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President's Message

By Thomas Skafidas



There is still time to plan to bring your family to enjoy scenic Montana and the Yellowstone area at the 2008 College of Diplomates Annual Meeting

July 13-17 in Big Sky, Montana. Optional side trips are discussed in the meeting brochure. Hotel rooms are available prior to and after the meeting at the same rate. If you need further information that our planning committee or I can provide in scheduling your trip, please give us a call.

Please invite a board eligible colleague to Big Sky. A non-diplomate or non-College member can attend one Annual Meeting at the same rate as a College member's registration fee.

The column *Council in Action* provides updates on recent Council activities. Please provide Council members with feedback to help serve you better. These dedicated men and woman are a hard-working group who, along with our Executive Director Karen Seiler continue to advance the College's goals and objectives. Please thank the College members, Council members and past College presidents who served as guest examiners for the ABO examination in Dallas this past February. A partial list of those who served is included in this issue's *Council in Action* article.

This year's Award of Merit recipient is **Dr. David Turpin**. The award will be presented to Dr. Turpin at the College's

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College Events at AAO a Success!

THE COLLEGE recently held several events at the 2008 AAO Annual Session in Denver.

The review courses for the ABO Written and Clinical Exam were well attended. One Written Exam Course, three



Michael Guess, Tucker Haltom, Rodney Hyduk, Roberto Justus, John Kanyusik, Philip Markin, Steve Marshall, Jim Morrow, Robert Moss, Bob Nemeth, Tom Skafidas, Dorothy Whalen, John Whitaker and Peter Worth. Thanks to all who served!

The Annual College Luncheon served a record 200 guests and included six award presentations. The



College of Diplomates awarded the best-case report published in the *American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics* (AJO-DO) to **Drs. Alexandre Motta, Rafael Seabra Louro, Paulo Jose D'Albuquerque Medeiros, and Jonas Capelli** from the Department of Orthodontics at the State University of

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Drs. Peter Buschang and Larry Tadlock taught the Written Exam review course. **Dr. Dick Ridgley**, The College's continuing education director, was lead instructor in the Clinical Exam review courses with assistance from **Drs. Samir Bishara, Walter Buchsieb, John Carter,**



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Annual Meeting for his continued support, service and dedication to the College.

The Founders Award will be presented to **Dr. William Wallert** at the College's Annual Meeting. Dr. Wallert is a past president of the College, who continues to advise and serve on the CDABO Foundation Board. Bill and his wife Irene represent the best of what the College is about.

I feel it is important that College members be aware of significant changes which have occurred in the services the College offers. The Written Examination prep courses, presented by **Drs. Larry Tadlock and Peter Buschang**, continue to provide the most up-to-date information for the written examination to students (residents) and those orthodontists seeking to enter the certification process. This course was presented with the Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep courses, in Denver at this year's AAO Annual Session. The ABO honored Drs. Tadlock and Buschang, and they will be guests of the College in Big Sky, Montana.

Dr. Dick Ridgley accepted the position as Chairman of the Department of Continuing Education. This is a Council level (non-voting) position. Dr. Ridgley is the coordinator of the Written Examination, Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep courses taught at the AAO, Universities, GORP and constituent society meetings. **Drs. Rodney Hyduk and Dick Ridgley**, with the help of the ABO and **Dr. James McNamara**, have arranged for Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep courses to be presented at the upcoming GORP meeting in August.

A pilot prep course program with presentations at three residency training programs by Dick Ridgley has been completed. Results are being analyzed and a definitive long-term plan formulated.

With Initial Certification Examinations (ICE) being the future, universities,

AAO Annual Session and constituent Annual Session prep courses will provide a valuable first-step resource to those seeking certification.

It has been a wonderful opportunity and privilege to serve on the Council and as president this past year. Without the tremendous support of the Council, the committees and our Executive Director Karen Seiler, none of this would have been possible.

