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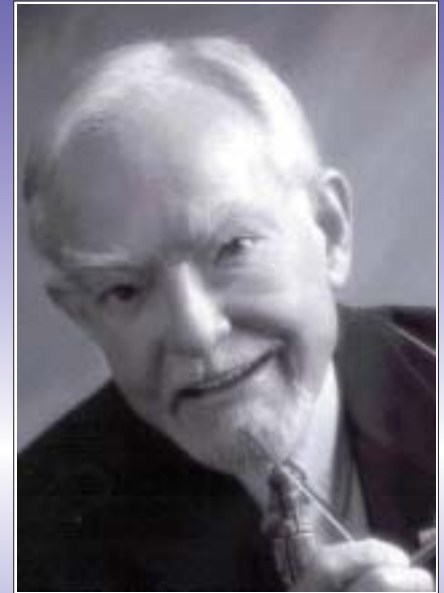


## IN MEMORIAM

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**DR. RONALD H. ROTH**  
1933 - 2005



**DR. DAVID C. HAMILTON**  
1929 - 2005

The orthodontic profession lost two great leaders in 2005 when Dr. David Hamilton and Dr. Ronald Roth passed away in January. Both men made immeasurable contributions to the art and science of orthodontics that will last well beyond their mortal lives. They have touched many people both professionally and socially in the thousands of smiles they created and the thousands of practitioners they instructed and interacted with socially. Both men dedicated a significant part of their lives to the profession and people they both so dearly loved. Included in this magazine are short articles reflecting on their lives and careers.

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS, D.D.S., M.S.

I write this report with a heavy heart, having just heard of the passing of our dear friend, Dr. David Hamilton. I first met Dave personally in 1997 in Philadelphia at the AAO Annual Session when Dave was the AAO President and I was beginning my first year as an Alternate Delegate to the AAO's House of Delegates. True to form, Dave and his wife Effie were wearing crazy hats with fireworks and colored lights protruding in every direction. As a newcomer to a leadership position within the AAO, I must admit that I thought to myself, "So this is the man who is leading our organization?" Over the past several years, I had the pleasure to get to know Dave on both a personal and professional level. What I will always remember about him is the way he made me feel welcome from the first day we met, as a colleague with something new to offer to the organization that he loved so much. Everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him will miss him dearly.

Two thousand five is the year that those of us in the Great Lakes have been waiting for. Our own Dr. Terry Pracht is AAO President and has been

hard at work guiding our organization through challenging times. Our profession is faced with many critical issues, such as the recruitment and retention of full time faculty members, financial challenges in our educational system, declining insurance reimbursements, meeting the demand for orthodontic services in impoverished areas, along with the AAO's legal matters. Terry is truly an individual who has and continues to work tirelessly for the betterment of our profession, our membership and ultimately for our patients. We each owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

Preparations are nearly complete for Terry's meeting, the AAO Annual Session in San Francisco this May. His Planning Committee of Dr. Tom Ahman as General Chair, Dr. Jim McNamara as Scientific Program Chair, Dr. Jeff Gilmore as Orthodontic Staff Program Chair, and last but certainly not least Mrs. Patricia Pracht as Life Enhancement Chair have put together an outstanding array of educational and entertainment events. This will be an outstanding meeting in a wonderful location.

Representing us as Delegates and Alternate Delegates to the AAO House of Delegates in San Francisco will be Drs. John Barbour, Mary Barkley, Jeff Berger, Dan George, Maria Haas, Don Hayes, Bruce Hill, Valmy Kulbersh, Richard Marcus, Bob Portenga, Walter Schratz, and myself.

The Great Lakes owes a collective "thank you" and "congratulations" to 2004 GLAO President Dr. Bob Brown. Our Annual Session in Chicago with the Midwest Society was an overwhelming success, educationally, socially and financially. The meeting's theme "Catch the Spark" exemplified the enthusiasm that Bob has shown through his years of service to our organization. He is another in a long line of GLAO Presidents who have

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JOHN MONTICELLO, D.D.S., M.S.

benefit your practice and our specialty.

This year's annual AAO session will be held in San Francisco, California. Our own Dr. Terry Pracht is the AAO President. Please support him and plan to attend what promises to be a great meeting for both doctors and staff. Dr. Tom Ahman is the General Chair, Dr. James McNamara is Scientific Program Chair and Dr. Jeff Gilmore is the Orthodontic Staff Program Chair. With a team like that, this will have to be a memorable event.

The GLAO is also hosting an inviting annual meeting this year in Bermuda at the very exclusive Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel in Hamilton. This will be a joint meeting with the Mid-Atlantic Society offering high caliber speakers. It will be held Saturday through Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, October. The theme of the meeting is, "Treatment in the Age of Non-Compliance." The format will be similar to the Hawaii AAO meeting with speakers planned for the mornings and many island activities

planned for the afternoons. A block of rooms has been held at the hotel for this meeting at very competitive rates. Look for the information in June and plan to go!

Finally, we look to 2006. The GLAO is staying within our region in Grand Rapids, Michigan for a stand-alone meeting on the weekend after Labor Day, September 8-10<sup>th</sup>. This is a wonderful regional venue in a new facility in downtown Grand Rapids — The DeVos Place Convention Center. This state-of-the-art building offers many meeting rooms, expansive exhibit halls and plenty of hotel space within walking distance. Dr. Robert Portenga is planning a great program for doctors and staff with exciting social activities including the Van Andel and Gerald R. Ford Museums, Meijer Botanical Gardens and numerous downtown restaurants and clubs. This promises to be a fabulous and cost-effective meeting place for doctors to bring their office staff! Look for more information in the next magazine. Until then — stay active!!

Dr. John Buzzatto, the GLAO Trustee, has been very active this past year and has a broad summary of all the current AAO and Council business. He is truly representing the GLAO well. Please read all the Council Reports for the most current information that can

## Hail and Farewell

BY JOHN MONTICELLO, D.D.S., M.S.



The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists has an incredible cadre of volunteer leaders that dedicate many years of their lives to the profession and our regional concerns and often receive praise and awards. But, there is also a silent voice behind the scenes, doing all the business of our association that is not always heard or rewarded. That individual is our Executive Secretary, April Snyder, who is responsible for everything being done accurately and on time. Unfortunately, for us, April will be

leaving us this spring after five great years. Her husband has been offered a fantastic new opportunity, and they have elected to take that position and move to Chicago. April is the person responsible for all of our hotel and convention hall negotiations, interactions with other constituencies, communication with the AAO, arrangements at our annual meetings and printing of the endless required documents for the officers, delegates and individual member, just to name a few. Her tireless efforts over the past five years have been inspiring. We will miss her terribly. Fortunately, April's replacement is already here and learning the ropes from both April and Michelle.

Our new Executive Secretary is Ms. Debbie Nunner. She is also with Accent on Management, Inc. and has worked with April before. She has much experience as an administrator and will certainly do a great job for us especially with the help of Michelle Patrick (April's very talented, current assistant).

Once again, the only thing that remains the same is change. At least, with this change, we can give Debbie a hearty welcome and say an appreciative farewell to April as she continues her life's journey. Please thank her in person in Bermuda if you can. She will be near the pool, not at the registration desk!

# AAO TRUSTEE REPORT



JOHN BUZZATTO, D.M.D., M.D. S.

The Board of Trustees met February 17-19, 2005 in St. Louis. Following is a brief review of the highlights of the Board Meeting.

**2005 Leadership Conference:** The 2005 AAO Leadership Conference was held on January 27-29, 2005 at the Hyatt Regency Union Station in St. Louis. Attendees numbered 115, not including the speakers, AAO Board members and staff.

**Canadian Dues:** The BOT supported COMEJC's resolution that Canadian members shall pay 80% of the dues and assessments of the applicable member category. This is a change from the current 74% and will require a ¾ vote of the HOD since it is a bylaws change.

