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President's Corner

Dr. Mark W. Dusek

THE YEAR IS "OFF AND RUNNING"

“ It’s been a busy year. And – it is only going to get busier! ”

The Executive Committee recently met in Austin to visit the site of our annual session and to discuss the needs of our members.

The hotel, situated in the heart of downtown Austin, looks great. It is easily accessible to the different restaurants and musical venues the “Capital of Live Music” has to offer.



MSO, SAO & SWSO Annual Meeting | November 3-5, 2022

In Austin, our Executive Committee met with the Executive Committee of the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists to discuss the future merger of our constituents and our joint leadership class. 25 individuals are participating in this year’s leadership class. 18 are SAO members from 9 different states.

Both SAO and SWSO executive committees are excited about our future and look forward to meeting together at the November annual session.

State orthodontic meetings are “ramping up”. I am looking forward to attending as many as I can in order to meet more and more of our members. Our support staff and executive director are working hard to assist all states with these component meetings. Please attend your state component meeting!!

Finally, plan to attend the 2022 American Association of Orthodontists annual meeting. Though many were looking forward to Honolulu, Miami is much closer – so attendance will be easy. Housing is limited and more scattered than normal, so please register early for the meeting and housing.



We will have an extremely entertaining and informative meeting in November.



The SAO Executive Committee was sworn in at the 2021 Annual Meeting in Charlotte. Congratulations to this excellent group of leaders! Pictured left to right: Dr. Donald Balhoff, Dr. Eric Nease, Dr. Beth Faber, Dr. Debbie Sema, and Dr. Mark Dusek

Annual Meeting Highlight

See Y'all in Austin!

The planning committee is hard at work coordinating efforts to give every attendee an excellent meeting experience in Austin. We're excited to join meetings, for the first time ever, with the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists! The planning committee is working to enhance the experience for the entire team with numerous team building events, lectures and activities throughout downtown Austin.

We will have an excellent group of engaging speakers who will cover all relevant topics for your team. There will be plenty of food, fun and fellowship networking with other orthodontists as you enjoy your time at the meeting.

2022

MSO/SAO/SWSO Annual Session

Nov 3-5, 2022
Hilton Downtown
Austin, TX

MSO
SAO
SWSO

Austin
TEXAS

Presenting the 2022 SAO Leadership Development Class

The Southern Association of Orthodontists Board of Directors is committed to leadership development. The 2022 Leadership Development Class has 18 participants who represent nine SAO states.

Since the 2007 inception of the leadership class, more than 100 SAO members have gained confidence in their leadership skills. Many leadership program graduates have advanced to leadership positions within their state component organizations, the SAO and/or the AAO.

The purpose of our SAO leadership development class is to provide experience for individuals interested in enhancing their leadership skills. The training they receive is valuable and useful for various leadership situations which include their office work environment, church groups, civic organizations, study clubs and dental societies. The Leadership Development Class meets three times throughout the year in conjunction with meetings of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors. The class works in groups to select challenges that face the specialty. Each leadership group presents its projects and findings during the Fall meeting of the SAO Board of Directors.



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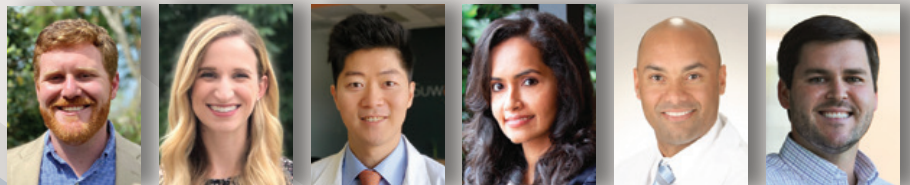
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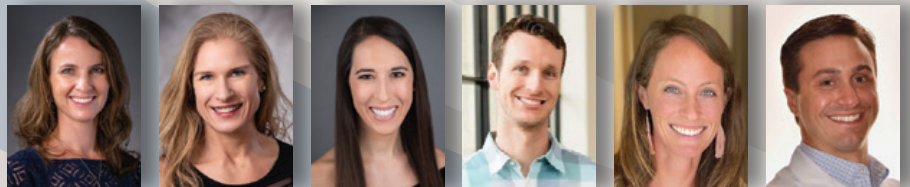
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SAO President, Dr. Mark Dusek, has continued to build upon leadership training efforts by facilitating quarterly meetings with all component presidents. Increasing the opportunities to come together, to share, brainstorm and seek guidance related to leading and managing components enhances the member experience at all levels.

Additionally, the SAO has always encouraged leadership development by suggesting that its component President-Elects attend the AAO's annual leadership workshop that is held during each AAO Midwinter meeting. This session for component President-Elects enhances the leadership skills of attendees and ultimately strengthens our Association.

“Like many people during COVID, it has been hard to feel connected to our community and to our specialty. As a recent graduate, I knew I wanted to become involved with service to our specialty and be able to meet fellow orthodontists who, like me, aspire to be better leaders. Involvement with the SAO and its leadership program gave me the opportunity to meet a diverse group of people whom I would not have met otherwise. My classmates in the Leadership Class have become great friends and mentors. I am grateful to the SAO for inspiring me to become a better leader and a better person. I am proud to be part of a great organization that truly cares for our specialty and young graduates.”

- Dr. Nick Kim
2022 Leadership Development Class member

Trustee At Large

Dr. Alex Thomas



“Throughout my career, I have had the privilege of seeing first-hand the impact of great leaders on their professions, their communities, and their colleagues. Their passion and never-wavering dedication to others has always inspired me to seek out opportunities to serve through leadership.”

During my time as a graduate student in Ann Arbor, I helped co-chair the 30th Anniversary of GORP as well as served as the first resident Director for the AAOF.