We owe a debt of gratitude to our 2008 planning committee; Dorothy Whalen, Steve Marshall, Rodney Hyduk, John Doris, Richard Ridgley, Terry and Bev Trojan, John Carter, Phil Bonanno, Nancy Hyduk, Jeni Ridgley and Sylvia Skafidas for their hard work and help to make this year's meeting a memorable experience. Do not forget the variety of off-site extra activities available to you at Big Sky and the adjacent Yellowstone Park and Bozeman, Montana.

Sylvia and I, the meeting committee and the College Council look forward to seeing you at Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana July 13-17 for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

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Rio de Janeiro. Their article *Orthodontic and Surgical Treatment of a Patient with an Ankylosed Temporomandibular Joint* was published in the June 2007 issue of the *AJO-DO*. Dr. Capelli attended the luncheon to receive the award. The Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence was presented to **Drs. Fred A. Garrett, Daman D. Thanik and Donald J. Thompson**. The Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Drs. Peter Buschang and Larry P. Tadlock**. The ABO Special Recognition Award was presented to **Dr. Bernard Schneider**.

A total of 56 orthodontic programs participated in the College's Resident Case Display program.

The College of Diplomates 2008 Annual Summer Meeting

Big Sky Resort • Montana • July 13-17

By Dorothy Whalen

IF IT HAS BEEN a while or you have never been to a College summer meeting, this is the year to come back or to start attending.

The starry nights in Big Sky, Montana will have to compete with the all-star international selection of speakers for your attention. The Big Sky meeting will offer you the best combination of cutting edge academic programs combined with a full social program.

Our scientific program will be one to remember as it looks to the future of our profession. **Dr. Birte Melsen** will give the Ray Thurow Honorary Lecture on *Temporary Anchorage in Orthodontics*. In addition, **Dr. Emile Rossouw** will discuss how TADs can assist your anchorage needs in patient treatment.

Dr. Bill Harrell, Jr. will outline how 3D imaging may totally change your treatment planning by evaluating accurate 3D information instead of traditional 2D information. On the "cutting-edge" **Dr. Skip Ferguson** will present the state-of-the-art using alveolar decortication

to enhance treatment outcome and reduce treatment time. In addition, College members **Drs. Steve Roehm and Dave Harnick** will give two reports involving challenging cases.

Now that we have your attention...lets get to the "fun and family" part of the meeting each afternoon. The College has arranged optional group events for our members. Among the most exciting is a trip to Yellowstone National Park with a knowledgeable guide. You will have time for short hikes and many photo opportunities. This is a trip you will not want to miss. In addition, the College has arranged optional trips for white water rafting, fly fishing, horseback riding and hiking. There is a cooking and shopping trip or a wine and food tasting. The College Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday afternoon. Whatever your interests are,



your afternoons will be filled. There is plenty to explore on your own or just sit by the pool and relax.

Included in your registration are the Welcome Reception on Sunday evening, the opening Family Breakfast on Monday,

breakfast Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and the President's Dinner on Wednesday. As you can see, every effort has been made to see that the 30th Annual Meeting of the College lives up to the motto "The Sky is the Limit". We invite and encourage you to come and join your fellow members in a meeting to remember.

COUNCIL IN ACTION

By Thomas Skafidas

Recent activities that continue to push the College forward include the following:

- Five current Council members (**Drs. Haltom, Markin, Whalen, Skafidas** and **Ridgley**), along with Past Presidents **Drs. Kanyusik** and **Justus**, served as guest examiners for the American Board of Orthodontics examination in Dallas this past February.
- The design of the Step Beyond brochure was revised.
- The link from the American Board of Orthodontics' Web site to the College's Web site was improved and made more visible.

- A Board Case Oral Examination prep course was field tested in Denver at the AAO Annual Session. These are the two mystery cases that each candidate completes during the Clinical ABO Examination.
- Written Examination, Model Measurement and Discrepancy Index prep courses were updated to reflect the ABO's most recent changes and information available.
- A combined Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep course will be presented at the GORP Meeting in August.

- Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Board Case Oral Examination prep course pilot study program was completed at three universities. (Refer to accompanying article by Dick Ridgley.)
- A congratulatory post card with information about the College is now included with the ABO's letter that informs the candidates they have successfully completed the certification process.
- An ad hoc committee on Annual Meeting sponsorship will have recommendations to present at the meeting in Big Sky.

