting in Hawaii, Dr. **Bill Profitt** was honored for his long-time commitment to orthodontics and provided an interesting lecture on distance education. A fitting tribute to Dr. Profitt was provided by Dr. **Brent Larson**. Thank you to the AAO for providing the venue, breakfast and luncheon for the educators to meet and honor Dr. Profitt.

There will not be a MSO Educators meeting this year. If necessary, we will hold a teleconference in the fall.

The next Midwestern Society of Educators meeting is being planned for September 20-22, 2013, at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Since we have not formally met as a group since Minneapolis in 2010, it will be a good opportunity to reconnect with each other again and specifically discuss issues of particular interest to the Midwest region.

Please let me know if there are any issues you would like to see on the upcoming agendas. I hope to see you all at the Educators Conference in Philly.

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Council on Orthodontic Practice

As I begin my final year of participation on this Council, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to

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serve and would hope that you would not hesitate to contact me with regard to any association concerns or if you are interested in possibly serving on COOP.

At this past AAO Annual Session, our Council again hosted our Annual Practice Transition Conference as a stand-alone meeting on Friday. We had 101 attendees and this year's seminar was entitled *Practice Alohas: The How's, Why's and When's to Say Either Hello or Good-bye to a Practice*. The presenters were **Curt Nurenberg**, Drs. **Roger Levin** and **Tom Ziegler**. They shared their strategies and long-term perspectives on options to gradually and more lucratively transition a practice. The AAO's Practice Opportunities Program reported as of April 1 that we have 484 seekers and 152 opportunities available. In the first three months of 2012, we had 27 self-reported matches.

The Board of Trustees approved COOP to host a New and Younger Member (including orthodontic residents) contest in a video format to be delivered at the Annual Session in 2013. COOP will host this new competition in addition to continuing to host the Orthodontic Staff PowerPoint Presentation. In Hawaii, we did not have a sufficient number of submissions to meet the minimum policy requirements to hold the Staff Competition but are planning to do it in Philadelphia in 2013. COOP, during 2011 and 2012, hosted a series of 16 webinars for doctors, residents and/or staff on clinical and practice management topics. These webinars are recorded and placed on the AAO Distance Learning Program for your access. There were 2,023 offices that registered one to thirty staff members for these presentations. Participant evaluations for the webinars reflected that the programs are very valuable.

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Council on Scientific Affairs

COSA met via videoconference on January 6, 2012 and reviewed 22 applications for the Hellman, Sicher and Graber Awards. The following are the 2012 AAO Research Awards winners who presented their lectures at the Annual Session:

- Milo Hellman Research Award to Dr. **Ashwini Joshi**, University of Michigan.
 - Harry Sicher Research Award to Dr. **Brienne Roloff-Chiang**, University of Washington.
- Four Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit were presented to:

- Dr. **Jordan Lambertson**, University of Colorado.
- Dr. **Alfonso Navarrete**, University of Washington.
- Dr. **Neelambar Kaipatur**, University of Alberta.
- Dr. **Jessica Lynch**, University of Connecticut.

The BOT has asked COSA to monitor research on orthodontic appliances and processes that could potentially change the doctor/patient relationship through "direct to consumer" products for orthodontic treatment, for the potential impact on the well-being of the patient.

COSA continues to be involved with evidence-based orthodontic research. Article citations are being added to the evidence-based orthodontic research website on a regular basis.

During the 2012 Annual Session, COSA members judged 33 Charley Schultz Resident Scholar presentations, judged 42 Table Clinic presentations and moderated 24 Oral Research presentations. Three hundred eighty-nine E-Posters were available at the Annual Session and can be viewed through August 1 on the AAO website: <http://ww3.aievolution.com/aaol201index.cfm?do=abs.pubListAbstracts&abstractTypeID=1004,2&hasDocuments=1>

Applications are being accepted for the 2013 Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit. Applications for these awards can be obtained from all program/department chairs of ADA- and CDA-accredited orthodontic programs or at <http://www.aomembers.org/mtgs/upload/2013-Hellman-Sicher-Award-Application-FINAL.doc>. The application deadline is October 15, 2012.

Starting August 1, 2012, COSA will begin accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and E-Posters at the 2013 AAO Annual Session in Philadelphia. This notice will be posted on the AAO website. The application deadline is October 15, 2012. Accepted Oral Research presenters will be asked to pre-register for the meeting by February 1, 2013 so COSA can plan the presentations more accurately.

The next videoconference meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2013.

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American Association of Orthodontists Foundation

At the February meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors, Dr. **Sheldon Baumrind**, Chair of the Curators
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Committee presented an update on the AAO Foundation Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collections Project (www.aaoflegacycollection.org). The effort to fund this unprecedented undertaking, Legacy 300 Campaign, was completed ahead of schedule late last year, and MSO members played an important role in seeing this to fruition.

In addition to continued support for the Collections Project, the Directors approved a total of eight Biomedical Research Awards, 16 Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards and two Education Innovation Award Planning Grants for a total of \$540,000 for 2012 Awards. Of those 26 funded proposals, five were from the MSO including Dr. **Phimon Atsawasuwana**, University of Illinois at Chicago and designated the *T.M. Graber Teaching Fellowship Award*; Dr. **Jose Bosio**, Marquette University; Dr. **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj**, University of Nebraska Medical Center; Dr. **Sundaralingam Premaraj**, University of Nebraska Medical Center; and Dr. **Lina Moreno Uribe**, University of Iowa.

For the next funding round, the Board budgeted support for the Collections Project and an additional \$600,000 for other awards. Award information for 2013 is expected to be on the Foundation website by the beginning of July and the deadline for proposals is December 14.

The choice is yours when it comes to making a Continued Commitment to the Specialty® in support of the AAO Foundation. There are various ways to contribute.

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American Association of Orthodontists Political Action Committee

The activities of the AAO Government Relations team, with the help of the AAOPAC, include education of members, visits and dialogue with governmental decision makers, lobbying efforts and direct contributions to the political candidates who are supportive of our issues.