When I applied to be an At-Large Trustee for the AAO, I was seeking an opportunity to give back to my specialty and expand my understanding of future challenges that faced orthodontics. I was selected on June 5, 2020. At that time I was clueless as to how much my world was about to change. I found out the following Monday that in addition to being the newest and youngest member of the AAO Board of Trustees, I was also about to be a mom!

Over the past year and a half, the individuals I have had the honor to serve alongside have been incredible examples of the impact leadership can have on the entire specialty. When I first started in private practice, my decisions were influenced by my training at the University of Michigan,

my co-residents and my amazing partner, Dr. Eric Nease. My time on the board has allowed me to broaden my understanding of the orthodontic climate as a whole. I have learned what it takes to run an organization such as the AAO, the impact it can have on the day-to-day operations of a practice with tools like the COVID task force, how the needs of tomorrow's orthodontist are different than the needs of orthodontists in the past, and so much more. Overall, leadership offers you the chance to think outside of yourself and to expand your thought process. I believe whole heartedly in the sentiment that leadership will give back more to you personally than you could ever give to those you serve.

One of my most heartrending moments while on the board was during the sendoff dinner for Dr. Chris Roberts, AAO past president. We were all sitting around the table sharing AAO war stories, but the undertone was that of disappointment. We all felt for Chris and his amazing wife

Susan as all their 10 years of planning an Annual Session in Boston changed in an instant when the meeting had to be taken virtual. I remember saying, “Chris, I feel so sorry for the presidential year you have had. You had to deal with all the challenges brought on by COVID and to top everything off you were not able to have your in-person meeting.” Chris turned to me, and his next words put me on the floor. He said, “I am glad it was me. I am glad I had

the opportunity to help our members when they needed us most.” This is the caliber of person I have had the opportunity to sit with and to learn so much from, not only as a trustee but as a person. All the board members have shown such grace under fire as well as humility and passion for the specialty of orthodontics. I cannot say enough to encourage people to seek out leadership opportunities. The best point I can make is that choosing to serve will make you a better orthodontist, a better colleague, and a better person. I encourage all of you to share in my experience by looking for opportunities to serve at any level - from the state to the national stage. I will be eternally grateful for my chance. You will be as well.

A State Director's View

Dr. Nathan Hamman



“To become involved with leadership in the SAO was not something that I had originally planned to do after I completed my residency.”

The primary reason - I didn't know much about it. Fortunately, I went into practice in Southaven, MS with Dr. Richard Williams who, at the time, was serving as an SAO senior director.

In 2011 he encouraged me to apply for the SAO Leadership Development Program. If you're not familiar with it, it's a program that started in 2007 and is held every other year. Its purpose is to facilitate development of an orthodontists' leadership skills and to familiarize each participant with the structure of the SAO. With some apprehension (again because I didn't know much about what I was getting into) I decided to take Richard's advice. The program turned out to be a great experience in which I was able to meet other recent graduates as well as experienced orthodontists, all of whom had an interest in learning more about SAO leadership. It was a blessing to work with Sharon Hunt, the Executive Director. She was one

of the most extraordinary people from whom I've had the opportunity to learn. I quickly found through my interactions with her and the rest of the Executive Committee that there was a shared philosophy of servant leadership. The collective purpose and priority of these leaders was to serve the orthodontists of the SAO, and to work towards accomplishing goals that would benefit all members. These observations had a positive impact on me and shaped the way I viewed leadership. I've applied the concept of servant leadership in my private practice, and it's a leadership style that I've found to be highly effective.

I currently have the privilege of serving as the Mississippi Director to the SAO. Over the past two years, I've been able to work with many wonderful people from all around our region, including some who completed the 2011 Leadership Development Program with me. As everyone knows, there have been many challenges that we've had to overcome in our practices over the last two years. Leadership in the SAO has been no different

(just ask, Dr. Jeri Stull, Dr. Sims Tompkins, or Dr. Mark Dusek about planning a meeting during a pandemic)! What has been encouraging to me personally has been my discussions with fellow orthodontists at state meetings, board meetings and SAO meetings.

Although we all practice in different areas, we've all shared the same trials and stresses that happen when running an orthodontic practice. The sharing of ideas about how to manage these issues, and sometimes just being able to "vent" to someone who is in the same position and can understand, is of great value. It's also been encouraging to hear how orthodontic practices have recovered and have even seen significant growth over the past year. No doubt we'll see more challenges in the future, but the strength of our organization and the resilience of the orthodontists that it encompasses gives me confidence that we'll overcome those as well.

I look forward to serving my state as director this year and to the November SAO/SWSO/MSO combined constituent meeting in Austin, TX. I heartily encourage anyone who may have an interest in serving our specialty to attend his/her state meetings and find out how to get involved. I can tell you from experience that it will be personally rewarding. **I wish everyone a safe and prosperous year. I'll see you in Austin!**

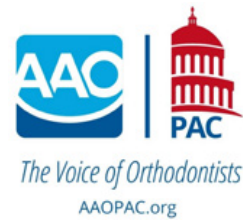
AAOPAC Report

Dr. Greg Inman



“On the evening of January 12th, the AAOPAC Council and the AAO Advocacy team held a virtual meeting chaired by Dr. Clark Colville. Also present were representatives from each of the constituencies.”

Mr. Nathan Mick (AAO Director of Advocacy) and Gianna Nawrocki (AAO Government Affairs Associate and Treasurer of AAOPAC) opened the meeting with some exciting news about the AAOPAC’s new logo and the relaunch of easier ways for donors to give to the PAC.



The new and very easy way you can become a donor is to register on the website at www.AAOPAC.org.

