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President’s Message

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My term as MASO’s President is coming to an end. Looking back, I feel very lucky that I had such an outstanding team of colleagues working as members of our Board, our delegation to the AAO House of Delegates, as Council representatives, and as our Trustee. Together, we have devoted considerable time to get accomplished the tasks we’ve identified to be of significance to our Association and our goals. The key to this successful achievement has been the commitment which this team of leaders has displayed. At times, this commitment, effort and dedication, unfortunately passes by unnoticed. It would be unfair at this point not to mention all those who collaborated in having a successful Spring Continuing Education Event and a promising Annual Session. Doctors Robert Williams, Connie Greeley, Robert Seebold, Natalie Parisi, and Robert Binder have gone out of their way in giving their very best to our membership.

Special effort has been directed towards the identification, recruitment and the retention of potential, future MASO leaders willing to give back to their specialty by means of volunteering time, serving as committee members. This experience will place them in contact with basic MASO governance principles and knowledge of our structure to qualify them to occupy more important leadership positions in the future. In order to achieve this goal several measures have been adopted. A New and Young Members Committee is in the process of being established. In an attempt to identify these potential leaders, MASO’s Board approved a motion directed towards this objective by means of changing the actual composition of our Nominating Committee. With this change, state orthodontic societies’ presidents would also be members of this important standing committee. The idea behind this motion which will be presented to our general membership during the next Annual Business Meeting, and voted upon, is that state presidents are in an advantaged position to identify these persons, and present their names to this committee for their consideration. Integration of state or component societies’ presidents and their respective membership, has been of special interest during this past year. Plan to attend this important business meeting.

During my years as President and President-Elect, I had the privilege of establishing MASO’s Lifetime Achievement Award and presenting this award to Drs. Jaime De Jesus-Abreu and Ronald Gross (2004 and 2005 respective recipients), and to Dr. David Solomon at our Annual Session in November. I will be greatly honored as well to present Dr. Nahid Maleki with the 2006 Gerard A. Devlin Award. If I had to select four names to exemplify what dedication, devotion, commitment, and passion for serving our specialty means, the names Maleki, De Jesus, Gross, and Solomon would be within my top choices!

Last but not least, I would like to make a special recognition to Ms. Anita Field, our Executive Director, for her outstanding performance during the last four years she has been working with us. Her devotedness, allegiance, concern, and integrity, are among many of the characteristics which make Anita an invaluable asset to this organization.

Our 2006 Annual Session at the gorgeous Atlantis Hotel in Nassau Bahamas promises to be one of our best in years! Plan to attend, and bring your family and staff to Paradise, yes, Paradise Island in the Bahamas. Hope to cross paths with you there while enjoying an exotic tropical drink, shake hands, and chat for a while!

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve you!

EDITORIAL

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Pop’s Philosophy

My dad turns 92 this year. He basically has never shown me temper my whole life. Nor have I seen him get angry or upset. His philosophy is “THINGS HAPPEN FOR THE BEST”. Seems simple enough. Dad has always taken life as it comes. He never let himself get too stressed out about anything. Of course many issues have come up which would be stressful, but he never let it get him down. He would look at adversity in the eye and realize there was a reason for it to happen, and he would always make the most of it.

Many of us in Orthodontics have a tremendous amount to be thankful for. We make a nice living, we are our own bosses, we work the hours we want, etc. Many of us choose to give something back to our profession, be it our time, our money, a way of thanking this great profession. It is good for our profession, helps our future, and makes us feel good.

Recently dad, who tries to exercise every day, slipped when he came out of the pool. He dislocated his prosthetic hip. After a few days stay in the hospital, and the ensuing return home, he has to wear a heavy and uncomfortable 20-40 lb (it varies on which day you talk to him!) brace around his hips and over his leg. He has to wear this for some indefinite time. Obviously uncomfortable with the contraption, upon prodding, dad admitted to being rather uncomfortable but his immediate next response was “This too shall pass”.

Maybe we can all learn a little from this dear elderly gentlemen, and live life as it comes, don’t sweat the small stuff, and allow ourselves to think, “THINGS HAPPEN FOR THE BEST”. It has been my honor and pleasure serving the MASO community as Editor in Chief these past ten or so years.
MASO Member Application Process Streamlined

**UNDER NEW AAO POLICY, INCOMING MEMBERS APPLY ONCE!**

The AAO House of Delegates approved several changes to the Association’s Bylaws in an effort to streamline the membership application process and the transition to other membership categories.

**Easier Application Process**

From this point forward, the AAO Central Office will process all membership applications. Previously constituent organizations processed active, affiliate and retired member applications. In addition, the AAO has adopted a standard membership application form, and individuals will now only have to apply for membership once. The Association will charge a general application processing fee of $30. This fee will not apply to students.

**Associate Member Category Eliminated**

As of May 8, 2006, the AAO is no longer offering associate member status to incoming U.S. and Canadian members and student members who have recently graduated. Instead these individuals may become full active members. Student members will only need to submit a copy of their orthodontic certificate and proof of ADA membership (if practicing in the United States) in order to transition to active membership. Constituent organizations may require new active or affiliate members to attend a membership orientation program. First-year active member dues are $30. Second-year U.S. active member dues are $60. Third-year U.S. active member dues are $372.50. Canadian second-year and third-year active members pay $48 and $298 respectively. The AAO Board of Trustees is in the process of approving the current associate members for active membership, beginning with those whose terms are now expiring. This membership conversion should be complete by the Board’s August meeting.

**Student Member Category Expanded**

Orthodontic students/residents may now apply for membership as soon as they are accepted into a U.S. or Canadian accredited postdoctoral orthodontic program. Previously, individuals could not become student members until they were enrolled in a program.

**Transition to Other Categories**

The revisions to the Bylaws also affect when members may transition to another membership category, such as life-active, life-affiliate and retired. The Bylaws now state that active members who are 65 or older and have been members in good standing of the Association for at least 30 cumulative years (excluding student membership) shall be designated life-active members. Affiliate members who are 65 or older and have been members in good standing of the Association for at least 30 cumulative years (excluding student membership) shall be designated life-affiliate members. Active, affiliate, service or international members who have maintained their membership for 10 cumulative years prior to retirement may request to be reclassified as retired members. Previously, the Association required consecutive years of membership, rather than cumulative, for each of these membership categories.

For membership applications and additional information go to www.AAOmembers.org > About AAO > AAO Bylaws.

