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Happy New Year to all. It is a pleasure to continue to serve as the GLAO representative to the AAO Council on Education. Please find below a number of updates related to orthodontics from an educational perspective.

### **AAO Council on Orthodontic Education Meeting**

The AAO Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) held its annual meeting in St. Louis on Monday, October 21, 2019. The council reviewed a number of topics during the meeting including the AAO strategic plan, ABO examinations, AAO Partners in Research program, proposed changes to the orthodontic CODA standards, and residency tuition/student indebtedness. Additionally, the group again discussed potential individuals who could serve as CODA site visitors for accredited Craniofacial Fellowship programs. A general overview of the 2020 AAO Society of Educators Educational Conference was presented, along with potential issues associated with the meeting format changes that will occur at the May 2020 meeting in Atlanta.

During the meeting, Dr. Edmund Khoo announced that the ADEA Section on Orthodontics had initiated a new **ADEA Student Travel Award Program**. The program will provide funding to dental students and orthodontic residents who are attending the ADEA annual session and presenting research at the meeting.

The AAO continues to support orthodontic education through the **AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award**. This award provides new faculty members with \$60,000 (*over two years*) to reduce their financial burdens and includes a number of didactic, research, and general teaching components to enhance their abilities as an educator. The ultimate goal of the program is to provide critical support to young educators, in hopes of increasing the retention of these academicians. The **deadline** for application submissions is **February 1, 2020**. Please visit <https://www1.aaoinfo.org/education/research-awards-and-fellowships/> for additional information.

The organization also continues to sponsor the **AAO Partners in Research (PIR)** program. This service helps students, faculty, and clinicians, disseminate survey research to selected components of the AAO membership. During the PIR review process, members of the AAO review the submitted applications for scientific merit, as well as to ensure that the proposed surveys do not pose a threat to the organization. The fee associated with PIR submissions had been \$75 but due to the extensive vetting process, this fee has now risen to \$275.

There has been a high degree of transition within the organization and many long time staff members have transitioned out of the organization over the last several months. **Mrs. Barb Simon** assumed the position of AAO Director of Education at the end of 2018 and worked closely with the Council on Education and Society of Educators throughout 2019. Barb decided to retire at the end of last year and I would like to acknowledge her tremendous contributions

to the AAO and the educational community. Along with her departure, several other staff changes have occurred. There are a number of new staff members or previously employed individuals, who now hold new positions within the AAO. Some of these individuals include: **Kay Pinner**, AAO Director of Education; **Michelle Ritterskamp**, AAO Continuing Education Coordinator; **Lauren Snowden Carr**, AAO Member Career Programs Specialist; **Melissa McCulloch**, AAO Education Specialist, and **Mindi Brothers**, AAO Vice President for Growth and Transformation. Should you have any questions about educational programming with the AAO, I encourage you to reach out to one of these wonderful and helpful individuals.

Along with staff changes, the Council on Education also welcomed two new representatives, Drs. Ki Beom Kim (Saint Louis University) and Reginald Taylor (Texas A&M).

Additional information about COE activities will be provided throughout the year in future GLAO e-news issues.

### **American Board of Orthodontics Update**

Dr. Patrick Foley serves as the ABO representative to the Council on Education and during the October 2019 meeting; he provided a number of updates related to the ABO. Dr. Foley reported that the administration of the new Scenario-based Oral Clinical Examination has gone well. The pass rate for the February 2019 exam was **68%**. The second administration of the new ABO clinical exam occurred in November of 2019 and the testing windows for 2020 will occur in February, July, and November. He also reported that the percentage of AAO members who are also ABO certified has risen to **46%**. For more information about the ABO clinical exam format click on the following link: <https://www.americanboardortho.com/orthodontic-professionals/about-board-certification/clinical-examination/> or visit their main website at <https://www.americanboardortho.com/>. The 2020 ABO Written exam is scheduled for April 7, 2020. The pass rate on the written exam has been approximately **96%** over the last few years.

The ABO will conduct the **2020 ABO Educators Symposium, honoring Dr. Katherine Vig**, on **April 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** in St. Louis, MO. This year's meeting will be held at the **Marriott St. Louis Airport**. Orthodontic Chairs/program directors (or any two faculty members from each orthodontic program) are encouraged to attend the meeting and gain more insight into recent and planned ABO activities. For more information about the Educators symposium, contact the ABO at [abo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com](mailto:abo@AmericanBoardOrtho.com) or by calling (314) 432-6130.

### **2020 Carla Evans Educational Leadership Conference**

During the 2020 AAO Annual Session, the **Society of Educators (SOE)** will conduct their **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Leadership Conference**. The conference will occur on **Friday, May 1, 2020** at the Georgia World Congress Center (Atlanta, GA), **Rooms A 311-312** from **7:30AM to 4:15PM**. The 2020 Educational Leadership Conference will honor **Dr. Carla Evans**, a prominent leader and educator who spent several years leading the University of Illinois at Chicago Orthodontic Department. The full agenda for the 2020 Educational Leadership Conference will be made available by the AAO prior to the annual session.