Our expanded AAO Legal and Advocacy team has launched an initiative to increase the number of contributors so that the total amount of the PAC fund will be increased. The recent turbulent years have brought the annual giving totals down to just under \$200,000. Our new goal is to annually raise \$400,000. AAOPAC will not use all of those funds each year, but it must be prepared for issues and needs that may arise.

Your AAOPAC and the team in St. Louis is working to be more reactive to state issues. Currently, there are AAO supported actions in progress in 22 states! AAOPAC has had a great impact on AAO related issues at the state level, thus making big changes nationally.

The annual AAO Advocacy Conference is tentatively scheduled for a modified in-person meeting in Washington April 4-6 at the Hamilton Hotel. As usual, the goals of the conference will be to train meeting attendees to be advocates for federal and state issues that impact our specialty, as well as to meet with the leaders of our country. Due to extreme limitations of in-person meetings in government buildings, many of these sessions will be either virtual or at the hotel.

I have thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of being your representative to the AAOPAC. Later this year, South Carolina’s Dr. Ed Davis will become your SAO AAOPAC representative. But - you are not completely getting rid of me just yet. I will be serving as Kentucky’s AAO Delegate to the AAO House of Delegates.

Please consider becoming a contributor to the AAOPAC by going to www.AAOPAC.org. Our politicians can dramatically change our lives, the lives of our teams, and especially the lives of our patients, with one vote. We must make our voices heard!

The Trustee Report

Dr. Richard A. Williams



“These are exciting days for the AAO! I have just returned from the February Board of Trustees meeting. I am encouraged by the direction AAO is headed.”

When I started my tenure in 2018, the AAO was fresh off development of a Strategic Plan. Brent Larsen had been installed as President. Dr. Larsen was very intentional about how he wanted our Board to function. Our meetings were focused. Due to all the critical issues, Board agendas began to concentrate on strategic thinking and vision as opposed to getting stuck in operational tasks. Each President in succeeding years has continued that trend and the agenda Dr. Ken Dillehay led us through these past few days was almost totally futuristic. Strategy was discussed and developed in many critical areas with the very first core value of our current plan in mind.... “Our members come first.”

The BOT is very comfortable with the knowledge that the operational needs of the Association are being well cared for by the extraordinary team Lynne Thomas Gordon, our AAO CEO, has assembled at 401 North Lindbergh. I have had the personal opportunity to work with many of the staff on various assignments for the past 4 years. I continue to be amazed at the talents and dedication each of them exhibit. Staff members who take “ownership” in our practices are the most valuable and trusted individuals

on our teams. Once they take ownership, the capacity to accomplish great things is enormous. Lynne has created that culture at the AAO. Our AAO staff are valuable and trusted partners in the projects we tackle as stewards of the AAO.

Our Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) continues to expand its influence and is being recognized for its excellence. As you may remember, our “Happy Mouth Now” series of videos was recognized with an ADDY in the past. The **2022 ADDY Awards** were presented on February 17. I’m happy to inform you that “The Almost-Right Person” campaign took home not one, but FIVE Gold ADDYs! These included: Best Art Direction, Cinematography, Editing, Regional Commercial, and Best of Show for craft. If the agency folks didn’t know who we were before these awards, they certainly know now!

We have had “The Precocious Kid” series in the last couple of years. All of these videos are incredibly catchy and grab the attention of our targeted audience with a “cheeky” message designed to drive the orthodontic decision makers to choose specialists to provide care for them or their families. I have had a preview

of our next project entitled “Serial Straighteners”. I think you will find it just as entertaining. Carlos Otero leads our Creative Department and is one of the key developers of these projects. If you get an opportunity, give him and his team a pat on the back. They are making us look really good! Our members can access and download any of these messages for replay in practice marketing efforts through the Practice Management tab on the member website.

Additionally, earlier this week we were notified that we were nominated for three awards at the **2022 Association Trends TRENDY Awards**. The Award Ceremony will take place in Washington D.C. on March 11 and we have been encouraged to attend! Please see below for the following nominated categories:

- Best Product Launch – **American Association of Orthodontists; WHARTON AAO - MBO PROGRAM**
- Best Video – **American Association of Orthodontists; “The Precocious Kid”**
- Membership Promotion Kit or Campaign – **American Association of Orthodontists; AAO International Member**

**We are making an impact and getting noticed for excellence!
We can be proud.**

To help our new and younger members succeed is very important. We must excel at this effort in order to guard the future of our specialty. There are two new projects designed to assist in the effort, the first of which is the Connections program. The idea for this project is to connect doctors with expertise (advisors) with doctors who desire to grow in knowledge (learners) through networking. The greatest impact for the program is likely to be for doctors in the first years of practice; however, if you are like me, there is always value and something to be learned from our peers and colleagues at any stage of a career. The second project will be the launch of the Member Interest Groups (MIGs). These will be closed social media groups designed to create a platform for free and open discussion of topics of interest to our members. The first four MIGs will be for members interested in Treatment of Craniofacial Patients, Human Resources, Financial Freedom, and Leadership Development. Other topics will follow.



L to R: Dr. Richard Williams, Dr. Mike Rogers, Dr. Gary Inman, Dr. DeWayne McCamish

Advocacy continues to be of utmost importance. In our recent member survey it was the number one reason for being a member of the AAO. A unified voice that advocates for the specialty is extremely important for us as we seek to influence decisions by legislators and boards. Our team in St. Louis works extremely hard to monitor actions in statehouses and boardrooms that could endanger the overall health and safety of our patients. We, as specialists, are best equipped to provide the highest quality care to those we serve; therefore it is important for us to be involved and not wait for someone else to make our decisions for us. Please be diligent. Monitor the actions of your legislators and dental boards. Relay any items of interest to our team in St. Louis, lead by Trey Lawrence. Remember, "If you are not at the table, you might be on the menu!"