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**Trustee’s Report - Dr. Robert James Bray brayces@aol.com**

As you know, there were two main issues approved at the AAO’s 106th Annual Session in Las Vegas and our delegation lead by Dr. Dick Albright along with Drs. Norm Boucher, Henry DiLorenzo, Ken Hrechka, Frank Krause, Jim Heslop, Fred Sterritt and Alternate Delegates Drs. Nahid Maleki, Tanya Stavisky and Mario Polo, supported the following two issues: 1) two-year public awareness campaign which will begin this fall; 2) for educators, the AAO will supplement the salaries of full-time orthodontic faculty members at U.S. and Canadian accredited postdoctoral orthodontic programs.

The AAO, in working with AAO Services, Inc., has endorsed the Academy of Orthodontic Assisting (AOA). Dr. Douglas Depew, from AOA, will be presenting information for the staff during our Joint Annual Session at the Atlantis on Monday, November 6 from 8 to 9 a.m. Dr. Depew will provide information on how the staff training program can advance your staff’s professional development. The online curriculum can provide chairside education and a standardized formal training.

The AAO Board of Trustees reviewed Sitescape website and how to access data placed on the website for our recent board meeting. The focus is to get the Board of Trustees, AAO staff, councils and committees utilizing Sitescape so they can have paperless meetings.

A set of distance learning materials and notebooks from the 2006 Orthodontists as CEO will be sent to all ADA and CDA accredited orthodontic programs. Should an individual orthodontist wish to purchase the 5 CD’s of this conference, the cost is $40 per CD. Or, a more economical means would be to have online, unlimited access for one year at a cost of $100 for the year. Contact Ms. Linda Gladden at the AAO if you are interested – lgladden@aaortho.org

A communications audit committee will conduct an audit of all AAO communications. Committee members, of which I will be one, will consist of two BOT members, a representative from COC as well as COIT. The committee will be recommending a company to perform the audit. Improving communication between the BOT and Councils is a commitment of the BOT. This year I serve as the Chair of the Budget Advisory Committee and will be working closely with Dr. Don Joondeph, our President.

**Upcoming Meetings**

The AAO Leadership and Government Affairs Conference will be held January 28-31, 2007 in Washington, DC. Dr. Larry Harte of the Council on Government Affairs, will play a major role. Palm Springs, California, will be the location for the Interdisciplinary Conference scheduled for February 9-11, 2007.

Looking forward to seeing you in the Bahamas at the Atlantis Resort. Of course, joining us will be our friends from Northeast. Their Trustee, Dr. Ray George, is a very kind and strong leader among our AAO Trustees.
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- Margaret Mead

“History is the witness of the times, the torch of truth, the life of memory, the teacher of life, the message of antiquity.”
- Cicero

“Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.”
- George Santayana
  Reason in Common Sense (1905)

“All we have of freedom - all we see or know - this our fathers bought for us, long and long ago.”
- Rudyard Kipling (1899)

“The march of Providence is so slow and our desires so impatient; the work of progress is so immense and our means of aiding is so feeble: the life of humanity is so long, that of the individual is so brief, that we often see only the ebb of the advancing ways, and are thus discouraged. It is history that teaches us to hope.”
- Robert E. Lee (c. 1866)

“Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent alliances, with any portion of the foreign world.”
- George Washington (1796)

“I deem (one of) the essential principles of our government (to be) peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none.”
- Thomas Jefferson (1801)

“To those of us who study history not merely as a warning reminder of man’s follies and crimes, but also as an encouraging remembrance of generative souls, the past ceases to be a depressing chamber of horrors: it becomes a celestial city, a spacious country of the mind, wherein a thousand saints, statesmen, inventors, and philosophers still live and speak, teach and carve and sing.”
- Will and Ariel Durant
  The Lessons of History (1968)

“Few things are impossible to diligence and skill.”
- Samuel Johnson (1759)

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Some members of the DSOS have volunteered to help review cases submitted for Medicaid coverage. The rotating schedule of meetings started in February and involves 4 members at a time, who use the approved scoring sheet and submitted records while reviewing cases. The goal — to have all members involved in the review process — will help patients who have Medicaid-qualifying malocclusions access orthodontic care more efficiently.

The “Smiles Change Lives Program” was contacted as an access-to-care provider for Delaware. With program expansions underway Mr. Bob Tillman, Development Director, will keep us posted.

The DSOS is pursuing funding from MASO for a promotional campaign utilizing the new AAO promotional campaign message. This would support a radio or print ad, or possibly development of an orthodontic state website.

District of Columbia
Dr. Ashur Chavoor
Our next meeting will be held at MASO’s 33rd Annual Session at the Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas. The exact location and time will be announced.

Maryland
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Our annual CE event in the spring was a success. An OSTHA certification course with Mrs. Chris Wisnom and a lecture on bonding related issues with Mr. Paul Gange from Reliance Orthodontics were among the topics discussed.

At that meeting Dr. Ronald Toothman was honored for his pro bono work with the less fortunate, a well deserved recognition.

New Jersey
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With fall approaching, the NIAO continues to be diligent with continuing education for our members and public relations to the public. New NIAO officers were elected during the April, 2006 Annual Meeting and serving the association for the next two years will be: Dr. Stanley Gersch, President; Dr. Robert Loeb, President-elect; and Dr. Eric Wittlinger, Secretary/Treasurer.

CE Series: The 2006/2007 CE series kicks off on September 20th with Dr. Gerald S. Samson on “Why Straight Wire Doesn’t Always Work & What to Do About it.” Our January 24, 2007 program will be presented by Dr. Michael Williams entitled “Series 2000 Advances in Dentofacial Orthopedics,” and back by popular demand will be Ms. Rosemary Bray on April 25th for the NIAO Annual Session for doctors and staff.

Public Relations Program: In the continuing effort to educate and remind the public on the importance of using an orthodontic specialist, the NIAO’s successful “When Braces Are Needed” PR Advertising Campaign kicked off its 2006 Season with a state-wide print and radio advertising strategy.

Pennsylvania
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The Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists held its 39th Annual Meeting at Nemacolin Woodlands Resort and Spa, Farmington, PA on June 15-17.

Dr. Kazumi Ikeda from Toyko, Japan presented an exceptional 3-D imaging presentation to Orthodontists from California to New York. President Ronald Good was thankful to GAC International for their sponsorship of Dr. Ikeda, along with 3-M Unitek, Masel, Kodak, Colgate and Omnic for making this meeting a great success.

Next year, the PAO will meet in Hershey, PA on June 17-19, 2007. Dr. William Ziegler, Mountaintop, PA will preside over the meeting.

Puerto Rico
Dr. José A. Morales-Díaz
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Dr. Mike Alpern from Florida was the speaker at the April 22, 2006 Puerto Rico Society of Orthodontists meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Our next meeting will be held on November 11, 2006. Our local Orthodontists Society will join The Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Society to present topics of interest for both groups.

