



AAO Council on Education (COE)
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The Council on Education (COE) met in-person at the AAO Headquarters in Saint Louis on September 9th, 2024.

Some of the highlights are described below.

Updates from the American Board of Orthodontics

- Dr. Kadioglu reported that 63% of AAO Orthodontists are now board certified. A link for the [ABO portal](#).
- The 2024 Written Exam was administered in April, with 443 examinees and a 99% pass rate.
- The next written exam is scheduled for April 9, 2025. Open registration starts on November 6, 2024.
- Residents must have completed 18-months of their program by the Written Exam to be eligible to take the exam. For questions, please reach out to Nicole Huson Nicole@AmericanBoardOrtho.com
- The Feb. 2024 Scenario-based Exam had a total of 329 orthodontists certified with an 89% pass rate.
- In 2025, there will be one Scenario-based Exam per year on September 17, 2025. Registration opens September 18, 2024. For scenario test questions, programs should reach out to Kim Koch, Kim@AmericanBoardOrtho.com
- Certification Renewal is required to maintain active board certification and may be started no earlier than 36 months prior to expiration.
- Interested in being an Examiner: to be an Examiner, the minimum is five years after board certification. It is at least a 16+ hour commitment.

Updates from the Society of Educators

- The annual conference will be Thursday, April 24, 2025, in Philadelphia pre-Annual Session. The tentative schedule is for the program to start at 10:30 am with the program ending at 4:00 pm, followed immediately by a networking reception.
- Dr. James A. McNamara will be the keynote, and the 2025 program will be named the SOE Dr. James A. McNamara Educational Leadership Conference.
- To improve and ensure a consistent look of the SOE's quarterly webinars that are specifically to meet the needs of educators a motion was presented on their behalf by Learning.

Updates from ADEA

- As a refresher, the ADEA Section on Orthodontics (SOO) mission is to find common areas to collaborate with other sections in ADEA to advance teaching, learning, and scholarship in dental education.
- At the 2024 ADEA Annual Session, the SOO had a record attendance of forty members including current and past officers, active members, participating students and the AAO delegation. The push is to increase the attendance at the 2025 SOO meeting.
- At the meeting (March 2024) AAO President, Dr. Myron Guymon, presented to attendees and discussed the importance of the ADEA & that the AAO Student Travel award has been renamed to the Orthodontics Students

Awards Program. The awards are still open to two predoctoral and/or orthodontic students who are interested in becoming orthodontic educators, with the award being \$500-\$2,000 to attend the ADEA Annual Session.

- Upcoming dates for ADEA include:
 - 2024 ADEA Fall Meeting, October 24-26, 2024.
 - Anticipated date for poster acceptance, mid-November.
 - Student Award application deadline, December 2024
 - Nomination deadline for SOO Secretary, March 1, 2025

Updates from the CODA Education Subcommittee

- The CODA Public Summer Meeting was in August 2024.
- 2023 Site Visits: Of the eighty-five 'must' statements addressing 124 required areas of compliance, Standard 2-9 on faculty to student ratio was the most frequently cited requirement with three citings.
- In open discussion, it was stated that there needs to be clarification with CODA site visitors on the intent of the Standard. As there is a difference between allowable enrollment versus actual enrollment and the thought is that during site visits that Standards 2-9 and 2-10 should be based on actual enrollment.
- This matter will be shared with Dr. Sameshima, CODA Ortho Review Committee chair and CODA staff. There is already an ongoing investigation initiated by CODA on Standards 2-8 and 2-9 based on a complaint by a program on the Standard requirements.
- The change to the Health Care Organization definition that Dr. Brent Larson presented to COE in Fall 2023 was approved and implemented at the August meeting.
- **Health Care Organization**: A Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Indian Health Service (IHS), Veterans Health Administration system (VA), or academic health center/medical center/ambulatory care center (both public and private) that is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education or accredited by an accreditation organization recognized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Dr. Chung How Kau was approved as the ABO/AAO appointment to replace Dr. Huja when he rolls off of the CODA Ortho Review Committee in October 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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