Spring will be busy BUT I encourage you to carve out some time to register for our first in-person annual session in three years. Dr. Dillehay and our team of planners are putting the finishing touches on what looks to be an incredible May 21-24 meeting. The venue is beautiful and the events planned should provide a great backdrop to reconnect with friends from all over the world! I look forward to seeing you soon.

As always, I consider it a humbling privilege to represent you, the members of our great Association!

Council on Scientific Affairs Report

Dr. Eser Tüfekçi

The Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA) met via Zoom on January 7, 2022. Dr. Eser Tüfekçi serves on the committee as the representative of the SAO constituent.



THIS YEAR, COSA REVIEWED 27 APPLICATIONS FOR THE HELLMAN, SICHER, AND GRABER AWARDS. HERE ARE OUR 2022 AAO RESEARCH AWARDS WINNERS:

Milo Hellman Research Award

Dr. Mona Hamoda

from the University of British Columbia for research titled: Continuous positive airway pressure, mandibular advancement splints or both: a randomized controlled trial

Harry Sicher Research Award

Dr. Amanda Gross

from Texas A&M University for research titled: Short-term effects of mechanical loading on the transdifferentiation of condylar chondrocytes

Thomas M. Graber Award of Special Merit

Dr. Po-Jung Chen

from University of Connecticut for research titled: Investigating PRG4 re-expression as a treatment for TMJ degenerative diseases

Dr. Steven LeRoy

from Texas A&M University for research titled: Treatment of white spot lesions with MI paste plus, with and without microabrasion: a split-mouth, randomized clinical trial

Dr. Ali Ghowsi

from University of the Pacific for research titled: Accuracy and reliability of a fully automated landmark identification system on cone beam computed tomography

Dr. Shivam Mehta

from University of Connecticut for research titled: How does Alendronate affect orthodontic tooth movement in osteogenesis imperfecta: an in-vivo study on a mice model

The Hellman, Sicher, Graber Lectures

will be held at the

Annual Session

Saturday, May 21, 2022

1:00pm-3:00pm.

Prior to the Hellman lecture at 1:00pm, the award winners will receive their award plaques.

COSA invites all Annual Session attendees to come and listen to these award-winning lectures.

The 2023 Hellman, Sicher, Graber online application

will be available on

March 15, 2022.

The deadline to apply is

October 1, 2022.

COSA accepted 28 Oral Research applications, 270 E-Poster applications and 29 Table Clinic applications to be presented at the 2022 AAO Annual Session.

The Oral Research presentations will be held at Annual Session on Monday, May 23, 2022 from 8:00am – 3:45pm.

The Table Clinic program will be held at Annual Session on Sunday, May 22, 2022 from 9:30am-11:30am. COSA will judge the Table Clinics and award the Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award.

There will be no hard copies of Posterboards displayed at Annual Session. E-Posters will be available for viewing during Annual Session in the Exhibit Hall and until July 31, 2022 on the AAO website.

COSA accepted applications for the 2022 William R. Proffit Resident Scholar Award program to be held at the 2022 AAO Annual Session.

COSA members will judge this program on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The awards will be given during the open hour of the program from 1:00pm-2:00pm on May 21.

COSA members are serving on two AAO task forces. Drs. Onur Kadioglu, Greg Huang and Kelton Stewart are on the COVID-19 Task Force. Drs. Onur Kadioglu and J. Martin Palomo are on the World Sleep Society Task Force.

COSA will meet during Annual Session. COSA meets every January by Zoom. The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2023.



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#AAO22 IN MIAMI BEACH

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After two all virtual Annual Sessions, many AAO members are eager to enjoy the camaraderie of an in-person meeting. If you're in that group, we've got you covered. But, whether you're ready to travel to Miami Beach, or need to attend the event virtually, this is sure to be an event you don't want to miss!

Mark your calendar to join us May 21-24, 2022. Virtual attendees will have access to outstanding lectures, while those who travel can look forward to:



Enjoying a taste of Miami with your peers at AAO special events and alumni parties.



Interacting with suppliers in the Exhibit Hall and out on the town.



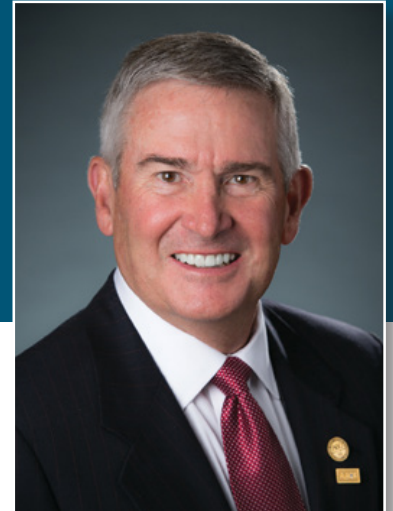
Learning during three and a half days of AAO-quality continuing education.



And of course, enjoying Miami's white sand beaches!

Dr. Gary O. Inman

DeWayne McCamish Lifetime Achievement Award



IT IS CERTAINLY MY SINCERE AND DISTINCT PRIVILEGE TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS HAS SELECTED DR. GARY INMAN AS THE 2021 RECIPIENT OF THE MCCAMISH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD.

- Dr. DeWayne McCamish

Gary has truly given a lifetime of service, commitment and dedication to our specialty. I love the quote by VINCE LOMBARDI: "The quality of an individual's life is in direct proportion to their dedication to excellence in all they do". This typifies my good and dear friend, Gary Inman. Gary has a long history of volunteer service to organized orthodontics, to his alma mater (the University of Louisville) and to his community (Elizabethtown, KY).

