



Summer Newsletter



President's Message
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Dear RMSO Peers,

We are already more than halfway through 2021, and what a year it has been! Our specialty is changing at a rapid pace, and I am so proud of the AAO and the RMSO for how we are navigating these new times. I am thrilled that our leadership team has not been lacking fresh and new ideas and an incredible culture that is contagious.

As always, I want to thank all of you for your trust in me and our executive leadership team.

The biggest tasks that we have been focusing on are the upcoming elections of council members as well as our next ABO Director and AAO Board of Trustee member. All of these should be completed by the end of 2021; there is a lot of work that goes into this, and the workload will only ramp up to its peak by the end of the summer.

We are also focusing efforts on our in-person WOCON (Western Orthodontic Conference) which is our combined RMSO/PCSO Annual Session. This year, it will be held in Portland, OR, from October 21st-24th. Some of the highlights include a very special presentation from the Ritz-Carlton group about customer service and a "Doctor Idol" track where new speakers can showcase their talent! Working with the PCSO has been incredible as we look to improve our CE offerings to our RMSO members.

Our executive director, Jennifer Bennett, has kept our group glued together and focused on all of our objectives throughout the year. As you might recall from our Winter newsletter, this has been a year of opportunity to revamp our systems and collaborate with other constituents such as the PCSO to learn best component protocols. We continue to evaluate our governance structure and the emerging needs of our constituent to ensure that we are stable for the present and future. We have added a few additional committees to our structure and have been impressed with the increased

interest from members to be more involved with the RMSO. If you are ever interested in learning more about our opportunities at the RMSO, please let me or Jennifer Bennett know! We would love to work side-by-side with you!

Your Friend Always,

Dr. Anil J. Idiculla
RMSO President, 2020-2021



Join us for the First Annual Western Orthodontic Conference (WOCON) – a joint meeting of the PCSO and RMSO. This year's theme, 'Building Bridges', is a celebration of our endurance, collaboration, and optimism.

Let's create something amazing together in Portland!



Trustee's Message

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Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you well and safe negotiating the changes wrought by the pandemic. I think we are getting ahead of it as the restrictions on gatherings and face to face meetings are eased. Looking forward to seeing as many of you as can make it to our meeting in the fall in Portland. There is a great program planned, we will meet with the PCSO and well, it will just be nice to finally get to see you when you come.

Our recent AAO annual session was a success in the virtual format. The meeting restrictions in place in Boston made it impossible to hold a face-to-face meeting that would engage and delight our members. We separated the AAO governance and House of Delegates from the annual session and held them virtually as well as earlier in the year in hopes that another month or two would allow us a chance at a face-to-face meeting.

By now you are aware of the change that had to be made to the AAO annual session scheduled for next year in Hawaii. The convention center in Honolulu is a state owned and run facility. The state is taking over much of the convention center space to use as temporary office facilities. That left us with a convention center space too small to accommodate a conference as large as we are. It just was not going to work for us. To have a meeting that would accommodate the lectures, exhibits and other AAO meeting activities the difficult decision was made to move the meeting to Miami. Please appreciate the monumental task of switching venues for a convention with 17-18,000 attendees at such a late date. There are very few facilities in the country that can accommodate a group as large as we are, and that had dates available in our time frame. Miami has recently completed renovation and expansion on a state-of-the-art Convention Center. We will have lots of room for all the things you would expect at a world class AAO meeting. Please come and enjoy the meeting, gathering with colleagues and friends, and visiting with the vendors and suppliers. Miami has great restaurants, the ocean and beaches, a wonderful climate and is easy to travel to. Also, there are few to no restrictions in Miami for a gathering of our size.

The RMSO will select a new trustee this fall to take my place. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve the profession as you have allowed me to do. The AAO is in great hands, has strong leadership and a great vision for the future. We

have added at large trustees to the board who serve for a shorter period; we have more representation from new and younger members and the wonderful women orthodontists that have been underrepresented in AAO leadership. We have seen the addition of an Innovation and Transformation department that looks for ways to define and shape our future. Our legislative advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels have continued despite the pandemic. Our Consumer Awareness Program has evolved over time digitally to be effective in spreading our message to those seeking orthodontic treatment. The Association has a strong financial foundation and resources that have allowed us to maintain membership services thru the difficult times of the last two years.

