

Newsletter of the College of Diplomates of the
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College Hosts Numerous Events at 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach, FL

The College held several events at the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach, Florida. The newly designed prep course for the ABO scenario-based examination was well received by the group of 40 participants taking the course, and was taught by **Drs. Sandy Bigman, Paul Sproul, Dan Rejman and Matthew Ng**. Dr. Rejman, who has taught the course for many years, is stepping down from his teaching commitment as he becomes an ABO director.

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Prep course attendees give an overwhelming "thumbs up" to the prep course curriculum.

University of California, San Francisco Takes First Place at CDABO Resident Case Display Program

A total of 40 orthodontic programs participated in the CDABO Resident Case Display program at the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach. 96 cases were presented and the University of California, San Francisco took first place this year.



2022 WINNERS

FIRST PLACE

University of California,
San Francisco

SECOND PLACE

University of Iowa

THIRD PLACE

Virginia Commonwealth

HONORABLE MENTION

Indiana University School of Dentistry
Marquette University

Medical University of South Carolina
Rutgers University

University of Minnesota
University of Rochester, Eastman

CDABO Resident Case Display program first place winners from University of California, San Francisco. Representing the school are Drs. Albert Ngo and Allison Jan.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Dr. Dan Rejman

I recently returned from the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach, which was the first in-person orthodontic meeting that I have attended since the outbreak of COVID in the spring of 2020. After two years of innumerable zoom meetings, conference calls, and virtual CE courses, it was refreshing to be back to an energetic, well-attended event. Everywhere I looked people were interacting, catching up with old classmates, and discussing concerns that we often find out are more universal than we had thought (the common theme this year seemed to be, "It is becoming so hard to find staff members!").

Being in Miami Beach reminded me of what being involved can do for one's personal and professional outlook and growth. And this led to me reflecting on my last eight years of being involved with the College. In 2014 I responded to a search looking for a new council member. It came at a time in my professional life where I was ready to serve, although it conflicted with my practice schedule telling me, "You really don't have the time to be doing something like this!"

Being involved in the College has taken my family and me on amazing journeys across the country. We have been terrified bungee jumpers in Whistler, BC, microbrew connoisseurs in a glass blowing studio in funky Asheville, NC, country music fans at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, TN., competitors in a hula-hoop contest at the Top of The Aerial Tram in Squaw Valley, CA., and have had the image of a (to-be-left unnamed) College member's swim trunks being swept away while whitewater rafting at Beaver Creek, CO.

More important than the places are the people that I have met along the way. Resisting the comfort and convenience of being dependent on online learning, and getting out there to mix with other professionals, is something that I hope to help pass down to a younger generation of orthodontists. I had the pleasure to get to know Dr. John Carter, who very unknowingly made me feel comfortable as a first-year councilor. I got to know Drs. Perry and Gary Opin, amazing men who still have me dreaming of bringing my boxer to work with me as a practice therapy dog (maybe not a boxer!). I have met an amazing, real-life Dr. Seuss, who makes me jealous as an orthodontist because MY patients can't pronounce my last name. And I have watched with Dr. Shirley Lew as our kids grew up roaming the resorts that we visited over the years, both charming and pestering the hotel staff members.

These are among the many places that I have visited and people that I have had the pleasure to meet, that would not have happened if not for the College. This has always been what this organization does best. We celebrate and encourage being board-certified orthodontists. We organize and promote continuing education. And then we look forward to doing it again next year.

I have less than two months remaining as the current president of the College, but I am very lucky to have the opportunity to continue with a new chapter in life, as the newest director for the American Board of Orthodontics, representing the RMSO. I hope we all, as board certified orthodontists, continue to remain passionate about the direction of our profession, and take the time now and then to simply be present.

Dr. Dan Rejman
President, College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics

Reminder

Go to www.cdabo.org for info and registration on upcoming College events and ordering Step Beyond Brochures online.

2022 Summer Meeting in Sonoma, California

By Dr. Dan Rejman

It is a great joy for me to confirm that the College Annual Meeting in Sonoma, CA, is a full go for this year! From July 22-25, we will celebrate at the Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn and Spa. I would like to share the latest plans for the meeting, and what you might expect if you will be joining us this year, whether as a first-time or long-time attendee.