Gary graduated in 1972 from University of Louisville with a BA in Biology, from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry (ULSD) in 1976 and from the ULSD Department of Orthodontics in 1978. Gary has been inducted into two athletic Halls of Fame: the Elizabethtown High School Hall of Fame and the University of Louisville Hall of Fame. Dr. Inman was named the 1999 University of Louisville School of Dentistry Dental Alumni

of the Year. In 2013 the University of Louisville Department of Orthodontics recognized Gary with its first-ever Outstanding Alumni Award. That was the same year that the SAO presented him with the Oren A. Oliver Distinguished Service Award.

Gary has served both the Kentucky Association of Orthodontists (KAO) and the Southern Association of Orthodontists (SAO) as a board member, in all officer positions and as a member of various councils / committees. Gary served on the AAO Council on Governmental Affairs (COGA) for 8 years - the last 2 as its chairman.

Gary might remember a phone call (sorta a 911 call!) in 2015 that he and I had. As a result of this fateful call, Gary agreed to take the job of SAO Trustee and serve on the AAO Board Of Trustees. This was a huge commitment at a time when Gary was "sailing off into the sunset" with Greg Inman and Thomas Baldwin as partners. He was all set to enjoy a leisurely life.

This commitment in 2015 was significant, but little did any of us know at that time that a pandemic would change our lives. 2020 was a time for tough decisions that would have to be made halfway through Gary's year as AAO President. The major decision came early in 2020. This decision was

IN HIS COMMUNITY, GARY HAS SERVED IN LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES FOR MULTIPLE CIVIC, RELIGIOUS, NOT-FOR-PROFIT, AND FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. THESE INCLUDE:

- [The Elizabethtown Jaycees Little League](#)
- [Wesley Hilltop House](#)
- [Bank of Elizabethtown Board of Directors](#)
- [Elizabethtown Youth Baseball](#)
- [Elizabethtown Chamber of Commerce and its Board](#)
- [Elizabethtown Rotary Club](#)
- [The Sherwood Historical Society](#)
- [Grace Heartland Church](#)

the cancellation, for the first time ever, of an AAO Annual Session (It was to be held in Atlanta). The next step after cancellation of the annual session was to guide the AAO through its first ever, and very successful, AAO Virtual Annual Session with over 11,000 registered and 9,000+ in actual attendance.

One cannot fathom the daily communications that were multiplied exponentially to provide member resources during the uncharted waters created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Gary calmly brought order to a state of chaos and confusion. Gary Inman, simply stated, was the right person at the right time for the specialty of orthodontics.

Our SAO Trustee, Richard Williams, referred to Gary in his comments in the June 2020 SAO News as the "President of Change" for his desire and commitment to bring diversity to the BOT. Gary led the successful effort to add two Trustees at Large to the AAO Board Of Trustees.

Jim Vaden made the following comment about Gary in that same SAO News publication, and I can say it no better:

“ The mark of a true leader is how that person handles adversity. The leader who handles adversity with class, innovative ideas, and determination is the leader who is remembered. Gary Inman is truly a class act and a leader’s leader who will forever be remembered for his kind, considerate, empathetic and inspirational leadership.”



I end with another of my favorite quotes which I think is most appropriate for Gary. It is from Tom Clancy’s book, *Executive Orders*.

“ Either you are a man of honor, or you are not, and honor is a man’s gift to himself. Do the job the right way and people will reward you for it, but the real satisfaction is playing the game well. Money is transitory; honor is not.”

Gary, you have played the game well and made contributions during your professional career to our specialty of orthodontics which rise above the ordinary and are far beyond the expectation for service and leadership. Congratulations - WELL DONE!

- Dr. DeWayne McCamish

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Lifetime Achievement Award was established in 2008 to honor orthodontists and non-orthodontists who have contributed outstanding lifetime service to the specialty of orthodontics. Those who receive this award must have made contributions to the specialty of orthodontics which “rise above the ordinary and are far beyond the expectation of service and leadership”. It is essentially intended to be “Recognition for Extraordinary Contributions Throughout a Lifetime of Commitment to the Specialty of Orthodontics”. The award is not given each year - only when deemed appropriate by the SAO President and the SAO Board of Directors. The individual chosen for this award must have advanced the mission of orthodontics - quality patient care, and must have shown a dedication and commitment to orthodontics over a significant part of his/her professional life.

PAST RECIPIENTS

2009

Dr. Henry Zaytoun, Sr. (NC)

2012

Dr. J.M. Chadha (LA)

2013

Ms. Sharon Hunt (Executive Director)

2018

Dr. DeWayne McCamish (TN) - The award was renamed the DeWayne McCamish Lifetime Achievement Award

American Association of Orthodontists Foundation **Vaden Fellowship**

A SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS MEMBER RECEIVED A UNIQUE SURPRISE DURING THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING AND CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, HELD OCTOBER 7-9 IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. Dr. James Vaden learned that SAO Board members and friends in the SAO had honored him and concurrently supported orthodontic education by establishing the American Association of Orthodontists Foundation's James L. Vaden Teaching Fellowship Award.



Dr. James Vaden

“**The SAO has long been a leader in funding for the AAOF. The financial gifts from SAO members and friends that create this Vaden Fellowship endowment will allow future generations of orthodontists to benefit from advances in education and research.**”

– *Dr. Eric Nease, Second Senior Director and past AAOF Director*

Despite numerous AAOF named awards being done over the years, none have been done by SAO for an SAO member. The SAO Board of Directors felt strongly that it was time to change that narrative, hence the creation of the Vaden Fellowship Award. In honor of the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the SAO, the Board of Directors respectfully asks each SAO member to donate a minimum of \$100 towards this fellowship. Of course, larger gifts are always encouraged and welcome!

Please visit the AAOF website and include Vaden's name in the "in honor of" field in the donation form so that the SAO gets "credit" for your gift.