All of this because of you- You are the AAO. Thanks again to those in our group who serve on our Councils and Committees. Thanks to those who serve as component and constituent leaders. Thanks to those who realize that we need to function as a group with a consistent message over time to get our message out regarding the benefits of orthodontic treatment done by orthodontic specialists. We are so much more working together that we could ever be going it alone.

Myron

Craniofacial Orthodontics Clinic at the Children's Hospital Colorado



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July marks Cleft and Craniofacial awareness month, and I am grateful to the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists for the opportunity to formally announce the beautiful new Craniofacial Orthodontics Clinic that I've been privileged to help establish at the Children's Hospital Colorado. As orthodontists, our knowledge of dentofacial growth and development uniquely positions us to impact the lives of children born with craniofacial conditions, such as cleft lip and palate and hemifacial microsomia. The craniofacial orthodontic subspecialty is devoted to the specialized care of patients with congenital and acquired facial differences from birth through adulthood. It is this continuity of care within a multidisciplinary team setting that offers these deserving children the very best clinical and psychosocial outcomes.



In September, we will celebrate the two-year anniversary of our new clinic at the Children's Health Pavilion, which is located at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. Here, our focus is the provision of patient centered craniofacial orthodontic services in support of our Cleft Lip and Palate, Complex Craniofacial, Orthognathic and Sleep Medicine Programs. It is the only program of its kind in Colorado. Following the paradigm of other premier craniofacial centers nationwide, establishment of an in-house orthodontic program has dramatically streamlined treatment and our ability to provide timely procedures to this vulnerable patient population that often experiences barriers such as inability to access care and prolonged treatment times that result in suboptimal outcomes. My strong belief is that if we can provide

the highest level of care in the beginning of a child's life, we can set a strong foundation for successful lifelong clinical outcomes and lasting positive relationships with families.

One of the most rewarding aspects of my career as a craniofacial orthodontist is providing Nasoalveolar Molding (NAM) for infants born with cleft lip and palate. Having trained with Dr. Barry Grayson, the orthodontist who pioneered this procedure, I consider it an honor to carry on his legacy of not only helping achieve excellent esthetic outcomes for patients with clefts, but also providing a supportive environment for parents coping with a highly emotional time. NAM is a pre-surgical technique aimed at minimizing the cleft deformity in preparation for surgical repair. It uses an appliance akin to an orthodontic retainer to close the labial and alveolar clefts and reshape nasal cartilage to restore anatomical form and symmetry. I see these patients every one to two weeks for three to six months for adjustments, depending on the severity of the cleft. It is laborious but well worth the time given the impact I have seen it have on a child's wellbeing. NAM leads to a more predictable primary lip and nose repair and reduces the need for surgical revisions throughout the patient's lifetime. Moreover, these frequent appointments are an opportunity for our team to connect with and support families, and we never cease to be amazed at the strength, love, and dedication our parents display. There is nothing more gratifying than watching parents go from being scared and anxious to feeling empowered as they see their child's smile transform as a result of their efforts throughout the treatment process. As we know, a patient's smile intimately impacts an individual's self-confidence and how he or she moves through the world. It is truly an honor to help provide these remarkably resilient patients and families the specialized multidisciplinary care they deserve to smile confidently for a lifetime.





Please plan to attend our combined 2021 Annual Session, WCON in Portland, OR!
We have an amazing lineup of speakers and events! Please check out the links below.

[WCON Program Preview](#)

[REGISTER ONLINE](#)

It is time to keep moving forward – gather with each other, share ideas, strengthen bonds, and build our profession. We are stronger together. That's what we're all about.