College Founder and Past President In Memoriam Tribute to William Floyd Stutts, D.D.S.

12/14/1926 – 01/23/2008

By Arthur C. Reed

DR. BILL STUTTS was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Floyd Delma Stutts and Rubye Earline Park Stutts and spent his early years in Alabama. He attended the University of Alabama for a short time before joining the U.S. Merchant Marine late in World War II. After the war he returned to the University and completed his bachelor's degree in 1948.

In 1952 he earned his D.D.S. degree from Northwestern University. While in Chicago he met and married Marilyn Martin from El Dorado, Arkansas. He then resumed his military career by serving as a lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force Dental Corps during the Korean War. After his honorable discharge with the rank of captain in 1955, he moved to Dallas to complete a three-year preceptorship in orthodontics under **Dr. Robert Gaylord**.

Following his preceptorship, Dr. Stutts established his practice in north Dallas. He remained in practice until 2006. He also volunteered his time and services to the Children's Medical Center in Dallas for almost ten years.

The integrity of orthodontics as a specialty was very important to Dr. Stutts. His strong belief in that integrity led him to become involved in orthodontic organizations. He served in almost every significant office of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, of which he was president from 1977-1978. From 1978-1979 he was president of the Texas Association of Orthodontists. In addition, Bill served as president of the Texas Society of Dentistry for Children from 1979-1980, and for several years he served as secretary-treasurer of the Texas Section of the International College of Dentists. He was also a member of the American College of Dentists, and he served on

the Board of Directors of the American Dental Association's Political Action Committee from 1989-1990.

Bill was among the seven orthodontists who founded the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics. He served as president of the College of Diplomates in 1982-1983. In 1995 the College established its Foundation, and from its beginning Bill served as the Foundation's secretary-treasurer. At the time of his death he was secretary-treasurer emeritus. For all his services to the College, he was awarded the highest honor, the Founders Award.

He served on the AAO Board of Trustees from 1983 through 1991 and on the Board of Directors of the AAO Foundation from 1988 to 1990. During his time on the AAO Board of Trustees he fostered the use of technology among board members, encouraging them to use E-mail in its earliest form. Bill served the AAO as president from 1989-1990. During his presidency, he received distinguished alumni recognitions from the University of Alabama and Northwestern University as well as commendations from city, state, and federal elected officials for his distinguished service, outstanding achievements and meaningful contributions to his profession. The AAO Annual Session held in Washington D.C. during Bill's tenure as

President, represented a major step in the greater inclusion of orthodontists and professors from around the world



in the work of the AAO. His travels and involvement in organized orthodontics, including the World Federation of Orthodontists, the European Orthodontic Society, and other organizations allowed him to meet colleagues from around the world. He was very internationally oriented and had great rapport with outstanding

orthodontists worldwide. He traveled frequently and lectured overseas. He was very proud of his colleagues from abroad and he valued their friendship.

At orthodontic conferences Bill was often seen with a camera around his neck, capturing the camaraderie on film. At these meetings, he was frequently the "unofficial," official photographer. He would send photos to the respective parties and enjoyed the contact that photography provided for him with his colleagues at the conferences.

Thinking of others came naturally to Bill. His wonderful family was first on his list, but he cherished his friends and patients as well. Dr. Stutts is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marilyn; son Bill Stutts Jr. and wife Susan of Austin, Texas; daughter Janet Stutts of Dallas, Texas; daughter Debbie Cooper and husband John of Garland, Texas; daughter Pam Dinger and husband Tim of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; son Mike Stutts of Dallas, Texas; brother, Herb Stutts and wife Marilyn of Potomac, Maryland; aunt Mary Park of Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and grandchildren--- Brad, Brian and Ben Cooper, and Park, Sam, Luke and Caroline Dinger.

ABO REPORT



By John Grubb 2008-09 President
Christine Eisenmayer-Executive Secretary

The ABO is pleased to announce that there are more than 5,000 Diplomates worldwide comprising 52% of the AAO active membership.

