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Happy New Year to all! I hope that this report finds you well and that your 2023 is off to a wonderful start. I would like to take a moment and thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your appointed representative to the Council on Education (COE). Serving in this capacity has been a wonderful experience and together we have accomplished some amazing things, especially during such tumultuous times. It is my sincere hope that I have been able to provide the support, guidance, and advocacy that our region has needed over the past 6 years to realize our mission and goals. While my time as GLAO COE representative comes to a close, I look forward to continuing my support of our outstanding organization in new and exciting ways in the future! In the following report, I have provided several updates related to events occurring in the orthodontic education arena.

### **AAO Council on Education Activity Update**

The AAO Council on Education (COE) has continued to facilitate its routine yearly business activities. However, there are a few new items that I would like to share with everyone. The COE has partnered with the Council on Scientific Affairs to draft a motion to revise the current AAO Full-time Faculty Teaching Fellowship (FFTF) program. The FFTF program has been an extremely successful program that has supported development and retention of numerous orthodontic faculty members. Since its inception, there have been 32 FFTF fellows, and to date 28 remain in orthodontic education. Though the program has been beneficial, its current structure is inadequate to address the continued faculty shortage issue that the profession now faces. The proposed motion will seek to enhance the breadth and impact of the AAO FFTF program by 1) increasing the number of recipients each year, 2) increasing the magnitude of the financial support associated with the fellowship, and 3) restructuring the FFTF program funding by adding it as a standing line item in the AAO budget. There is much work ahead of us, but the COE hopes that steps can be taken to ensure that there are enough educators to support the highest quality education of our residents. More to come!

Additionally, the COE and Society of Educators (SOE) have sought to expand the support provided to all orthodontic educators regarding professional development. Over the last year, the COE/SOE has facilitated three webinars that has focused on enhancing the knowledge and abilities of our members. This year, we plan to continue this effort and conduct quarterly webinars in collaboration with the Council on New and Younger Members. Likewise, we have initiated conversations with the Journal of Clinical Orthodontics to host a joint webinar to recognize and highlight the wonderful clinical work conducted by the recipients of the JCO Student of the Year award. If anyone has any ideas or recommendations about future webinars that would work to “engage and delight our members”, please let us know.

### **AAO Council on Education Subcommittee Update**

Approximately one year ago, the AAO BOT requested that the COE establish two subcommittees to support AAO activities. These subcommittees (CODA Education subcommittee and the Evidence-Based Advocacy subcommittee) were formed and have been highly active over the last year. The CODA

Education subcommittee continues to conduct its thorough analysis of current CODA standards, especially with respect to core clinical experiences in residency programs and the training method used to prepare CODA site visitor to participate in institutional site visits. Additional updates from this group will come later this year. Likewise, the Evidence-Based Advocacy subcommittee has aided the AAO legal department over the last year as they continue to defend and advocate for our profession. The Evidence-Based Advocacy subcommittee is still seeking to add additional members, so if anyone is interested in supporting the activities of this group, please contact AAO staff liaison, **Michelle Ritterskamp** ([mritterskamp@aaortho.org](mailto:mritterskamp@aaortho.org)) or subcommittee chair, **Dr. Ki-Beom Kim** ([kibeom.kim@health.slu.edu](mailto:kibeom.kim@health.slu.edu)).

### **AAO Fellowship Awards and Training Programs**

The deadline for the 2023 **AAO Full-Time Faculty Fellowship Award** deadline was **February 1**. The fellowship review committee will complete the application review process over the next couple of months and the selected fellowship awardees, and their home institutions, will be notified in April 2023. The 2023 fellowship award recipients will also be acknowledged during the SOE Educators Educational Leadership Conference in Chicago.

The AAO continues to offer sponsorship for several Academy of Advancing Leadership (AAL) initiatives. The AAL **Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL)** is a 4-day, onsite program to help participants achieve better student outcomes by refining their teaching skills and enhancing the quality of their interactions with students. The AAL **Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program (CAAMP)** is a practical, interactive 3-day program that develops the core competencies required for effectively leading and managing an academic department or program. The deadline for both programs is **February 28, 2023**. For those interested in either program, please use the links below to learn more and apply.

**[Institute for Teaching & Learning \(ITL\)](#)**

**[Chairs and Academic Administrators Management Program \(CAAMP\)](#)**

### **2023 Henry Fields Educational Leadership Conference**

The Society of Educators (SOE) officers have concluded the planning for the **2023 AAO Society of Educators (SOE) Educational Leadership Conference**. This year's 2023 Educational Leadership Conference will be held on **Friday April 21, 2023**, and will honor Dr. Henry Fields a tremendous educator, researcher, and innovator within the orthodontic profession. For those interested in attending the SOE Educational Leadership Conference, please be sure to add this special session during the AAO Annual Session registration process (<https://annualsession.aaoinfo.org/register/>). Additionally, if you would like to expand your network and gain access to other professional development opportunities offered by the SOE, please join the SOE Facebook group by using the provided link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/societyofeducators>

### **2023 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition Meeting Update**

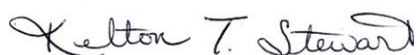
The 2023 American Dental Education Association (ADEA) Annual Session and Exhibition will take place in **Portland, OR**. The theme for the 2023 meeting is “**Believe I’m Possible**” and the meeting dates will be **March 11-14, 2023**. For more information about the 2023 ADEA Annual Session and Exhibition, please use the following link: <https://www.adea.org/2023/>. The **ADEA Section on Orthodontics Members’ Forum** will occur on **Sunday, March 12, 2023**, from **7-8am** in the **Oregon Ballroom 202**, on **Level 2** of the **Oregon Convention Center**. All orthodontists/orthodontic educators are invited to attend. The Section on Orthodontics works within ADEA to represent the orthodontic specialty and our interests in the broader dental education environment, all orthodontists and/or orthodontic educators are welcome to attend. If anyone has any questions, please contact me at [keltstew@iu.edu](mailto:keltstew@iu.edu).

### **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 ([keltstew@iu.edu](mailto:keltstew@iu.edu)) or telephone (317-278-1087).

As always, I wish you, your departments, and loved ones a safe and prosperous year.

Warmest regards,



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