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President's Message

by Dick Ridgley



Preparations for our Annual Meeting July 15 - 19 at Half Moon Bay are almost complete. Jeni, Joey and I invite you to come to this wonderful location and enjoy the Northern California coast.

Our scientific chair, **Jim Morrow**, has planned a wonderful program on mixed dentition and we expect new information to be presented at our meeting. As you know the meeting is dedicated to **Art Dugoni**, who is my mentor. Please come to Half Moon Bay and say hello to Art.

Two other distinguished orthodontists are also honored at this meeting. **Samir Bishara and Raymond George, Sr.** have been asked to serve as honoree co-chairs for this meeting. Both Drs. George and Bishara are past presidents of the College and have served us in many ways. They continue to have great influence in assisting the Council through difficult decisions.

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Events Put on by the College a Success during AAO Annual Session



The College recently held several events at the 2007 AAO Annual Session in Seattle.

The review courses for the ABO clinical exam were well attended. Three Model Measurement Courses were held with a total of 72 doctors taking the course (*photo bottom right*). A new course, Discrepancy Index/Individual Model Measurement, was offered twice and 34 doctors attended. **Dick Ridgley** was lead instructor with assistance from **Samir Bishara, John Carter, Tucker Haltom, Rodney Hyduk, John Kanyusik, Jim Morrow, Bob Nemeth, Tom Skafidas and John Whitaker.**

The Annual College Luncheon served 155 and included three award presentations. The 2007 College Case Report of the Year was awarded (*photo top right*) to **R. Scott Conley**, Ann Arbor, Michigan, and **Harry L. Legan**, Nashville, Tennessee, for their article, "Correction of Severe Obstructive Sleep Apnea with Bimaxillary Transverse Distraction Osteogenesis and Maxillomandibular Advancement." It was published in the February issue of the *American Journal of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics*. **W. Bonham**



Magness received the ABO's Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics (*photo top left*).

A total of 56 orthodontic programs participated in the Resident Case Display Program, showing over 225 cases. Thanks to the following judges who reviewed the cases for possible *AJO-DO* publication: **Samir Bishara, David Cramer, Eladio Deleon, Jr., Bob Eckelson, Terry Guenther, Michael Guess and Seuss Kassisieh.**

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Gather an "Ocean of Knowledge" at the College's July 15 - 19 Meeting!



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Council in Action

Your Council has been and continues to be very active this year. The list below is certainly not complete, but represents a significant amount of the Council's time.

1. Strategic Planning Committee is looking into membership services and how to increase the College membership base and ways to interact with orthodontic departments.
2. Importance of our board certification preparatory courses, not only in the timing of them, but also the context is reevaluated each year.
3. Annual meeting location is a yearly topic for the council. Council members

are always reviewing locations that are similar to past locations. As costs continue to rise it is increasingly more difficult to find the unique location for our special meeting and keep the costs down. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to send them to the College's office at cdabo@charter.net.

4. Ad hoc committees have been formed to evaluate a possible winter meeting; what we can do to increase communication with orthodontists and encourage them to become board certified; and what services can the College offer orthodontic departments and be known to the residents.

College Foundation Report

by Robert Nemeth

The Foundation supports the College in its emphasis on orthodontic residents. Since the certification process has changed, sustaining membership is a priority. The Foundation believes future leaders and educators will need our encouragement and support.

The Foundation will split with the College the cost of the electronic version of the history of the College.

Since our last newsletter, a number of stocks which were donated have been liquidated and deposited in the Foundation's money market account. Our net income for the past year was approximately \$14,500.00. Total assets are \$225,354.04.

An ad hoc committee chaired by Bob Staley will study the structure of the Foundation following counsel with AAO's attorney and evaluation of the AAOF format.

The Foundation board members wish to acknowledge Bill Wallert for his contribution to the Foundation activities.