FUN! The Summer meeting is laid back, and more intimate in size. Think vacation, but with amazing continuing education to start the day. Most wear shorts or khakis and polos. The meeting has traditionally been a place to bring family and friends. Every day starts with a group breakfast, and families can spend the morning relaxing or participating in the endless resort and Sonoma area activities. For orthodontists, the scientific lectures end at noon, and afternoons and evenings are free to sit by the pool, tour any of the 100's of local wineries, take a guided e-bike winery tour, hike the local redwood forests, or visit the Charles Schulz "Peanuts/Snoopy" museum and ice-skating rink. There will be an optional golf tournament at the Sonoma Golf Club on Saturday afternoon, followed by your choice of an evening dinner at the resort or local Sonoma restaurants.

CLASSY! The Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn is a charming and historic venue. The Friday evening opening reception will be under the lights and trees on the gorgeous grounds in front of the Inn. The on-site 40,000 square foot Willow Stream Spa is just incredible, and offers thermal mineral spring fed pools, massages, body wraps, facials, steam rooms and saunas. Every evening there are complimentary wine and cheese tastings in the Inn Lobby. The historic town square of Sonoma is a short walk from the Inn, where you can spend an entire day browsing the galleries, bakeries, shops, winery tasting rooms, and restaurants. The president's dinner on Sunday evening will be held at the Tuscan inspired Viansa winery. Our group will have the grounds to ourselves, with private wine tastings and dinner overlooking the surrounding Sonoma Valley. It is one of the more stunning settings that I have ever seen!

SMART! There will be an impressive lineup of scientific lectures on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday mornings, from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Our theme this year is *Glass Half Empty or Half Full?* Speaking to our group will be Dr. David R. Musich, Dr. Juan Martin Palomo, Dr. Ambrosina Michelotti, Dr. Jose Nelson Mucha, and Dr. Sandra Khong Tai. The meeting format allows more intimate discussions, questions and answer sessions, and the chance to meet and socialize with these world-renowned speakers. For a more in-depth review of the lectures, you can download the registration brochure at www.CDABO.org. Direct links to register for the meeting and reserve hotel rooms still available can also be found on the site.

I hope to see you at this amazing venue, with the opportunity to share in the truly balanced experience that the College meetings are known for.

ANNUAL MEMBER BUSINESS MEETING NOTICE

Held in conjunction with the in-person College Annual Meeting in Sonoma, California July 22-25

Monday, July 25 🕒 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Election & Installation of the 2022-2023 College Council

The College Nominating Committee recommends the following slate:

- President-Elect **Dr. Ashok Kothari**
- Secretary **Dr. Sandy Bigman**
- Treasurer **Dr. Paul Sproul**
- New Councilor **Dr. Nipul Tanna** (shared position for MASO/NESO)
- **Dr. Linda Rigali** will automatically assume the term of President.
- **Dr. Matthew Ng** continues to serve as a Councilor.
- **Dr. Howard Fine** continues to serve as Editor.

Proposed Bylaws Change

Council approved the following bylaws amendment earlier to reflect the current Council structure. It has been pending introduction at an in-person member meeting.

Article IV OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1. Officers...The president may also appoint ~~an at-large council member, who would be a younger member, and/or~~ a historian.

Section 2. The Executive Council...C. Executive Council members without the right to vote shall be the parliamentarian, and if appointed by the President, ~~the At-large member,~~ the historian.

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A College member reception was held at the convention center to recognize new members and to congratulate the winners of the 2022 Resident Case Display Program. In addition, the winner of the 2022 CDABO Case Report award was honored. **Dr. Poonsak Pisek** traveled from Thailand to accept this prestigious award on behalf of his co-authors for the *AJO-DO* article: *Mandibular premolar transplantation to replace missing maxillary anterior teeth: a multidisciplinary approach*.

Dr. Poonsak Pisek accepts the 2022 CDABO Case Report of the Year Award from *AJO-DO* Editor Dr. Rolf “Buzz” Behrents (right) and Deputy Editor Dr. Jae Park (left).



