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Greetings to you all; I hope that you enjoyed the summer and have some wonderful things planned for the upcoming holiday season. In the following report, I have provided several updates related to recent and future orthodontic/dental education activities.

AAO Council on Education Meeting

The AAO Council on Education (COE) held its fall 2022 meeting, in-person, on Monday, October 3. The council discussed various topics including the creation of an internal written exam to support resident selection, future collaborations with the AAO legal team and Donated Dental Services, engagement with the OSA Task Force II, and the Health Volunteers Overseas (HVO) program. I would encourage all GLAO members to consider participating in the impactful HVO program. This program seeks to improve global health by pairing the knowledge and experience of volunteers with health providers around the globe. Volunteers then work to empower local providers by educating/training them on techniques and treatment strategies that they can employ in their local area. No formal education is required to serve as a volunteer. There are opportunities to travel in-person for these projects, but you can also engage remotely if that is your preference. For additional information, please visit the HVO website at <https://hvousa.org/volunteer/>. If you have any additional questions about the program, please contact me or Dr. John Kanyusik at johnkanyusik@gmail.com.

Lastly, several members on the council are scheduled to conclude their terms of service in May 2023, including me. I know the GLAO will be soliciting nominations for individuals interested in serving as the GLAO representative on the Council on Education. If you are interested in the role and want to gain a better sense of the responsibilities associated with this position, please feel free to contact me. It is a very rewarding way to serve the profession and actively guide the future of orthodontics.

AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award

The application cycle for the **AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award** is now open. If you know of an early career educator seeking to enhance their abilities in teaching and research, please encourage them to apply. The 2023 AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award cycle **deadline** will be **February 1, 2023**. The fellowship review committee, co-chaired by Drs. Sercan Akyalcin and Kelton Stewart, will conclude the application review process by early April 2023. The selected fellowship awardees and their home institutions will be notified in April and official announcements will be made during the 2023 AAO Annual session in Chicago.

2023 Henry Fields Educational Leadership Conference

The officers of the AAO Society of Educators (SOE) continue their planning for the **2023 AAO Society of Educators (SOE) Educational Leadership Conference**. The Education Leadership Conference will be held on Friday, April 21, 2023, and the honoree will be **Dr. Henry Fields**, a talented and influential educator and leader within orthodontics. Along with a keynote address by Dr. Fields, the 2023 Educational Leadership Conference will include other presentations on current topics in orthodontic education and mentoring/professional networking opportunities for attendees. Additional information

about the 2023 SOE Educational Leadership Conference will be shared later this fall and will be available on the AAO website, so stay tuned.

2023 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition Meeting Update

The American Dental Education Association (ADEA) will hold the 2023 Annual Session, in **Portland, OR March 11-14**. The theme for the 2023 meeting is “Believe I’m Possible” and will include programs and presentations that will empower attendees with the skills and strategies to turn their educational ideas into realities. The deadlines for programs and posters occurred earlier this fall but information about registering for the annual session can be obtained by using the following link:

<https://www.adea.org/2023/Register/>

CODA Site Visitors

The Commission on Dental Accreditation is again soliciting nominations for new orthodontic site visitors. In this role, individuals will serve as CODA consultants and be asked to review the compliance of existing orthodontic programs, and new programs seeking initial accreditation, with current CODA Standards. Those interested in serving as site visitors are encouraged to contact me, any member of the AAO COE, or CODA staff for additional information. Interested individuals can also self-nominate by completing the required application form using the following link:

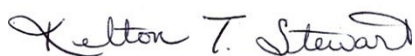
<https://coda.ada.org/accreditation/call-for-nominations>. Site Visitor nomination forms are due to CODA by **December 1, 2022** and should be sent to Ms. Peggy Soeldner. All submitted nominations will be reviewed during the CODA Winter 2022 meeting.

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 and I look forward to connecting with you in 2023.

Happy holidays,



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