Drs. Marie Lathrop, PCSO President, & Anil Idiculla, RMSO President



Message from a Portland Orthodontist

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Let me be the first to welcome everyone in advance to the Western Orthodontic Conference in Portland, Oregon! If you aren't signed up yet, I would encourage you to come to this amazing conference and experience Oregon. My family lives in the city of Portland, and my practice is located here as well. Of course, during the pandemic there have been some challenges, but I've been thankful every day to live where I do. The opportunities to experience the outdoors are endless, between the mountains, coast and river gorge. If you are more into the city life, we have an amazing culinary, arts and music scene to enjoy. Our shopping is tax free if you want to explore some local funky shops, galleries, and gourmet markets. Let me be your concierge! Please reach out to me if you need any suggestions of how to enjoy my vibrant city and surrounding areas. Most importantly, I am beyond excited to reconnect with my fellow colleagues at this conference with such a stellar line-up of speakers. See you here!

Council Updates



Council on Communications
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Three years ago, the AAO Council on Communications (COC) felt the need to rally our members behind a campaign that would be perceived as less self-serving than National Orthodontic Month. After considering many worthy causes, the COC selected anti-bullying as our issue and selected the national organization Stand for the Silent as our partner. Our third anti-bullying campaign will take place during the month of October, and the COC is expanding its efforts to help AAO members participate.



The purpose of the Bullying Bites campaign is to draw attention to the harm that bullying can cause in young people. Stand for the Silent has been focusing on this problem for many years, and the AAO

is proud to partner with them. Although there is no question that children with malocclusion are often the target of bullying, in no way is this campaign meant to imply that orthodontists can stop bullying simply by straightening the teeth. The COC has been careful to avoid any wording in its resources that suggests orthodontists are just trying to attract new patients.

In the next few months, the AAO will begin publicizing Anti-Bullying. There will be an entire AAO eBulletin addressing it and campaign materials available for download on the AAO's website. Some of the creative assets will include social media tool kits, posters for your office, graphics for staff tee shirts, and pledge forms for in-office campaigns with your patients. Your office can choose to be as involved as you would like. Some may make a simple donation to the cause, while others may get the entire team and their patients involved.

Many of us have been the targets of bullying or have seen it happen to those we care about. The rise of social media has

only amplified the bully's reach to our young people in the past decade. The COC is excited to partner with an organization on the frontlines, helping to draw attention to and eliminate this destructive practice. Make plans today to have your team join the anti-bullying fight this October!



Council on Government Affairs
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COGA continues to work along with AAOPAC to lead the Government Relations effort of the AAO at the Federal level. Our lobbying group shifted some focus into working directly with Federal Agencies, which appears to have been effective relative to the unique needs necessitated by the pandemic. Members of COGA recently attended the US Senate Classic golf tournament which afforded them the opportunity for much valuable one on one time with many current US Senators. I continue to believe, however, that the greatest effect will be had by individual state associations having a plan and funding set aside for state advocacy. I am aware of recent efforts being made in some State Associations in the RMSO. I would encourage all State Associations to put together their own individual Government Relations plan.



Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns
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Overall: Total AAO membership is now at 18,132, a net decrease of 679 since last year.

The primary drivers of this decrease are from International Members and International Student Members (total net decrease of 845).

Total member retention improved from 91.4% to 92.2%. This is driven by retention increases among most prominent



member categories, which offset the retention decline with International Members.

Active: Active membership (U.S. and Canada) is now at 8,212, a net decrease of 23 since last year.

The primary driver of the decrease is fewer former members who reinstated as Active (down 25 from last year).

Active Member retention improved from 96.7% to 96.9%.

Life Active: Life Active membership is now at 1,278, a net decrease of 17 since last year.

Life Active retention improved from 95.3% to 96.1%.

Student: Student membership is now at 1,555, a net increase of 63 since last year.

The primary driver of this increase is from new students who joined (up 82 from last year), which was the result of making free membership available to dental students who had been accepted into (but not yet started) their orthodontic residency programs.

Student Member retention improved from 93.4% to 94.6%.

Retired: Retired membership is now at 4,146, a net increase of 147 since last year.

Although the number of members transitioning to retired status this year was similar to last year, there were 46% fewer deaths among retired members this year.