Click on this QR code to be taken directly to the AAOF donation website.



Dr. Vaden has been in practice in Cookeville, Tennessee since graduating from the University of Tennessee orthodontic residency program in 1972. He joined the UT faculty as a clinical professor in 1980 and, from 1999 until 2010, was the chairman of UT's orthodontic program. During his tenure as Chair, he successfully raised funds needed to guarantee the program's future. Recognizing the need for an updated clinical facility, Dr. Vaden developed a plan for a new clinic. Alumni leaders promoted the proposal, and generated \$800,000 in donations to support the clinic upgrade. The James L. Vaden Orthodontic Clinic was completed and dedicated in 2013.

Dr. Vaden is a past president of the American Board of Orthodontics and a past Commission on Dental Accreditation commissioner for orthodontics. He served as Doctors Scientific Program co-chair of the 1993, 2012, 2017 and 2019 AAO Annual Sessions.

Dr. Jeff Rickabaugh

Oren A. Oliver Distinguished Service Award



THE RECIPIENT OF THE OREN A. OLIVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD IS A MAN WHO IS WELL KNOWN IN THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS AS WELL AS IN THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS.

Dr. Jeff Rickabaugh graduated in 1982 from dental school and spent the next eight years in the Navy Dental Corps. Following his service, he pursued his passion and entered the University of Pittsburgh for his orthodontic training. He graduated with his Certificate in

Orthodontics as well as an MS degree and moved to Winston-Salem, NC to begin his orthodontic practice.

Dr. Rickabaugh has always been active in organized dentistry and orthodontics. He served as the President of his local and state organizations. He has also been heavily involved with the SAO and has served as the Director from North Carolina as well as North Carolina's Delegate to the AAO House of Delegates. He has recently completed a three-year tenure as Speaker of the AAO House of Delegates. As Speaker, he served as a member of the AAO Board of Trustees. His dedication and service to the SAO has continued after completion of his AAO service.

He currently serves as a tutor to the Leadership Development Class because of his deep knowledge of parliamentary procedure and his experiences as Speaker of the AAO House of Delegates.

It is with great pleasure that I present this award to a most deserving recipient and a good friend.

- Dr. Sims Tompkins

Dr. Ryan Bowles

2021 Citizenship Award



RYAN BOWLES HAS ALWAYS POSSESSED A HEART FOR THE UNDERSERVED.

Dr. Bowles began volunteering years ago, even before his matriculation into dental school. Ryan's outpouring of generosity continued through dental school and orthodontic residency at UTHSC where he volunteered at the Church Health Center in Memphis, Tennessee. While an orthodontic resident, Ryan also participated in numerous humanitarian trips to Central America. After residency Ryan moved to Knoxville, Tennessee and practiced with his father, Richard Bowles. While in private practice, Ryan pursued working with the underserved by volunteering at the Knoxville Volunteer Ministry Center and People's Clinic.

Ryan's desire to serve people deepened while in private practice and eventually led him to commit to full time service. Ryan and his family moved to Mafraq, Jordan where he cared for the dental needs of Bedouins and Syrian refugees for seven years. In addition to the mobile dentistry clinic where he worked in Jordan, he operated a dental clinic in a tuberculosis sanatorium and also served as an adjunct Professor of Orthodontics at Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST).

Ryan and his family recently returned to Knoxville, Tennessee to work in a private practice setting but he has continued his efforts to care for the underserved by working at the local Interfaith Dental Clinic. Additionally, Ryan has returned

to Mafraq to serve once more and has journeyed to Uganda to provide dental services to people in need. While in Uganda, he worked with a Ugandan orthodontist. Upon returning to Knoxville, he organized a group that donated used orthodontic instruments to the dilapidated Ugandan practice.

Ryan Bowles is a "servant's" servant. He is a very deserving recipient of the SAO's Citizenship Award.

- Dr. Allen Chance

Dr. Miller W. Gibbons

2020 Citizenship Award



MILLER W. GIBBONS GREW UP IN "THE WORLD'S GREATEST TOBACCO MARKET" OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY: WILSON, NORTH CAROLINA.

Dr. Miller was an outstanding football player for Fike High School where he was later inducted into the athletic hall of fame. He continued his football journey down Tobacco Road, playing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill his freshman year. He bleeds Tar Heel blue and would stay for both dental school and orthodontic residency.

Throughout his career he was an active member of the North Carolina Dental Society, American Dental Association,

North Carolina Association of Orthodontists, Southern Association of Orthodontists and American Association of Orthodontists. He served as the chairman of the North Carolina Dental Society Council of Dental Practices and Dental Education, chairman of the North Carolina Dental Society Health Care Plan and Trust and chairman of DOTS. Locally, he was the chair of the Wilson County Dental Society and secretary for the 85 Study Club. Dr. Miller Gibbons is revered as a wonderful colleague and friend by all local dental professionals.

Miller always felt Wilson is an ideal place to raise a family and is thrilled all of his kids are still local. Recently retiring from full-time orthodontic practice, he has been happily working on being the best 'Papi' and continues to live and

serve the community which is so dear to his heart. Miller and his family have been active members of the First United Methodist Church and his pastor reports that he has served on every committee the church has had over the decades.

Dr. Miller W. Gibbons most deservedly received the SAO's 2020 Citizenship Award for his life-long commitment to bettering his profession and his community.

- Dr. Kelly Goeckner

Dr. James Martin

The Sharon Hunt Emerging Leader Award



DR. JAMES MARTIN, RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, IS THE SECOND RECIPIENT OF THE SHARON HUNT EMERGING LEADER AWARD.