The main issues that we are working on:

- Increase the Flexible Spending Account, limit set to start January 2013, from \$2500 to at least \$5000.
- Repeal of the 2.5% tax on medical devices that would result in a pass-through increase in cost to the

patients. While the tax does not currently include orthodontic appliances, it could easily be expanded to include such items.

- Tax reform for small businesses with a greater degree of predictability for planning, especially for additional hires.

The AAOPAC is scheduled to meet with COGA in Washington, D.C. on June 26-27.

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College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

The College recently held several events at the 2012 AAO Annual Session in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The review course, *Discrepancy Index and Cast-Radiograph Evaluation*, for the ABO Clinical Exam was well attended.

The annual College luncheon served 116 guests and included award presentations. ABO directors presented the 2012 Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics to Drs. **David Turpin** and **Robert Vanarsdall, Jr.**; the 2012 Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Allen Moffitt** and Ms. **Christine Eisenmayer**; and the 2012 O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award to Dr. **Robert Bray**.

The winner of the College of Diplomates Case Report of the Year Award for 2012 is Dr. **Takeshi Yanagita** and his co-authors for their case report, *Class III Malocclusion with Complex Problems of Lateral Open Bite and Severe Crowding Successfully Treated with Miniscrew Anchorage and Lingual Orthodontic Bracket*, which was published in the May 2011 issue of the *AJO-DO*. He is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Orthodontics at Okayama University.

A total of 48 orthodontic programs participated in the College's Resident Case Display Program at the AAO Annual Session. The cases were judged for the best-treated case and Dr. **Jonathan Collette**, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, submitted the selected case for publication. Honorable mention was awarded to Dr. **Eric Vela**, Baylor College of Dentistry, and Dr. **Bryan Wirtz**, Saint Louis University.

The College's 2012 Annual Summer Meeting will be held July 19-23 at the Inn at Bay Harbor, Bay Harbor,

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Component Reports

Illinois

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The Illinois State Orthodontic Society has sponsored three outstanding speakers since the last installment of the *MSO Newsletter*. In December, our membership heard Dr. **Robert Fry** speak at our general membership meeting in Oakbrook. Our annual sponsored lecture for the Midwinter Meeting in March featured Dr. **Robert Vanarsdall**. ISO wrapped up its 2011-2012 lecture series in April with a presentation by Dr. **John Graham**. All three meetings were well attended and extremely insightful.

Dr. **Steve Roehm**, MSO's representative to the AAOF, spoke to the ISO members attending the December meeting about the importance of supporting the AAO Foundation. ISO Secretary/Treasurer Dr. **Mike Durbin** presented Steve with a \$1,000 donation to the Foundation on behalf of the ISO. Other MSO leadership attending this meeting were MSO Director Dr. **Ara Goshgarian** and MSO Trustee to the AAO Board of Trustees Dr. **Brent Larson**, both of whom updated our membership on current MSO news and accomplishments.

Highlights from our April meeting included the presentation of ISO's Teacher of the Year Award to Dr. **Steve Marshall**.

Congratulations to you, Steve. ISO's new Officers and Trustees for the 2012-2013 season were approved.



L to R: Lee Graber, Susan Marshall, Gianna Marshall, Steve Marshall, Ron Jacobson

The new officers are noted above and Drs. **Betsy Ulrich** of Lincoln and **Doug Head** of Glen Ellyn were re-elected as ISO trustees. Dr. **Bill Beam** of Oak Park was elected as the new trustee to the ISO Board.

The ISO was well represented recently in Hawaii at the AAO Annual Session. ISO is proud to acknowledge that Dr. **Frank Whipps** received the AAO Humanitarian Award and Dr. **Lee Graber** received the ABO Ketcham Award during the meeting. The ISO also was represented on the AAO House of Delegates floor with Drs. **Ara Goshgarian**, **Mike Durbin** and **Steve Marshall** as part of the MSO

delegation.

The ISO's new website at www.isortho.org has been up and running for several months now. Here you can find information on all things pertaining to the ISO. In particular, please check the website for developments in the Donated Orthodontic Services program. DOS continues to develop and expand in Illinois. The list of orthodontists signing up as DOS providers continues to grow, but more are needed to meet the demand for treatment. DOS Committee co-chairmen Drs. **Spencer Pope** and **Mike Durbin** encourage all ISO members to go to www.isortho.org to learn about this unique opportunity to change a life.

Our upcoming series of lectures will be held at the DoubleTree Chicago Oakbrook (except for the Midwinter Meeting Seminar) and will feature another outstanding list of speakers:

September 24, 2012 – Dr. **Brent Larson** – *An Interactive Experience – Practicing in the Present with an Eye Towards the Future* (Sponsored by 3M Unitek)

November 5, 2012 – **Susan McElvy** and **Cynthia Kohler** – *New-Age Marketing and Branding, Imagine-Style Customer Service* (Co-sponsored by American Orthodontics and OrthoAccel Technologies, Inc.)

February 22, 2013 – Dr. **Antonino Secchi** (Sponsored by Dentsply GAC) – 2013 Chicago Dental Society Midwinter Meeting held at McCormick Place Convention Center • Downtown Chicago. For more information, go to www.cds.org

April 8, 2013 – Dr. **Stephen Tracey** – *High Touch, High Tech – Orthodontic Excellence for a New Economy* (Sponsored by Ormco)

Please go to the ISO website at www.isortho.org to register for any or all of these meetings.

Have a great summer!

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During the MSO's 75th Anniversary Session Alaskan Cruise in August, our own Dr. **Mike Hipp** will receive the 2012 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished

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Service Award. Congratulations from your Iowa colleagues, Dr. Hipp! We extend our sincerest thanks for your many years of exemplary service to the profession.

If you don't get a chance to attend the 75th meeting (or even if you do), the 76th MSO Annual Session will be held just south of us in Kansas City. Please make plans to attend the weekend of September 20-22, 2013 (not this year!) at the Sheraton Kansas City Hotel Crown Center.

The 2012 Okoboji meeting is traditionally held in August at the Arrowwood Resort & Conference Center. I haven't been able to track down the date at this time, but please give a call to **Linda Keller** in the Orthodontic Department at the University (319/335-7288) to confirm the date and meeting location.

