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President’s Message

Dear colleagues,

The field of orthodontics is changing and every day brings something new. We, as a group, have overcome years of dental school, graduate studies, and board exams in many shapes and forms to earn the privilege of providing safe and high quality orthodontic care to our patients. In this respect, the OAO has and continues to work diligently to advocate on our members’ and orthodontic patients’ behalves. This includes the OAO reaching out to the RCDSO to communicate our concerns regarding new stores in Ontario that appear to be providing patients with orthodontic treatment absent any in-person evaluation or in-person supervision by a licensed dentist. We hope that the College will take the necessary steps to enforce the laws and ensure patient safety, and we plan on continuing our efforts. Of course, you are entitled to exercise your rights as a citizen and individually, and independently, contact the RCDSO regarding your own thoughts about this public safety matter.



Infection prevention and control (IPAC) has been another item in OAO’s agenda. We have received several emails regarding the draft document. A detailed feedback was sent to RCDSO’s public consultations in August 2018. We would like to thank our members who contributed to this important document. RCDSO has released the new IPAC standards for Ontario in mid-November. You could see the document by clicking on [this link](#).

OAO is planning to invite Dr. Chris Swayze to talk about new IPAC standards (Core 1 course) to our members in January. We will inform our members as soon as it is confirmed.

Our association has also been working tirelessly to communicate your concerns to our college regarding general dentists who use a term, title, or designation indicating specialization. One of those cases has reached a decision and RCDSO found the member guilty in overstating his qualifications. It was published in the recent Dispatch. For more information, you could click on the [link here](#).

Three more cases with similar concerns have been submitted to RCDSO in the last year. Two of them resulted in “caution the dentist” by ICR Committee and the other one is still under investigation.

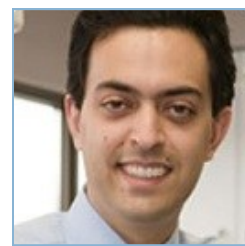
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To say it has been an extraordinary year for our association would be an understatement. I feel very privileged to be surrounded by this group of hardworking colleagues. As we are getting close to the year end, on behalf of my board, I wish you a happy and healthy 2019.

Sincerely,
Dr. Emel Arat
OAO President

RCDSO Council Summary

To fulfill its mandate, this was a "non-council meeting" – Council, in their capacity as councillors discussed issues, but the voting/decisions were made by executive committee members. Up until now, councillors voted to pass decisions. This is due to a re-organization of the RCDSO's procedural process based on a broader governmental legislation. In 149 years, first time a meeting of this type. After the elections in January, a new format will be in place for the following meetings.



The new IPAC guidelines were approved to be circulated to members. There will be an e-self audit for IPAC. It is proposed that Public Health units will call RCDSO first, determine result of the e-self audit, before contacting the office in case of a complaint.

The new 5-year cycle for the PET exam has started, and will have a specialty component for specialists. There will also be an IPAC section to be tested on the new PET exam.

There is also an update to the Dental Record Keeping guidelines which will be circulated, as well as a new guideline presented for the Diagnosis and Management of TM Disorders.

College is looking at options for alternate assessment for specialty qualifications, possibly moving away from the RCDC as a means to qualify a specialist.

The topic of Direct to Consumer dentistry was raised by a Councillor. The registrar responded by saying that the College is examining the various models and once further information is available, they will report as needed. The College's statutory mandate is to serve the public's interest. The registrar did say that the College's regulatory authority is with respect to dentists and they do not regulate companies. It was also said that if the College gets a complaint, they will absolutely investigate.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Shervin Abbaszadeh

Membership Report

Dear colleagues,

As renewal season approaches, I wanted to keep you apprised of our current membership statistics. Other than a bump in 2017, our total number of members has remained relatively consistent since 2014. However, we have seen a steady increase in the number of Lifetime/Retired members at the expense of our full-paying Standard members (please see chart). This is not unexpected and mirrors what we see in the general population with baby boomers approaching retirement age.



At the Board level, we are continuously striving to recruit additional members. One initiative is our New And Younger Member rep, Dr. Sean Chung who is engaging the residents of the various Ontario programs to educate them regarding the benefits of an O.A.O membership.

I would also invite you to speak to your non-member colleagues and encourage them to join, as united, we have a much stronger voice to accomplish our mandate to represent Ontario Orthodontists and their interests.

At September 12, 2018

	<u>Sep 12</u> <u>2018</u>	<u>Nov. 2</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>Oct. 11</u> <u>2016</u>	<u>Oct. 23</u> <u>2015</u>	<u>Oct. 24</u> <u>2014</u>
Standard	169	174	184	216	215
Academic	4	4	4	5	5
Academic Retired	1	1	1		
Honourary	6	6	8	8	7
Lifetime/Retired	93	92	83	75	70
Graduate (Total)	17	25	17		
2015	5				
2016	8				
2017	4				
Student	14				
Total membership	304	322	303	309	304
New 2018:	17 (8 Standard / 5 Graduate / 4 Student)				
Not Renewed 2018:	31 (members from 2017 who have not renewed)				

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Pourang Rahimi

New Members

OAO welcomes the following new members:

April 2018

Dr. Timothy Foley

June 2018

Dr. Charles Cohen
Dr. Derek Tomson

September 2018

Dr. Eric Smith

Student Members

Janick Decoste
Michael Greene
Laura MacDonald

May 2018

Dr. Jordan Seetner
Dr. Azadeh Reyhani

July 2018

Dr. Christopher Cameron

October 2018

Dr. Anthony Antoniazzi

Treasurer's Report

The most important note from the treasurer is that we received, after much more effort than we should have expended, a cheque for \$16,282.22 USD from the AAO on November 23 2018. That brightened the holidays for the OAO! Shout out to the AAO for their great support with this consumer awareness campaign and for the assistance in getting the funds flowing again.