I wish to express my gratitude to our Board of directors, my colleagues, friends and family members who helped me these past two years term as president of our society. The new officers for 2007-2008 are:

Dr. Ruben Colón, President
Dr. José A. Morales-Díaz, Immediate past president
Dr. Milton Matos, President elect
Dr. María Castelvi, Secretary
Dr. Lynette García, Director of continuing education committee
Dr. Carlos Méndez, Director of the public education committee
Dr. Luis A. Toro, Jr., Director of MASO members committee

I wish the very best to Dr. Ruben Colón and the new Board of Directors of The Puerto Rico Society of Orthodontists.

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Exquisite beaches, lush tropical landscapes, pristine waters, and year-round sunshine make the Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas an ideal meeting place. From the soothing sound of the ocean waves to the open smiles of the locals, MASO attendees will feel the welcoming spirit of the Bahamas immediately upon arrival in a perfect setting for our Annual Session.
Friday, November 3
7:00 am - 8:00 am Full Breakfast for Residents & Faculty
7:00 am - 12:50 pm NASEO Board Meeting
9:30 am - 5:00 pm Registration Open
8:00 am - Noon Residents & Faculty Program (breakfast included 7-8 am) Speaker Jason Cope - "Temporary Anchorage Devices in Orthodontics: Clinical Use and Applications" Sponsored by GAC
8:30 am - 11:30 am NASEO Board Meeting
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm Beach Bash for New and Young Members (Invitation only) and Residents & Faculty Sponsored by GAC

Saturday, November 4
6:30 am - 7:30 am Fun Run/Walk - 5K (Registered event)
7:30 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast (in Exhibit Hall)
7:30 am - 1:00 pm Exhibits Open
7:30 am - 1:00 pm ABS Case Displays
7:30 am - 5:00 pm Registration Open
8:00 am - 9:00 am Staff Program I: John McDonald - "How low can you go?" Sponsored by 3M Unitek
8:00 am - 10:00 am Dr. Session: Dwight Damon - "Light Clinical Forces and their Impact on the Face, Muscles, Bone and Soft Tissue" Sponsored by Ormco
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11:00 am - 12:30 pm Dr. Session II: Dwight Damon (continued) Sponsored by Ormco
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm Leadership Luncheon Meeting "The Future of Orthodontics" (Registered event)
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm NASEO Component Meeting Breakouts
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm FREE Cocktails
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Presidents' Opening Party/Welcome Reception - "Paradise Welcomes Orthodontists" Sponsored by 3M Unitek

Sunday, November 5
7:00 am - 8:00 am NASEO Business Meetings (All NASEO members Invited)
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7:30 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast (in Exhibit Hall)
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8:00 am - 10:00 am Dr. Session: Dr. Michael Mayhew - "Enhancing Clinical Efficiency with OrthoCAD 12" Sponsored by OrthoCAD
9:00 am - 10:50 am Staff Program II: Dr. Michael Swarts/Rosemary Bray - "The Power of Power Point in the Orthodontic Office" Sponsored by Ormco
10:00 am - 11:00 am Cold Beverages Break in Exhibit Hall for Doctors
10:30 am - 11:30 am Cold Beverages Break in Exhibit Hall for Staff
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Staff Program III: Dr. Michael Swarts/Rosemary Bray (continued)
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Dr. Session: Dr. Steven Tracey - "Clinical Uses of Photo Lasers in Orthodontics" Sponsored by Zap Lasers LLC
12:30 pm - 3:00 pm Educators Meeting (Invitation only)

Monday, November 6
7:30 am - 9:00 am Continental Breakfast (in Exhibit Hall)
7:30 am - 1:00 pm Exhibits Open
7:30 am - 1:00 pm ABS Case Displays
8:00 am - 9:00 am Staff Program: Dr. Dave Paukert - "Certification Responsibility with Recognition" Sponsored by Academy of Orthodontic Assisting
9:00 am - 10:00 am Dr. Session: Dr. Dave Paquette - "Treating Complex Malocclusions with Invisalign" Sponsored by Invisalign
9:00 am - 10:00 am Cold Beverages Break in Exhibit Hall for Doctors
10:00 am - 11:00 am Cold Beverages Break in Exhibit Hall for Staff
10:00 am - 11:00 am Staff Program: Rosemary Bray - "Fun & Play in Your Ortho Day!"
11:00 am - 12:30 pm Dr. & Staff Session: Dr. Capone - "Digital Photography Made Easy" Sponsored by Capone
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm NASEO Business Meetings with Board (Invitation only)
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm NASEO Installation Reception (Invitation only)
7:00 pm - 10:00 pm Margaritaville Beach Bash Sponsored by Ormco

Tuesday, November 7
7:45 am - 9:00 am NASEO Board Meeting (Invitation only)
9:15 am - 11:00 am Dr. & Staff Session: Dr. Tony Selje - "Imagine what is possible. Then make it a reality!" Sponsored by 3M Unitek

Note: Events and times are subject to change. All events are included in registration unless noted.
**Social Activities**

**Exuma Island Adventures**
Time: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (2 hrs.) Price: $695/dep exclusively located on Exuma, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, snorkeling, and a beach meal. Great for exploring the Exuma Cays.

**Dolphin Encounters**
Time: 8:30 am – 10:30 am, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm (3 hrs.) Price: $895/dep exclusively located on Nassau, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, a beach meal, and a chance to swim with dolphins.

**Paradise Island Helicopters**
Time: 9:00 am – 6:00 pm, round-trip inclusive of helicopter ride and sightseeing tour. Price: $995/dep exclusively located on Paradise Island, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, a beach meal, and a chance to swim with dolphins.

**Sail & Snorkel Adventures**
Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm (3 hrs.) Price: $1095/dep exclusively located on Nassau, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, a beach meal, and a chance to swim with dolphins.

**Blackbeard’s Beach Break**
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, round-trip inclusive of beach day exclusive of water activities. Price: $995/dep exclusively located on Nassau, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, a beach meal, and a chance to swim with dolphins.

**Wine Tasting & Lunch at Graycliff**
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, round-trip inclusive of wine tasting and lunch exclusive of transportation. Price: $1095/dep exclusively located on Nassau, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, a beach meal, and a chance to swim with dolphins.

**Sub Bahamas**
Time: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, round-trip inclusive of guided underwater tour. Price: $1095/dep exclusively located on Nassau, Bahamas. Includes round-trip transport, a beach meal, and a chance to swim with dolphins.