The 2012 ISO meeting will be held at the Sheraton Hotel in Iowa City on Sunday, September 30 and Monday, October 1. The football game on Saturday the 29th is an 11am game versus the Gophers. Remember to get your room early.

If you would like any information included in the Iowa section of upcoming newsletters, please contact me.

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Manitoba

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The spring meeting of the Manitoba Orthodontic Society (MOS) occurred on April 26th and was nicely attended by the membership. Here are some of the highlights that occurred at the meeting.

We reviewed the recent accomplishment of finalizing the MOS Bylaws, Incorporation of said Bylaws and completing the Constituent Affiliation Agreement with the AAO.

Dr. **Susan Tsang**, our Canadian Orthodontic Association (CAO) representative, highlighted several items:

- Regrettably, we could not arrange for the President of the CAO to join us on this date due to scheduling conflicts.
- In 2011, the Government of Canada proclaimed the Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (NPCA). Existing not-for-profit corporations, including the CAO, have three years to file for continuance under the new

Act. This requires the restructuring of the CAO organization and its bylaws in order to comply with the legislation. There will not be a noticeable change in how CAO runs, but these changes will affect the background structure and processes.

- The letter from the MOS regarding the advertising restrictions in Alberta was forwarded to the CAO board.
- Please plan to attend the 64th Annual CAO Session in Ottawa September 6-8! Featured speakers include Drs. **Larry Andrews, David Sarver, Clark Colville, Bruce McFarlane** and Ms. **Char Eash**. It should be a great meeting.

Dr. **Conny Athanasopoulos**, director to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists, highlighted several items from the MSO Ad Interim meeting in March in St. Paul including:

- MSO members are encouraged to celebrate MSO's 75th Anniversary onboard an Alaskan Cruise August 4-11, sponsored by 3M Unitek. The CE program will feature a variety of topics for doctors and staff during "at sea" cruise times by notable speakers including Dr. **Lee Graber**, past president of the MSO, AAO and WFO; Dr. **Vincent Kokich, Sr.**; Dr. **Anoop Sondhi**; and Ms. **Rosemary Bray**. In addition, we need to support and congratulate our own Dr. **Babette Cohen** as she finishes her term as MSO president.
- The AAO Consumer Awareness Program has expanded its focus to include adult orthodontics. AAO is encouraging members to consider ad customization via print and electronic publications by adding your practice information to an AAO ad and placing the ad in your local media outlets. All of the materials are available on the AAO website.

Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** (Head of the Department), representing the University of Manitoba Graduate Orthodontic Program, presented the recent happenings involving the students. He highlighted the students traveling to the AAO in Hawaii to present their poster presentations.

There was a fair amount of discussion concerning the AAO consumer awareness program and how the MOS can customize ads to run in our local media outlets. To this end, several members agreed to investigate the feasibility of establishing an ad campaign and will present their findings to the MOS membership shortly.

We also are looking at establishing our own website following the lead of the MSO which recently redeveloped its site with Televox.

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Dr. **John Beyer** presided over the 2012 Annual Winter Meeting, which took place on January 20 at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Minneapolis. Dr. **Moody Alexander**, from Arlington, Texas, presented to the doctors on the topic of guidelines for building facial harmony and long-term stability in the era of digital orthodontics. Additionally, **Susan McElvy** and **Cynthia Kohler** from Imagine Consulting Group presented two workshop topics for staff members. They discussed customer service, new age marketing, and branding of your practice.

At our last MAO Board Meeting on April 24, 2012, we welcomed Drs. **Regina Blevins**, **Heather Carr**, **Dan Sletten** and **Alisa Madson** to the MAO Board.

There will be no summer MAO meeting this year, as members are encouraged to attend the MSO Alaskan Cruise. This certainly will be a very memorable meeting for all those in attendance!

MAO President Dr. **John Aamodt** will preside over the next MAO Winter Meeting on January 11, 2013, at the Marriott City Center Hotel in Minneapolis. Program Chair Dr. **Dan Sletten** has informed us that the doctors topic will be financial in nature and will be presented by a partner from the CPA firm Cain, Watters & Associates, P.L.L.C. **Charlene White** will be speaking to the staff members on *30 Laser Sharp Ideas to Accelerate Your Practice*.

Congratulations to Dr. **Brent Larson**, chair of the Division of Orthodontics, who received the University of Minnesota Distinguished Dental Alumnus Award from the School of Dentistry Alumni Society in April.

The MAO has recently made a financial contribution to the Minnesota Dental Foundation in support of the Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) program which will be held at the Verizon Wireless Center in Mankato on August 17-18, 2012, with set-up on August 16 and take-down on August 19. The program expects to see approximately 2,000 patients from Minnesota and neighboring states. These programs typically do an estimated one million dollars-worth of free dental services during the two days. The MnMOM program is looking for volunteers from all areas of dentistry and even more non-professionals to help with registration, escorting the patients, food service, parking, etc. Donations towards this program can be made to the Minnesota Dental Foundation, as there are considerable

expenses involved in producing these events.

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The Missouri Society of Orthodontists held its business meeting February 4, 2011 in Kansas City. The Missouri bylaws need to be reviewed and updated to coordinate with MSO and AAO bylaws. The bylaws will be voted on and approved by Missouri members at the next business meeting which will be January 18, 2013 in Kansas City at the joint Kansas/Missouri Orthodontists meeting.

Legislative Day on February 22 was one of the largest turnouts in years. Members of the Missouri Dental Association (MDA) began sending postcards last fall to the governor, representatives and senators and other representative leaders to share their thoughts on dental therapist and mid-level providers. The purpose of these cards was to discourage anyone from filing workforce legislation similar to the proposal advanced by the Missouri Dental Board.

Bills of interest in the House include:

- HB 1050 – Prohibits insurance companies from including capped fee clauses within their provider contracts for dentists and optometrists.
- HB 1078 – Would authorize the Department of Social Services to establish a “Dental Carve Out” within the State’s Medicaid program.
- HB 1890 – Includes language to prohibit insurance companies from capping fees on non-covered services.