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

As you may recall, the AAO created a taskforce to review the current CODA standards for graduate orthodontic residency programs. The taskforce developed a number of proposed revisions and submitted those potential changes to CODA in 2019. Over the last several months, CODA has sought input from all potential stakeholders on the recommended revisions. The timeline for submitting comments related to the proposed orthodontic CODA standard revisions closed on December 1, 2019.

Below are the revisions being considered: (Text that has been added/changed is shown in red)

- 2-2 The program director position must be full-time as defined by the institution.
- 2-9 The program must ensure a minimum of one (1) full time equivalent (FTE) faculty to four (4) students/residents for the entire program, including clinical, didactic, administration, and research components.
- 2-10 For clinic coverage, the program must ensure no less than one (1) faculty to eight (8) students/residents to assure the number and time commitment of faculty must be sufficient to provide full supervision of the clinical portion of the program.
- 2-11 The faculty covering clinic must be orthodontists.
- 3-1 Adequate space must be designated specifically for the advanced dental education program in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. For each clinic session to which a student/resident is assigned, the program must provide a minimum of one (1) clinic chair per student/resident.
- 4-3.4
  - p. Identify patients with sleep-related breathing disorders/sleep apnea;
  - q. Identify patients with Craniofacial Anomalies and Cleft Lip and Palate;
  - r. Treat and effectively manage malocclusions that require four (4) 19 quadrants of bicuspid extractions or of comparable space closure;
  - s. Treat and effectively manage Class II malocclusions, defined as a bilateral end-on or greater Class II molar or a unilateral full cusp Class II molar, through a non-surgical treatment approach.

Examples of evidence to demonstrate compliance may include:

- Course outlines
- Clinical outcomes assessment
- ABO standards: Discrepancy Index, Cast-Radiograph Evaluation, Case Management Forms

The recommended changes will be vetted this year by the Review Committee on Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics Education will vet the recommended changes, including the

obtained feedback from stakeholders and parties of interest. They will then submit a general recommendation to adopt or reject the revised CODA standards. It is important to note some logistical information regarding this process. First, CODA review committees only meet formally twice per year. The Review Committee on Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics Education held their first meeting of 2020 on January 10<sup>th</sup> and will conduct their second meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>. A closed Commission meeting will occur on January 30, 2020. It is possible that information regarding the proposed standard changes will be announced anytime between the end of January and this summer. Additionally, it is also possible that all or a portion of the proposed changes could be adopted and incorporated into the orthodontic CODA standards. As these changes have the potential to elicit substantial changes within orthodontic residency programs, I will provide you with more information as I hear more about the process and the decisions being made. Regardless of your views on the proposed changes, I thank everyone for taking the time to make their voice heard and for participating in this process.

Along with the potential CODA standard changes, the Council on Education and AAO Board of Trustees nominated Drs. Steven J. Lindauer (Virginia Commonwealth University) and Richard W. Ballard (Louisiana State University) as potential members of the CODA Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education. CODA will review both nominees and select one of these accomplished individuals to serve on the review committee later this year.

### **2020 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition**

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) will hold its Annual Session and Exhibition at the **Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, MD from March 14-17, 2020**. The theme of this year's meeting is **Discover Your Pathway**. The meeting will provide an assortment of programming opportunities that will cover various educational and clinical topics.

All attendees are invited to attend the **Orthodontic Section on Orthodontics (SOO)** and the **Council of Advanced Education Programs** meetings. These groups work within ADEA 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 14, 2020 from 1:30-4:00PM**. The SOO will host a member's forum, open to all, on **Sunday, March 15, 2020 from 7:00-8:00AM**. The location of these meetings can be located within the ADEA Annual Session schedule. ADEA meetings are a tremendous opportunity to expand your professional knowledge, connect with colleagues across different disciplines, and gain critical information on the trajectory of dental education. Should your schedules allow your participation in this meeting, I strongly encourage you to consider attending this collaborative event.

### **2020 GLAO Residents Forum**

The 2020 GLAO Annual Session organizing committee is planning to incorporate a residents forum as a part of the meeting this year. The intent of the resident forum is to provide the residents with a formal opportunity to discuss current challenges/issues within their programs and the profession. Moreover, there are plans to have the student attendees interact with

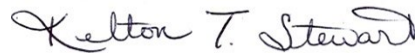
members of the AAO leadership and engage with speakers (from within and outside the profession) to help further their development as orthodontic professionals. The meeting organizing committee is currently developing the details for the event but more information about the resident forum will be shared in the coming months.

**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](mailto:keltstew@iu.edu) and I can be reached by telephone at 317-278-1087.

As always, I strongly encourage you to be active and stay engaged with organized dentistry and orthodontics. There are many changes occurring and your input is crucial to the future of the profession.

Have a bless and prosperous 2020,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kelton T. Stewart".

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