CDABO Resident Case Display program.



Members of team University of California, San Francisco who took first place at CDABO Resident Case Display program, join Dr. Sandy Bigman and his wife, Neleen.



Members of team University of Iowa who took second place at Resident Case Display program.



Members of team Virginia Commonwealth who took third place at CDABO Resident Case Display program.

Members of the College council attended the ABO Educator/Advocate Workshop, where Dr. John Kanyusik was recognized for his service in developing the College's orthodontic residency Advocacy Program. He served as Chair of the Committee for many years. Members of the College Council also attended the AAO Excellence in Orthodontics luncheon, where the keynote speak was former NFL quarterback Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins. College President Dr. Dan Rejman was fortunate to have correctly answered a trivia question posed, and was treated to an autographed football deftly thrown to him by Mr. Marino.

Dr. John Kanyusik Honored



Dr. John Kanyusik honored for his work on the Advocacy Program.



Dr. Dan Rejman catches football thrown to him by legendary Miami Dolphins Quarterback Dan Marino.



Attendees at College Member Reception.

American Board of Orthodontics 2022 Constituency Report



The highest commitment to excellence

The ABO is excited to announce that board certified orthodontists now account for 58% of AAO orthodontists in the specialty. Reaching this significant level of certification is an important accomplishment. Board certification allows us to have a stronger voice to make a collective impact on setting the standard of care for our specialty. Please take a moment to view the video, “Leading the Specialty” celebrating this milestone.

Clinical Examination Update

- 👤 The ABO conducted Scenario-based Clinical Examinations in February, July and November 2021 and February 2022. A total of 1,175 examinees were certified or recertified during 2021 and the 1st and 2nd quarters of 2022. Listings by constituency for all examinations are located on the ABO website.

Upcoming Clinical Examinations are scheduled for October 2022 and February 2023. The examination is graded on a pass/fail basis and scored by multiple ABO examiners to ensure accuracy and consistency. Clinical Examinations are held at Pearson Vue Testing Centers worldwide with travel to St. Louis no longer required.

most current reading list, are all located on the ABO website. Once the examination is successfully completed, it does not expire.

Educational Update

- 👤 The ABO conducted a Written Standard Meeting in St. Louis, MO April 27-29, 2022. Attendees participated in a benchmarking exercise for the examination.
- 👤 The ABO conducted a July 2021 Item Writing Session in St. Louis where educators, examiners, ABO directors and emeriti reviewed patient cases and developed questions with answers for use in future Scenario-based Clinical Examinations.
- 👤 The ABO's campaign, “It Takes A Specialist,” on the importance of using an orthodontic specialist, continues to evolve, with additional online digital components offered showcasing a variety of tools which require talent for success. The video has been met with favorable response and is available for use by board certified orthodontists in their offices and social media channels.
- 👤 The ABO continues to update online Educational Toolkit resources for board certified orthodontists. Items include brochures, suggested website copy, patient and team materials, videos, window clings, Brand Standards Guide and pathway graphic. Each doctor has access to their own personalized online dashboard which allows multiple office listings on the public online orthodontist locator, user-specific notifications, tracking of personal CE credit hours and the ability to print a complimentary verification letter.
- 👤 The ABO's website has been upgraded with benefits including improved functionality and overall enhanced user experience with easier access to online tools.
- 👤 The ABO's Facebook page has moved. Please follow us here: facebook.com/americanboardoforthodontics
- 👤 The ABO has again requested an unmanned tabletop display for board certification materials at the individual constituency Annual Session meetings.
- 👤 Complimentary ABO measuring gauges for new residents will be provided to requesting CODA-accredited orthodontic programs.

Certification Renewal

- 👤 Certification Renewal is required every 10 years for board certified orthodontists to remain in an active status while pursuing the commitment to lifelong learning and personal dedication to excellence. For those who have Lifetime certification in place, voluntary certification renewal is encouraged. The renewal process may be started 36 months prior to the expiration date printed on the board-certified orthodontist's certificate. There are two options from which to choose to satisfy this requirement: Complete an online board case examination consisting of an average of 50 multiple choice questions (BCE); OR case report examination (CRE) for one case with a DI of 10 or greater submitted by mail. Continuing Education credits via online AJO-DO publications are required for both options. The ABO routinely distributes reminder emails, letters and mailed pieces to those up for renewal. A study guide is located on the ABO website to prepare for the examination.