**Retired Members:** The Board approved that the Annual Session registration fees be waived for retired AAO members using AAO housing or \$80 if not using AAO housing, effective with the 2006 Annual Session.

**Technology Conference:** The Board approved a Technology Conference for February 2008 with the site to be determined.

**Website:** The Board approved that the web site template developed in conjunction with the California Association of Orthodontists be offered to constituents and that the template be modified to allow navigation to component pages and/or sites.

**Insurance Pooling Level:** The Board approved raising the pooling level for the major medical program to \$250,000 from the current \$150,000. This change will reduce the proposed minimum 14% rate increase to 10%. This will also cause the medical plan to take on more risk each year by self insuring each claim up to \$250,000, but the plan immediately saves about \$161,000 of premium by taking on the additional risk.

**Research Awards:** The Board approved a change in the eligibility criteria for the Milo Hellman Research Award, Harry Sicher First Research Essay Award and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit to include that the research and applicant must come from an ADA/CDA accredited orthodontic school.

**Supplemental History Form:** The Board approved a supplemental history form for special needs patients pending a review by Committee C. Once final approval is obtained this form will be made available on disc with other forms.

**Indigent Care Program:** The Board has approved expanding this program into Florida. The pilot program currently encourages members of COGA and the AAOPAC to treat an indigent patient identified by their members of Congress pro bono.

**Infection Control:** The Board approved a letter to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) requesting changes to the Recommended Infection Control Practices for Dentistry as they apply to orthodontists. The CDC recognizes the substantial differences in the potential

risk of disease transmission between critical instruments (those that are meant to come into contact with blood or bodily fluids) and semi-critical instruments (those such as wires and pliers that are not intended to come into contact with blood or bodily fluids). The current regulations do not distinguish between the sterilization processes of these two types of instruments. The CDC guidelines state "Items to be sterilized should be arranged to permit free circulation of the sterilizing agent (e.g. steam, chemical vapor or dry heat)". The letter questions the need of Pre-sterilization wrapping/bagging of semi-critical instruments, since this does not work well with hot sterilizers (very popular and effective tool currently being used by orthodontists) because the circulation of hot air between instruments is severely impeded or eliminated by the bags or wrapping material. The AAO further requests that the CDC formally recognize that semi-critical instruments do not need to be bagged prior to sterilization and if the CDC has information to the contrary, that it be provided to the AAO.

**Cost Sharing Agreements with AAOF and WFO:** The Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Board a more accurate sharing of rent and fees with the AAOF and WFO. These changes would have significantly increased the expenses to these two entities. To reduce this increase the Board approved eliminating the rent charged to both the AAOF and WFO.

**Governmental Affairs Conference:** The 2006 Government Affairs Conference will be held March 18-21, 2006 at a location to be determined in Washington, DC.

**Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct:** The Board approved the following revision. "Members may not announce certification in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics from certifying boards not recognized by the American Dental Association unless

such announcements (1) complies with all applicable laws, and (2) includes the following language: “(name of certifying board) is not recognized as a certifying board for Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics by the American Dental Association.

**Norton M. Ross Award: Eugene Roberts** was nominated by the AAO for the ADA’s Norton M. Ross Award for Excellence in Clinical Research.

**Dues Assessment:** The Council on Communications proposed a \$450 annual assessment for all U.S. and Canadian members to be levied for five years for the purpose of financing a consumer education campaign. This \$3.7 million program would have required a 4/5 approval from the HOD. The Board after reviewing a presentation by Schupp (PR Firm), recommended that to gain support, COC should research the message and educate the membership on the value of such a program.

**AAO/ABO Joint Meeting:** The Board met with the ABO Directors February 17, 2005 in St. Louis. Some items discussed included: Selection process for ABO Directors, New Pathways to Certification,

ABO’s financial statements, D&O Insurance, Reciprocity of boards – ABO & EBO.

**Performance of the Board of Trustees:** The Board recommended that the HOD authorize the BOT to retain an independent consulting firm to conduct a performance evaluation of the BOT and report back to the 2006 HOD.

**Council Chairman: Jerry Hickman** (COI), **Jeff Gilmore** (COM), **Mary Barkley** (COOP), **T.J. Robinson** (CONYM) and **Scott Jamieson** (COHC) were nominated as Council Chairs. Although none were elected, it is still an honor to have been nominated by their respective Councils.

**Future Meetings:** The Board approved a new policy that will prevent any Council or entity from meeting 3 weeks prior to a BOT meeting. The calendar has been cleared and all entities will be required to schedule with Carla Qualls at the AAO Central Office. Staff has been overwhelmed preparing for Board meetings with the number of entities meeting just prior to Board meetings. To conform to this policy, Councils/entities may need to meet at the same time in St. Louis or elsewhere.

**Meetings:** The following is a list of meetings that I have attended since the November Board meeting: November 23, 2004 – Orthodontist as CEO Committee conference call, January 20-24, 2005 – Early Treatment Conference, January 28-29, 2005 – David Hamilton Viewing and Service, February 4-6, 2005 COOP meeting, February 7, 2005 -Evidenced Based Committee conference call.

**David C. Hamilton:** Our former AAO and GLAO President passed away on January 26, 2005 in New Castle, PA. Dave was a colleague, dear friend and mentor to many of us and his loss is extremely painful. He was active to the end by serving as the GLAO Historian and as well as the GLAO representative to the Task Force on Retired Members Services, until very recently. He has left his mark on our beloved profession as he has also left it on many of us. **Terry Pracht** and I were fortunate to represent the AAO Board at the funeral. We were not alone, also in attendance were: **Walter Buchsieb, David Haas, Jack Utley, David Spokane, Ron Gross, Ken Rankin, Chuck Patton, Marsha Albright and Tom Longwell.** The minister proclaimed that Dave’s cup overflowed and that this overflow splashed on those around him. I know that it splashed on me and I am forever grateful to have known such a man.



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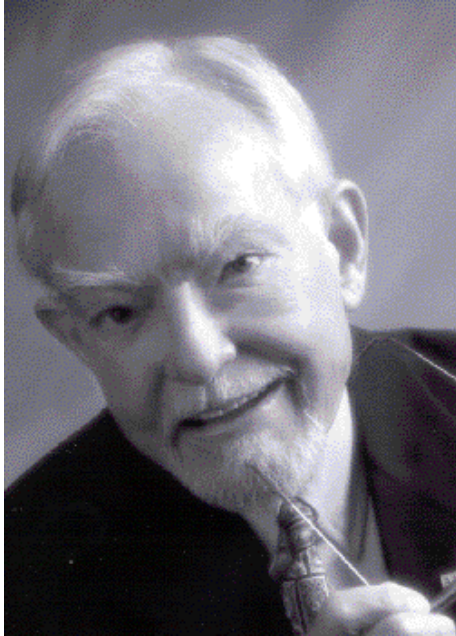
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## Dr. David C. Hamilton 1929 – 2005

TERRY R. PRACHT, D.D.S., M.S.



The service closed with Frank Sinatra's song "I Did It My Way."

David did do it "his way" throughout his distinguished career — a career that leaves much to be remembered by the orthodontic specialty. Words most often used to describe him at his services were "a character" and "one of a kind." He loved dancing (jitterbug), photography, hats (with interesting pins), antique jewelry and ascots. He also always wore interesting outfits. I will remember his innovative side most. He was a man with many, many ideas. He actually slept with a notepad by his bed. If he woke up in the middle of the night with a great idea, he could write it down. He was definitely "one of a kind!"

David graduated from Miami University of Ohio. He received his D.D.S. from the University of Pittsburgh and his certificate in orthodontics and master's degree from the University of North Carolina. He was always extremely proud to be a Diplomate of The American Board of Orthodontics, a member of the Angle Society, past president of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO) and, until recently, GLAO's historian. David truly loved his GLAO "orthodontic family" as they loved him.