Bills of interest in the Senate include:

- SB 899 – Requires a one-time transfer of certain fund balances, including the Dental Board fund, to the state general fund.
- SB 620 – Can be amended to include MDA’s capped fees legislation. Go to www.modental.org for further information.

This is a good time to review your continuing education (CE) credits. This fall dental licenses will be required to be renewed. The Dental Board will be conducting another CE audit to check for compliance with its continuing education requirements. A reminder – the licensee must have accumulated 50 hours of CE between

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the dates of December 1, 2010 and November 30, 2012.

The next Expanded Function Dental Assistants (EFDA) course and certification for orthodontic assistants is August 13, 2012, at Dr. **Jeff Cavanaugh**'s office. The registration deadline is July 2. To register, contact mandy@mondental.org.

A. T. Still University (ATSU) dental program at its Kirksville campus is moving forward. The program plans to begin by fall of 2013 and to start with a class of 45 students. The program will partner with Community Health Centers around Missouri. The ATSU Board of Trustees has approved St. Louis as the site for the new dental school's third-year clinic for dental students.

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The Omaha Orthodontic Study Club met on January 20, 2012 to hear Dr. **Jason Cope**'s presentation. It was a successful event that seemed to be enjoyed by all. Thank you to Dr. **David Mohs** for planning the meeting and 3M Unitek for their generous sponsorship.

The Nebraska Society of Orthodontists Annual Meeting was held on March 23, 2012, with Dr. **Dan Rinchuse** serving as the speaker. Dr. **Matthew Becker**'s efforts to make arrangements and American Orthodontics' sponsor support for this event were appreciated.

The business meeting included election of officers as noted above. We would like to thank Dr. **Matthew Pershing** for his leadership and commitment as an officer the last three years.

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The SDSO had its annual meeting on April 13, 2012 in Mitchell. In conjunction with its meeting Dr. **Jay Bowman** gave a lecture on *Contemporary Orthodontics*.

Dr. **Rich Fuchs** recently has been appointed the chairman of the Vanguard Society of the AAOF.

The SDSO approved the update to its bylaws and has planned its next annual meeting for May 2013 in Rapid City in conjunction with the South Dakota Dental Association's annual convention.

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WSO members attended its 2012 Spring Conference at the Radisson Paper Valley Hotel and Conference Center in Appleton, Wisconsin, on March 4-6. Our special guest speaker was Dr. **Birte Melsen**, Professor and Head of the Department of Orthodontics at The School of Dentistry, Aarhus University, in Denmark. Dr. Melsen's presentation was informative and enjoyed by those in attendance.

Elections occurred this spring and the new officers, as noted above, were elected to their respective positions. In addition, the following were elected as trustees: Drs. **Jose Bosio**, **Michael Gabler** and **Al Ostertag**.

The 2012 WSO Fall meeting will be held October 19-20 at the Blue Harbor Resort and Conference Center in Sheboygan. Dr. **David Sarver** will be the speaker.

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Graduate Program Reports

Marquette University

June 1, 2012 we welcomed our new incoming residents. Our class consists of Drs. **Ami Inoue** (Creighton University), **David Kennedy** (University of Pittsburgh), **Peter Longo** (University of Nebraska), **Amanda Olejniczak** (Marquette University) and **Amrita Rakalla** (University of Illinois at Chicago). They will be joining our second-year residents, Drs. **Manika Patwari** (Boston University), **Michael Payne** (Marquette University), **Syrah Quraishi** (Marquette University), **Jacob Spendlove** (Virginia Commonwealth University) and **Nicholas Valeri** (Marquette University).

Congratulations to our graduating Class of 2012. Once again we held the graduation ceremony and dinner at the Pfister Hotel on May 24, 2012. It is always a beautiful night as we celebrate the next step in their journey. Our graduates include Drs. **Ju-Han Chang (Donna)**, **Joshua Bartaa**, **Kevin Knutson**, **Nikolay Mollov** and **Yaroslav Yarmolyuk**. We will miss all of them and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

It was a good year for guest speakers and we were very fortunate that many of our alumni and fellow orthodontists were willing to take time out of their busy schedules to be included in the education of our future orthodontists. In May Dr. **Theodore Freeland** presented a lecture to our residents along with several of the prosthodontics residents. It was an all-day seminar and was very informative and enjoyed by all. In June the incoming first-year residents will be given their annual week-long wire bending course here in the department with Dr. **Scott Jamieson**.

On June 29th Dr. **Raul Morales** from Panama will give a lecture on *Orthodontic Diagnosis and Treatment Mechanics: Back to Basics, Back to Science*. He is the associate editor of the *Andrews Journal of Orthodontics and Orofacial Harmony*. Save the date! Dr. **Ron Snyder** will present a course on *Orthodontic Clinical Efficiency*. Further information will be sent out in the near future.

Dr. **David Liu** was promoted to full professor with tenure in March 2012. Dr. Liu was awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) R03 *Application of Mechanical Vibration to Enhance Orthodontic Tooth Movement* from the NIDCR. Dr. **Jose Bosio** will be continuing his service as an ABO examiner in June. Congratulations to him on receiving the AAOF Faculty Development Award for 2012. We also extend our best wishes to Dr. Jamieson as he assumes the ABO presidency for 2012-2013.

Hope you have a safe and happy summer!

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Mayo Clinic

The end of our academic year is fast approaching. With thesis defense, case completions and the preparation for future practices, there is plenty of business to go around. Our Mayo Clinic residents and consultants recently returned from the AAO meeting in Honolulu with new ideas, heightened enthusiasm and renewed friendships.