Written Examination Update

- 👤 The 2022 ABO Written Examination was administered to 412 examinees on April 5, 2022 at Pearson Vue Testing Centers in the United States and Canada with a 90% pass rate. The ABO Written Examination is a comprehensive exam that assesses the examinee's knowledge of basic sciences and clinical concepts based on criterion-referenced testing. The examination is composed of 240 multiple-choice questions on subject areas outlined by CODA divided into 4 modules. Requirements, eligibility and examination resources, and the

👤 The ABO Educators Symposium, “The Change is Here – Are you on Board?” honoring Dr. Katherine Vig, was held on Saturday, October 30, 2021, in St. Louis, MO. Orthodontic program department chairs, program directors and ABO-appointed advocates along with AAO trustees, CDABO Council and ABO emeriti were invited to participate. A virtual component was available to those unable to attend.

👤 The ABO Advocacy Program continues to be successful with an ABO-appointed advocate volunteer assigned to each CODA accredited orthodontic program in the United States and Canada. The program will be evaluated to ensure content and communications continue to meet the specific needs of the schools.

GORP

👤 The ABO participated in the 2021 GORP meeting and picnic held in St. Louis, MO. Drs. David Sabott and Patrick Foley were in attendance. Dr. Sabott shared information with the residents and ABO staff were available to answer questions on board certification.

2022-2023 ABO Directors

👤 The ABO Directors for the 2022-2023 year are as follows:

Dr. Patrick Foley, President, representing the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists.

Dr. Timothy Trulove, President-Elect, representing the Southern Association of Orthodontists.

Dr. Jae Hyun Park, Secretary-Treasurer, representing the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists

Dr. Roberto Hernandez-Orsini, Director, representing the Middle Atlantic Society of Orthodontists

Dr. Stephen McCullough, Director, representing the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists.

Dr. P. Emile Rossouw, Director, representing the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists.

Dr. Anthony Puntillo, Director, representing the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists.

Dr. David Sabott, serving as Immediate Past President.

Dr. Daniel J. Rejman was confirmed by the AAO House of Delegates as the new 2022-2023 ABO Director representing the Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists.

ABO AT THE 2022 AAO ANNUAL SESSION

👤 Following multiple cancellations to recognize the ABO 2020 award recipients, the ABO was pleased to finally acknowledge these deserving individuals in Miami Beach, FL during the 2022 AAO Annual Session. Congratulations!

- **Dr. Rolf G. Behrents**
Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award
- **Dr. Carla Evans**
Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics
- **Dr. Perry Opin**
Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award
- **Dr. John Kanyusik**
O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award

👤 2023 ABO award recipients were announced during the 2022 AAO Annual Session. Congratulations to the following individuals:

- **Dr. Lawrence Andrews**
Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award
- **Dr. John Grubb**
Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence in Orthodontics
- **Dr. Henry Fields**
Earl E. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award
- **Dr. Frans Currier**
O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Award

👤 The ABO hosted the following events during the 2022 AAO Annual Session in Miami Beach, FL:

- ABO Educator/Advocate Workshop
- ABO Open House/Info Sessions
- ABO Emeriti and Examiner Breakfast
- Welcome Reception New Board-Certified Orthodontists – This inaugural meet and greet with photo opportunities was held to celebrate orthodontists who completed the board certification process since the Clinical Examination transition to testing centers.
- ABO Booth in Exhibit Hall

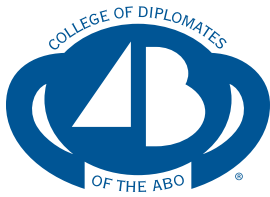
LOOKING FORWARD TO FUTURE MEETINGS...

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 📅 **July 14-17, 2023**

Dr. Linda Rigali, 2022-2023 College President

Savannah, Georgia 📅 **March 8-11, 2024**

Dr. Ashok Kothari, 2023-2024 College President



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