He was so well respected that the GLAO created and named its highest award, The David C. Hamilton Distinguished Service Award, in his honor. David was the first recipient, followed by other orthodontic legends — Dale B. Wade and John T. Lindquist. David was also honored by

the Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists, which named its annual research award the David C. Hamilton PAO Scholarship.

David served the AAO for many years as a member of the Council on Communications and, later, as a member of the Board of Trustees where he represented the GLAO. In 1997, David represented the AAO as president and presided over "his" meeting in Philadelphia, PA. The theme was "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Professional Integrity."

David was a strong believer in fee for service and freedom of choice in orthodontic care and was a longtime champion of the Direct Reimbursement concept in dental benefits. He also loved giving orthodontic lectures, especially on early treatment. David was innovative as a clinician. He attempted growth modification in young children, and his own Harbor Orthodontic Lab offered many innovative appliances as well.

In addition to all his service to dentistry and orthodontics, David served his country. He was a U.S. Army veteran and served in Japan after World War II. David was the head photographer at the Sugamo Prison, which housed Japanese war criminals.

I will always remember his upbeat personality most and will treasure the memory of his "impish" laugh. All of us will miss David greatly! And, as he would say, "and so on and so forth."

Dentistry and orthodontics have lost an elder statesman, and I have lost a great friend and mentor. Dr. David C. Hamilton, 76, passed away on January 26, 2005, in New Castle, PA, after long and courageous battles with both cancer and a rare blood dyscrasia. I had the opportunity to represent the AAO, along with Dr. John Buzzatto, at his memorial services, which were both moving and memorable. Of course, you would expect that because Dr. Dave, as he was called by his pastor, helped plan the services. There were marvelous testimonials by a general dentist nephew and by his three wonderful children: David Jr., Julie and Todd. David was extremely proud that the two "boys" became orthodontists and that Julie rose to an executive position within Eastman Kodak. And there was the ever-present strength of his adoring wife, Effie. Truly, a celebration of David's life!

# Dr. Ronald H. Roth 1933 – 2005

RICHARD KULBERSH, D.M.D., M.S.



I write these words with a feeling of sadness and a sense of great personal and professional loss. Dr. Ron Roth passed away on January 24, 2005, after a short but courageous fight with cancer. His passing leaves a void in the ranks of those individuals who helped guide the orthodontic profession in the science and art of clinical care. He truly had a great impact on the profession not only in the United States, but also throughout the world. His legacy of excellence in orthodontics is epitomized by his marriage of gnathological goals to orthodontic functional occlusion concepts.

As a friend, he was a loyal supporter of those people who shared his vision and passion for orthodontics. And, as a concerned father he always spoke of his wife and family with love and took delight in the accomplishments of his children.

Ron's life from a professional standpoint was characterized by the search for excellence in clinical orthodontics. His greatest pleasure was to see an orthodontic case finish that would "make you suck your breath in". He was dogmatic for emphasis but always open to scientific-based improvement.

I was fortunate to have Dr. Roth as a member of my faculty from 1989 to 2005. During that time my residents were treated to the lectures of a man passionate about his profession. On behalf of the entire faculty, those residents he taught and others whom he touched, I'm sure I speak for you all, when I say Ron, we'll miss you. We have lost a true friend, impassioned teacher and very special colleague.

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## President's Report

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unselfishly volunteered to lead the Great Lakes. I am proud to have the opportunity to follow in his formidable footsteps.

Please mark your calendars for our 2005 GLAO Annual Session at the Fairmont Southampton Princess Hotel in Hamilton, Bermuda. The meeting will take place from Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup> through Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> and will be held jointly with our colleagues from the Mid Atlantic Society. GLAO board members should plan to arrive on Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> in preparation for our Board Meeting the morning of Friday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The Southampton Princess has been

totally rebuilt since our last visit there in 1998. The theme of our meeting will be "Great Treatment Without the Fuss." We have arranged an outstanding group of speakers to fill the mornings. The afternoons will be open for you to enjoy the many activities that the island has to offer. This will be a meeting that you, your family and your staff will not want to miss.

I would like to personally thank the members of the GLAO Board of Directors for the time and effort they give to our organization. The GLAO Officers, Component Directors, and Council Members sacrifice a

significant amount of time away from their families and practices to represent our membership. They are a dedicated group with the best interests of our profession at heart.

The Great Lakes was very well represented at the Leadership Conference in St. Louis this past January. Those in attendance were Drs. Mary Barkley, Tim Bussick, Maria Haas, Don Hayes, Steve Hershey, Greg Hummon, Richard Marcus, Mike Patrician, Rick Pfeffer, Bob Portenga, Terry Pracht, TJ Robinson, Scott Schulz, Josie Weeden along with

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## Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns

JEFFREY L. GILMORE, D.D.S., M.S.,

The Council on Membership met in St. Louis on Saturday January 8, 2005. All constituents were represented and the meeting ran smoothly with a full agenda. Some of the topics discussed include:

- **Revision of Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct:** The revised Principles of Ethics and Code of Professional Conduct will be presented before the House of Delegates at the 2005 Annual Session in San Francisco.
- **Review of Membership Application Process:** The Council approved a motion requesting that the Board of Trustees appoint an Ad Hoc committee consisting of two COMEJC members, a BOT liaison, Constituent Executive Director representatives and AAO staff to review the application process for AAO membership and make recommendations on how to standardize the application process and forms for all AAO constituents while maintaining the constituent as the "Gate Keeper" for membership and credential verifications.

- **International Member Needs Survey:** The Council was given an update on the status of this project by staff. The survey will go to current and former International members and other international individuals that are not members. It was determined that the Research and Planning Group (RPG) will be used to administer this survey. Questions have been developed and will be reviewed by the committee.
- **Dues for Our Canadian Members:** The Council created a resolution regarding payment of AAO dues by Canadian members and recommends its adoption by the 2005 House of Delegates. This resolution states that Canadian members shall pay eighty percent (80%) of the dues and assessments of the applicable membership category. This percentage is based upon the best estimate as to the AAO services the Canadian members can utilize.
- **Membership Handbook:** The council examined a membership handbook recently distributed by the ADA. It was filled with ADA membership programs and

services information. The Council felt this was something our membership would find to be valuable but concluded it would be more cost effective if information pertaining to AAO services and programs would be placed in a separate section of the AAO membership directory. A subcommittee will be formed to gather useful membership information to be placed in the 2007 directory.

- **Semi-Retired Part-Time Status:** Over the years the AAO has received occasional calls from semi-retired and part-time orthodontists requesting that a separate membership category (with dues significantly reduced from active status) be established for these individuals. Each of the eight constituent executive directors was surveyed regarding how many requests they have received regarding this matter. The consensus was that it is a very small number and they opposed (and the council concurred) the creation of a separate membership status for semi-retired /part-time members.

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## President's Report

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myself and our Executive Director April Snyder. Several topics were discussed including the recruiting and maintaining volunteer leadership in our changing environment and other issues currently impacting the AAO and our specialty. I thank our representatives for taking time from their busy schedules to attend this very worthwhile meeting.

At the AAO Leadership Conference, I was asked to participate on a panel of four orthodontists from very different backgrounds, each of us serving the AAO in different capacities. Our purpose was to explain our leadership roles within the AAO and how we became involved. At one point, I was asked why I continue to be involved in a leadership position. The answer was

easy, it is the people. I have had the great pleasure of meeting and working with many truly outstanding individuals in our profession. All of YOU are the reason I continue to serve our organization. I value your friendships greatly, and am humbled and honored to serve as your president.

## Council on Scientific Affairs

RICHARD KULBERSH, D.M.D., M.S.