Dr. Martin has been involved with multiple local dental societies and gives his time to dental clinics in underserved areas in the state of North Carolina. He is an immediate past-president of the Raleigh-Wake County Dental Society and is the current president-elect of the North Carolina Association

of Orthodontists. He represents North Carolina as its delegate to the House of Delegates of the American Association of Orthodontists. As a delegate from North Carolina, he has served on one of the reference committees and was a member of the AAO's Voting Threshold Task Force. Dr. Martin also shares his time with students at the University of North Carolina where he is an Adjunct Assistant Clinical Professor in the Department of Orthodontics.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Sharon Hunt Emerging Leader Award was initiated by the SAO Board of Directors to honor the strong legacy of leadership that Sharon Hunt imparted to the SAO. The recipient of the award must be an orthodontist who has been in practice less than ten years, a graduate of the SAO Leadership Development class and a person who is active in leadership in his/her state, constituent and/or the AAO.

- Dr. Christopher Baker



Dr. J. Don Spillers, Jr. was inducted by Governor Brian Kemp onto the Georgia Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Spillers will be one of 11 members on the Georgia Board of Dentistry as appointed by the governor.

This board serves to protect public health in the practice of dentistry by regulating and enforcing the standards of practice. Through the licensure process, the Georgia Board of Dentistry ensures that those applying for licensure in this state as a dentist or dental hygienist have acceptable education, training and personal character to safely practice in Georgia. In conducting its regulatory functions, the board sets and defines standards to draw the line between safe and dangerous dental practices.

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AO AWARDS

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Central Office Updates

Component Update

The return of in-person component meetings has been well received by members and exhibitors. Each component has planned a meeting filled with great fellowship, networking and education. We strongly encourage you to attend your component meetings.



SAO President, Dr. Mark W. Dusek, and the SAO Team

Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee all had a successful 2022 annual meeting!

Alabama	April 8-9, 2022	Westin/Sheraton Birmingham Alabama
Kentucky	August 12, 2022	Log Still Distillery
Louisiana	April 23, 2022	The Westin Canal Place New Orleans
South Carolina	March 25, 2022	Charlotte Renaissance Hotel Downtown
Virginia	March 24-25, 2022	Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg
West Virginia	July 23, 2022	The Greenbrier, White Sulpher Springs



FAO Meeting



NCAO Meeting



TAO Meeting

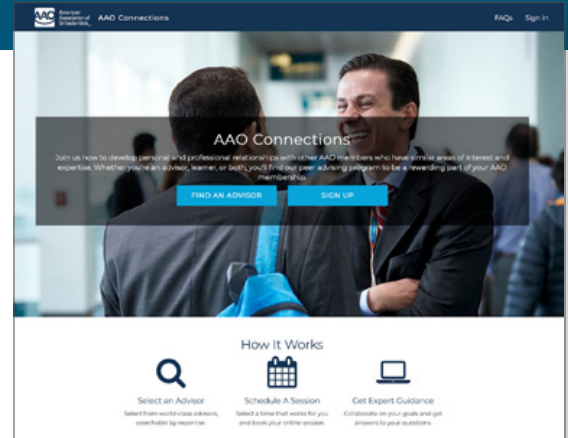


GAO Meeting

AAO Connections

Have you heard about AAO Connections?

AAO Connections is an online peer mentoring, networking, and collaboration platform that connects members with each other for one-on-one virtual advising sessions. As a learner, you can meet with AAO colleagues to learn from their experiences and get help when you need it. As an advisor, you have a hand in supporting the growth of your colleagues and the next generation of orthodontists with your knowledge and experience. To learn more visit: connections.aaoinfo.org.



AAO Consumer Awareness Program

The AAO's Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) is the only mass-market campaign designed to introduce the benefits of orthodontic treatment.

The key to the campaign, particularly in today's world of direct-to-consumer everything, is to promote the importance and value of receiving care from qualified professionals, namely, orthodontists.

The digitally focused effort uses a wide range of free and paid tactics to drive traffic to AAO's consumer-facing website. In the last fiscal year alone, CAP ads drove over 4.8 million consumers to the AAO consumer website.

We continue to post to major social media channels on a regular basis with informative, entertaining and engaging content. We encourage members to use and share this excellent content. For more details, scan this QR code.



Resident Research Funding

The SAO Scientific Committee will soon open up the application process for funding for resident research projects.

Applications must be received by Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm EST. Award announcements will occur by July 1, 2022. Additional information will soon be emailed.

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How Would YOU Treat this Patient?

The patient presented with a history of malocclusion in the family, but no contributory medical factors. She was 12 years old at the time of the initial visit.

The facial photographs (Figure 1) exhibit what appears to be a brachycephalic skeletal pattern, an everted lower lip, a deep mentolabial sulcus and a very noticeable projection of the chin. The casts (Figure 2) exhibit a deep overbite, an Angle's Class I occlusion of the right side, but an Angle's end to end Class II occlusion on the left side as well as a crossbite of the left second premolars. There is 6 mm of crowding in the mandibular arch and a curve of Spee 3 mm in depth. The panoramic radiograph (Figure 3) confirms that all the teeth are present with no pathology. The pretreatment cephalogram and its tracing (Figure 4a and 4b) confirm a very straight facial profile with long posterior facial height and short anterior facial height. The SNA/SNB relationship is excellent, but all teeth seem to be retruded in the face. The IMPA of 76 degrees and the low Frankfort Mandibular Plane Angle of 14 degrees are indicators of the complexity of the malocclusion - both dentally and skeletally.



