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Hello everyone! I hope that this report finds you in good health and that your 2018 is proceeding well.

In my brief spring report, I would like to provide you with some updates on a few items I discussed in my January report.

### **2018 Rolf G. Behrents Educational Leadership Conference**

The Society of Orthodontic Educators (SOE) will conduct their annual Educational Leadership Conference on Friday, May 4, 2018, in conjunction with the 2018 AAO Annual Session. The 2018 SOE Educational Leadership Conference will honor one of our profession's best, Dr. Rolf G. Behrents. Dr. Behrents, who has served as the AJO-DO Editor-in-Chief for many years, will give a presentation entitled "*How to Write a Horrible Paper and Other Items*". With his vast knowledge and sly humor, this presentation will surely be both enlightening and entertaining. In addition, the conference will provide a number of presentations on several topics ranging from barriers to pursuing academic careers to professionalism in education. We hope that you will plan to attend this great program.

For more information about the education leadership conference, please visit the AAO SOE website at: <https://www.aaoinfo.org/education/society-orthodontic-educators> and for a schedule of the 2018 Rolf G. Behrents Educational Leadership Conference, please use the following link:

[https://www.aaoinfo.org/system/files/2018%20SOE%20Program%20Schedule%204%20%2023%2018%20final\\_0.pdf](https://www.aaoinfo.org/system/files/2018%20SOE%20Program%20Schedule%204%20%2023%2018%20final_0.pdf) or see the attached PDF.

### **Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Standards Review Taskforce Update**

During the 2018 Society of Orthodontic Educators Conference, the CODA taskforce, appointed by Dr. DeWayne McCamish, will provide an update of the proposed accreditation standard changes to the orthodontic educator community. The presentation update will be led by Drs. Steven Siegel and Kelton Stewart and will occur from 10:00-10:45AM on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the Independence Salon. This will be one of the final steps before the CODA taskforce finalizes the recommendations that will be sent to the Commission on Dental Accreditation for review and possible implementation. If you have any thoughts, questions, or concerns with the current accreditation standards, please contact me with your feedback.

I have again included a copy of the current orthodontic CODA standards for your review. Please use the following link to access the standards: <http://www.ada.org/~media/CODA/Files/ortho.pdf?la=en>

### **AAO Full-Time Faculty Teaching Fellowship Program**

Support for the re-instatement of the AAO Full-Time Faculty Teaching Fellowship Program continues to grow. The program received a favorable review by the AAO Board of Trustees and will be voted upon by the House of Delegates during the annual session in DC. The proposed program would be re-instated for 2019, 2020, and 2021 with three, two-year funded fellowships per year. Each fellow would receive a total of \$60,000 in financial support. The proposed plan will utilize funds from Excess Reserves to cover the projected \$540,000 associated with the program. If ratified by House, the program will provide a much needed avenue to identify, develop, and retain future orthodontic faculty members.

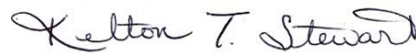
Please continue to voice your support of this program with your respective AAO representatives. As previously noted; reviving this program will be a benefit to not only our future residents but also the orthodontic profession as a whole. If you have questions about the Full-Time Faculty Teaching Fellowship Program or how you can provide additional support, please contact me (see contact information below).

### **Questions, Comments, or Concerns:**

If you have any questions, concerns, accolades, or items related to orthodontic education that you would like to bring to the council's notice, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone. My email is keltstew@iu.edu and I can be reached by telephone at 317-278-1087.

More now than ever, the profession needs active and engaged members. I strongly encourage you to help our organization protect the best profession in the world and the many individuals we serve. Be active, be engaged, be impactful!

I look forward to seeing you all at the 2018 AAO Annual Session in Washington DC,



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