In February, the ABO held its Clinical Examination in Dallas, Texas, for those orthodontists striving to become board-certified or recertified. This examination session included the First Recertification Examination for orthodontists who selected the Gateway Offer, the Initial Certification Examination for orthodontists who recently completed their postdoctoral programs, and the traditional Clinical Examination for orthodontists completing the Option I or Option II certification pathways. The ABO certified 88 of the 111 examinees.

Eighteen orthodontists successfully presented cases for the Initial Certification Examination (ICE). These individuals finished their board cases during their postdoctoral programs. There were 26 orthodontists who successfully passed the First Recertification Examination, thereby maintaining their certification. The remaining examinees were pursuing the Option I or Option II certification pathways and successfully completed the traditional Clinical Examination.

With the rising number of orthodontists seeking certification and recertification, the ABO is taking steps to meet the potentially increased demand for future clinical examinations. Therefore, the ABO trained eight new examiners during its Clinical Examination in February in Dallas. Each of the new examiners have successfully completed recertification examinations and hail from different parts of the United States, ensuring that all eight of the constituent organizations are well represented.

Under the new certification model, the ABO will examine and certify orthodontists immediately following their graduation from an accredited postdoctoral orthodontic program, provided they have passed the Written Examination. To maintain their diplomate status, these individuals must complete periodic reexaminations throughout their careers.

Although February 2008 marks the last time the ABO will offer the Clinical Examination for traditional certification pathways, an option still exists for those practicing orthodontists who are interested in becoming board certified. These individuals can take the "Beginning Certification Examination" which requires the same case presentation criteria as the First Recertification Examination. Upon successful completion, they will receive a 10-year time-limited certificate.

The ABO offered the Written Examination on April 21-25, 2008 at Pearson VUE Centers throughout the U.S. and Canada and is happy to report that there were 362 participants with a 94% pass rate. The ABO will now be able to provide consolidated quintiles for each of the four modules, as well as the individual candidate's quintiles by section, including the percent of items answered correctly.

The ABO will present another Educators Symposium on November 2, 2008 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott

WHAT'S NEW AT THE ABO?



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www.americanboardortho.com
click on "latest news" to review
important changes for 2009.

Hotel. Topics to be discussed will include statistics and testing methods, educator's question submission and an overview of the Initial Certification Examination (ICE), Beginning and Recertification Exams. Discussion will also take place regarding digital technology and advancement of electronic case submission (ECS).

COLLEGE OF DIPLOMATES' DECEASED MEMBERS

Reported since May 2007

Philippe Angelle - INT
Guy Bucci - GLAO
S.Eugene Coben - MASO
Stanton Davies - PCSO
Buel Dewel - MSO
Lloyd Gauntt - PCSO
Ronald Genter - NESO
T.M.(Tom) Graber - MSO
H. Brown Otopalik - MSO
John Scott - SWSO
William (Bill) Stutts - SWSO
Thomas Weirich - SWSO
J. Richard (Dick) Wittwer - PCSO

Nominating Report

The College's Nominating Committee (Richard Ridgley-Chair, Robert Nemeth, John Carter) has placed in nomination the following:

Philip Markin – President-Elect
Dorothy Whalen – Secretary
James Morrow – Treasurer
Michael Guess – Sr. Councilor (08-10)

The floor will be open for additional nominations at the first business meeting on Tuesday, July 15. Elections will be held at the second business meeting on Wednesday, July 16. Councilors Hyduk, Marshall and Moss will continue their terms. Tucker Haltom will automatically assume the term of President.

New Councilor Position

The nominating committee is requesting that any interested member in the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists may submit their name and C.V. for the position of College councilor to Richard Ridgley at the following E-mail address: imoveteeth@earthlink.net. The term begins during the July 2008 summer meeting.

Bylaws Committee Report

The Bylaws Committee Members are Larson Keso, Chair, Art Reed (advisor), Robert Moss, Perry Opin, and Dorothy Whalen.