International: International membership is now at 2,436, a net decrease of 354 since last year.

The primary drivers of this decrease were a combination of ineligible members who were dropped due to not having WFO membership (up 160 from last year), members who did not renew (up 30 from last year) and fewer new International Members joining (down 35 from last year).

International Member retention declined from 88.8% to 82.2%.

International Student: International Student membership is now at 362, a net decrease of 491 since last year.

This was primarily driven by a combination of ineligible members who were dropped due to not having WFO membership (up 39 from last year) and far fewer new International Student Members joining (down 323 from last year). The latter was likely a result of the pandemic and not being able to attend/travel to the AAO Annual Session

International Student retention improved slightly from 38.2 to 39.4%; however, this is misleading since there was also a large drop-off last year.

Trends to Monitor:

1. Active: Since reaching its highest total in 2011, the number of Active members has remained between 8,200 and 8,300 ever since.
2. Active/Life: 2021 is the first year since 2008 that the combined number of Active and Life Active members dropped below 9,500 (9,490).
3. Student: After reaching its previous high in 2019, there are now more AAO Student Members than ever before.
4. Student: The percentage of female students continues to rise and now accounts for 54.4% of all Student Members (up from 52.3% last year).
5. Retired: The number of retired members has increased each year since 2005.
6. International: International membership and retention dropped for the third consecutive year.
7. International: International Members have reached their lowest total since 2009 (2,409).
8. International Student: International Student Members have reached their lowest total since 2012 (340).



Council on New and Younger Members

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The Council on New & Younger Members (CONYM) is happy to announce the New Orthodontist and Resident Conference for the 2021 Annual Session, including virtual implementation. In addition to planning this event, the CONYM collaborated this year with the Special Committee on Women Orthodontists to establish resources for members going on and returning from maternity leave. Additionally, the CONYM collaborated with the Council on Orthodontic Practice to incorporate information in the office design webinar series for new practice owners.

And finally, we are excited to re-launch the AAO's online mentoring program this summer, "AAO Connections."



Council on Orthodontic Health Care

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During the COHC's (Council on Health Care) most recent meeting in St. Louis on June 12, 2021, many options to change the CDT coding were discussed. The council is constantly working to revise the codes and make them better for the patient and provider. We are excited to announce change will be coming to the Orthodontics section of the CDT Code beginning January 1, 2022.

The Code Maintenance Committee of the ADA (American Dental Association), the body responsible for evaluating and voting on proposed changes to the Code on Dental and Orthodontic Procedures and Nomenclature (CDT Code), approved all three of the AAO's Code Action Requests at its meeting this past March.

The AAO's approved Requests were:

1. Delete the Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment subcategory nomenclature, descriptor, and codes D8050 and D8060
2. Revise the Limited Orthodontic Treatment descriptor
3. Delete D8690 "orthodontic treatment (alternative billing to a contract fee)"

How will this impact AAO Members?

In the fall of 2020, the Council on Orthodontic Health Care (COHC), the AAO's council responsible for studying and making recommendations on all matters concerning third party reimbursement plans, polled AAO Members to gauge whether the then current CDT Code was meeting orthodontists' needs. Respondents to that survey selected "Determining when a case is Limited vs. Interceptive" (21.2%) and "Determining when a case is Limited vs. Comprehensive" (14.8%) as two of their "top three areas of concern with the code."

Because of the approved changes, beginning in 2022 the Interceptive Orthodontic Treatment codes will cease to exist, and the descriptor of Limited Orthodontic Treatment will be revised. This should help eliminate ambiguity and redundancy, as the procedures previously described as "interceptive" were thought to be substantively similar clinically to the Limited Orthodontic Treatment procedures.

The new language for Limited Orthodontic Treatment will be as follows:

Limited Orthodontic Treatment

Orthodontic treatment utilizing any therapeutic modality with a limited objective or scale of treatment. Treatment may occur in any stage of dental development or dentition.

