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President's Report

The AAO annual session has just ended, and there are new ideas and inspired thoughts resulting from a wonderful time of learning and sharing of ideas in Orlando.



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One of the most significant issues that our specialty faces today is redefining... "What exactly is the full scope of orthodontic specialty practice?" Soft tissue exposure of

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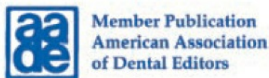
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REPORT (as of 07-13-15)

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ectopic canines, placement of TAD's, extraction of primary teeth, recontouring enamel for tooth mass correction, and composite bonding for toothmass correction...these are all procedures many orthodontists perform everyday. Many of these procedures provide value added benefit to our patients, and expedite treatment results, however are they exclusively orthodontic in nature? At this time it is not easy to agree what should be included in the precise definition of the "exclusive practice of orthodontics".

[Read the full report](#)

AAO Trustee Report

Practice Management, Logo Branding and Think Tank

One Day Practice Management Programs Proposed



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Several years ago, the AAO held a successful Orthodontic as CEO conference which focused on practice management. This topic is in demand as members look for ways to increase profitability. In addition, offering a one day meeting focusing on profitability and offered at a convenient local, would be a tremendous member benefit. Two pilot programs were included in the recommended budget for the House of Delegates's consideration in Orlando. Watch for details of these programs early this summer.

[Read the full report](#)

The 2016 AAO House of Delegates: A Report from the GLAO Delegation Chair

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[REPORT \(as of 04-26-16\)](#)

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Thank you to the GLAO Delegation who represented the GLAO at the 2016 AAO House of Delegates!

[Click Here](#) to read the Delegation Chair Report

New GLAO Leaders

The GLAO Board Recently Appointed the Following Members to Represent the GLAO:

Dr. Mark E. Berkman, of Commerce Township, MI, will represent the GLAO on the AAO Foundation Board of Directors (AAOF).

Dr. Scott O. Schulz, of Traverse City, MI, will represent the GLAO on the Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP).

Dr. Michelle A. Scott, of Columbus, OH, will represent the GLAO on the Council on Membership Ethics and Judicial Concerns (COMEJC).

GLAO Award Recipients

2016 GLAO Dr. David C. Hamilton Distinguished Service Award to be presented to Dr. Thomas L. Ahman

The GLAO Dr. David C. Hamilton Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals who have dedicated themselves to serving the interests of the GLAO throughout their careers. Their contributions exceed the commitments and duties of any elected or appointed office in the association. The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists is proud to present this award to **Dr. Thomas L. Ahman** of Lima, Ohio. Prior recipients include: Dr. John F. Buzzatto (2011), Dr. Terry Pracht (2006), Dr. John Lindquist (2000), Dr. Dale Wade (1997), Dr. David Hamilton (1996).



This award will be presented to Dr. Ahman during the GLAO/MASO Annual Session at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona on Friday morning, September 23, during the doctors programming. Please plan to join us in recognizing Dr. Ahman for his contributions to the GLAO and the orthodontic profession!

[Read Dr. Ahman's Biography](#)

2016 GLAO Distinguished Service Award to be presented to Dr. Eugene L. Dellinger

The GLAO Distinguished Service Award recognizes a GLAO member who has served the Association in various capacities through the years in an exemplary manner. The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists is proud to present this year's award to **Dr. Eugene L. Dellinger** of Fort Wayne, Indiana. This award is presented in recognition and grateful appreciation for his contributions - both to the GLAO as an organization, and to the orthodontic profession in general. His efforts are deeply appreciated by his GLAO friends and colleagues. This award will be presented to Dr. Dellinger during the GLAO Business Meeting at the GLAO/MASO Annual Session on Friday, September 23, from 1:00p-2:00pm at the Arizona Biltmore in Phoenix, Arizona. Please plan to join us in recognizing Dr. Dellinger for his contributions to the GLAO and the orthodontic profession!



