

## **Trustee Report: November 2020**

### **Board of Trustees (BOT) and Diversity**

As you know, with the addition of At-Large Trustees to the BOT, we now have two voting members of the BOT that are women. The Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists recently selected Dr. Trista Felty to serve as Trustee following Dr. Norman Nagel who will become President-elect of the AAO at our Annual Session in Boston next year (2021). According to the article from the Harvard Business Review (HBR), "How many women do boards need?" (Konrad and Kramer, HBR, December 2006):

**"To reap the value of women's contributions, a board needs at least three female directors."**

With the addition of Trustee-elect Felty to the BOT, we will have three female trustees on the BOT and our association can reap the value of these recent additions. Drs. Featheringham and Thomas have provided us with excellent insight and perspective, and we look forward to the input that Dr. Felty will provide.

### **Upcoming Conferences**

At this time, the AAO wants to ensure that you have an opportunity to fulfill the requirements of your state dental board or provincial dental regulator regarding continuing education, and with that in mind, both of our upcoming conferences will be offered in both live and virtual formats.

#### **AAO Winter Conference 2021**

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT CLEAR ALIGNER TREATMENT  
**FEBRUARY 12-14 2021 | PALM DESERT, CA + Virtual**  
<https://www.aaoinfo.org/meetings/winter-conference-2021/>

#### **2021 AAO Annual Session**

**APRIL 23-27 2021 | BOSTON, MA + Virtual**

<https://www.aaoinfo.org/meetings/event-page/annual-session-2021-boston-ma/>

## **ADA Resolution 16S-4**

The ADA recently passed a resolution to update/amend the **ADA Policy Statement on Teledentistry**.

The ADA defines Teledentistry as a two-way interaction between a person defined as a patient, caregiver or provider using audiovisual telecommunications technology to deliver patient care or education. Teledentistry telecommunication technology has advanced over the past five years. In order to protect the oral health and safety of patients, assure their continuity of care and to provide states with guidance to ensure that licensed dentists are leaders of the dental team and in control of the practice of dentistry. The amendment removes validation language of modality and allows states and/or districts to develop internal policy. It also provides further patient protections by stating that the information collected during a Teledentistry encounter must be equivalent to that of an in-person exam, and the dentist is legally responsible for collecting this information.

## **COVID-19**

The AAO continues to be the go-to resource for AAO members for all things related to COVID-19. AAO Staff has their finger on the pulse of changes in all areas related to Covid-19 and orthodontic practice. AAO is updating all of our resources as soon as new information becomes available. You have access resources in the following areas:

1. PPE and Office Operations
2. HR and Staff
3. Financial
4. Advocacy and Legal
5. Educational

Visit the AAO member website and access all of this valuable information

<https://www1.aaoinfo.org/covid-19/>

The AAO BOT has not met since before the GLAO Virtual Annual Session in September 2020. I look forward to providing you with more information, following the meeting of the BOT in early December 2020. In the meantime, if you have any questions or wish to discuss anything AAO related, please feel free to reach out to me.

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