We welcome suggestions for future projects that the Foundation may sponsor and encourage members to donate. All tax-deductible donations should be sent to:

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President's Message

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This year's College of Diplomates' Award of Merit recipient is **John Carter**. This award will be presented at the 2007 Annual Meeting for his outstanding service and dedication to the College.

The Council continues to act and react to the changing face of our specialty. We work closely with The American Board of Orthodontics and three of our councilors assisted with the certification examination in February. The next time you see **Tom Skafidas, Dorothy Whalen, or Tucker Haltom**, please say thanks to them. This is indeed, a labor of dedication to the certification process.

As I approach my final few months serving the College, I can honestly say this is the greatest group in dentistry. The College represents, which I believe, is the best of the best.

New members are made to feel welcome, egos are left at the door of our Annual Meeting and everyone's ideas and opinions are welcomed. Lifetime friendships are established and our patients benefit from what we learn at our meetings.

Please feel free to contact me or any councilor about any issue you would like us to consider. It is your College, your meeting and your Council. I look forward to seeing you in Half Moon Bay.

Nominating Report

By Bob Nemeth

The College's Nominating Committee (Bob Nemeth – Chair, John Carter, Roberto Justus) has placed in nomination the following:

Thomas Skafidas – President
Tucker Haltom – President-Elect
Philip Markin – Secretary
Dorothy Whalen – Treasurer
Rodney Hyduk – Sr. Councilor (07-09)
Steven Marshall – Sr. Councilor (07-09)

The floor will be open for additional nomination at the first business meeting on Tuesday, July 17. Elections will be held at the second business meeting on Wednesday, July 18. Councilors Morrow and Guess will continue their terms.

AAO Report



Bill Gaylord, AAO '07-'08 President

It is my pleasure to report to the College of Diplomates on behalf of the AAO Board of Trustees. Our organizations share a common goal of orthodontic treatment at the highest level. By collaborating, we benefit our collective members and their patients. I regret that a scheduling conflict prevents me from joining you for the meeting in Half Moon Bay this summer.

You will be pleased to know that Ray George, Sr. will continue as the AAO-College liaison for the coming year. Ray is an effective and capable communicator who has the best interests of our Boards and our members at heart. The AAO will continue its support of encouraging ABO certification among AAO members, which is one of the goals of the AAO Strategic Plan. Our efforts to date are working: fully 38% of AAO active members in the U.S. and Canada are now ABO Diplomates, up from 35% just a year ago.

Many issues confront us as orthodontists and AAO is addressing them with the help of our superb volunteer leaders. We rely on them so that the AAO can remain a member-driven organization. AAO continues to seek solutions to the recruitment and retention of orthodontic faculty. These men and women are the keys to the future of our specialty.

AAO is concerned about U.S./Canadian and international accreditation and licensing issues. An equally important issue is governmental relations. Regular contact with legislators is our charge and our goal. We must share the association's goals with legislators to protect our patients and our profession.

Preservation of the specialty is at the forefront of another AAO effort. AAO began a consumer education campaign last fall. Through research, it was learned that consumers were largely uneducated about our unique educational qualifications. Many consumers assumed that a practitioner who performs orthodontic treatment is an orthodontist. When consumers learned about orthodontists' postgraduate education, they were much more likely to say they would seek an orthodontist for orthodontic treatment. This serves the public health and fulfills a portion of the AAO mission statement, to improve, "...the health of the public by promoting quality orthodontic care..." AAO recognizes the value in working with other organizations, so we continue to reach out to the ADA and other related health-care organizations so we can work together in the best interests of the public.

Our organizations have accomplished much to benefit our members and the patients they serve. And much remains to be done. On behalf of the AAO Board of Trustees, I look forward to working with you to accomplish our goals in delivering the highest level of orthodontic care.

I wish you a successful and productive year.

2007 College Annual Member Business Meetings

Half Moon Bay, California

1st Business Meeting
Tues., July 17, 7:45 – 8:30 a.m.

2nd Business Meeting
Wed., July 18, 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.