The Council on Scientific Affairs met on January 9, 2005, in St. Louis, Missouri. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Thomas Southard, with Dr. Gayle Glenn serving as trustee liaison and Ms. Jackie Hittner, staff liaison. Additional constituency representatives were Richard Kulbersh, Hyun-Duck Nah, Larry Oesterle, Jeryl English, Donald Ferguson, Greg Huang, Bhavna Shroff, and David Turpin. Also present was Ms. Mary Haselbauer, library assistant.

Twenty-eight entries were received for research award consideration. Six research prizes were awarded: the Milo Hellman, the Harry Sicher First Research Award, and four Awards of Special Merit. A listing of the six awards and recipients follows: **1) 2005 Milo Hellman Research Award Recipient**, Dr. Courtney A. Dunn, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, for her paper on "Tissue Engineering of Alveolar Bone Adjacent to Dental Implants through Gene Therapy"; **2) 2005 Harry Sicher First Research Essay Award Recipient**, Dr. Scott A. MacGregor, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for his paper on "The Effect of Micro-Implant Surface Geometry on Peri-Implant Bone Adaptation Under Orthodontic Loading in the Rabbit Tibia"; **3) 2005 Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit Recipient**, Dr. Kristy Chung, University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, California, for her paper on "The Role of Female Reproductive Hormones in the Etiopathogenesis of TMJ Diseases in Women"; **4) 2005 Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit Recipient**, Dr. Debora Alvares Harris, University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia, for her paper on "Volumetric Analysis of Root Resorption Craters after Application of Controlled Intrusive Light and Heavy Orthodontic Forces: A Micro CT Scan Study"; **5) 2005 Thomas M. Graber Award of Special**

**Merit Recipient**, Dr. Shiva Shadmand, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, for her paper on "Mandibular Deficiency in Knockout Mice Lacking Bone Sialoprotein Expression"; and **6) 2005 Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit Recipient**, Dr. Paul Rim, University of California-San Francisco, San Francisco, California, for his paper on "Characterization of the Time-Dependent Differentiation of Calvaria-Derived Rat Mesenchymal Stem Cells in Three-Dimensional Agarose Gels."

Council then reviewed applications for Research Oral Abstracts (91 applications—56 selected), Scientific Posterboard Presentations (245 applications—244 selected, 1 rejected), and Table Clinic Presentations (67 applications—65 selected) for the San Francisco, California, meeting. In addition the Council discussed the following issues:

1. **Revision of Hellman and Sicher Award Submission Instructions**
  - a. Applications must be submitted as a publishable manuscript prepared according to the guidelines for authors published in the *AJO-DO* or a comparable scientific journal.
  - b. One hard copy of the application will be sent to the AAO.
  - c. One electronic copy of the application attached to an e-mail will be sent to the AAO. The text should be in a word processing file, figures should be in TIF format, and tables in a spreadsheet or word processing file. The electronic version of the application will be sent to COSA members.
  - d. Applicants must agree that their application in hard copy can be added to the library's collection and that their application in electronic format can be added to the

library's online database.

2. **Oral Research Applications**  
The 2006 Oral Research Presentation application form will have a box where the applicant can check YES or NO to the statement: If the application is not accepted as an Oral Research presentation would the applicant like to be considered for a Posterboard presentation. For 2006, if an applicant checks the YES box and is rejected for an Oral Research presentation, then the team judging the Oral Research applicants will judge whether or not to accept the applicant for a Posterboard session. All Oral Research/Posterboard/Table Clinic applications must be submitted electronically only.
3. **COSA Systematic Review Report and Evidence Based Research Answers in AJO-DO**  
COSA will attempt to evaluate scientific evidence supporting a particular question of interest to orthodontics. The resulting article will be published in the "Ask Us" column in the *AJO-DO* as a response from COSA. The frequency of this column is yet to be determined.
4. **Recommendation to COGA**  
That Council member's recommend to COGA that a letter be sent to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on behalf of the AAO stating support of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon's (AAOMS) position on the guidelines and outlining the respective Council positions on the proposed modifications to the CDC's Draft Recommended Infection Control Practices for Dentistry, 2003.

The next COSA meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2006, in St. Louis, Missouri. I look forward to representing the GLAO constituency at that time.

## Council on Insurance

JERRY R. HICKMAN, D.D.S.

The AAO Council on Insurance met in St. Louis in December to review the status of the association's endorsed insurance plans. As your representative, I am glad to report that the AAO Insurance portfolio of products had one of its most successful years in terms of growth, retention of members and maintained a favorable financial status.

### Health Insurance

The Council is pleased to announce that the AAO Health Insurance plans now available to members and their families are HSA qualified plans, which include significant tax advantages to the member. Health Savings Accounts (HSA) have replaced Medical Savings Accounts (MSA) as of April 1, 2004. The two concepts are almost identical with the main distinction being that HSAs are available to all individuals, whereas MSAs were available to self-employed individuals only.

NOTE: Your current coverage with the AAO that has been offered over the years **may not be HSA-qualified**. Please call the AAO Insurance Office to verify and ask about the new HSA-qualified plans.

The concept is simple. Once a member enrolls in an HSA-qualified health insurance plan such as offered through the AAO, the member can then independently open a HSA with a bank or financial institution and voluntarily deposit pre-tax earnings into this account for as much as \$5,150 annually. Similar to the rules governing an IRA, these accumulated funds can earn interest on a tax-free basis until withdrawn.

The HSA funds can be withdrawn each year without penalty or taxation

to offset any out-of-pocket medical costs not covered by a member's health insurance plan. Also, the HSA balance each year is not a "use-it-or-lose-it" scenario, but can be accumulated over the years and withdrawn after age 65 for health care expenses tax-free or for retirement purposes at normal tax rates.

The AAO HSA-qualified Catastrophic Health Plans offer four different high deductible options ranging from a \$1,500 individual deductible to a \$10,000 family deductible. Not only do the higher deductible options help make this an HSA-qualified plan, but they also help to keep the premium rates down by asking the member to pay a little more out-of-pocket costs up front.

Because of a less favorable incurred claims/loss ratio for the health plans over the past nine months, the COI has recommended to the Board of Trustees a 10% rate increase for the next six months effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. Trend factors (inflation) in health care, while decreasing, continue at a double digit rate driving up our premiums.

### Health Insurance For Your Employees

Health insurance is now available to your staff through the Medical Benefits Center (MBC) developed by the AAO's insurance broker. This service allows members and/or their employees to call and receive assistance in finding health insurance options for individuals or for the entire staff. MBC representatives are licensed brokers who will shop the insurance market in a respective state to secure health insurance at the most competitive rates. Call the AAO Insurance office at 1-800-622-0344 and ask for the Medical Benefits Center.

### Life Disability and Medical

The Life, Medical and Disability Plans continue to grow with policy counts increasing over the 6,600 mark. Considering there are about 8,500 members in the U.S. and Canada, our total penetration rate is well above the 50% mark since many members carry more than one AAO product.

The new Ten-Year Level Term Life Plan was recently introduced. Members and their spouses can buy up to \$1,000,000 of coverage available in all states and Canada. Rates in most age classifications have been significantly lowered by as much as 50%. "Preferred" rates (non-smoker) are available for those healthy-individuals who qualify, and there are built-in premium discounts for those who buy more than \$500,000 in coverage.

### Professional Liability

The AAO Professional Liability Plan now has over 3,700 U.S. members insured representing just fewer than 50% of the eligible members in the U.S. Participation by constituent group is as follows:

NESO .....	50%	MASO .....	45%
GLSO .....	32%	SSO .....	50%
MWSO .....	46%	SWSO .....	75%
RMSO .....	60%	PCSO .....	40%

The most convincing statistic that proves the AAO-endorsed plan is very competitive is that the plan has a persistency rate of 98%. This means that only two of the currently insured members drop the plan each year. However, half that terminate are due to death or retirement. As a result, less than 1% of all cancellations are lost to the competition.

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## Council on Communications

ROBERT F. GOOD, II, D.M.D, M.D.S.