[Read the full article and biography](#)

GLAO B. Holly Broadbent, Sr. Memorial Lecture to be

Presented by Dr. W. Eugene Roberts

Dr. W. Eugene Roberts will present the GLAO B. Holly Broadbent, Sr. Memorial Lecture at the 2016 GLAO/MASO Annual Session. His lecture: "*Biomechanics: Opening the Biologic Black Box*" will be presented on Saturday, September 24, 10:00am-Noon at the Arizona Biltmore. This Memorial lecture was established by the GLAO to honor one of its greatest members. The lecture is to be a meritorious essay on original research related to the field of orthodontics and is awarded to an individual who has contributed widely to the art and science of orthodontics. The lecture shall be previously unpublished and suitable for publication in the American Journal of Orthodontics and must be an original article although based on the author's previously published works. We look forward to Dr. Roberts' lecture!

[Presentation description & Biography](#)

AAO Council Reports

Below are links to the most current reports.

Council on Communications

[Soft Drinks + Orthodontic Treatment = A Recipe for Disaster](#) (as of 02-03-16)

Dr. Stephen J. Belli.....docbelli@aol.com

Council on Governmental Affairs

[Report](#) (as of 09-21-15)

Dr. Phillip J. Beckwith..... pjbortho@aol.com

Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns

[AAO Members can pay their AAO dues in up to 11 Monthly Installments](#) (as of 01-27-16)

Dr. Richard M. Marcus.....richard.marcus@utoronto.ca

Council on New and Younger Members

[Report](#) (as of 01-28-16)

Dr. Mariela Anderson..... manders1@uwo.ca

Council on Orthodontic Education

[Report](#)(as of 07-14-15)

Dr. R. Scott Conley..... rsconley@umich.edu

Council on Orthodontic Health Care

[ICD-10 Diagnostic Coding: You Must Know This](#) (as of 01-24-16)

Dr. Gregory Oppenhuizen..... doctorgjo@gmail.com

Council on Orthodontic Practice

[To find out how the AAO supports your practice throughout your career](#) (as of 01-29-16)

Dr. Michael W. Sherman..... mwsherman@rogers.com

Council on Scientific Affairs

[Report](#) (as of 01-19-16)

Dr. Nan E. Hatch..... nhatch@umich.edu

Featured Article

ABO announces newly certified or recertified orthodontists

The [American Board of Orthodontics](#) (ABO) certified or recertified 89 examinees who participated in the [Clinical Examination](#) Feb. 23-27, 2016, in St. Louis, Missouri. The list of examinees who completed the Clinical Examination is available on the [ABO website](#).

GLAO Examinees who completed the Clinical Examination Include:

Mohamed Bazina
Gretter M. Cardo
Ahmed Ghoneima
He Kyong Kang
Mohammad R. Razavi
Susan Rizk

Featured Member Resource

Webinars for Doctors and Staff

AAO offers extensive online learning and CE opportunities for members through live webinars for doctors and staff. Webinars cover a variety of clinical and practice management topics for just \$50 per webinar for doctors and \$40 per webinar for staff. What's more, the AAO webinar schedule includes the free Business of Orthodontics series to educate members on the fundamentals of running an orthodontic practice. See the list of upcoming webinars at www.aaoinfo.org > Education > AAO Webinar Registration.

Most AAO webinars are recorded and archived on the Online Lectures site, which contains more than 400 recordings from AAO conferences and webinars. Online Lectures is available for an annual subscription fee of \$100 for active AAO members or \$30 per recording. AAO Student Members and Orthodontic Staff Club members receive free subscriptions, while Business of Orthodontics recordings are free to all members. Purchase your subscription from the online store at www.aaoinfo.org, and access the Online Lectures site at www.aaoinfo.org > Education > Online Lectures.