The objective may be limited by:

- not involving the entire dentition.
- not attempting to address the full scope of the existing or developing orthodontic problem.
- mitigating an aspect of a greater malocclusion (i.e., crossbite, overjet, overbite, arch length, anterior alignment, one phase of multi-phase treatment, treatment prior to the permanent dentition, etc.).
- a decision to defer or forego comprehensive treatment.

D8010 limited orthodontic treatment of the primary dentition.

D8020 limited orthodontic treatment of the transitional dentition.

D8030 limited orthodontic treatment of the adolescent dentition.

D8040 limited orthodontic treatment of the adult dentition.

The deletion of D8690 should also help reduce confusion for AAO Members. The Code Maintenance Committee expressed its agreement with COHC and the AAO's position that D8690 does not truly represent a procedure, is redundant with other existing codes, and is no longer required.

As a reminder, these changes will not take effect until January 1, 2022. However, because the new code set will most certainly impact your coding and billing practices, the AAO wanted to make you aware of them now in order to help you and your staff prepare.

Interested in Coding and Billing Resources from the AAO?

Additional information regarding the CDT Code, billing, and related issues can be found on the [Insurance Claims](#) page on the AAO Member Website. You and your staff can also take advantage of training on this topic and others by visiting the Education portal of the AAO's website.



Have Suggestions or Concerns Regarding the CDT?

If you have suggestions or concerns regarding the CDT Code that you would like COHC to consider for future Code Action Requests, please feel free to email me at Drlayne@adventurebraces.com.



Council on Orthodontic Practice

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Current COOP projects:

- COOP is working to replace the online Office Design Manual with six 30-minute Business of Orthodontics webinars. These webinars will include downloadable handouts and guides for members to access on demand. Topics will include New Construction, Remodeling, Retrofitting, Site Location, Owning vs. Leasing and Financial Planning.
- Updated verbiage for interproximal reduction treatment is being recommended for inclusion in the current AAO Informed Consent.
- A subcommittee is brainstorming methods to coordinate and track dental licensure and CE hours in conjunction with various state requirements.
- A new Human Resources workshop is being developed for member use.
- Discussion is being held concerning the current difficulty in staff shortages nationwide. Actionable feedback for aiding members with this challenge will be reviewed this fall.
- Ideas are being considered for new and creative ways to celebrate and honor orthodontic team members



AAOF

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The AAO Foundation was busy this past six months. We had a virtual meeting in February the highlight was the Awards Program approved the funding of 33 grant proposals representing \$772,000 in award funding.

There were 45 applications received. Along with a new mission, the AAOF is now offering more opportunities for RMSO members to get involved.

In 2021 the AAOF welcomed the Donated Orthodontic Services (DOS) program and the Disaster Relief Fund (DRF) to its philanthropic umbrella so members can engage on multiple levels, all in one place.

The new mission, "The AAO Foundation is to advance the orthodontic specialty by supporting quality education and research that leads to excellence in patient care, and by promoting orthodontic charitable giving." The AAOF's passion for education and research, will always be at the forefront of what it does. Expanding the mission statement and gaining two dynamic programs, DOS and DRF, will bring a new way of adding volunteerism and a way of supporting our members especially during times of natural disaster.

If you have any questions, please call Jackie Bode, AAOF Senior Vice president at 314-292-6546 or by email jbode@aaortho.org. Please remember the AAO Foundation in your charitable giving.



PAC Representative

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Hello, just a reminder if you have not made an AAOPAC contribution yet this year, now would be a great time!

There are certain recognized levels, and the AAOPAC will begin to recognize these levels in the upcoming year, so now is a great time to consider contributing at one of the set levels.

- President's Club - \$5,000
- Senator's Club - \$2,500
- Representative's Club - \$1,200 (\$100/month)
- Member's Club - \$500

Don't forget, many of our members do monthly payments (the most common is \$50/month), which you can choose when contributing online or by calling Kathy DiPrimo at 314-292-6532.

Contribute now! Click [Here](#) to Donate!



Council on Scientific Affairs

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At the January 8, 2021, COSA meeting, the Council decided they would hold their Annual Session programs virtually or in a pre-recorded format.