**Saturday Presidents’ Opening Party/Welcome Reception**
Sponsored by 3M United
“Paradise Welcomes Orthodontists” is guaranteed to be a FUN-filled event with high energy island band, “jumpin’” greeters, fire dancers, parade, food, beverages and FUN!! Let’s jam!

**Saturday Fun Run/Walk**
Join us Saturday morning from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Some of the coolest sight-seeing at the Atlantic, Paradise Island, Bahamas can be enjoyed as you run or walk this course. You will be rewarded with stunning seascapes, breathtaking scenery, exotic flora and mind-soothing solitude. The NO cost includes a souvenir T-Shirt. See next page for Registration Form.

**Monday “Margaritaville Beach Bash”**
Sponsored by Ormco
All registered attendees are invited to enjoy a dance band, beach barbeque, beverages and FUN on the beautiful Atlantic, Paradise Island, Bahamas beach with its white sands and turquoise waters. Celebrate the good times!
# Registration Form

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**Confirmation will be sent to address listed:**

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- Please attach a note if special services are needed.

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- Continental Breakfast Sat., Sun., Mon.
- Exhibits Sat., Sun, Mon.
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- President's Opening Party/Welcome Reception Sat. evening with dinner
- Beach Party Mon. evening with live music, dinner buffet
- Roundtrips airport-motorcoach transfers, prepaid roundtrip porterage and departure notices. You must complete a Ground Transportation Form to reserve this service.

The Ground Transportation Form & Activity Request Form can be found on theMASO website... www.MASO.org.

Badges are required for admission to all events.

Mail completed form with payment by October 6, 2006 to:
2006 MASO/NESO Joint Annual Session 3260 Upper Bottom Road St. Charles, MO 63303

Fax with credit card payment: 636.244.1650

Phone NEMO with questions: 636.922.5591

Or register online at: www.NESO.org
Council on Communications
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The 2006 AAO House of Delegates approved a $450.00 per member assessment for each of the next two years to fund a Public Awareness Program. The purpose of the program is to help educate consumers about who we are as orthodontists, as well as inform the public about the lifetime benefits of orthodontic treatment. We will target mothers of children between the ages of 5-17, utilizing cable TV, magazines and the internet. Media exposure will be concentrated in the last three months of 2006. Two local markets, a community in Oregon and one in Rhode Island will receive a greater amount of cable TV exposure in order to test the impact of higher spending levels. Tracking via various 1-800 numbers and www.braces.org will be done in order to determine the effectiveness of the AAO’s campaign to educate our consumers.

As of June ‘06, we now have a totally revamped AAO public website, www.braces.org. We will continue to add and modify content over the next year. It is a much more ‘user friendly’ sight. Please check it out and send me your feedback at Berkinshaw@mac.com.

Council on Governmental Affairs
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The Council is fortunate to have our own trustee, Dr. Robert James Bray as our liaison to the AAO this year.

State Legislative/Regulatory Initiatives
• Submitted resolutions to the Board of Trustees concerning sales taxation of Orthodontic Supplies and the portability of specialty licensure.
• Invited Mr.Chris Vranas, the AAO Executive Director to hold a strategic planning session at the September Meeting

Resolution to the House of Delegates
• The Council submitted a resolution to the House concerning the AAO’s Strategic Plan. The Council proposed alternate language regarding the issue of “access to care”, stating that the AAO generally opposes the use of federal funds for the use of orthodontic treatment.

Congress
• Because of the ongoing events in the states and abroad, little has been accomplished. However, we are still pushing on Estate Taxes, Associated Health plans and maintaining the Specialty.

The Council will next meet on September 9-12, 2006 in Washington, DC. Part of the program will be meeting with members of the House and Senate.

Council on Information Technology
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COIT held a conference call on June 21, 2006. The following are the technology initiatives that the Council is currently undertaking or are planning to develop:
1) The development of an Internet 2 based pilot program that will allow for seamless, real-time communication between orthodontic programs taking advantage of the ability to share and utilize faculty resources. Presently, the council is trying to implement a protocol for using video conferencing for future council or other AAO administrative meetings with Internet 2.
2) The development of a paperless meeting protocol for the different AAO groups to fulfill the need to increase meeting efficiency and allow for user-friendly, multi-level communications. COIT has been asked to evaluate the vendor Sitescape’s online training format.
3) A representative from COIT will be appointed to the ADA Standards Committee on Dental Informatics (SCDI) Working Group for the Integration of Orthodontic Records. The representation is to help establish the AAO’s position in regards to such topics as a standardized format for diagnostic records and this effect on the transfer of such records between different software vendors.
4) To update the public website. A COIT sub-committee is participating with COC in the redesign of the site (www.braces.org) following the same process as was done for the member site.
5) To update the member website (www.aaomembers.org). This involves the development of content sections of the site targeted to specific member demographics, interests, and leadership levels. Furthermore, some new components being added to the site in the Fall will be an online version of the AAO Practice Opportunities and Transitions job placement program, a classified ad program for use by AAO members, a non-member layer to address exhibitors/advertisers and
orthodontic staff, and a Podcast service to provide audio and video podcasts.

6) To continue with the planning of the AAO stand-alone technology conference that has been tentatively set for February 8-10, 2008 in Las Vegas. A budget proposal and a topic and speaker curriculum and format are being prepared for May ’07.

7) Please note that the Council has proposed that the AAO discontinue the AAO Member Website Hosting program. The recommendation being made to the BOT in August is for the program to end by 2007 with the understanding that the AAO technical staff will aid in the transfer of information where needed.

"COI works under the principle that “technology should be viewed as an investment in our association’s future and as insurance for our continued prosperity.”

Council on Insurance
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The AAO Council on Insurance (COI) summer 2006 meeting was called to order on June 3 at AAO headquarters in St. Louis.

First order of business was the introduction of Aon Affinity Insurance Services. Aon purchased JLT Services Chicago offices from JLT London, effective May 1, 2006. Mr. Bill Vitt, president of Aon Affinity provided a brief presentation about Aon. He assured the COI that JLT Chicago office will continue as we know it and, in addition, with a better understanding of the U.S. affinity market it will in fact be able to improve their services to the AAO members. JLT has been the AAO insurance broker and members’ services provider for the past 20 years.

The following COI December 2005 recommendations were approved by the AAO Board of Trustee at their February 2006 meeting:
- A new 20 year term-life insurance plan
- Increased the limit offered for the term-life insurance plans to $2 million for members and a sub-limit of $1 million for spouses
- Life insurance to orthodontic residents on a complimentary basis increased from $30,000 to $100,000

The AAO professional liability plan will have by the end of July 2006, 4,000 policies in force; well over the 50% of all active and associate eligible members. 80% of all eligible new graduates were enrolled and over 97% of all insured renewed during the 2005-06 policy year.