Our chief resident, Dr. **John Foley** will complete his residency training at the end of June. He successfully defended his thesis, *Prevalence of Familial Cancers in Patients with Tooth Dysmorphism and Agenesis* and was awarded his M.S. in Biomedical Sciences on May 19, 2012. He is actively pursuing several practice opportunities. Our second-year resident, Dr. **Grant Collins**, is moving forward with his research as well as taking on additional leadership duties in the clinic. He recently passed the written portion of the ABO certification examination in April and will assume the chief resident position on July 1. Dr. **Li-Ping Chew** is completing her first year of training. She continues to impress us with her academic, clinical and leadership abilities. Everyone is awaiting the arrival of our newest resident, Dr. **Jeff Kohlmeier**, and his family. He recently graduated from UMKC School of Dentistry and begins his training here at Mayo on July 1. We also are pleased to note that Dr. **Chris Holahan**, our 2007 graduate, has successfully completed his initial board certification clinical examination. In addition, he has had several of his cases appear on the cover of the *AJO-DO* over the last few years.

In January, Dr. **John Volz** attended the AAO-AAPO Conference, *Age-Appropriate Treatment of the Developing Occlusion*. The residents and Dr. Volz attended the Moyer's symposium this past March. We also would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. **Darrell Schmidt** who practices in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. He has supported our program in getting our SureSmile practice up-to-speed with his monthly visits to our program. We look forward to Dr. Collins completing the SureSmile certification course this September in Dallas. Dr. Chew will be attending the Tweed course in September. All second-year residents have attended this excellent course since September 2008 to advance their technical and diagnostic skills.

Our long-time desk receptionist, **Carol Trystad**, retired in February after 20 years of service. She will be missed. All of the computers in the clinic were replaced this spring in preparation for an updated operating system. These changes are always challenging but will result in faster performance and, ultimately, better patient care. The addition of a treatment coordinator position and flexible

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scheduling also has improved our ability to have a nimble response to meet the needs of the patient and enhance the academic calendar.

We had 25 residents, alumni, faculty and spouses attend this year's Mayo alumni dinner in Hawaii. Planning for the AAO in Philadelphia next year already is underway. Have a great summer. We hope to see many of you at the CDABO meeting being held in Bay Harbor, Michigan and also on the MSO cruise this August.

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Saint Louis University

Fourteen residents graduated in December 2011 and they have scattered across the U.S. and abroad and are expected to serve their patients and specialty admirably.

The orthodontic program at The Center for Advanced Dental Education of Saint Louis University has welcomed 14 new graduate students this June. They include: Drs. **Azadeh Amin**, University of Wurzburg; **Adam Armstrong**, Midwestern University; **Christopher Baker**, Indiana University; **Daniel Breha**, Case Western Reserve University; **Evmorfia Fotakidou**, Aristotle University; **Michelle Furlong**, SUNY Stony Brook; **Shireen Irani**, Baylor College of Dentistry; **Kyle Jamison**, University of Nevada Las Vegas; **Colleen Mohan**, Temple University; **Chelesa Phillips**, Howard University; **Christopher Ruth**, Virginia Commonwealth University; **Eniko Toth**, University of Florida; **Astrid Tourne**, Katholieke University; and **Vasilis Charalabakis**, University of Athens.

The Orthodontic Education and Research Foundation will hold its next meeting in San Antonio, Texas, March 7-10, 2013. There will be a number of fine speakers who will enlighten the attendees. Dr. **Eustaquio Araujo** will receive the OERF Merit Award. Contact moscalb@slu.edu for information on this meeting.

In addition, the SLU orthodontic program has a number of guest speakers arranged for the summer and fall of 2012. All MSO students are encouraged to look at the schedule on our website (it is updated periodically) and if they find a presentation they would like to attend, to please let us know.

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University of Illinois – Chicago

The orthodontic graduation dinner was attended by about 120 people who congratulated our nine highly-accomplished new orthodontists on heading out to new lives: Drs. **Dale Benjamin** (Florida), **Nilou Nouri Mahdavia** (Southern California), **Mary Ellen Dobbs** (Tennessee), **Tamara Oweis** (Chicagoland), **Bruni Ortizo-Giuliani** (Puerto Rico), **Kristin Moore** (Chicagoland), **Michael Everson** (Georgia), **Jessica Hylan-Cohen** (Chicagoland), and **Matthew “Tim” Sagun** (Chicagoland). Our next class arrives on August 13.

We were helped by many people this year including staff, faculty and alumni volunteers. The staff were recognized at an Appreciation Day luncheon organized by the orthodontic postgrads. Now that the construction project is finished, we are in the decorating phase. Also, the operations of the department are changing to fully utilize our resources and so we can pay more attention to external activities.

We have four visiting orthodontic faculty scholars this year. They are Drs. **Mona Montassar** from Mansoura, Egypt; **Tuijiang Wu** from Nanjing, China; **Xiulin Yan** from Shenyang, China; and **Xianchun Zhu** from Chengchu City, China.

UIC was well represented among the AAO Honolulu speakers/presenters, by Drs. **Chet Handelman**, **Budi Kusnoto**, **Bill Hohlt**, **Robyn Silberstein**, **Carla Evans** and **Phimon Atsawasuwana**. Dr. Hylan-Cohen was our entry in the Dentsply resident research competition. Dr. **Ashok Kothari** lectured to the Panamanian Society of Orthodontists in March and at MGM Dental College, New Mumbai, India, in April.

Dr. **Therese Galang** is busy planning a symposium at ADEA related to journal submissions where journal editors will participate in a panel discussion. Dr. **Kristina Dragstrem**, now a UIC orthodontic postgrad, worked with Dr. Galang and other UIC faculty on a study of gender representation in orthodontic publications and leadership published in *Orthodontics* (Chic.) 13:176-183, 2012, formerly the *World Journal of Orthodontics*.

Dr. Atsawasuwana was successful in receiving an AAO-hosted Academy of Academic Leadership Award and an AAOF T.M. Graber Fellowship Award.

Drs. Kusnoto and Evans will be keynote speakers at the European Orthodontic Society meeting in Spain from June 18-23. Dr. Hohlt will be a keynote speaker at the June meeting of the Japanese Implant Society. Drs. **Robert Manasse**, Hohlt and Evans will be in China in September as

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invited speakers at the Chinese Orthodontic Society and the XIV International Symposium on Dentofacial Development and Function meetings. Also, Drs. Manasse and **Peter Tsay** have been invited to lecture in Middle East countries.