ABO Report



By Allen Moffitt, 2007-2008 President

It is my honor to provide a report to the College of Diplomates concerning the past year's activities of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO). As you know, the ABO has made monumental changes in all facets of certification in the specialty of orthodontics. The certification process is divided into two major components: the written examination (formerly the Phase II), which tests the orthodontist's knowledge, and the clinical examination (formerly the Phase III), which tests the therapeutic skills.

The Written Examination has long been recognized as a true measure of an orthodontist's essential grasp of the knowledge needed to practice our discipline. The written examination has been refined to 250 questions in a 5-hour examination that is administered on computers. In April 2006 the Pearson-Vue Testing Centers were first used for the written exam. They are highly secure, technologically advanced testing venues that have now been used for three written exams. The examinees have expressed their appreciation for the convenience and cost savings that is provided by the 200 plus centers throughout the U.S.

Since the Board has begun use of the Pearson-Vue Testing Centers, 656 orthodontists have taken the ABO's written examination with a 90 percent pass rate.

Types of Clinical Examinations - At the end of March 2007, 1,372 orthodontists have become ABO certified via the GATEWAY OFFER. They have received a five-year time-limited

certificate and prepaid for their **First Recertification Exam**. The Board is encouraging those that have the five years certificate, to consider taking the **1st. Recert. Exam** early. They will lose no time on their certificate and only add the 10 years to it. In February 2007, seven of these orthodontists passed the **1st. Recert. Exam** and became the first group of ABO certified orthodontists to recertify with a time-limited certificate.

If you or a colleague has taken advantage of the GATEWAY OFFER, please seriously consider taking the **1st. Recert. Exam** as soon as possible. You or your colleague is likely to have sufficient cases within your practice to meet the case criteria for the six required cases. **REMEMBER! THE GATEWAY OFFER ENDS JULY 1, 2007.**

Initial Certification Examination (ICE) - In the November 2006 edition of the *AJO-DO* the ABO published the findings of the "Resident Clinical Outcome Study (Pilot Study)" and in addition, an article on the specific criteria for the Initial Certification Examination. The orthodontic residents throughout the country are now aware of the case requirements and most all are preparing to take the ICE following graduation from their orthodontic residencies.

The Pilot Study provided definitive confirmation of the potential ability of orthodontic residents to treat patients in their supervised residency clinics to the traditional ABO standards of excellence. In fact, at this past February 2007 Clinical Exam, 16 newly graduated orthodontists believed that they had finished cases that would meet the new criteria for ICE. Fourteen of this group was successful and received the first ten-year time-limited certificates issued under the newly defined Initial Certification Examination.

Traditional Clinical Examination - The Option I and Option II pathways are still available to those orthodontists that qualify. The great advantage to taking the ten cases display of Option I or bring six of the prospectively selected twelve cases of Option II, is that the orthodontist can receive the non time-limited certificate.

The February 2008 clinical examination will be the last time that an

eligible orthodontist can take the Option I or Option II types of ABO clinical exams. Please remind or inform your un-boarded colleagues of the cessation of their ability to obtain a non time-limited certificate. They might regret not taking advantage of this last opportunity.

The ABO now has in place a system to objectively grade the case displays with three **measurement instruments** that have been developed over the last ten plus years. It is comprised of a pre-treatment evaluation of a case's complexity (not difficulty) known as the **Discrepancy Index**, a measure of the post-treatment finish of tooth position and occlusion known as the **Cast/Radiographic Evaluation** form and a total analysis of treatment and the case presentation known as the **Case Management Form**. These measurement instruments allow the Board to quantify a formerly subjective analysis of the case displays. These tools will enable the ABO to gather data concerning the status of orthodontic treatment quality on a yearly basis.

For the past several years, the Board has been involved with the technical development of a mechanism for the acceptance of digital records, both imaging and casts. This past February, the Board tested the first version of the **Electronic Case Submission (ECS)** and will be continuing the testing in 2008. The Board is hoping that electronically submitted case reports will be acceptable by the February 2009 clinical examination.