The following is a synopsis of the COC meeting on December 3 and 4, 2004 in St. Louis.

- With respect to a pending public awareness campaign the results of a member survey will be reviewed by the Board of Trustees in February 2005.
- DVD's by Dr. Vince Kokich for referring dentists have been completed and will be marketed to the membership.
- A piece on facial aesthetics written by Dr. William Arnett for *Orthodontic Dialogue* has been uploaded to [www.AAOmembers.org](http://www.AAOmembers.org).

- As per a board recommendation, the staff forwarded to all accredited hygiene schools in the U.S. and Canada a complimentary copy of the 2003 (Sonicare) version of The S.W.A.T. Team; a presentation on tooth brushing, oral hygiene, and patient cooperation during orthodontic treatment.
- The 60-second, 30-second, and 15-second public service announcements (PSA) titled, "A Lifetime of Smiles" were approved by the Board Committee. The PSA package has gone out to 800 US and 70 Canadian TV stations airing in time to take advantage of the post-Christmas 2004/first quarter hiatus for advertisers.

- The creation of a flier, "Problems to Watch for in Adults," will be aimed at dental professionals. "Problems to Watch for in Adults" is the third creation in the "Problems to Watch for" series. The series also includes "Problems to Watch for in Seven Year Olds" (laminated @ 10 for \$10 and non-laminated @ 50 for \$13.50) and "Problems to Watch for in Growing Children" (non-laminated @ 50 for \$13.50).

The next scheduled meeting of the COC is July 22 and 23, 2005. Should you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please feel free to call me (724-225-0212 home).

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Effective February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, AAOIC reduced the rates for Indiana policyholders 25%. This is by far the best professional liability rate available to Indiana orthodontists.

### AAO Business Office Package

The AAO specifically designed its Business Office Package (BOP) so it can be purchased independently, or in conjunction with the AAOI Professional Liability plan. Plus, a 10% premium discount on the BOP plan is credited to all AAO members. The Council approved the use of several different A-rated carriers in addition to the Travelers Insurance Company to be certain that members receive the most competitive benefits and rates.

The BOP Plan not only covers the member's office for physical damage to the premises, but it also includes general liability, worker's compensation coverage (optional), vandalism and business interruption coverage.

### Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI)

This is the newest plan now available to members to protect against suits brought on by allegations of discrimination, harassment, wrongful termination, failure to promote and other employment practice related incidents. The AAO EPLI Plan includes legal defense, a variety of plan options depending on the size of the practice, excellent risk management benefits, and it is

underwritten by the Travelers Insurance Company.

It should be noted that the type of liability exposures covered by the EPLI Plan are increasing at a double-digit rate in the United States and are rarely, if at all, covered under a member's practice insurance plan, professional liability plan or homeowner's coverage. The exposure to a small self-employed practice is significant.

If you would have any questions or recommendations for the Council, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [jhickman@iupui.edu](mailto:jhickman@iupui.edu); by mail at 8001 Shelby Street, Indianapolis, IN 46227, by fax at 317-888-0083 or by phone at 317-888-7807.

## Council on Orthodontic Practice

MARY K. BARKLEY, D.D.S.

The Practice Opportunities match program continues, administered by AAO staff Katie Repking. This program matches orthodontists who are seeking positions or practices with orthodontists who seek associates or purchasers. The program had been dormant until two years ago. Currently, there are 489 participants actively seeking practice opportunities, and 366 participants seeking buyers or associates. 20 matches have been consummated since August 2004.

The updated Risks and Limitations form is complete. The revision was completed with input from AAO Claims division and General Counsel. The update will be in the same tri-fold format as the prior version.

A new brochure, *Tobacco Use and Your Orthodontic Treatment*, is completed and is selling well. The brochure alerts patients that tobacco use may compromise their orthodontic treatment as well as their general health.

There is a link on the braces.org site for school nurses to a page that details how to handle common orthodontic emergencies. COOP is developing a hard copy of this information to be distributed to school nurses.

In 2004, the BOT directed COOP to explore the development of a formalized staff training program. In August 2004, a COOP subcommittee viewed proposals from five vendors (Consulting Network, International Training Institute, Ortho Assist, Academy of Orthodontic Assisting and Progressive Concepts). COOP found that excellent staff training programs exist, but that no single program appears to meet all the membership's needs. COOP reported back to the BOT that it did not recommend one program for AAO

endorsement. The BOT feels very strongly about developing a formal staff training program, and has referred AAOSI to study the feasibility of developing a coordinated staff training program in line with developing standards and educational guidelines for staff training.

An update of the Practice Opportunities and Alternatives Program is complete. A DVD has been produced, featuring Terry Pracht, Randy Berning and Dick Collier. An extensive binder of comprehensive reference materials accompanies the DVD presentation. This program is offered to every orthodontic graduate program in the U.S. All but one program provides this presentation to their graduate students.

COOP will sponsor a full day Practice Transition Conference at the 2005 Annual Meeting. John McGill is the featured speaker.

COOP will sponsor a full day S.T.A.R.T. (Staff Training: Advancing and Renewing Teams) at the 2005 Annual Meeting. Lori Garland-Parker and Debbie Best are the featured speakers.

COOP will co-sponsor with COIT a second stand-alone Orthodontist as CEO conference in Phoenix, February 9-12, 2006. The first Orthodontist as CEO in 2004 was highly successful, both in number of attendees and in attendee satisfaction.

The AAO is sponsoring a competition for presentations by orthodontic staff. The best presenter will win an expenses-paid trip to the WFO Congress in Paris. COOP has been asked to select the top six presentations to compete for the grand prize. The presentations will be reviewed at the 2005 Annual Session.

The BOT has directed COOP to study the feasibility of developing and implementing a program to educate junior and senior dental students who are interested in post-graduate orthodontic education about educational and practice alternatives. COOP plans to distribute a questionnaire to recent graduates of orthodontic programs to gain a retrospective on their informational and economic needs during orthodontic training. A questionnaire for senior dental students is also planned to research their post-graduate needs.

COOP continues to work on the new Office Design Manual. The new manual will be web-based, will be completely updated, and will contain many photos and floor plans of orthodontic offices, as well as links to manufacturers and service providers.

Dr. Budd Rubin, an orthodontist in San Diego, participated in a SDSU study to study the effect of anti-tobacco counseling provided to at-risk preteens by an orthodontist. The study found that children who received counseling were less likely to use tobacco than their peers. COOP is working to develop an AAO-sponsored Tobacco Deterrence Program.

COOP is developing a supplemental questionnaire to aid practitioners in gathering information about patients who have been identified as having special physical or mental needs.

An update of the Orthodontic Staff Training Syllabus is being prepared, and methods of distributing the syllabus to the membership are being investigated. The syllabus is currently available for download on the AAO

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## Council on Orthodontic Education

W. EUGENE ROBERTS, D.D.S.

### COE – Sponsored Meetings

1. 2005 COE-Sponsored Luncheon – COE hosted a luncheon for orthodontic educators during the 2005 ADEA Annual Session, held in Baltimore, Maryland. Drs. Carla Evans and David Hall addressed the issues of digital capabilities and the technology of the Internet 2.
2. 2005 Coenraad F.A. Moorrees Education Leadership Conference and Educators' Workshop will be held on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2005 - The Educator's Conference, which will include Department Chairs and Program Directors, will be held in San Francisco in conjunction with AAO Annual Session. Internet 2 and the new ABO certification/re-certification processes are the featured topics.
3. A 2006 COE educational event for orthodontic educators is planned in conjunction with the ADEA Annual Session in Orlando, Florida.

### Internet 2

COE is investigating the usage of Internet 2 in university orthodontic programs.

A motion was made at the March 2005 COE meeting.

*That \$300,000 be allocated to COE to develop an Internet II based pilot program with a methodology that will allow accredited graduate orthodontic programs to share faculty resources.*

### Craniofacial and Special Needs in Orthodontics

COE is considering a new orthodontic fellowship program.