Here are two important upcoming events at UIC:

• September 7-8, 2012 – Orthodontic Alumni Association of Illinois meeting at the ADA Building. The topic, *Orthodontic Practice Transition*, features **Randall Berning, Paul Baumann, Beth Barrett** and Dr. **David Musich**. The Association's Executive Director, **Vincent Arpino** (varpinobraces@msn.com), is organizing the meeting and can provide information. The speakers remind everyone that "you may delay but time will not." Association members can invite a close dental colleague and spouse. The meeting is free to dues-paying members of the alumni association.

• September 14-15, 2012 – Inaugural Symposium, Foundation for Modern {BIO} Progressive Orthodontics. The UIC organizer is Dr. Kusnoto and the speakers will be Drs. **Carl Gugino, Ruel Bench, Carla Evans, Duane Grummons, Robert Vanarsdall, Nelson Oppermann, Enrique Garcia, Sergio Sambataro** and **Richard Jacobson**. For more information, please look at the website, www.bioprogressive.org.

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University of Iowa

Congratulations to Drs. **Sara Howe, Nathan Johnson, Eric Shell, Karl Swenson** and **Kaci Vela** for completing their orthodontic education and receiving their Master's degrees this June! Congratulations also to Drs. **William Beam '99, Tanner Clark '10, Daniel Gabriel '07, Jennifer Buren '06, Matthew Croco '05, David Defay '11, Michelle McManus '10, Russell Guymon '10, Kevin Austin '04** and **Erik Curtis '01** who became Board Certified this year by the ABO.

The 34th Iowa Winter Orthodontic Seminar will be held February 10-15, 2013, at the Lion Square Lodge and Conference Center in Vail, Colorado. This seminar, spearheaded by Dr. **John Casko**, hosts clinicians from across the nation and internationally and offers orthodontists and surgeons the opportunity to interact closely in diagnosing and treatment planning a spectrum of orthognathic surgery cases. The brochures will be mailed to AAO and AAOMS members. Further information on the course may be

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University of Manitoba

Another busy academic year is drawing to a close. Our third-year residents successfully completed the written and clinical components of their final exams. This year Dr. **Kathy Kula** from Indiana University was the external examiner of the six-hour written exam and Dr. **Allan Baker** from Winnipeg examined the clinical component. The final case presentation and *viva voce* exam component is based on ten clinical cases that each resident had to start and complete the treatment. Three external examiners have been invited for this exam as well as for the first-year residents' Diagnosis and Treatment Planning exam: Dr. **James Noble** (Toronto), Dr. **Nick Karaiskos** (Ottawa) and Dr. **Robert Drummond** (University of Pretoria, South Africa).

Hearty congratulations as well to residents Drs. **Vivek Cheba, Nicholas Playfair** and **Randeep Chana** who all passed their ABO exams.

Research presentations have been presented by Dr. **Billy Wiltshire** at the Angle East Society (Boston), Drs. Cheba and **Huda Sawan** at the AAO meeting (Honolulu), and lectures were presented at the Manitoba Dental Association and the AAO in Honolulu by Dr. Wiltshire. CDABO case displays were presented by third-year residents Drs. Sawan, Cheba and **Andrew Bernas** in Hawaii, each presenting a case that they started and completed themselves.

We welcome Dr. **Osmar Baretto** who joined the department in January as a full-time term position orthodontist. Dr. Baretto hails from Brazil where he did his orthodontic training and also has masters degrees in biomaterials and anatomy. At present we are in the process of interviewing for three full-time positions, two tenure track and one renewable term position.

We are also pleased to welcome our three new residents entering the 36-month program on June 25th. They are Drs. **Robert Ward** (Manitoba), **Marc-Olivier Aucoin** (Quebec) and **Laura Duncan** (Australia).

This is the 10th year that our program has been involved in an inreach/outreach orthodontic program for access-deprived and socio-economically-challenged patients. In concert with the Family Services and Housing

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Department of our provincial government, needy children who would benefit from orthodontic treatment are identified and treated by our residents in the program. Over the past decade we have provided over half-a-million dollars of “free” orthodontic care for these children. We are presently looking at expanding this program to an on-site outreach clinic where we will offer screening and interceptive orthodontic services at the facility to children in need who otherwise would not be able to access even basic interceptive orthodontic care.

Dr. **Gary Levine** has taken over as course coordinator of Biomechanics and is also the Principal Orthodontist in our TAD clinic. Dr. **Susan Tsang** currently assists Dr. Baretto in the Craniofacial Difference/Cleft Palate Clinic. Osmar took over as the Principal Orthodontist in this clinic in January 2012. Dr. **Luis Piedade** from Toronto is the Principal Orthodontist in our Clear Aligner Clinic and flies in every six weeks at his own expense. Dr. **Jeff Bales** is the Principal Orthodontist in our Self-ligating Clinic and he will be assisted by Drs. **Warren Cohen** and **Ron Wolk**, both from Calgary. We bid a hearty welcome to Ron as we say thank you and farewell to Dr. **Chung Yue**, also from Calgary, who has been teaching in Jeff’s clinic for a number of years.

We remain indebted to all our part-time orthodontists who teach in our orthodontic clinics: Drs. **Frank Hechter, Gerry Solomon, Jeff Bales, Tim Dumore, Hermann Lee, Gary Levine, Susan Tsang, Milos Lekic, Christie Laberge, Luis Piedade** as well as Oral Surgeon Dr. **Lee McFadden** and Periodontist Dr. **Anastasia Kelekis-Cholakis**. Thank you for your continued commitment to the orthodontic education of our future colleagues.

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University of Minnesota

Congratulations to our 2012 Orthodontic graduates! This year’s class included Drs. **Ben Allen, Ketti Boller, Carlos Caballero, Mike Lee, Yu Pan** and **Nishant Patel**. They have grown as clinicians during their training and learned a variety of treatment techniques from our faculty. The class was the first to be exposed to a new format of mock board exam that was planned by Drs. **John Kanyusik** and **Eric Langsjoen**. The residents performed very well during that exam and, hopefully, it will be a great preparation experience as they challenge the ABO exam in the

future.