The AAO BOT forwarded MASO’s concern to the AAO Insurance Company (AAOIC) about the Puerto Rico members not being able to purchase the AAO liability plan. The AAOIC created a committee to search for solutions to MASO’s concern.

The current obstacles preventing PR members from buying AAO Liability plan are the following:
- 1986 Federal Risk Retention Act – the Federal law that created Risk Retention Groups explicitly only includes the 50 States. The AAOIC is a Risk Retention Group.
- Puerto Rico’s current political status permits the exclusion of the Risk Retention Groups by the PR government.
- The PR Insurance Commissioner insists that the AAOIC has to enter the PR market as an authorized insurance provider with all it requisites, rules, taxes and yearly reports. With a present maximum possible sell of 70 members it is not presently economically feasible for the AAOIC to enter the PR market.

Our previous alternatives were to try to add Puerto Rico into the Federal Risk Retention Act or passing legislation in Puerto Rico to recognize Risk Retention Groups. The U.S. Congress is not interested in revisiting the Risk Retention Act (once a law is revisited lawmakers cannot control the amount and content of the amendments) and the PR government looks at it as a money loosing proposition. As luck would have it, Aon’s purchase of JLT has opened a new and extraordinary opportunity. Our new friends, Aon Affinity Insurance Services are already an accepted authorized insurance company in PR and they do have a liability plan. The COI directed JLT and the AAO staff to check with Aon and AAOIC regarding the possibility of being able to sell liability insurance through Aon to the PR members. It is a long shot with many obstacles but the possibilities look better than just a month ago.

If you are interested in applying for any of the AAO Insurance products please contact the AAO Insurance Office at 1-800-622-0344 or fax them at 1-800-527-8930.
- Long Term Disability Income Plan
- Member Health Insurance Plans
- Term Life Insurance Plans
- Professional Overhead Expense Plan
- Professional Liability Insurance
- Business Office Package (BOP)
- Employment Practices Liability Insurance (EPLI)

Any other questions please email me at latoro@prtc.net or call me at 787-860-7943.

Council on Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns
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COMEJC is very pleased that many of the council’s resolutions sent to the HOD this past May were passed. The Council is especially satisfied with the changes allowed regarding the increased utilization of the AAO Logo. In addition, at the request of COMEJC’s
Sub-committee for International Member Retention, a new Worldwide Wire (WWW) has been designed to increase communication with AAO global members. Frequency has been increased from quarterly to bi-monthly. The recent International Members Survey conducted by COMEJC indicated that many members are unaware of the available services and benefits, particularly regarding distance learning and continuing education credit for doctors and staff. Issues will feature AAO information in the following categories: General, Value of AAO Membership, Distance Learning Services, Library Services, Web Resources and Services, and Polling Questions. COMEJC has also conducted a survey of Affiliate members to better understand and serve their needs.

Council on New and Younger Members
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The AAO Council on New and Younger Members sponsored a very successful New Orthodontist Conference at the Annual Session in Las Vegas. The goal of this program is to help orthodontists in practice under eight years and orthodontic residents to make informed decisions as they proceed with their professional lives, providing ideas and techniques on how to successfully begin and advance their careers in orthodontics. The keynote speaker was Mr. Paul Zuelke who discussed marketing, financial and management practices for new orthodontists. In addition to the New Orthodontist Conference CONYM also sponsored programs on risk management and retirement planning for the new orthodontist. All three of these programs were widely successful and we are planning to bring a program just as impressive to the 2007 Annual Session in Seattle.

CONYM will have its annual conference call in early August. This conference call will allow our new members to get acquainted and let us discuss plans for the coming year. Our agenda includes a discussion of the Council goals for the year, the appointment of new members to subcommittees, the appointment of a NYMO editor (our on-line newsletter), a report on the ADA New Dentist Conference and a discussion of our Winter Council Meeting. One of our main goals this year is to introduce our New and Younger Member Development Program. This program is designed to grow AAO membership to offset the loss of retiring members by demonstrating relevance, benefits and leadership to student and new doctor members for lifelong membership and leadership.

CONYM works very hard to promote the importance of AAO membership to new/younger orthodontists and students and to represent and to promote the interests of new/younger members and students to the AAO. For more information regarding CONYM please look at our on-line newsletter. To get to the web site go to www.aao.org. Another meeting is held in Saint Louis in the fall. An organization meeting, held via telephone conferencing, usually held in the summer and was scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd. The majority of the Council members also attend the COE sponsored all day Educators Conference that is held in conjunction with the annual AAO meeting in Las Vegas.

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Dr. Katherine Vig:
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Drs. Turpin, Hutter, Huang, Vig and Camilla Tulloch

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Drs. Gerald English, Peter Greco and Edward Owens:
Update on October, 05 ABO Educators Symposium, Data Presentation from February, 06 ABO Pilot Study Early ABO Certification Requirements based on Pilot

Council on Orthodontic Education
Dr. Robert E. Binder
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The Council of Orthodontic Education (COE) of the American Association of Orthodontists usually meets face to face, as a deliberative body, twice each year, once in conjunction with the American Association of Dental Educators (ADEA). In this way the individuals involved can attend both meetings. The meeting this year was held in Orlando, Florida. Another meeting is held in Saint Louis in the fall. An organization meeting, held via telephone conferencing, usually held in the summer and was scheduled for Tuesday, August 2nd. The majority of the Council members also attend the COE sponsored all day Educators Conference that is held in conjunction with the annual AAO meeting in Las Vegas.

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**Program financials:**
1. Accounting controls are in place to prevent fraud; includes use of fiduciary agent.
2. Program boasts an administrative cost of 11.5%.
3. The limitation to growth at this time is financial resources. Each new area costs an average of $20,000 to get up and running.

**Program facts:**
1. VBCOP has been advised that they cannot limit provider membership in the program to AAO members; the provider network is already limited to licensed orthodontists or orthodontic residents.
2. The program works well in rural areas as demonstrated in the Wichita, KS area; patient families are willing to drive to seek the orthodontic treatment.

**Program Publicity:**
1. Information is posted on the AAO member and public websites.
2. Press releases will announce the SCL program expansion into the local area.
3. Press releases will educate the public and recruit new providers.
4. AJO-DO editorial and cover photo to outline the SCL program.
5. Feature article in The Bulletin

The AAO Board of Trustees approved $20,000 in funding support for the Virginia Brown Community Orthodontic Partnership.