AO Scientific Meeting Income 2016 and 2018 Comparison

	2018	2016
REVENUE		
Exhibit Booths & sponsorships	71,429.59	68,007.26
Registration Fees	46,802.00	46,549.53
TOTAL REVENUE	118,231.59	114,556.79
EXPENSES	68,934.14	79,732.26
SUPLUS	49,297.45	34,824.53



Sincerely,
Dr. Kent Floreani

CAO Report

The CAO has been working with provincial dental societies to raise awareness of the entry of Direct to Consumer Clear Aligner providers to the Canadian marketplace. The CAO has asked that its member orthodontists contact their respective Dental Regulatory Authorities to express concern at this model of unsupervised treatment and the possible deleterious effects on patients.



The CAO has also helped the Canadian Dental Association draft a letter to Health Canada requesting a review of the legality of sale of these aligners, without any oversight, directly to patients and of potential avenues to ensure that patients are protected and receive necessary treatment under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

The CAO CAP program continues in 2018 with the "Trust an Orthodontist" campaign. This digital campaign creates a positive voice for orthodontists in Canada and continues to champion orthodontists as specialists.

The next CAO Annual Session will be held at the Delta Fredericton Hotel in Fredericton NB September 19-21, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. J. Eric Selnes

GLAO Report

Less than a year into my position as Ontario Director for the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, I continue to be impressed with the work that the GLAO, and by extension, the American Association of Orthodontists does for our specialty of orthodontics. As a component of the AAO, the GLAO serves as the voice for Ontario, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Pennsylvania orthodontists at the national and international levels. The GLAO maintains positions on all AAO Councils, including the Councils on Communications, Governmental Affairs, Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns, New and Younger Members, Education, Health Care, Practice, and Scientific Affairs, along with having representation at the AAO House of Delegates and Board of Trustees.



This past year, Ontario was well represented at both the GLAO and AAO levels, with Dr. Michael Sherman serving as a GLAO Delegate to the House of Delegates as well as GLAO Editor, while Dr. Richard Marcus served once again as the GLAO Delegate Chair. Dr. Mariela Anderson continued her role as a committee member on the Council on New and Younger Members while I settled into my new position of Ontario representative on the GLAO Board. Over the summer the GLAO elections were held and I was fortunate enough to be elected as a delegate to the AAO House of Delegates. More importantly, Dr. Michael Sherman was elected as AAO Trustee representing the GLAO, replacing Dr. Chris Roberts who has moved onto the Executive Committee. Michael will serve as our Trustee for eight years and will become AAO President in the future once he completes his term as Trustee and moves through the ranks of the Executive Committee. Dr. Marcus was no longer eligible to serve on the House of Delegates as he completed the maximum number of consecutive terms allowed. His leadership will be deeply missed.

Membership in the GLAO has many benefits for orthodontists in Ontario both individually and collectively. Educational opportunities both live and online abound, practice management tools including such things as email encryption software, find an orthodontist locator on the website, national and local public awareness campaigns and advocacy for our specialty at all levels of government as well as to regulatory bodies including Ontario. Just this past year, the AAO has continued its funding to the OAO for the provincial Public Awareness Campaign and provided invaluable guidance to the OAO executive on DTC orthodontics through AAO Counsel, Mr. Sean Murphy, who attended the meeting between the OAO and RCDSO.



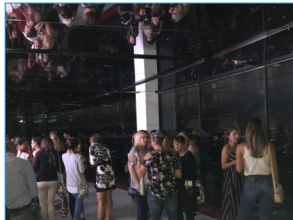
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GLAO Report continued

The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists recently held a very successful Annual Session in Toronto this past September in conjunction with the Middle Atlantic Association of Orthodontists. There was a blend of excellent social and educational opportunities for doctors and staff alike. Presentations from our very own Dr. Sunjay Suri, along with a line-up of international speakers provided our members with excellent CE. Our very own Dr. Ray Bozek was recognized with the GLAO Distinguished Service Award for his years of leadership as both OAO and GLAO president in the past. Upcoming meetings include the AAO Winter Conference, focusing on Orthodontics and Sleep Apnea, in Marco Island, Florida at the JW Marriott Resort, January, the AAO Annual Convention, being held this year in sunny Los Angeles, May 3-7, 2019 along with the GLAO Annual Session convening in September 12-14, 2019 in even sunnier Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the Marriott Harbor Beach Resort and Spa.

As you can see, there is great value in belonging to the GLAO / AAO to enhance your professional life and strengthen our specialty. If you have let your membership lapse recently, I encourage you to rejoin in order to keep orthodontics strong during these turbulent times.

The GLAO will hold its ad interim Board meeting this March in Detroit, Michigan. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the GLAO, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-433-3701 or drdrew@smithorthodontics.ca.



Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Drew Smith
GLAO Director

Upcoming Meetings and Scientific Sessions

AAO Mid-Winter Conference
Jan 25-27, 2019
Marco Island, FL

AAO Annual Session
May 3-7, 2019
Los Angeles, CA

TOC Spring Meeting
May 24, 2019
Sheraton Centre, Toronto

MASO/GLAO Annual Meeting
Sept 12-15, 2019
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

OAO Spring Meeting
Spring 2019
Location TBD

SAVE THE DATE
OAO Scientific Meeting
May 29-31, 2020
Niagara On The Lake, ON