All of our residents were able to attend the AAO meeting in Hawaii in May. This allowed them to have exposure to a worldwide collection of noted speakers as well as to browse the exhibit hall for new products and office ideas. Some of them even had time to take surfing lessons – a particularly useful skill here in Minnesota! As always, the resident travel to these meetings is funded by the Orthodontic Residents Endowment which is made possible through the generous giving of many of our alumni and friends.



In the last newsletter I introduced Dr. **Eric Langsjoen** to you as a new full-time faculty member. I mentioned in his brief bio that he had previously served as the Program Director for the military Tri-Service Orthodontic Program. As we try to share the administrative and leadership roles to strengthen our program, Eric has become the official Program Director for our residency program. This appointment was effective on June 25th – the date of the new class starting – and has officially been recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Eric already has made an impact by improving the coordination of content among our courses, and his leadership will be very valuable as we head into our next accreditation visit in the fall of 2013.

We have a couple of changes in the make-up of our part-time adjunct faculty. The first is the retirement of Dr. **Bob Grossman**. Bob volunteered to be a “temporary” adjunct more than 10 years ago for then chair, Dr. **Bill Liljemark**, and just kept contributing! We greatly appreciate Bob’s thoughtful contributions over the years and wish him the best. Our thanks to Dr. **Lisa Runck** for stepping in as a part-time faculty member. Lisa travels all the way from Mankato to help us out on alternate Tuesdays and we very much appreciate her willingness to help our residents with clinical care.

We had another visit by Dr. **Lou Chmura** this past spring to help us provide appropriate instruction for our residents in the use of soft tissue lasers. Lou does a great job providing an excellent didactic foundation along with a practical clinical demonstration of laser use in orthodontics. Lou comes all the way from Michigan to help us out and we greatly appreciate his efforts. Other visiting clinicians who have contributed their time recently are Dr. **Bill Kottemann**

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(Invisalign planning and case review) and Dr. **Darrell Schmidt** (Suresmile planning and review procedures).



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special thanks to Drs. **Arnie Hill** and **Steve Litton** for their part in making this special event happen!

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University of Missouri – Kansas City

It has been a busy six months regarding improving the infrastructure of the Department of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at UMKC. We now have completed the construction component of our new seminar room, to be named for Dr. **George Muehlebach**, a part-time clinical instructor in the Department from September 1980 until his untimely death in 2005. We currently are raising funds to allow us to purchase and install audiovisual equipment and furniture in this much-needed space.

Every year UMKC Graduate Orthodontics organizes the Eric J. Schweitzer (Ort'92) Memorial Symposium. The purpose of the symposium is to have recent orthodontic graduates return to Kansas City to make presentations to current orthodontic residents. In April our two guest speakers were Drs. **Jason Burkhard** and **Erin Jameson**. The benefactors of the Schweitzer Memorial Symposium have contributed to this endeavor so that orthodontic practitioners can speak frankly of the joys and difficulties they encountered while embarking on their careers.

The Midwest Dental Conference Orthodontic Lectures were held on April 12-13, 2012, in Kansas City. Approximately 60 orthodontists attended the lecture titled, *Clinical Applications of Cone Beam CT in Orthodontics – an Overview*. The engaging lectures were delivered by Drs. **Vandana Kumar** and **Vijay Parashar**. Dr. **Ken Snyder**, a

graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, gave the orthodontic staff lecture on *Good Humor is Good Medicine!* In conjunction with the Conference, the 2012 UMKC Orthodontic Alumni Luncheon was held at the Sheraton Crown Plaza. The UMKC Orthodontic Alumnus of the Year award was presented to Dr. **Eric Johnson**.

We were very fortunate to have **Sarandeep Huja**, DDS, MS, PhD give the 2012 Dan L. Blackwell Lecture on June 1. His lecture titled, *Bone Remodeling in the Clinical Arena: From Diagnostics to Therapy*, was well received given that he is one of the preeminent clinician scientists who has published extensively in this area of research.

UMKC School of Dentistry Dean **Marsha Pyle** announced that a growing fund to support full-time faculty was to be officially titled the Dr. Don Thompson Endowed Professorship. This spring UMKC announced that Dr. **Jeff Nickel** was the awardee of the Professorship. Jeff has determined that the \$30K derived each year from the endowment will be used for program enhancement.

The AAO meeting in Hawaii was a busy time for Drs. **Laura Iwasaki** and Nickel. Dr. Iwasaki had responsibilities associated with the AAOF Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) and presented a lecture titled, *Mechanical Energy Densities in the Human TMJ*. Jeff, who is the MSO representative for COSA, was involved in judging in the Charlie Schultz and Table Clinic Competitions and gave a lecture titled, *Masticatory Muscle Duty Factors and TMJ Loads in Humans*.

Our new first-year residents, Drs. **Brittany Carpenter** (University Tennessee), **Lori Petersen** (University of Nebraska Medical Center) and **Michael Ponikvar** (University of Maryland), started their postgraduate education on July 1. Second-year residents Drs. **Natalia Henbest**, **Michael Olsen** and **Adam Reynolds** continue with their diverse workload with respect to didactic, clinical and research activities. In April Drs. Henbest, Olsen and Reynolds attended the Tweed course in Phoenix. Third-year residents Drs. **Gena McGivern**, **Ashlee Williams** and **Lauren Gossett** have taken up the duties as mentors, along with their other responsibilities for projects associated with their MS degrees, and an increased workload in the clinic.

A final bit of news relates to research in our department. Dr. **Ling Ye** continues to publish his research on the molecular biology of dentoalveolar bone during loading of the mandible. Drs. Iwasaki and Nickel continue their service obligations as reviewers of grant applications submitted to a variety of NIDCR study sections as well as their own research interests.

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University of Nebraska

Our Department Chair will begin her appointment on July 1, 2012! After years of depending upon the time and talents of three very good interim chairs, the Department of Growth and Development (which includes the Orthodontic Section, Pediatric Dentistry Section and GPR) will return to having a full-time, permanent chair. **Jillian Wallen**, BDS, MS, currently the director of the post-graduate pediatric dentistry program, will begin to lead the entire department on a journey that will move toward more inclusiveness and communication – particularly between the specialties of pediatric dentistry and orthodontics. It's an exciting time, filled with possibilities, and we look forward to working with Dr. Wallen.