New Clinical Examination Testing Location - In February 2008 the Clinical Examination will be administered at the testing facility owned by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Dallas, Texas. The venue was specifically designed for oral examinations. There are 48 examination rooms that are sound proofed, contain built-in computers, have appropriate furnishings and allow video/ audio taping of the exams. In other words, this is a one-of-a-kind, state-of-the-art facility that meets the specific needs of our oral examination. With the anticipated increases in the number of examinees, the Board believes that the availability of this beautiful and unique structure was an extremely fortuitous discovery. So the



College members Dave Turpin and Rodney Hyduk are shown attending the American Association of Orthodontists' Leadership and Government Affairs Conference in Washington, D.C. January 28 - 31. Hyduk served as the College's official representative at the conference.

directors made the decision to move the clinical examination to this new location.

Use of the Board Designation- An article published in the April 2006 *AJO-DO* discusses the use and misuse of the ABO certification designation. It provides Board policy on how to appropriately use your designation. It also discusses the misrepresentation of ABO certification status. I would encourage all College members to review that article and adhere to the recommendations. If you are aware of any orthodontist that is misrepresenting their status as an ABO certified orthodontist, you may contact the ABO office for clarification on what procedures that may be taken.

In conclusion, I would think this presentation of all the activities of the board and all the changes that have been instituted is a testimony to the ABO Directors willingness to commit their time and energies toward the improvement and expansion of ABO certification for our specialty. The directors take very seriously their responsibility to represent you and serve the public by examining orthodontists who voluntarily submit for the certification examinations.

The College and ABO Collaboration - For 28 years the College has assisted the ABO Directors to promote Board certification, provide preparatory courses for the ABO written and clinical examinations and offered a unique and beneficial continuing education meeting to boarded orthodontists. The leadership and membership of College have been willing to react to any request for assistance that the ABO Directors have issued. The ABO Directors are sincerely grateful to your organization and its historic and continuing support of the ABO and it's mission.

The Board needs you now more than ever!

As personal remarks, I want to express my appreciation for the College. I was privileged to serve as the College's Chairperson for the Southern Association of Orthodontists for a number of years. That opportunity allowed me the ability to make a small contribution to the concept of certification, which is so important to our specialties' responsibility to the public we all serve.

Over the last seven years I have been given the distinct honor to serve that concept of certification as a director of the ABO. As I move into my final year as president, I would encourage each of you to remain committed to board certification. I offer my ear (or eye) to anyone who would like to give me input on how the board may continue to improve.

Thank you for the opportunity to share with you the many aspects of what has occurred with The American Board of Orthodontics during this past year.

College Councilor Nominee Named

The nominating committee is pleased to announce the candidate for the new Junior Councilor position is Robert B. Moss, Jr. of Albany, GA and member of the Southern Association of Orthodontists.

Moss received his D.M.D. in 1980 and completed his orthodontic residency in 1989 from the Medical College of Georgia. He was certified by the American Board of Orthodontics in 1996.

Moss is a past president of the Georgia Association of Orthodontists and the Southwestern District of the Georgia Dental Association. He has served on the Board of Trustees and as a delegate to the Georgia Dental Association.

He has been tireless in organizing Phase III Prep Courses for the SAO and has been a dedicated member of the College, regularly attending annual meetings with his family.

In Memoriam Tribute to William Murchison Ditto D.D.S., M.S.

12/6/1922 – 7/28/2006

By Art Reed and Samir Bishara

The College regrets to report the passing of former president William "Bill" Ditto of Greensboro, North Carolina. Ditto was a charter member and the 6th president of the College and presided over the 1986 meeting in Monterey, California. Bill was a graduate of The College of William and Mary, Medical College of Virginia and The University of Michigan where he received his orthodontic training. He was very active in the direction of the College in its early years. Dr. Ditto was the first private orthodontist in the state of North Carolina to have a cephalometric machine in his office.