**ACCESS TO ORAL HEALTHCARE**

COHC concluded that the access to care issue is especially difficult to address in orthodontics. The access to care issue contains two components: (1) care for indigents who cannot afford care; and (2) people living in rural areas that can afford care but must commit to extensive traveling in order to receive the care.

COHC noted that the AAO endorsement of the Virginia Brown Community Orthodontic Partnership DBA Smiles Change Lives Program will serve to provide access to care in urban as well as rural areas when the program has expanded more fully.

**Recommendations to the Board of Trustees:**
1. That a demographic study be undertaken to identify the locations of current practicing orthodontists and to identify areas of population density in order to pinpoint areas of orthodontic need.
2. That AAO members be surveyed to confirm current age and potential retirement plans.
3. That the AAO work in concert with other national advocacy groups and professional associations to utilize their resources and influence to achieve AAO objectives.

**Council on Orthodontic Practice**

The next COOP meeting is scheduled to be held on 8/25 & 8/26. The last meeting was an abbreviated session held during the annual meeting in Las Vegas.

COOP held two activities at the annual session, the Practice Transition meeting and the Staff Competition. The Practice Transition meeting, which dealt with the legal issues and practice transition, was extremely well attended. In fact some had to be turned away due to insufficient facilities.

The Staff Competition also was very successful with a packed room. The winner this year was Patricia Shiflett who presented a clinic on oral and facial piercings.

COOP is reviving and renewing the office design manual. It is proceeding quite well and is supposed to be on the website sometime this summer.

The very successful Orthodontist as CEO program, which was held in Scottsdale, Arizona in February, can now be found in the distant learning material.

A number of new brochures are in the early stages of development. The main impetus at this time is dental trauma and orthodontic emergencies.
commitment to write another summary in the near future. The COSA, in concert with the AAO Foundation (AAOF), plans to identify important topics within orthodontics that lack systematic reviews or scientific evidence, indicating a need for further research. The AAO will then encourage the AAOF to provide funding for these specified topics.

Nominating Committee
Dr. Elizabeth B. Spannhake
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The Nominating committee would like to thank all the members who sent in their nominations for many of the vacant positions. We feel that the slate presented to the Board of Directors represents a group of exceptional individuals who will well serve the needs and goals of MASO. These individuals are truly generous people who are willing to volunteer their time to better serve the MASO membership.

Nominating Committee:
Dr. Elizabeth B. Spannhake (MD), Chair
Dr. John Mariotti, (PA), Immediate Past President
Dr. Mark Rarrick (PA)

Elections are held at the Annual Session and duties are assumed upon election. Following is the slate that will be presented and voted on during the MASO General Membership Meeting, November 5, 2007 in the Bahamas.

Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists Nominating Slate 2006

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
President
Dr. George Scott (NJ)..........................2006-07

President Elect (NOMINATE)
Dr. Robert Seebold (PA) ....................2006-07

Secretary (NOMINATE)
Dr. Luis Toro, Jr. (PR) .......................2006-08

Treasurer (RE-NOMINATE)
Dr. Constance Greeley (DE) ............2005-07

Trustee (RE-NOMINATE)
Dr. Robert James Bray (NJ) .............2006-08

DIRECTORS
Six directors serve 2-year terms. A Director may not serve more than three (3) consecutive terms.

1. Dr. Robert Binder (NJ) ....................2005-07
Dr. Binder is completing the first year of his third 2-year term.

2. Dr. Natalie M. Parisi (PA) .............2005-07
Dr. Parisi completed the final year of her second 2-year term.

3. Dr. Ali Husain (NJ) ......................2005-07

4. Dr. Steven Siegel (MD) .................2006-08

5. Dr. Larry Wang (MD).....................2005-07

6. Dr. Stephanie Steckel (DE) ..........2006-08

DELEGATES
Seven (7) delegates are elected to the AAO for a two-year term; no more than four (4) consecutive terms may be served; past delegates are required to wait four (4) years before being re-nominated.

1. Dr. Frank Krause (NJ) ....................2005-07
Dr. Krause is completing the first year of his fourth 2-year term.

2. Dr. Richard Albright (PA) ............2006-08

3. Dr. Henry DiLorenzo (MD) ...........2006-08

4. Dr. Ken Hrechkas (MD) ...............2005-07

5. Dr. Jamie DeJesus (PR) ...............2006-08

6. Dr. Norman Boucher (PA) ............2006-08

7. Dr. Frederic Sterritt (NJ) .............2006-08

Dr. Sterritt completed the second year of his first 2-year term.
ALTERNATE DElegates
Three (3) alternate delegates are elected to serve one year terms; there is no limit on the number of terms one may serve; the MASO President serves as the First Alternate if not currently seated as a Delegate.
1. Dr. George Scott (NJ) ...............2006-07 (MASO President)
2. Dr. Nahid Maleki (DC) ..............2006-07 (NOMINATE)
3. Dr. Tanya Stavisky (NJ) ..........2006-07 (NOMINATE)

COMMITTES
Communications/Publications
These committees were merged by an amendment to the Bylaws in 2003. Consists of the MASO Editor and three (3) at-large members elected for a 2-year term.
1. Dr. Bob Williams (MD) (Editor) ....2006-08
2. Dr Larry Wang (MD) ..............2006-08 (NOMINATE)
3. Dr. Ty Saini (MD) ...............2006-08 (NOMINATE)
4. Dr. Yvonne Kwong (MD) ........2006-08 (NOMINATE)

Education/Research
Consists of three (3) members elected for a 3-year term.
1. Dr. Jonathan Nicozisis (NJ) (Chair) ...2004-07
2. Dr. Stuart Josell (MD) .............2005-08
3. Dr. Jazmin Oliva (PR) ...........2005-08 (NOMINATE)

Government Affairs
Consists of six (6) members, two to be elected each year, for a 3-year term.
1. Kristen Albright-Thiry (PA) - Chair2004-07
3. Dr. Andrew Orchin (DC) ..........2005-08
4. Dr. Tom Burns (NJ) ..............2005-08
5. Dr. Edwin Alvarez (PR) ...........2006-09 (NOMINATE)
6. Dr. George Georgelis (PA) ......2006-09 (NOMINATE)

MEMBER SERVICES
Membership/Ethics/Practice/Transition
These committees were merged by an amendment to the Bylaws in 2003. Consists of five (5) members elected to a five-year term.
1. Dr. Anne O’Day (PA) - Chair ......2002-07
2. Dr. Philip Tighe (PA) .............2003-08
3. Dr. Doug Harte (NJ) .............2004-09
4. Dr. Roberto Hernandez (PR) .......2005-10
5. Dr. Marie Dang (NJ) ..............2006-11 (NOMINATE)