After contacting the ABO to verify with the new system for certification in place, from this time forward there will be no new provisional ABO members. The current provisional members, if any, will automatically become Active Members. Therefore, all reference to that classification of The College's membership is moot and should go away. Therefore, on behalf of the committee and with their approval, we submit the following resolution:

Resolved, that Sections 1 C, 2 B, 3 B and 5 C, of the bylaws be deleted, be if further resolved that Section 5 D,E,F be changed to 5, C,D, E.

Rationale: Current rules for ABO certification have eliminated the provisional status; therefore, the above provisions are no longer relevant.

COLLEGE FOUNDATION REPORT

By Richard Ridgley, President



prep courses to the individual orthodontic programs. The courses have been presented to three orthodontic departments and a total of 57 residents have benefited from these courses. The study was analyzed by the Council

The Foundation finances are solid shown by a fiscal year ending (April 30, 2008) balance of \$231,259.77.

Over the years the foundation, with strong guidance from **Drs. Bill Stutts and Bill Wallert** have invested in several projects to recognize and promote The College. Two examples are the "plaque program" which placed plaques in almost every orthodontic program and "funding residents" to take our written examination prep course.

All programs eventually reach the end of their lifetime, thus these older successful programs have been retired. Recently, the Foundation has been in search of the best "project" accomplishing CDABOF's mission with CDABOF funding. Last year the Foundation agreed to contribute \$10,000 per year for three years to develop a method to bring our



in Denver at their council meeting and determined these courses will continue to be presented at the universities. Efforts to present, update and expand these programs are becoming a prime importance to The College for recruiting new and younger members.

Our prep courses given at the AAO Annual Session have received excellent reviews. It seemed natural that, with some modifications, these courses should be brought to the department. The success of these programs will rely on support from you, our members. So, now is the time

to contribute to the Foundation. We welcome and need your financial support. You can earmark your check to go to the "continuing education project" and I can assure you it will be well used.

For more information, please contact me as the current CDABOF President.



DIRECTOR OF CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT

By Richard Ridgley

LAST YEAR THE

Council approved a concept of creating a position of "Director of Continuing Education". I was asked and agreed to accept this position. The goal is to develop an avenue into the orthodontic programs to present modified versions of our successful clinical examination prep courses that are given at the AAO Annual Session.

With all the changes with board certification, it has become evident that the College needs to emphasize connecting with the residents. We also recognize the importance of establishing our identity by communicating the difference between the ABO and the College.

The Initial Certification Exam certification process with Board Certification out of Residency, has created a need to bring important information directly to the residents. Currently this is in the form of our well-established Model Measurement, Discrepancy Index and Case Evaluation courses.

The Council evaluated a new Board



Case Oral Exam (BCOE) prep course in May in Denver and determined this new course will be a valuable teaching aid to be offered as a prep course.

Finally, I would like to thank the ABO directors, especially **Drs. John Grubb, James McNamara** and **Rodney Hyduk**, for their assistance in supporting a prep course that will be given at this year's GORP meeting. The access to this group of residents is a positive opportunity for all.

This is an exciting time for me, the Foundation and the College, to explore new opportunities, to encourage Board Certification and to present The College to orthodontists at the beginning of their career.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions.

2008 Summer Meeting Awards

Award of Merit

David L. Turpin will be presented the Award of Merit in Big Sky, Montana at The College's Annual Meeting. This award is given annually to someone who has gone "A Step Beyond" in their support of and dedication to The College of Diplomates.

Founders Award

William (Bill) Wallert will be presented The College's Founders Award during The College's Annual Meeting in Big Sky, Montana. This award is being given to **Bill Wallert** for his exceptional distinguished service to The College.

2008 College Annual Member Business Meetings Big Sky, Montana

■ First Business Meeting

Tues., July 15, 7:00–7:45 a.m.

■ Second Business Meeting

Wed., July 16, 7:30–8:15 a.m.

2009 Annual Summer Meeting July 17-21 The American Club Kohler, Wisconsin



Above are Orthodontic Department Chairs attending the College of Diplomates Luncheon.

UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATION HIGH AT COLLEGE EVENTS AT THE AAO ANNUAL SESSION



Residents from 56 universities participated in the College Case Display Program.

2007-2008 COLLEGE OF DIPLOMATES COUNCIL



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