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Greetings to you all; I hope that you and your loved ones are doing well as we head into the holiday season. In the following report, I have provided several updates related to recent and future orthodontic/dental education activities.

AAO Council on Orthodontic Education Meeting

The AAO Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) held its fall 2021 meeting, in person, on Monday, November 1. The council conducted a productive meeting and discussed several topics including the AAO's new Duality and Conflict of Interest Policy, utilization of the new Program/Student Match violation policy, ADEA Section on Orthodontics activities, AAO Partners in Research program update, the new Wharton Mastering the Business of Orthodontics online program, and the AAO TechSelect resource. I will not provide any additional information about the Business of Orthodontics online course or the AAO TechSelect resource in this report but those interested can learn more by visiting the AAO website or clicking on the following links ([Mastering the Business of Orthodontics | AAO \(aaoinfo.org\)](#), [Home — AAO TechSelect \(aaoinfo.org\)](#)).

New AAO Policy on Duality and Conflict of Interest

During its November 1 meeting, the COE learned that the AAO had adopted a new policy on duality and conflict of interest. Under the new policy, all volunteer leaders are strongly encouraged to disclose all non-AAO interests, or "dualities of interest". It is the hope of the AAO that this new policy will help provide enhanced transparency within all layers of leadership and allow the organization to mitigate any potential conflicts that could compromise the voice or effectiveness of our association and its work.

AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award

During the May 2021 session of the AAO House of Delegates, the organization voted to extend its support of the **AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award**. The 2022 AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award **deadline** will be **February 1, 2022**. The fellowship review committee, chaired by Dr. Kelton Stewart, will complete the application review process during the 90 days following the deadline. The selected fellowship awardees and their home institutions will be notified in April 2022 and announced during the annual session in May 2022.

American Board of Orthodontics Update

Dr. Emile Rossouw, new ABO liaison to the COE, provided updates on the ABO Written and Clinical examinations. He also shared that ABO certified orthodontists now constitute **54%** of the AAO membership. Dr. Rossouw also provided additional commentary about a recent movement (initiated by Dr. Greg Huang from the University of Washington) to incorporate a higher-level literature on the ABO reading list. Dr. Huang's opinion is that the ABO could enhance their annual reading list by incorporating more systematic reviews on several topics currently included on the list. This topic was discussed during the 2022 ABO Educators Symposium, which occurred a few days before the COE meeting in St. Louis. During the symposium, the ABO indicated that they would discuss the recommendation in the future and possibly incorporate more RCT's where possible.

2022 Eugene Roberts Educational Leadership Conference

The current Society of Educators (SOE) officers continue their preparation for the **2022 AAO Society of Educators (SOE) Educational Leadership Conference**. The 2022 Education Leadership Conference will be held on Friday May 19, 2022, and the honoree will be **Dr. Eugene Roberts**, a tremendous educator, research, and leader within orthodontics. Along with a lecture by Dr. Roberts, the 2022 Educational Leadership Conference will have presentations on bone regeneration and artificial intelligence in orthodontics. More information about the 2022 SOE Educational Leadership Conference will be shared soon and will be available on the AAO website.

2022 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition Meeting Update

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) plans to host its 2022 Annual Session, in-person, in **Philadelphia, PA**. The theme for the 2022 meeting remains **“Lifting as We Rise”** and the meeting dates will be **March 19-22, 2022**. The program and poster deadlines have already occurred, but ADEA will share information about meeting registration later this fall. For more information about the 2022 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition, please use the following link: <https://www.adea.org/2022/About/>.

CODA Site Visitors

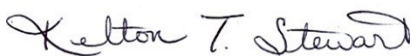
The Commission on Dental Accreditation is soliciting nominations for new orthodontic site visitors. In this role, individuals will serve as CODA consultants and be asked to review the compliance of current orthodontic programs and new programs seeking initial accreditation with current CODA Standards. Individuals interested in serving as site visitors are encouraged to contact me or any member of the AAO COE for additional information. Interested individuals can also self-nominate by completing the required application form using the following link: <https://coda.ada.org/en/accreditation/accreditation-news/call-for-nominations>. Site Visitor nomination forms are due to CODA by **December 1, 2021**, and all submitted nominations will be reviewed during the CODA Winter 2022 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.

I wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season with friends, family, and loved ones. I look forward to connecting with you all in 2022.

Warmest regards,



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