We are pleased to introduce the class starting our program on July 1, 2012. Dr. **Jeffrey Rector** is a native of Montana and earned his DDS from the University of the Pacific in June 2012. Dr. **Nima Rohani** graduated from Columbia University with a DDS in 2011 and has been a resident at Maimonides Medical Center in Brooklyn since then. Dr. **Jared Schoettger** (son of Dr. **Robert Schoettger** – a 1983 grad) earned his DDS in May 2012 from UNMC. We expect all three of these extremely nice young men to fit well in the program and make their own contributions to the educational experience of all of our residents.

Dr. **Sundaralingam (Prem) Premaraj** received an AAOF Biomedical Research Award in March and Dr. **Thyagaseely (Sheela) Premaraj** received an AAOF orthodontic faculty development fellowship award.

Dr. Prem was admitted this year as a fellow by exam to the FRCD(C), The Royal College of Dentists of Canada, and passed the ABO clinical exam to extend his board certification as well. In April, he was elected as Director of the IADR/AADR Craniofacial Biology Group.

Drs. Premaraj were awarded a research grant from Align Technology, Inc. (Invisalign®). Their research project received the award as one of only four universities in North America to be funded for projects seeking to better understand orthodontic treatment with clear aligners.

At the 2012 AAO Annual Session in Hawaii, second-year residents Drs. **Elizabeth Katzberg**, **Vivian Luong** and **Tram Nguyen** participated in the CDABO Case Display program. First-year resident Dr. **Corwyn Hopke** represented our program as the Charley Schultz Resident Scholar.

Dr. **Peter Spalding** presented a lecture at the AAO Annual Session in Honolulu.

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Michigan. The scientific program, *Imbalance to Balance – Diagnosing & Treating Facial Imbalances for the Orthodontic Patient*, put together by Dr. **Scott Conley**, will be insightful, cutting edge and full of lively discussion. For more information visit www.cdabo.org. During the summer meeting, Dr. **John Kanyusik** will receive the College's annual "Samir Bishara Award of Merit" for his past and continued support of the CDABO.

The College will have a presence at the 2012 GORP meeting in Michigan to encourage residents to become board certified.

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American Board of Orthodontics

Since the last *MSO Newsletter*, the ABO has been very busy examining those orthodontists who accepted and registered for the Gateway path of board certification. The scheduled Clinical Examinations for 2012 filled early and the 2012 graduating residents were unable to register for a position. A special August 12 Clinical Examination was scheduled to accommodate Initial Certification examinees and faculty members whose Gateway certificates were going to expire before a 2013 examination would become available. The next available Clinical Examination is June 5-9, 2013. For more information, go to americanboardortho.com for dates and fees. Any orthodontist who has completed the Written Examination (this is now good for a lifetime) and would like to register for the Clinical Examination six-case display to become Board Certified is encouraged to do so.

I am very proud to have been present as my good friend, schoolmate and MSO colleague, Dr. **Lee Graber**, was presented the Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award. Lee's father, Dr. **T.M. Graber**, also was a recipient of this prestigious award.

There are 72 ADA accredited orthodontic programs in North America and 78% have had at least one resident participate in the Initial Certification Examination. We are working to improve the electronic case submission capability but at the present time, we require plaster casts for final results.

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MSO Annual Session and Business Meeting

Registration for the cruise and for the CE education are separate registration forms and fees.

For more information on the cruise itinerary and cabin reservations call **800/422-0711** or go to www.specialeventcruises.com/mso_2012.html

For the meeting registration form call the MSO at **636/922-5551**, go to www.msortho.org to download the registration form or e-mail the MSO office at msortho@charter.net

2012 MSO Business Meeting Notice

All current active MSO members may vote at the MSO Annual Business Meeting to be held during the MSO's 75th Anniversary Annual Session program onboard the Alaskan Cruise on Friday, August 10, from 4:15-5:00 p.m. It is scheduled to be in the Hudson Room, Promenade Deck Center.

Highlights of the agenda will include the presentation of the 2012 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. **Mike Hipp**, Des Moines, Iowa and election and installation of officers. The following 2012-2013 officer slate is recommended by the Nominating Committee:

President: Dr. **Ross Crist**, South Dakota
President-Elect: Dr. **John Crawford**, Wisconsin
Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. **Deborah Lien**, Minnesota
Re-election of MSO Trustee to the AAO BOT:

Dr. **Brent Larson**, Minnesota

The MSO membership earlier approved a bylaws change eliminating the position of vice president starting

after the MSO 2012 Annual Session. As such, Dr. Lien will serve an additional term as secretary-treasurer.

Please go to the newly designed MSO website at www.msortho.org after July 1 to download the business meeting agenda and all of the supporting documentation. Also, please feel free to address any questions or comments in advance to current MSO President Dr. **Babette Cohen** at us@babetteandkeith.com

Aside from the fabulous cruise, the opportunity to hear internationally-respected speakers and social time with your MSO colleagues, you will have the opportunity to congratulate Mike when he receives his award.



2013 MSO Annual Session and Business Meeting

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medical and dental services to the people of Belize. This project now provides two week-long trips each year, and the group includes about 50 individuals and supplies each time. In addition to general dentistry and medical care, recent trips have included dermatology, audiology and occupational therapy services. While many adults are badly in need of restorative dental procedures, the project recently began helping children look forward to better oral health by providing fluoride treatments, distributing toothbrushes and providing oral hygiene instruction.

Lastly, two MSO members, Dr. Graber and Dr. **Keith Levin**, Manitoba, completed their terms on the Board of Trustees of the AAO. Lee finished his term on the Board as its Immediate Past-President, and Keith was Speaker of the House for the last three years.

To all of these remarkable individuals, we truly are amazed by your contributions to make our entire world a better place for everyone. You all are at the top of the list!! Congratulations to you and to your families for all that you have given back.

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