

# Ontario Report

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The Ontario Association of Orthodontists continues to successfully represent the interests of orthodontists provincially, nationally and internationally through collaborations with the Canadian and American Associations of Orthodontists, the Ontario Dental Association and the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario. The current OAO Board of Directors will finish their term at the end of May, when a new slate of officers will be introduced. The OAO election was held via an electronic vote, allowing for province-wide participation, and the results will be announced shortly. Our current President, Dr. Emel Arat, has done an excellent job guiding the OAO through an exceptionally busy year with the major issues including new infection control standards as well as DTC orthodontic concerns. Our outgoing Past President is completing his laudable term on the Board and his leadership will be missed, particularly his skills in guiding the OAO's Consumer Awareness Program that benefitted from AAO matching funds. Thank you for all of your efforts Mitch and we all look forward to seeing you take on further leadership roles in our specialty in the future.

Ontario Orthodontists continue to remain active at the GLAO and AAO. Dr. Mariela Anderson has completed her term as GLAO Representative to the AAO Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM) and now serves as Board of Trustees Liaison to CONYM. Dr. Sean Chung, our Ontario Association of Orthodontists New and Younger Members Chair, has accepted a position on the GLAO NYM committee. Dr. Drew Smith continues his role as Ontario Director on the GLAO Board and is also a Delegate to the AAO House of Delegates. Dr. Michael Sherman completed his Editor of the GLAO Newsletter and is moving into his new role as Trustee on the AAO's Board of Trustees. We know that he will represent the interests of orthodontists with great skill and precision in these turbulent times.

Toronto orthodontist, Dr. Sheila Smith, is currently serving as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists next year, while Dr. Eric Selnes serves as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and Dr. Mariela Anderson fills the role of Ontario Representative to the CAO. The CAO continues to be active on many fronts nationally, including the DTC concern.

The Ontario Dental Association has recognized the importance of the specialist / generalist relationship and has organized a summit, bringing together representatives of all specialty societies in Ontario to discuss the issues specialists face in our province and how the ODA can partner with the provincial specialty societies. The OAO will be well represented at this meeting by emerging leader Dr. Natoosha Nargaski, who incidentally recently attended the AAO Leadership Conference in Florida.

The OAO Annual Meeting will be held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> in Toronto, preceding the Toronto Orthodontic Club meeting, being held the following day. The AM promises to be a stirring meeting as the Registrar of our regulatory body, the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, will be in attendance to address the members and answer questions and concerns. The meeting will be live streamed to improve the value of membership for those who cannot attend in person. Registration details for the OAO Annual Meeting will be emailed out shortly. To register for the Toronto Orthodontic Club meeting for an excellent day of CE featuring Dr. Neal Kravitz, please visit the following site: [www.toclub.ca](http://www.toclub.ca).

Respectfully Submitted,

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