Dr. R. Scott Conley to become Chair for the Department of Orthodontics at the University at Buffalo The State University of New York

Dr. R. Scott Conley, the GLAO Representative to the AAO Council on Education, Immediate President of the Society of Orthodontic Educators and the Graduate Orthodontic Clinic Director at the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, will be leaving Michigan in June to become the Associate Professor and Chair for the Department of Orthodontics at the University at Buffalo The State University of New York.

Dr. W. Eugene Roberts is the recipient of the ABO Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award

Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award

To commemorate the achievements of Dr. Albert H. Ketcham, the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) created this award in 1936. It is awarded annually to an individual who has made a notable contribution to the science and art of orthodontics.

Dr. Roberts is Professor Emeritus of Orthodontics at Indiana University, Adjunct Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Purdue University School of Engineering and Technology (Indianapolis), and Visiting Professor of Orthodontics at Loma Linda University. In addition, he regularly teaches Bone Physiology and Biomechanics at St. Louis University, and the University of Melbourne, for transmission to all the orthodontics graduate programs in Australia. He has published 98 referred articles, 139 invited papers and case reports, 38 textbook chapters, 5 electronic texts (1 for PC and 4 Apple iBooks: Orthodontics Vol. I, II, III, and IV), 14 journal editorials, and 4 continuing education courses with outcomes assessments. Currently he serves as a lecturer, mock board examiner, external appraiser, and a consultant in research & technology, focusing on bone physiology and biomechanics.



[Click here](#) to read more.

Dr. Gagan Bhalla recognized as a Indo-Canadian High Achiever by the A-List of Indo-Canadians

The A-List, is a publication dedicated to recognizing the services of Indo-Canadians from the Indian Diasporas. Says the Introduction: "The A-List is a celebration of successes of Indo-Canadians in various professions and businesses. They have made a name for themselves in Canada through sheer hard work and determination.... Many Indo-Canadians, so also others, through their hard work and sincerity, have risen to the top of their fields of endeavor and contributed to the positive and acclaimed profile of their community. In these pages we have profiled 48 high achievers Canadians of Indian descent."



Dr. Bhalla was selected as an Orthodontist and a yoga teacher, his excerpt reads (in part) "Dr. Gagan Bhalla is an Orthodontist in suburban Mississauga (Ontario) with his own practice, but his first love is yoga. He spends most of his spare time teaching people how to live a healthy life".

He is Vice President and on the Board of Directors of Patanjali Yog Peeth Canada, a non-profit organization that promotes Yoga postures, breathe work and meditation for good health and wellness to the Community at large.

Dr. Bhalla supports a number of charities, these include the Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga-Erin Mills Lions Club, Ekal Foundation of Canada and Child Haven International.

He has received many recognitions; Humanitarian Award from Indo-Canadian Chamber of Commerce, Melvin Jones Fellow Award and a prestigious Mahatma Gandhi Samman Gold Medal that was conferred on him in the House of Lords in London.

For more information on **The A-List** please [see the attachment](#) (pg. 24)

Dr. Stephen Belli is quoted in an article on: Why DIY braces are actually a terrible, terrible idea

I'm 40 years old, and I'm in braces. Like [design student Amos Dudley](#), I disliked my teeth and wanted to get them fixed. Unlike Dudley, whose Internet-famous braces cost him \$60 out of pocket to fabricate and took just 16 weeks from start to finish, I will have paid about 100 times as much to a credentialed orthodontist, and spent a year and a half

in treatment.

But even though those numbers are tempting, experts say the DIY braces movement is a terrible idea.

I understand the yearning for a cheap fix to bad teeth, trust me. I've put two kids of my own through braces, and am currently using clear braces to fix my own snaggletooth. This involved interviews and X-rays at four orthodontists over the past decade to get estimates and treatment recommendations, which varied from practice to practice. Was I a candidate for Invisalign - the clear, "can't tell you're wearing them" braces - or would I have to do traditional braces? (Responses were mixed). How long would I have to be in them? (Eighteen to 30 months). How much would they cost? (\$4,000 to \$6,500).

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Member Input

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