The 2021 Hellman, Sicher, Graber award winners pre-recorded their lectures. These lectures can be found on the 2021 Annual Session webpage. Three of the 2020 winners, who did not have an opportunity to present last year, also pre-recorded a lecture and their lectures are posted on the 2021 Annual Session webpage.

Several of the 2020 and 2021 Oral Research participants pre-recorded their presentations. These presentations can be found on the 2021 Annual Session webpage.

The 2021 E-Poster are available for viewing until July 31, 2021.

On May 22, 2021, COSA held the judging part of the William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award via Zoom. The 2021 William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award winners are:



Basic Science Research

1st place: Po-Jung Chen - University of Connecticut; Senolytics alleviate the degenerative disorders of temporomandibular joint in old age.

2nd place: Wenlu Jiang - University of California - Los Angeles; Fibromodulin promotes myofibroblast clearance in high-mechanical-loading induced postoperative scars after cleft lip repair.

3rd place: Derrick Crawford - University of Michigan; Injection of nitric oxide nanoparticles inhibits orthodontic tooth movement.

Clinical Research

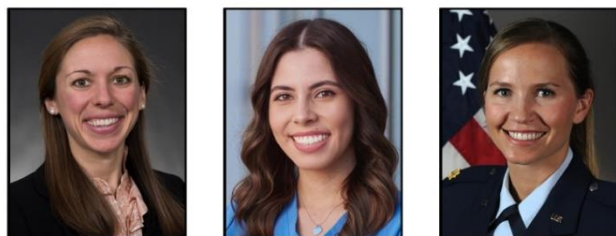
1st place: Moufida Abufarwa - University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine; The effect of acid etching the enamel prior to CPP-ACP-fluoride varnish application.

2nd place: Shelby Sheeran - University of Kentucky; The validity of a user-friendly three-dimensional voxel-based maxillary superimposition

3rd place: Insia Virji - University of Illinois – Chicago; Translucency changes of two retainer materials after staining and destaining

3rd place: Marissa Kobewka - University of Alberta; Periodontal changes associated with orthodontic expansion - Hyrax vs. Damon.

On May 14, 2021, COSA determined the Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award for Table Clinics. Table Clinic participants were asked to convert their table clinic into a E-Poster. The 2021 winners are:



Keyser

Murillo

DeVeaux

Mary Morgan Bitler Keyser - University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill; Orthognathic speech pathology: impacts of anterior open bite on speech.

Guiselle Murillo - UCLA School of Dentistry; Comparing changes in plaque, gingival inflammation, and the oral microbiome in orthodontic patients treated with fixed appliances vs. clear aligners.

Sarah DeVeaux - Tri-Service Orthodontic Residency Program - JBSA Lackland; In vitro aging of resin microinfiltrant restoration effect on shear bond strength of orthodontic bracket adhesive



Applications are currently being accepted for the 2022 Milo Hellman Research Award, the Harry Sicher Research Award, and the Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit.

Applications for these awards can be found on the 2022 Annual Session website. Only the online application will be accepted for these awards. The application deadline is 6:00pm EDT on October 1, 2021.

COSA will be accepting online applications to present Oral Research, Table Clinics and E-Posters at the 2022 AAO Annual Session starting the first week of August 2021. The application deadline is 6:00pm EDT on October 15, 2021.

COSA will be accepting online applications for the William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award at the 2022 AAO Annual Session starting the first week of December 2021. The first forty residents who apply for the program are accepted. The application deadline is February 1, 2022.

The 2021 - 2022 members of COSA are:

- Dr. Steven Marshall, chair (MSO)
- Dr. Michael Duryea (RMSO)
- Dr. Onur Kadioglu (SWSO)
- Dr. J. Martin Palomo (GLAO)
- Dr. Emile Rossouw (NESO)
- Dr. Dina Stappert (MASO)
- Currently vacant (PCSO)
- Dr. Eser Tufekci (SAO)
- Dr. Greg Huang (Member at Large)
- Dr. Kelton Stewart (Member at Large)
- Dr. Rolf Behrents (Trustee Liaison)

due to the AAO discontinuing the matching CAP campaign program.