A motion was made at the March 2005 COE meeting.

*That the AAO develop an accredited*

*orthodontic fellowship program for special needs and craniofacial anomalies for submission to the CDA.*

### ABO Phase II Exam

A sub-committee for the ABO Phase II Exam is exploring the use of the ABO Phase II exam as the standardized exit examination.

### Evidence-Based Task Force

This is a four-part House of Delegates resolution from the May 2004 House of Delegates meeting in Orlando. As a result, a task force has been combined from the Council on Orthodontic Education, the Council on Orthodontic Practice and the Council on Scientific Affairs. The task force has held three conference calls and will report to the House of Delegates in May 2005.

The four resolutions follow.

### Definition of Evidence-Based Practice

Resolved, that Resolution 15-04 BRTF be referred to COE, COOP and COSA to examine the long-term implications of adopting a definition, of evidence-based practice, whether it is in the best interest of the AAO to adopt such a definition and, if so, to determine the best definition to adopt, and report back to the 2005 HOD.

The following definition of evidence based dentistry was approved: Evidence-based dentistry (EBD) is an approach to oral health care that requires the judicious integration of systematic assessments of clinically relevant scientific evidence, relating to the patient's oral and medical condition and history, with the dentist's clinical expertise and the patient's treatment needs and preferences. Thus, evidence based dentistry is the integration of the best

research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values.

### Guidelines and Speaker Criteria

Resolved, that the issues outlined below be referred to the COOP, COE and COSA to investigate the creation of an AAO national speaker registry that would be used by the AAO and accessible to constituent and component societies, make a determination of whether some provisions of 16-04 BRTF are too restrictive, and decide whether limitations on speakers with financial and/or beneficial interests is advisable, and that these Councils report their findings to the 2005 HOD.

A 13-point criteria guide was approved for the interactive speaker registry. The criteria are:

1. Speaker contact information
2. Lectures given by a speaker including event name, presentation title, dates and location
3. Specialties and sub-specialties
4. Organizations – list of the speaker's professional memberships, constituency, and component societies
5. Educational Background – Schools, degrees, any additional training
6. Clinical Interests – will include topics which the speaker is proficient
7. Financial Interests/Affiliations – Disclosures of corporate funding, etc.
8. Visual Enhancements – Disclosures of altering of visual images relating to a presentation
9. Resume or CV

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web site, or AAO staff will mail if requested.

A COOP subcommittee is working with COE and COSA to develop: a definition of evidence-based practice, guidelines for topics and speaker

selection, and scheduling of a conference on evidence-based practice.

Development of a brochure to address recommendations for orthodontic patients who are at high risk for dental decay is underway.

Development of a brochure for orthodontic patients who have experienced traumatic dental injuries is underway.

COOP is reviewing and updating the AAO forms on Mutual Aid/ Cross Coverage for orthodontists.

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10. Supporting Material – Includes PowerPoint presentations, PDF's etc that may be relevant to speaker and/or presentations
11. Languages
12. Honoraria/Speaker Fees
13. Agree to be recorded

Also, the current AAO policy with respect to speakers with financial and or beneficial interests should remain in force.

### Scheduling of Evidence-Based Practice Conference

*31-04 PCSO – That the following two resolutions be referred to the COE and COOP for study and report back to the 2005 HOD meeting.*

Resolved, that the AAO sponsor and organize a one-day, stand-alone conference on evidence-based practice, its purpose being to familiarize AAO members with the concepts associated with evidence-based orthodontic practice and that the conference be held

in conjunction with an AAO Annual Session no later than 2007, and be it further resolved, that this topic be considered for inclusion in annual session scientific programs on an ongoing basis.

*31-04 PCSO (SI-SAO) – Scheduling of Evidence-based Practice Conference. Resolved, that the AAO sponsor a conference in conjunction with the AAO Annual Session with its purpose being to instruct AAO members how to critically evaluate concepts, articles, and presentations; and be it further resolved, that it be entitled an outcomes-based conference. Discussion occurred regarding the timing of a conference and who would present the program.*

The task force approved that a program on evidence-based practice be added to the Educator's Conference and to the 2006 Annual Session. Dr. Turpin will be asked to do a general presentation of evidence-based practice at the 2006 Annual Session.

### 48-04 H – Continuing Education Committee

*Resolved, that the COE study the feasibility of establishing a continuing education committee to:*

1. *Develop and initiate an overall long-term plan for continuing education for all AAO-sponsored educational activities.*
2. *Work to coordinate all the educational activities of the Association, including the selection of topics, speakers and meeting formats; and be it further resolved, that the COE report back to the 2005 HOD.*

This resolution was referred to COE and discussed at the March 2005 meeting.

### Special Needs Patients

At the request of the Board of Trustees COE is pursuing a survey to orthodontists to assess the need for training of orthodontic residents in the treatment of special needs patients.

## Council on Information Technology

JOSEPH JANOWSKI, D.D.S., M.S.

The council on information technology is working to bring knowledge of new technology to the members of the AAO. In order to do this, the council will sponsor several technology lectures at the 2006 Orthodontist as CEO conference. It was agreed that we need to prepare our members for the future. The focus will be on information technology, instead of orthodontic technology.

The council is also planning a stand-alone technology conference for early 2008, which is the next available time on the AAO calendar. The exact time

and location is yet to be determined.

### New AAO Web Site

If you have not been to the new AAO website, I encourage you to visit. The address is the same as before (AAO members.org), however, the site has been completely redesigned. The new site has been up and running as of February 1, 2005 and is more intuitive, functional and robust. Updated features include: the ability to update your personal profile, the AAO store, online education modules, library services, and discussion boards.

I would also encourage you to take advantage of the AAO's FreE.mail program. Being a secure HIPAA-compliant system is a necessity these days especially if you are now using e-mail to transfer patient files to referring doctors.

Finally, the GLAO will be updating its website on the AAO platform within the next several months. Just like the update of the main site, the GLAO site should be more functional, intuitive and robust.

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## Indiana Association of Orthodontists

RONALD MILLER, D.D.S., M.S.D.

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Central Director: ..... Greg Warner  
Southern Director: ..... John Hiester  
Directors at Large: ..... Sigrid Schwartz

### Committee Reports:

Membership: 111      Non-Active: 60      Retired: 29

### IAO Annual Meeting Report:

1. The IAO Annual Lecture and Business meeting was held on March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2005 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Dr. Richard McLaughlin was the guest lecturer.
2. The 2006 IAO annual meeting will be held in March 2005 with a guest lecturer.
3. A committee has recently been formed to organize a fund raiser to create an endowed chair position in the graduate orthodontic department.
4. The IAO annual scholarship program continues to be a very rewarding program providing scholarships to six college-bound senior from throughout the state.



MICHAEL L. RIOLO, D.D.S., M.S.

When I was appointed as an ABO Director in the Spring of 1997, the final year of my commitment seemed very far off in the future. I had little sense of the responsibilities of the position or the value the experience would have for me personally. The time I have spent working on the Board has been a very rewarding experience

The close associations that are formed within the Board are based on our varied conjoint assignments to committees, the proximity of directors rotating on our Board and the atmosphere of collegiality and respect that permeates our Board. To a large extent, the ABO's accomplishments have been possible because our individual efforts have been magnified by our members' synergy.

This GLAO Report will be my last. I appreciate the opportunity to serve our constituency.

### **ABO Launches Effort to Increase the Numbers by Promoting Early Certification Followed By Recertification**

The new ABO process promotes early

certification (immediately following graduation from a graduate orthodontic program) followed by periodic reexamination. Ultimately, the new certification process will go into effect in 2007 and will be applied to the orthodontic residents/students who are graduating in that year. In the meantime, a three-year transition period will assist practicing orthodontists, including those orthodontists who graduate in 2005, 2006 or 2007, in achieving board certification.

