



**AAO Council on Education (COE)**  
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The Council on Education (COE) met in-person at the AAO Headquarters in Saint Louis on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023.

Some of the highlights are described below.

#### **Updates from the American Board of Orthodontics**

- The 2023 ABO Written Examination was administered to 450 examinees on April 4, 2023 at Pearson Vue Testing Centers in the United States and Canada. The examination had a 97% pass rate. The next Written Examination is scheduled for April 2, 2024 with online registration to open later in 2023.
- The ABO recently conducted the February 2023 Scenario-based Clinical Examination at Pearson-Vue Testing Centers Worldwide. A total of 165 orthodontists were certified during the 1st and 2nd Quarters of 2023, including the February examination, which had a 74% pass rate. In addition, 26 orthodontists completed their 10-year certification renewal requirements.
- In 2025, The ABO will transition to offering one Scenario-based Clinical Exam per year. The scheduled date for the 2025 exam is September 9, 2025.

#### **Updates from the Society of Educators**

- In 2024, the program will take place on Friday, May 3, in New Orleans.
- The tentative schedule is 10:30 am registration, 11:00 lunch, 11:30 – 4:15 program, and 4:15 – 5 pm reception.
- SOE will also again, have a mentoring / panel discussion for young and new educators at Annual Session. The first session was held in Chicago 2023. The overall goal of the program is to provide a mentoring opportunity exclusively for this targeted audience. The name of the program moving forward is Mentoring Moments for Young Educators and it will be held tentatively on Sunday morning after the AAOF breakfast.
- SOE will continue with their complimentary webinar programming from fall through winter 2024.

#### **COE Awards**

- The 2023 AAO Fulltime Faculty Teaching Fellowship (FFTF) recipients were Drs. Mohammed H. Elnagar, Alice Goodwin, and Heeyeon Suh. Each received \$60,000 paid out over a two-year period of time.
- Dr. Vesna-Lea Ferrer received the 2023 Craniofacial Anomalies Award. She is doing her fellowship at Children's Hospital Los Angeles. She received an award of \$30,000 in a one-time payment.

Respectfully submitted,

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