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Happy New Year to all. I hope that you and your loved ones are well. I am honored to continue to serve as the GLAO representative to the AAO Council on Education. In the following report, I have provided several updates related to events occurring in the orthodontic education arena.

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

The AAO Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) held a virtual spring meeting on Wednesday, February 10, 2021. The council reviewed several topics during the meeting including the ADEA Section on Orthodontics, AAO Partners in Research program, Orthodontic CODA Standard changes, and Program/Student MATCH violations.

During the meeting, Dr. Edmund Khoo announced that the ADEA Section on Orthodontics had several applications for the **ADEA Student Travel Award Program**. If you recall, this program provides funding to dental students and orthodontic residents who are attending the ADEA annual session and presenting research at the meeting. Having completed one cycle of the Travel Award Program, Dr. Khoo and the ADEA Section on Orthodontics leadership identified one area of possible improvement. Currently the deadline for the Travel Award Program is in the fall; however, the deadline for ADEA Annual Session oral and poster presentation is in the summer. A request was made of the COE to consider moving the deadline for the ADEA Student Travel Award Program to the spring. This would allow for an improved sequencing of events. Additionally, it could possibly result in an increased number of individuals applying for the award. The COE was in favor of the recommendation and the deadline for the upcoming cycle will be changed to the spring of 2021.

The 2021 **AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award deadline** was **February 1**. The fellowship review committee, chaired by Dr. Kelton Stewart, will complete the application review process over the next 90-days. The selected fellowship awardees and their home institutions will be notified in April 2021.

In November 2020, the COE submitted a resolution to the AAO Board of Trustees (BOT) requesting to have the AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award (and associated funding support) extended through fiscal year 2024-2025. The BOT is scheduled to review this request and make a decision sometime in February 2021. Additional information will be shared as decisions are made within the organization.

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 current fee for each submission to the AAO PIR is **\$275**. To further streamline the PIR review process and ensure that the timelines associated with PIR submissions are honored, the COE decided to expand the number of PIR submission reviewers participating in the review process. The reviewers, comprised of current COE members, will continue to work with the AAO to review PIR applications and provide helpful feedback to investigators seeking to have the AAO disseminate their survey based research to members of the association.

During the October 2020 COE meeting, an election was held to determine who would become the next Chair of the COE. The nominees for the Chair position included Anil Ardeshta (MASO) Kelton Stewart (GLAO). In December 2020, the AAO BOT met and approved Dr. Kelton Stewart as the chair for FY2021-2022. I am very honored to have the opportunity to serve in this role and hope that I can continue to facilitate support and meaningful change for all the members of the GLAO during my tenure.

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

Dr. Patrick Foley did not provide any ABO updates during the February 2021 meeting and I would encourage the membership to reference the submitted ABO report for additional news and information related to ABO activities.

#### **2021 Carla Evans Educational Leadership Conference**

Planning for the **2021 AAO Society of Educators (SOE) Educational Leadership Conference** is still underway. The 2021 Educational Leadership Conference will honor **Dr. Carla Evans**, a prominent educator, research, leader, and trailblazer who spent a considerable portion of her professional career at the University of Illinois at Chicago Orthodontic Department. Given the continued impact of COVID, the group plans on conducting a few virtual sessions preceding the annual session. Please check the AAO website and your emails for more information.

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

Over three years ago, the orthodontic education community initiated a process to review the orthodontic CODA standards and provide recommendations to change them to improve the education provided to our students. This work involved a broad group of stakeholders and resulted in a series of recommendations submitted to CODA from the AAO. Recently the Commission on Dental Accreditation completed its review and voted to accept the recommendations proposed by the AAO. A partial listing of the revised CODA Standard changes are shown below but I encourage those interested in reviewing all proposed changes to visit the CODA website (<https://www.ada.org/en/coda/current-accreditation-standards>). It has been shared that programs will have approximately 18 months to implement changes in their programs to ensure that they are compliant with the new changes. A tentative implementation date of Summer 2022 has been proposed but a specific compliance date will be disseminated by the Commission soon.

Below are some of the accepted changes to the orthodontics CODA Standards:

- 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

### **2021 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition**

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) will hold its virtual Annual Session and Exhibition from **March 10-16, 2021**. The theme of this year's meeting is "**We**" and the focus of the meeting is on how we as individuals and a collective group impact the current and future landscape of dental education.

All attendees are invited to attend the ADEA Section on Orthodontics, ADEA Advanced and Graduate Education, and ADEA 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 **Section on Advanced and Graduate Education** will host their Members' forum on Wednesday, March 10 from 6:00-7:00pm. The **Section on Orthodontics Members' forum** will occur on **Thursday, March 11** from **1:30-2:30pm**. The **ADEA Council of Advanced Education Programs** will hold its business meeting on **Saturday, March 13, 2021** from **3:00-4:30PM**. For additional information about the meeting please visit the ADEA Annual Session website (<https://www.eventscribe.net/2021/ADEA/agenda.asp?BCFO=&pfp=FullSchedule&tn=&cpf2=&cus2=&pta=&all=1>)

### **2021 GLAO Residents' Forum**

Since the GLAO was unable to hold its 2020 Annual Session in person, the 2021 GLAO Annual Session organizing committee is planning to incorporate the idea of a residents' forum as a part of the meeting this year. The intent of the resident forum is to provide residents with a formal opportunity to discuss current challenges/issues within their programs and the profession. At this time, the 2021 GLAO Annual Session will be an in-person event and we ask that you inform your students of the opportunity to engage in this meeting of their peers. Should you or your students have any topics to be discussed during the annual session please provide that information to me. The **GLAO Residents' Forum** is currently scheduled to occur on **Saturday, October 16, 2021** from **12:15-1:15pm**.

### **PROGRAM/STUDENT MATCH Violations**

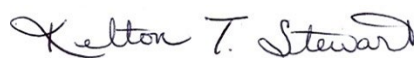
The AAO shared information pertaining to program & student MATCH violation during the 2020 application cycle. To address these concerns, a taskforce was developed to review these breaches and to develop penalties that would be levied when such violations occur in the future. The taskforces is chaired by AAO Board of Trustee Dr. Richard Williams and Dr. Thomas Kluemper is the representative from COE. The taskforce has met several times over the last few months and are in the final stages of developing a policy (with a series of penalties) for program and student MATCH violations. This proposed policy will be submitted to the AAO BOT for review and approval. If approved, the COE will be asked to work with selected members of the AAO staff to investigate potential MATCH violations and levy the appropriate punishment when necessary. I encourage all individuals of MATCH programs, who participate in the application interview process, to review the **MATCH Rules of Participation**: <https://natmatch.com/dentres/rules.html>. To ensure the most equitable and efficient residency selection process within the MATCH, it is critical that both programs and applicants understand and adhere to MATCH policies. A final report about the MATCH policy should be released within the next few 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.

It is my hope that things continue to improve within society over the coming months and that we get closer to a "new normal" that more closely emulates portions of our "old normal". In the meantime, I wish you, your departments, and loved ones a safe and prosperous 2021.

Warmest regards,



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