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Greetings and Happy New Year to all. I hope the beginning of your 2019 has been wonderful. With the commencement of another year, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you all with some important updates.

AAO Council on Orthodontic Education

The AAO Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) held its annual meeting in St. Louis on Monday, October 29, 2019. The assembled council discussed various items including mechanisms to ensure adequate AAO representation at other organized meetings including the American Dental Education Association and American Dental Association Annual Sessions. Other items discussed during the meeting included the nomination of new CODA site visitors, the possible change in CODA site visitor training, the 2019 AAO Society of Educators Educational Conference, and a review of the COE budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. There were no particular items or decisions discussed during the meeting that would impact the broader GLAO membership. Additional information about COE discussions and activities will be provided throughout the year in future GLAO e-news issues.

American Board of Orthodontics Clinical Examination Change Update

The American Board of Orthodontics will conduct the first iteration on its new Scenario-based Oral Clinical Examination February 20-22, 2019. There has been much talk and anticipation surrounding this new examination and the profession will be eager to see how the first cohort of examinees performs on the exam. The overall modification to the board certification process appears to have peaked the interest of many individuals within the profession, as the November 2019 exam session has already amassed a wait list for interested individuals interested in completing the clinical examination. The immediate and long-term impact of this format change will begin to be more evident as time proceeds and more individuals challenge the exam.

For more information about the new ABO clinical exam format click on the following link:

<https://www.americanboardortho.com/orthodontic-professionals/about-board-certification/clinical-examination/>. Additionally, you can contact the ABO with general questions at Info@AmericanBoardOrtho.com or visit their main website at <https://www.americanboardortho.com/>.

2019 Jeryl D. English Educational Leadership Conference

The **Society of Educators** (SOE) of the AAO is an organization for any and all orthodontic educators in the US and Canada. This group provides a forum for educators to gather, share information, and learn, as well as provide a grass-roots resource for the AAO. We hope that all educators, whether predoctoral or postdoctoral, fulltime or part time, will become members and take part. This year the SOE will conduct their **6th annual Educational Leadership Conference on Friday, May 3, 2019**, in conjunction with the 2019 AAO Annual Session. The 2019 Educational Leadership Conference will honor **Dr. Jeryl D. English**, a distinguished and

influential educator who has made a significant impact on the profession through his involvement as a leader within the AAO and American Board of Orthodontics. The conference this year will contain eight main topic areas and over a dozen presentations from individuals throughout North America. Some of the presentation topics for this year's conference include "Orthodontics: Past, Present, Future", "Integrating 3D Imaging for Orthodontic Diagnosis & Clinical Management", and "Keys to Enhancing Your Residency Program". In addition, there will be ample opportunity during the meeting to obtain additional information about the current state of orthodontic education and also engage in productive professional networking. This conference is sure to have something for everyone, so we hope you will be able to join us on May 3rd.

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 2019 Jeryl D. English Educational Leadership Conference, please use the following link:

https://www.aaoinfo.org/system/files/2019%20SOE%20Conference%20Schedule%20Final_0.pdf or reference the attached PDF.

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) Standards Review Taskforce Update

In the latter half of 2018, the AAO CODA taskforce completed its review of the current orthodontic CODA standards and the development of recommendations. The drafted recommendations were established by engaging a large group of stakeholders both within and outside of the orthodontic profession. The aim of these recommendations was to strengthen the education offered by all accredited orthodontic resident programs, thus producing the most knowledgeable and prepared orthodontic professionals into the workforce. These recommendations have been reviewed by the AAO Board of Trustees and approved. At this time, the recommendations have been submitted to CODA and will begin the standard vetting process. Updates on the progress of the recommendations within the CODA review process will be shared with members of the GLAO, AAO, and other stakeholders as more additional information is obtained. There will be more to come, so stay tuned.

2019 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) will hold its Annual Session and Exhibition at the **Hyatt Regency Chicago** in **Chicago, Illinois** from **March 16-19, 2019**. The theme of this year's meeting is **Celebrating Our Collaborative Spirit**. During the meeting, ADEA will offer a wide range of programming that will discuss numerous dental education topics. There will also be sessions that focus on methods of improving the knowledge and abilities of our current and future academicians.

The orthodontic profession is represented within ADEA by the **Orthodontic Section on Orthodontics (SOO)** and the **Council of Advanced Education Programs**. These groups work to represent the orthodontic specialty and our interests in the broader dental education environment. The Council of Advanced Education Programs will hold its business meeting on **Saturday, March 16, 2019** from **1:30-4:00PM** in the Michigan Room 3 on the Concourse Level within the East Tower of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The SOO will host a member's forum, open

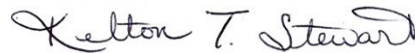
to all, on **Sunday, March 17, 2019** from **7:00-8:00AM** in Plaza A on the Plaza Level within the East Tower of the Hyatt Regency Chicago. The ADEA meetings are always a wonderful source of new knowledge and professional networking, so if your schedule allows, I highly encourage you to attend this collaborative meeting.

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.

As always, the profession needs you. So I strongly encourage each of you to find ways to be actively involved within organized orthodontics and strive to positively impact our wonderful profession.

I wish you all a very prosperous 2019,



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