The Board of Directors took many factors into account while developing the new approach to certification. For example, many practicing orthodontists are currently board eligible (have passed the Phase II Clinical Examination). To address their situation, the Board has approved two different approaches to certification for these individuals. One approach, the Gateway Offer, is a completely new concept that relies heavily on the reexamination process. The second approach is the more traditional pathway. However, practicing orthodontists may only take advantage of the Gateway Offer until July 1, 2007. The more traditional options will only be available until February 2008. After that point in time, the ABO will focus on early certification followed by periodic reexamination.

In 2007, graduating orthodontic residents and students will take the Phase II Written Exam, and, after successful completion of this exam and graduation from their orthodontic programs, the new graduates may then take the Phase III Initial Certification Exam. This exam will involve the presentation of cases treated in residency programs and will be evaluated according to ABO standards. The recent graduate must have initiated and completed treatment of the presented cases. A 10-year time-limited certificate will be issued upon successful completion of

the Phase II Written Exam and the Phase III Initial Certification Exam. When the 10-year certificate expires, the orthodontists must successfully complete the Phase III First Recertification Exam to maintain their certification.

According to the ABO Board of Directors, the Phase III Initial Certification Exam will offer the following benefits:

1. It will encourage orthodontists to become certified early in their careers and will require periodic reexamination to maintain certification. This will potentially maximize the quality of orthodontic care by instilling motivation for self-assessment.
2. Board certification will become the norm rather than the exception and will serve as a means for continuous quality assessment. In the process, dental colleagues and the public may trust the system to provide information pertaining to the continued competency of orthodontists.
3. Orthodontic education programs could use the Phase III Initial Certification Exam as an objective external outcomes measure for the evaluation of their clinical curricula. This Phase III Initial Certification Exam, combined with the use of the Phase II Written Exam for evaluating the didactic aspect of the orthodontic educational system, has the potential of yielding a standardized North American testing system that objectively evaluates the resident training process. This would fulfill one of the main original objectives of the ABO's founding directors.

Until the new approach to board certification truly gets under way, the ABO is offering a transition process for practicing orthodontists who are not board certified. This opportunity,

also known as the Gateway Offer, will serve as a means of entrance to board certification for practicing orthodontists.

The essential components of the Gateway Offer are as follows:

1. The Gateway Offer is a one-time offer. The offer commenced March 1, 2005, and expires July 1, 2007.
2. All practicing orthodontists who have successfully passed the Phase II Written Exam can apply for certification via the ABO website or by sending written correspondence to the ABO central office. Upon successful application, the Gateway diplomate will receive an ABO certificate that is valid for five years from the date of issuance; the expiration date will be conspicuously displayed on this certificate. In addition, the Gateway Offer will also be extended to graduates of the orthodontic classes of 2005, 2006 and 2007 who pass the Phase II Written Exam.
3. Recertification is mandatory and must be completed before the expiration date on the certificate. Failure to recertify will result in forfeiture of certification, and all privileges and inference to diplomate status will be revoked. The diplomate's name will be deleted from all official listings of current diplomates
4. A fee of \$1,880 will be assessed to obtain the five-year, time-limited ABO certificate, and an annual fee of \$125 will be required to maintain certification during the five-year period. These fees will include the Phase III First Recertification Exam. Failure to recertify will not entitle the orthodontist to any refunds.

### Alternative Options to the Gateway Offer

For current board-eligible orthodontists who choose not to

accept the Gateway Offer by July 1, 2007, the ABO will maintain the traditional certification examination system. The current Phase III Clinical Exam will be offered in February 2006, 2007 and 2008. If application for the exam was made prior to Jan. 1, 1998, successful completion will entitle the new diplomate to a certificate that will not expire. If application was made after Jan. 1, 1998, the certificate will carry a 15-year time limit. The current structure of the Phase III Clinical Exam will thereafter be discontinued. Option I and Option II pathways, as well as board-eligible status, will expire after February 2008.

### Orthodontists Who Have Not Passed the Phase II Written Exam

Orthodontists who have not taken or have not passed the Phase II Written Exam may do so in May 2005, 2006 or 2007. Those who pass may achieve board certification either by successfully completing the current Phase III Clinical Exam in 2006, 2007 or 2008, or by accepting the Gateway Offer as described above.

### Phase III First Recertification Exam

- (a) Timing of the Exam: The Phase III First Recertification Exam will first be available in 2009 for those diplomates who choose the Gateway Offer. This exam will also be offered in 2017 to the first group of orthodontists who completed the early certification process. Orthodontists who currently have time-limited certificates will also take this exam at some point in the future. If the exam is completed earlier than the expiration date of certification, the unexpired time will be added to the recertification period.
- (b) Examination Requirements:
  - (1) The Board Case Review Oral Exam will be comprised of cases presented to the candidate for diagnosis, treatment planning and discussion with examiners.

- (2) The Diplomate Case Presentation with Oral Review will include a combination of Discrepancy Index (DI) and case category requirements as follows:
  - three cases with a DI of at least 10 and three cases with a DI of at least 20,
  - no more than one case treated with orthognathic surgery,
  - at least one case treated with four quadrant extractions,
  - at least one case of a bilateral or unilateral fullstep Class II malocclusion corrected to a Class I molar and canine relationship.
- (c) Length of Certification: The diplomate will be awarded a 10-year certificate upon successful completion of the Phase III First Recertification Examination.

Please refer to the March editions of the AJODO and AAO Bulletin for additional ABO new process information.

### 2005 Phase III Exam

The Phase III clinical examination was held February 18 – 24, 2005 in St. Louis. During the exam 49 candidates passed the Phase III exam, 18 candidates passed the oral exam on the board case records only, and 22 passed the oral exam and present their Option II pretreatment records.

### Statistics as of March 21, 2005:

Diplomates:	Candidates:		
Active 1942	Board Applicants	600	
Retired <u>758</u>	Board Eligible	<u>2425</u>	
Total 2700	Total	3025	

### Recertification

During Phase III examination 27 Diplomates voluntarily became recertified. Each Diplomate taking the

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## 2005 New Active Members

Randy Ashoff  
Surat Attaphitaya  
Zia Beg  
Brian Benedict  
Rebecca Berg  
W. Charles Buchsieb, II  
Richard Burns  
Devon Cook  
Sean Corsini  
Michael Goldstein  
Helen Grubisa  
Nancy Lee  
Robert Long  
Jennifer Ludwig  
Ashley Lumpkin Williams  
Jenny Maple  
Daniel Martin  
Nawaf Masri  
Mandana Mozayeni-Azar  
Charles Munk  
Paul O'Grady  
Lui Redigonda  
James Reynolds  
Sylvie Sarment  
Richard Scavo  
Abbie Schaeffer Horkey  
Scott Schultz  
David Shapiro  
Lainie Shapiro  
Jason Swelstad  
Jeffrey Tse  
Brian Way  
Thomas Williams

recertification exam sent in one case presentation, graded ten cases from their practice with the calibration kit, and sent a treatment plans for two cases on the Web. The recertification volunteers also field-tested our new case management form.

### 2005 Annual Session in San Francisco

The Annual Session is scheduled for May 20 – May 24, 2005. The Phase II exam will be held at the San Francisco Marriott, Salons 9-15 on Friday, May 20. We currently have 334 candidates registered to take the Phase II written examination.

### Educators' Symposium

The ABO will invite two educators from each school to a symposium to be held on Saturday, October 8, at the St. Louis Airport Marriott. Approximately 100 to 150 educators are expected, and they will arrive on Friday, October 7. The purpose of the educators' symposium will be to assist the educators in understanding the preparation of cases for the ABO Phase III exam with regard to the newly announced changes in the Board Certification Process.

### ABO Website

All candidates affiliated with the ABO have an ID number and password that allows online editing of their personal demographic information. Also, annual dues can be paid online with a credit card.