Nominating Committee
Consists of five (5) members: The Immediate Past-President, the prior immediate past president, and three additional members each elected for a 3-year term.
1. Dr. John Mariotti (PA), Chair ......2006-07
(Prior immediate past president)
2. Dr. Mario Polo (PR) ...............2006-07
(Immediate past president)
3. Dr. Luis Toro, Sr. (PR) ..........2004-07
4. Dr. Larry Harte (NJ) ..............2005-08
5. Dr. Cass Garcia (MD) .............2006-09 (NOMINATE)

If the proposed Bylaws change is approved, the six state Presidents, or their designee, would constitute the six (three additional) members at large.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE TO BE VOTED UPON AT THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING HELD DURING THE ANNUAL SESSION
Saturday, November 5, 7-8:00 AM, Atlantis, Paradise Island, Bahamas

by Dr. Robert E. Williams, MASO Secretary

A. Proposed revision to the MASO Bylaws regarding the composition of the MASO Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee: This committee shall be composed of five (5) eight (8) members. They shall be the Immediate Past President of MASO, the next most immediate Past President available, and three six members, one from each MASO component at-large. If the Immediate Past President of MASO and/or the next most immediate Past President available cannot serve on the Nominating Committee for any reason, the President shall appoint a former Past President of MASO to serve in their place. The Past President and the next most immediate Past President shall serve for a term of one year. The senior Past President shall serve as Chairperson. At each annual session, two (2) component members shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. The President of each MASO component, or a designee of the component President, should be given preference for this position.

B. Amendment submitted by Dr. Richard Levy:

Resolved, that a majority of the members of the nominating committee shall have served as a member of the Board of Directors for two years or previously as an officer of MASO.

Background Information
The original proposed revision (A.) was passed by the Board of Directors at a meeting of the joint MASO Committees held in January 2006 in response to the occasional low level of committee activity, and familiarity with the functions of the various MASO committees by its members. As the motion is presently stated, the nominating committee will consist of two former presidents of MASO and the six state presidents. The purpose of having the state presidents on the committee is to better identify “local talent” i.e. those members who have exhibited exemplary service at the state level and who are willing and able to move up to the regional level. The board feels that willingness to serve, and previously demonstrated talent at the state level are significantly more important than familiarity with the specific workings of MASO. Irrespective of their best efforts, the present committee structure of five members, selected randomly, simply can’t know as many possible candidates as the eight proposed members. In addition, and more importantly, inclusion of the state presidents reduces the influence of any individual on the nominating process, and better distributes responsibility throughout the organization.

It is the consensus of MASO’s Board that the committees should function like the AAO’s House of Delegates, in that they are there to represent the views and interests of the AAO members from their state, at least in part.

AAOF
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To address the challenges facing orthodontic education, the AAOF Foundation has raised over $29 million in pledges to date and has committed $5.8 million for awards designed to benefit the specialty of orthodontics, its practitioners, and the patients we serve. These include 92 Orthodontic Faculty Development Fellowship Awards, 137 Research Awards, and over 1,000 Gifts in Support of Orthodontic Education. The primary focus of Foundation funding remains on support of “junior faculty.”

To date, 278 of the MASO members have made a contribution to the AAOF. The Foundation is grateful to those men and women who have made a commitment to our profession’s future; unfortunately there are 795 members who have not yet pledged. MASO can do better than only 26% of its members supporting our future.

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AAOSI

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AAOSI has been very active on several issues of interest to our membership.

1. There is a current proposal for AAOSI to provide claims management, underwriting, book keeping, and renewals for the AAO insurance company. The initial contract will be for a 3 year period and would provide improved services for the AAO members enrolled in the insurance program. The services are currently being provided by an outside company which has been purchased by a much larger conglomerate and there is concern that the insurance needs of our enrolled members will be better served “in house.”

2. AAOSI is very close to having a contract signed between the AAO and AOA (the Academy of Orthodontic Assisting) to provide staff training on a national basis via excellent computer presentations, hands-on training, and at component and national meetings. Their material has been thoroughly reviewed by a committee of AAOSI Directors and Board of Trustee members. The chairman of the committee is our MASO Trustee, Dr. Robert James Bray, who has done an outstanding job coordinating this complicated project.

3. The committee working toward a contract with AOA is also considering endorsing a program for advanced staff training that would be provided by the International Training Institute. Their program would provide for staff training for personnel with several years of orthodontic experience, whereas the AOA program is much more suited to train staff at the entry level. There is a place for both of these new and exciting programs for our office staff.

The next scheduled meeting for AAOSI Directors is not until February 2007. Please contact me at wisermgt@mac.com with any of your comments, questions, etc.

Visit the MASO website to download event brochures and registration materials.

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ABO

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In March 2005, the ABO announced major changes in its certification process which have resulted in the largest growth period in the ABO’s 76-year history. In the past year, more than 900 orthodontists have achieved Diplomate status. Approximately 35 percent of all AAO orthodontists are now Diplomates of the ABO.

The ABO certified 84 orthodontists last February, 45 of which were orthodontists who participated in the ABO Orthodontic Resident Clinical Outcomes Study (“Pilot Study”). These individuals completed their board cases during their postdoctoral programs and became the first orthodontists to complete the certification process immediately following their graduate education. They all have time-limited certificates. The ABO will soon publish the results of the Pilot Study.

Almost 450 American and Canadian orthodontic residents took the written examination at Pearson Vue testing centers near their graduate programs during the week of April 24-28, 2006. This is the highest yearly number of candidates ever registered for the exam.

The ABO is delighted to offer a second Written Examination on December 11-15, 2006. Any orthodontist who is a graduate of an accredited program and has not previously taken, or has failed this examination, can participate. Successful completion will provide candidates with the opportunity to accept the ABO Gateway Offer, which expires as of July 1, 2007. Details are available at the ABO website: www.americanboardortho.com.
Albert Einstein Medical Center  
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On June 15th, we celebrated the graduation of the class of 2006: Mark Huls, Tony Pasquale and Clay VanderWall. They performed admirably during the past three years and we are especially proud of their accomplishments. The research findings of the three residents were presented via Posterboards at the AAO Annual meeting in Las Vegas. Mark Huls and Clay VanderWall’s project was, “A Comparison of Treatment Outcomes for Patients with UCLP Treated at the Same Center – An Internal Audit of Surgical Results”. Tony Pasquale presented his research under the category of the AAO/Dentsply Resident Clinician Scholars Program. His project was, “An in vivo Prospective Comparison of Bond Failure Rate of Two Self-Etching Primer Bonding Systems”.

