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Hello to all! I hope that you are doing well and are excited about the beginning of the holiday season.

This has been another very busy year and my report will highlight some of the recent organizational meetings and other topics of interest relative to orthodontic education.

### **Annual GLAO Meeting**

The annual GLAO/MASO meeting was held in Toronto this past September. The meeting was well attended and hosted a number of insightful speakers. Numerous educators from the two constituents met for their customary educators' meeting. Several topics were discussed including current best practices with regard to post-graduate and pre-doctoral education. The group also discussed how the AAO and associated AAO Society of Orthodontic Educators (SOE) can provide more support to faculty and residency programs throughout the year. In addition, useful recommendations were obtained about the 2019 SOE Educational Leadership Conference that will be shared with the current SOE leadership.

### **Fall 2018 ADEA Fall Meeting**

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) conducted its 2018 fall meeting last week in Toronto. The most significant announcement made at the meeting was the imminent retirement of Dr. Richard Valachovic, ADEA President and CEO. Dr. Valachovic has served in this role within the organization for over 21 years and has been a significant advocate for dentistry and dental education. The organization is currently conducting an interview process to identify his potential successor and hopes to make an announcement relative to the new President/CEO position within the next few months. During the meeting, a number of topics were discussed included student indebtedness, student enrollment trends, and methods of attracting/retaining educators in dental academia. These topics and several others are discussed in the [2018 ADEA snapshot presentation](#). The presentation can also be found at <http://www.adea.org/snapshot/>.

### **Fall 2018 COE Meeting**

The 2018 Council on Orthodontic Education met this past Monday in St. Louis and discussed a number of orthodontic education items that will be reviewed in this portion of my report. Information regarding the 2019 SOE Educational Leadership Conference was circulated and reviewed. The conference will occur on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. All orthodontic full-time and part-time educators are invited to attend and participate in the meeting. Please visit the AAO Society of Orthodontic Educators website for more information about the upcoming conference.

Dr. Patrick Foley, new ABO liaison to the COE, provided an update about the ABO [written](#) and new [scenario-based oral clinical examinations](#). Dr. Foley noted that the board has seen considerable interest from individuals wanting to complete the new clinical examination. He also noted that many potential candidates have petitioned to complete the clinical examination with cases. To meet this demand, the Board plans to add an additional clinical exam date in 2019. In addition, Dr. Foley shared that the ABO is currently renovating several aspects of their physical space within the AAO building in St. Louis. The renovation includes an upgrade of their conference room, as well as the addition of two

additional testing rooms. Once complete, the Board will have total of twelve (12) testing rooms and anticipates being able to accommodate a larger number candidates during every scheduled clinical examination. Lastly, Dr. Foley noted that historically the written examination has been given over the course of a week, usually the first week of April. However, during the last administration there appeared to be a higher degree of “student collaboration” that could potential undermine the integrity and function of the written exam. To eliminate this potential concern, the Board plans to only administer the written exam on a single day in 2019. Students will be able to petition the Board to complete the exam on a different day should unforeseen events occur and keep them from taking the exam on the scheduled day.

The COE also reviewed their role in supporting AAO supported research initiatives such as the Partners in Research (PIR) program. A COE taskforce was developed to assess the current structure of the PIR program and provide possible recommendations on how it could be a more effective and streamlined process. The council discussed the continued relationship between the COE, SOE, and ADEA Section on Orthodontics. The current interactions seem to be yielding significant benefits for all three groups and additional collaborations will be planned to further capitalize on these developing relationships.

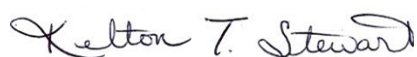
#### **Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Standards Review Taskforce Update**

The CODA Standards Review Taskforce has now completed their assessment of the current orthodontic CODA standards. A total of 14 standard modifications were submitted to the AAO Board of Trustees for review and all were endorsed this past summer. The recommendations have now been submitted to CODA to initiate the formal vetting process, required prior to the recommendations being accepted. Please use the following link to review the [final orthodontic standard recommendations](#). During the recent COE meeting, COE members identified one additional modification for the revision of Standard 3-1. The CODA taskforce recommended that: “There must be a minimum of one clinic chair per resident in all orthodontic teaching facilities”. The COE felt that the clause: “...for residents assigned to any given clinical session” should be added to the end of this recommendation to avoid placing an undue burden on any residency program. After an initial internal review, potentially accepted recommendation will go through a public vetting process. Public hearings will occur at the American Dental Association and the American Dental Education Association annual meetings. Individuals will also be able to provide comments via email to the Commission about some or all of the potential recommendations. Please visit the CODA website at <https://www.ada.org/en/coda> for more information.

#### **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 attention, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone. My email is [keltstew@iu.edu](mailto:keltstew@iu.edu) and I can be reached by telephone at 317-278-1087.

I hope that you and yours have a very safe and wonderful holiday season.



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