Lastly, the board is discussing a future COA members meeting that also offers a track for orthodontic practice staff. If you are a member of the COA and interested in a position on the COA board, please contact us at ColoOrthoAssn@gmail.com.



Wyoming President
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Greetings from the great state of Wyoming! We held our annual state meeting on Friday March 19, 2021. This meeting was a hybrid, being held both in person and via Zoom to allow all to attend who wanted to but could not meet in person. Our current officers are:

- Adam Chorak, President
- Denise Prugh, Vice President
- Callie Holwegner, Secretary/Treasurer
- Jason Bird, AAO Delegate

Given our small numbers, we elected to make officer positions 5-year terms. Our next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday March 18, 2022.

Council Updates



Colorado President
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Greetings from Colorado! Now that in-person meetings are starting back up, the Colorado Orthodontic Association (COA) board is planning a COA members meeting with included CE on August 27, 2021. As a board, we are currently discussing how we can increase our awareness of legislative issues affecting the orthodontic profession in Colorado and also how to utilize Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) funds raised in 2016 but were not able to use

College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics Elects New 2021 - 2022 Council

Dr. Daniel Rejman has been elected to serve as the 2021 - 2022 president of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. Rejman is a diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics he is in private practice in Castle Rock, Colorado, and a member of the RMSO. Additional members of the 2021 - 2022 College Council are: President-Elect Dr. Linda Rigali of Northampton, Massachusetts Secretary Dr. Ashok Kothari of Countryside, Illinois Treasurer Dr. Sandy Bigman of San Ramon, California Councilor Dr. Paul Sproul of Madison, Alabama Councilor Dr. Matthew Ng of Katy, Texas Editor Dr. Howard Fine of Goldens Bridge, New York



Historian Dr. John W. M. Carter of Leawood, Kansas
Parliamentarian Dr. Perry Opin of Milford, Connecticut.

Dr. Robert Vaught of Savannah, Georgia was recognized on the July 14 Annual Member Business Meeting conference call for his service as the 2020–2021 College President. Dr.



Rejman (photo left) presented Dr. Vaught (photo right) his presidential plaque while they were both instructing the College Prep Course held June 12 in Denver.

The 2021 Annual Meeting, cancelled due to the pandemic, was rescheduled for Savannah in 2024. The 2022 Annual

Meeting will be held July 22–25 in Sonoma, California.

The College is offering Prep Courses for the ABO Scenario-based Clinical Exam: • October 9 in conjunction with the SAO 2021 Annual Session in Charlotte, NC • May 20-22 in conjunction with the AAO 2022 Annual Session in Miami, FL • July 22 in conjunction with the College 2022 Annual Meeting in Sonoma, CA.

For information, go to www.cdabo.org or contact the College office at association.info@icloud.com or phone 888-217-2988. About the College of Diplomates,

The College of Diplomates was founded in 1979 to promote and support the pursuit of enhanced quality of care through the process of American Board of Orthodontic certification, re-certification and continuing education. The College has nearly 1,800 active and retired members.

RMSO Leadership Opportunities

The Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists is always looking for members to step into leadership roles within the association. If you would like to have an impact on your profession and its future, now is your chance! We encourage you to reach out and express interest.

The following positions will be opening:

RMSO Newsletter Editor - Fall 2021

Council Representatives - Summer 2022

- Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns
- Orthodontic Education
- Orthodontic Practice
- Orthodontic Government Affairs

Please contact our RMSO Executive Director, Jennifer Bennett, at jbennett@rmso.org and she can provide additional information.

ABO Director Search Extended

Applications will be accepted until August 15th if you are a board – certified orthodontist and would like to be considered for this role.

Please contact our RMSO Executive Director, Jennifer Bennett, at jbennett@rmso.org and she can provide additional information.

Future Newsletters

Suggestions and ideas for future newsletter topics can be submitted to jbennett@rmso.org or lisa.austin4@gmail.com.

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