I am truly pleased to announce that the three graduates of the class of 2004 have passed Phase III of the ABO and are now Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. Casey Johnson, Ed Silverman and Yana Volfson Newman presented their cases in St. Louis in February, 2006. For those that recall, Einstein Medical Center was one of 16 programs in the nation that participated in a voluntary American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) pilot study for assessment of clinical outcomes. This “Orthodontic Resident Clinical Outcomes Study” is an evaluation of the efficacy of offering early certification to recent orthodontic graduates using cases treated in their residencies. The issue is whether cases treated in graduate orthodontic programs meet ABO standards. The study was limited to classes that graduated in 2004 - 2005.

Howard University  
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Howard University’s Orthodontic Department is pleased to welcome our new residents: Dr. Wakeshi Benson, Dr. Joby George, Dr. Marvin Ngwafon, Dr. Anisa Omar, Dr. Kisha Steele and Dr. Nitalya Williams to our program. We look forward to working with them over the next two years.

We would like to wish our outgoing graduates: Dr. Fernandez, Dr. Grewal, Dr. Nezakatgool, Dr. Wiltshire and Dr. Woods the best of luck and success in their future endeavors.

University of Maryland  
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Congratulations to our most recent graduates: Drs. Rodney Payne, Akash Pandya and John Bailey. Their Masters Research theses were “A Quantitative Method to Standardize Arch Form Utilizing Ratios Derived from Dental Landmarks” - Dr. Payne, “The Evaluation of Various Assays to Analyze Surface Changes using SootheRx™ for Demineralized Teeth” - Dr. Pandya, and “Effects of Adhesion Boosters and Base Design on Shear Bond Strength (and in vitro study)” - Dr. Bailey. All three were successful in passing the written ABO examination as were our second year residents Gabriel Ollins, Thomas Hao, and Ernest Wang.

The grand opening celebration of our new dental school is planned for late October. The move to the new building was started this summer and will be completed by late fall. The new state-of-the-art facility includes our conversion to an electronic patient record and digital imaging, including 3-D conebeam technology.

On June 2, 2006, the Advanced Specialty Education Program in Orthodontics and the Maryland Orthodontic Alumni and Friends Organization co-sponsored a CE event featuring Dr. Straty Righellis speaking on “Treatment Excellence and Treatment Efficiency”. The event was followed by an evening at Oriole Park at Camden Yards to watch the Orioles and Yankees play.

University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey  
New Jersey Dental School Department of Orthodontics  
Dr. Robert E. Binder, Professor and Interim Chair, Department of Orthodontics, binderre@umdnj.edu

Another Academic year has passed and the cycle continues, this year it seems to be based on the number four. Four postgraduate students completed the postdoctoral program on graduation day, May 24th and another four commenced on Wednesday, July 5th.

For the most part, the four graduates will be returning to their home stomping grounds. Monika Barakat (nee, Baryliska), who received her dental training at the UMDNJ, is seeking practice opportunities in southern New Jersey. Both Eric Eng and Lyndi Bach (nee, Vo) have returned to California, while Teresa Lee is searching northern New Jersey, Metropolitan New York and Southern Connecticut for employment.

Our incoming crop of new students also hail from four different locales across the USA, from north to south and from east to west. Michael Goldkind a U Conn graduate, Azariv Yusapov from SUNY Stonybrook, Joann Soh from U Florida and Yoram Kohanzahen from UCLA are all recent graduates of their respective institutions. As in the past, each of these individuals have outstanding credentials and will be an asset to the orthodontic community.

With our new students as well as new and increased staff, the NJDS Department of Orthodontics is looking forward to another great year and a great future. The only downside of this year was the passing of Leonard Goddard who was a part-time member of the faculty for a long period of time following the initiation of the program in 1969.

The Department of Orthodontics is continuing its efforts in fund raising in conjunction with the UMDNJ Foundation to help in the
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construction of a new 24 to 30 chair clinical facility along with all of the appropriate support area. Contributions for the William Joule/Harry Bull Memorial Library, or for any other designation, are being actively solicited as a part of the emBRACE the Future Fund.

**University of Pennsylvania**

Dr. Robert L. Vanarsdall, Professor and Chair, rlv@pobox.upenn.edu

By now many of you are aware that the University of Pennsylvania has opened the new Brainerd F. Swain Clinic. Through the generosity of 140 alumni and friends of the Department funding was provided for this modern facility. Improvements in the clinic included an increase in clinical chairs from 14 to 19, a significantly larger waiting room from 12 to 30 chairs, a consultation room and fully digital radiography units. In addition, a new chart room, business offices, Ackerman Seminar room, efficiently utilize this expanded treatment area. The clinic is complimented by contributed art work and attractive interior decorations. This new environment will improve delivery of orthodontic care and enhance research and teaching for years to come. Alumni have also donated a 3dMD face System to support our clinical practice with better diagnostics and research in 3D soft-tissue imaging.

Clinical research to expand evidenced based orthodontics and improve patient care continues to be a major mission for the Department. A June graduate, Dr. Anil Idiculla completed his research project entitled “3-Dimensional Morphometric Facial Analysis to Determine the Effects of Altering the Occlusal Vertical Dimension.” Dr. Matt Fortna received the David C. Hamilton Orthodontic Research Award for outstanding research, presented by the Pennsylvania Association of Orthodontists at their annual meeting in June. He was recognized for his project titled “Transverse Change in Mandibular Basal Bone Following Lip Bumper Therapy.” Dr. Tyler Jolley completed a research project on temporary orthodontic implants titled “Peak Torque Fracture Values of Five Orthodontic Mini Implants” with Dr. Chun-Hsi Chung.

On June 2, the Department held its graduation ceremony at the University’s beautiful Morris Arboretum. Drs. Phillip Degroote, Katie Foote, Matt Fortna, Anil Idiculla, and Soo-Jin Kim received certificates in Orthodontics, Dr. Tyler Jolley received certificates in Orthodontics and Periodontics and two 3 year residents, Drs. Ciro Cibal and Mairelys Rodriguez received Master’s in Oral Biology as well as orthodontic certificates.

The Department is proud to announce the newest full-time faculty member Dr. Antonino Secchi. He serves as an instructor in both the undergraduate and postgraduate programs and supervises many research projects with the residents. In addition, Dr. Secchi maintains an active private practice in the Dental Care Center at the University of Pennsylvania.

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| Dr. Paras Gosalia......Peterborough, NH...Transfer to NESO |
| Dr. Rita Taliwal ..........New York, NY ......Transfer to NESO |

**Congratulations Maso Retired Members!**

| Dr. David K. Anderson.........................Bel Air, MD |
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