In 1991, Bill was recipient of the "Southern Society of Orthodontists Outstanding Citizenship Award." Bill was active in all levels of dentistry and orthodontics, too numerous to list. He also served his country with distinction as an officer in the USMC during WWII, landing with the initial assault on the island of Okinawa. Bill was also very active in his church, the Kiwanis Club and scouting where he was recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

The College lost a leader, a respected colleague, a courageous Marine, a good orthodontist and a family man. Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Ann Llewellyn Ditto, four children and five grandchildren.

Welcome New Members

Joining from November 30, 2006 -May 31, 2007

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2007 Annual Meeting ...

The 2007 Annual Meeting Planning Committee is looking forward to welcoming you and your family to the College's summer meeting July 15-19 at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Half Moon Bay.

The Ritz Carlton Hotel overlooks the California coastline. The resort reflects the relaxed elegance and beauty of the Pacific, inspired by the grand seaside lodges of the 19th century. The surrounding community has much to offer — shopping, art galleries, fresh air, scenic country roads, ocean panoramic views, golf courses, deep sea fishing, horseback riding on the beach, fields of glorious flowers, marvelous restaurants, and the perfect family vacation.

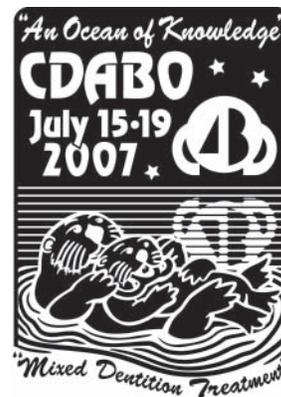
HOTEL RESERVATIONS – Rooms are limited but still available at printing date to be reserved on a space available basis by calling 888-293-0524 or 650-712-7000. A nonrefundable two-night deposit (room and tax) must accompany all reservations in order to be guaranteed.

TRANSPORTATION – The Ritz Carlton resort is conveniently located approximately 30 minutes from the San Francisco International Airport and approximately one hour from the San Jose Airport. For directions and a contact for ground transportation, refer to the registration brochure (go to www.cdabo.org).

TOURS – If you have already registered for tours, confirmation and changes should be done directly by e-mail to info@perfectworldevents.com for Perfect World Events. Tours are sold on a space-available basis by faxing the tour form directly to them at 415-777-8201.

GOLF – The golf tournament is open to all registered doctors, family members and guests and is based on availability. Sixteen of the eighteen holes on this course have an ocean view. To register for the tournament scheduled on Monday, July 16, fax in the form to the College office at 636-244-1650.

Go to www.cdabo.org or call 636-922-5551 for a registration brochure or additional information.



2007 Meeting Honors

Meeting Dedicated to Arthur Dugoni

Art has served our specialty for his entire career. His dedication to the treatment of the mixed dentition patient fathered the University of the Pacific Mixed Dentition Clinic and pressed upon each resident the importance of this very important approach. We honor Art for his dedication to Mixed Dentition.

Raymond George, Sr. Named Meeting Honorary Co-Chair

The College has been fortunate to have Ray as an advocate for Board Certification and the College. His dedication to orthodontics, AAO and the College has won him the gratitude of councilors who have been fortunate to work along side him to learn from his experience. He is past president of the College and current AAO president-elect.

Samir Bishara Named Meeting Honorary Co-Chair

Samir, past president of the College, has kindly served as historian of the College for many years. Samir does not just offer the Council a "history lesson," he serves as the backbone of the Council. His knowledge of the past assists the Council with decisions for the future.

John Carter to Receive College Award of Merit

The College of Diplomates' Award of Merit will be presented to John at this meeting for his outstanding service and dedication to the College. He is past president of the College and has been active in its growth since he became board certified. He serves as the annual meeting logo designer. He represents the work ethics this award recognizes.

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See you this summer at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Half Moon Bay, California!
 Hold your calendar for the 2008 Annual Meeting July 13 - 17 in Big Sky, Montana!