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# Why Contribute to AAO PAC?

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In a matter of a few hours, Congress could make legislative changes that could make practicing orthodontics far more difficult for years and years to come. For that reason, it is very important for the American Association of Orthodontists to have a political presence in Washington to monitor the legislative process on behalf of the Association. We are very pleased to have as our Congressional Liaison/Attorney, Tim Haake, to watch the legislative action in Congress on our behalf. In order to have an effective political action on the federal level, it is important to have three elements: a Congressional presence, Attorney Tim Haake; a PAC, an instrument to gather and distribute funds to Congressmen; and grass roots support. All of us as Orthodontists are that grass roots support, and it is necessary for us to make contributions in order for effective political action to occur.

Last year was the most successful year the AAO PAC has ever had. The AAO PAC raised approximately \$174,000, and that amount was contributed to 28 Republican and 22 Democratic Congressional campaigns which were approximately 98% successful. That is a record the AAO can really be proud of. The funds contributed to the AAO PAC allowed the PAC to make contributions to Congressional campaigns and members of Congress

who have been, or are likely to become, sympathetic to the concerns of Orthodontists in general. Having received support for their campaigns, respective Congressmen are more likely to grant access to our point of view as issues important in the field of orthodontics appear before Congress. Traditionally, only 11% of the AAO membership contributes to the AAO PAC. Having a suggested PAC contribution on the AAO dues statement has been useful in increasing the level of contributions to the PAC. Also, publishing a list of members of the AAO who have contributed to the PAC as an insert in the bulletin, is also likely to be very effective in helping encourage members to contribute to the PAC. The size of the Optometry PAC is \$1,000,000, and the size of the American Dental Association PAC is \$2,000,000. Our PAC is extremely small for the size of our membership, and it is very much hoped that, for us to be more effective in the future, we must increase the size of PAC. Particularly in the view of the fact that the cost of Congressional campaigns is increasing so dramatically. In the 2004 Congressional elections, one Florida race for Congress cost \$23,000,000; South Dakota race cost \$35,000 and a Texas race cost \$9,000,000. Cost of races are increasing exponentially. At this time, speeches from the United States

Senators are costing \$10,000. The AAO PAC is highly effective for its size, but we are rapidly being out-priced of the cost of political campaigns.

Through our Congressional presence in Washington with Attorney Tim Haake, important contacts have been made in both Houses of Congress, and he is knowledgeable about committee assignments where health care legislation is considered. Cultivation of those significant relationships with Congressmen who have influence on the development of health care policy is always critical. Those relationships need to be nurtured, and over a long period of time, we will have significant access to the thought process regarding the delivery of health care. It is very important for us as orthodontists to be able to have a means for expressing our concerns to members of Congress. If every orthodontist in American contributes \$200 on an annual basis, we can have a highly successful PAC on behalf of the specialty of orthodontics. Now more than ever, it is important for every orthodontist to be involved in making contributions to the PAC to help preserve our position in the health care field. Please send a separate check for \$150 – \$200 with your AAO dues statement for the PAC.

# AAO 2005 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Title: **Orthodontic Mini-Residency Program, University of North Carolina**  
Date: 4/4/2005 - 4/8/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger  
Details: Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
Email: garland\_hershey@unc.edu

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Title: **American Association of Endodontists Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX**  
Date: 4/6/2005 - 4/9/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **New-Conn 20th Biennial Growth Seminar—The New Orthodontic Esthetic Paradigm: What is Our Role?**  
Date: 4/14/2005 - 4/15/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger  
Details: White Plains, New York  
Web site: www.newconnortho.org

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Title: **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Annual Meeting, Destin, FL**  
Date: 4/16/2005 - 4/20/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **American Association of Public Health Dentistry Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA**  
Date: 5/2/2005 - 5/4/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **AAO Board of Trustees Meeting, San Francisco**  
Date: 5/16/2005 - 5/18/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAO Annual Session, San Francisco, CA**  
Date: 5/20/2005 - 5/24/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAO Board of Trustees Meeting, San Francisco**  
Date: 5/25/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL**  
Date: 5/26/2005 - 5/30/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **European Orthodontic Society Meeting, Amsterdam, The Netherlands**  
Date: 6/3/2005 - 6/7/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls  
Details: Contact Information: Anne Marie Kuijpers-Jagtman, DDS, PhD

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Title: **Council on Insurance Meeting, St. Louis, MO**  
Date: 6/3/2005 - 6/4/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Council on Governmental Affairs Meeting, Washington, DC**  
Date: 7/23/2005 - 7/26/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Dental Specialty Organizations and Boards Meeting, Chicago**  
Date: 7/28/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **Council on Communications Meeting**  
Date: 7/29/2005 - 7/31/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

Title: **Graduate Orthodontics Residents Program, Seattle, Washington**  
Date: 8/5/2005 - 8/7/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAOF Board of Directors' Meeting**  
Date: 8/6/2005 - 8/7/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAOSI Board of Directors Meeting, St. Louis, MO**  
Date: 8/6/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **AAO Board of Trustees Orientation, St. Louis, MO**  
Date: 8/18/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAO Board of Trustees Meeting, St. Louis, MO**  
Date: 8/19/2005 - 8/20/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists Meeting/ Incline Village, NV**  
Date: 8/21/2005 - 8/25/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls  
Details: Contact Dr. Gary R. Baughman at 209-952-2630 (Pacific time) for further information.

Title: **Recognized Dental Specialty Certifying Boards and Specialty Organizations Meeting, Chicago, IL**  
Date: 8/22/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAOIC Board of Directors Meeting, Vermont**  
Date: 8/25/2005 – 8/27/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **6th International Orthodontic Congress, Paris, France**  
Date: 9/10/2005 – 9/14/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Midwestern Society of Ortho./World Federation of Ortho. Meeting, Paris, France**  
Date: 9/11/2005 – 9/15/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **WFO – 3rd Meeting with 6th IOC**  
Date: 9/11/2005 – 9/15/2005  
Author: World Federation of Orthodontists  
Details: To be held in conjunction with the 6th International Orthodontic Congress in Paris, France

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Title: **6th International Orthodontic Congress**  
Date: 9/11/2005 – 9/15/2005  
Author: Lorraine DuPont  
Details: Paris, France

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Title: **Canadian Association of Orthodontists Meeting, Quebec City, Quebec**  
Date: 9/20/2005 – 9/25/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Pacific Coast Society/Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists annual Meeting, San Diego, CA**  
Date: 9/25/2005 – 9/28/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **American Dental Association Annual Session, Philadelphia, PA**  
Date: 10/6/2005 – 10/9/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Southwestern Society of Orthodontists Meeting, Austin, TX**  
Date: 10/12/2005 – 10/16/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Southern Association Annual Meeting, Scottsdale, AZ**  
Date: 10/19/2005 – 10/23/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Great Lakes Assoc. /Middle Atlantic Society Meeting, Bermuda**  
Date: 10/29/2005 – 10/31/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **2nd International Conference on Evidence-Based Dentistry, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL**  
Date: 11/4/2005 – 11/6/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger  
Details: For Information or to request a program brochure call: 866-774-9648

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Title: **Northeastern Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY (tentative)**  
Date: 11/10/2005 - 11/13/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **Council on Insurance Meeting, St. Louis, MO**  
Date: 11/11/2005 – 11/12/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC**  
Date: 11/16/2005 – 11/20/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **Board of Trustees Meeting, St. Louis, MO**  
Date: 11/18/2005 – 11/19/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Title: **AAOIC Executive Committee Meeting, Chicago, IL**  
Date: 12/1/2005 – 12/3/2005  
Author: Sue Ottinger

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Title: **Council on Communications Meeting, St. Louis (tentative)**  
Date: 12/2/2005 – 12/4/2005  
Author: Carla Qualls

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Marriott Rivercenter  
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