Figure 1: Pretreatment facial photographs

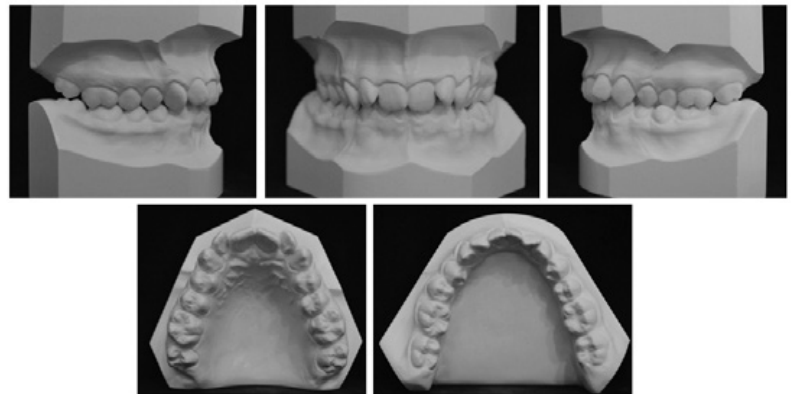


Figure 2: Pretreatment cast photographs

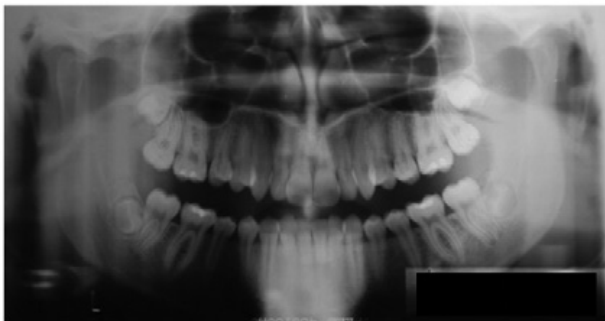


Figure 3: Pretreatment panoramic radiograph



FMIA	90
FMA	14
IMPA	76
SNA	81.5
SNB	80
ANB	1.5
AO-BO	1mm
OCC	6
Z	87
UL	16mm
TC	19mm
PFH	58mm
AFH	53mm
INDEX	.91

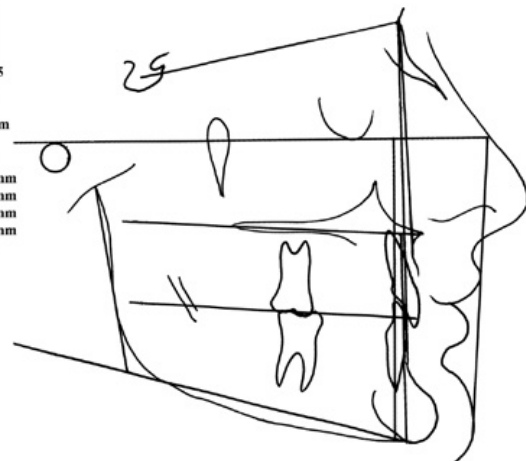


Figure 4a and 4b: Pretreatment cephalogram and tracing

TREATMENT OPTIONS

First, the skeletal framework had to be accepted - orthognathic surgery was not indicated. To create a more favorable skeletal pattern would require impractical and impossible surgery. The problem reverted to the teeth. There are essentially two dental options:

1. Put appliances on and align the teeth with forces that are delivered as carefully as possible - but realize the proclination of anterior teeth will be an issue.
2. Consider extraction of teeth in order to align the teeth without flaring incisors.



Figure 5: Posttreatment facial photographs

Due to the fact that the patient had an extremely straight face and a very "strong" chin, it was decided to treat the patient without removal of teeth - to align the teeth, as well as correct the overbite and the Class II end to end relationship on the patient's left side. Treatment was accomplished with an .022 standard edgewise appliance.

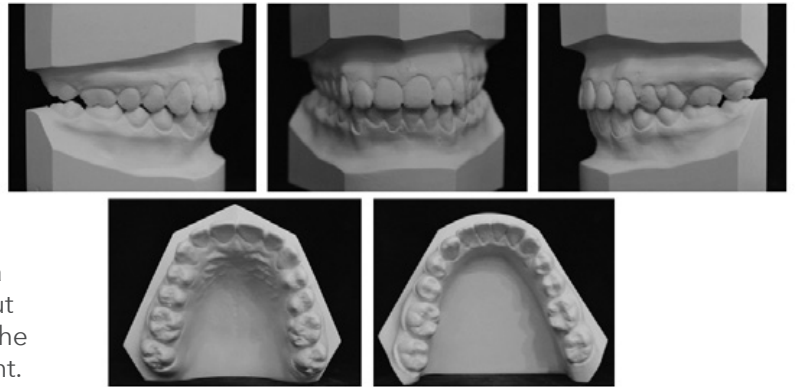


Figure 6: Posttreatment cast photographs

TREATMENT RESULTS

The posttreatment facial photographs (Figure 5) exhibit a slight reduction of the depth of the mentolabial sulcus but not a big difference between the pretreatment face and the posttreatment face other than more maturity of the patient. The posttreatment casts (Figure 6) confirm correction of the overbite and of the Angle's Class II occlusion on the left side. The casts also confirm alignment of all the teeth.



Figure 7: Posttreatment panoramic radiograph

The posttreatment panoramic radiograph (Figure 7) confirms no pathology of the teeth and exhibits third molars that must be extracted. The posttreatment cephalogram and its tracing (Figure 8a and 8b) confirm proclination of mandibular incisors for alignment, no change in the posterior facial height to anterior facial height ratio facial height to anterior facial height ratio and no change in the ANB relationship. The patient was essentially treated with tooth alignment so that the face was not adversely impacted by any retraction of teeth.



FMIA	67
FMA	13
IMPA	100
SNA	81.5
SNB	80
ANB	1.5
AO-BO	0mm
OCC	3
Z	90
UL	16mm
TC	19mm
PFH	61mm
AFH	58mm
INDEX	94

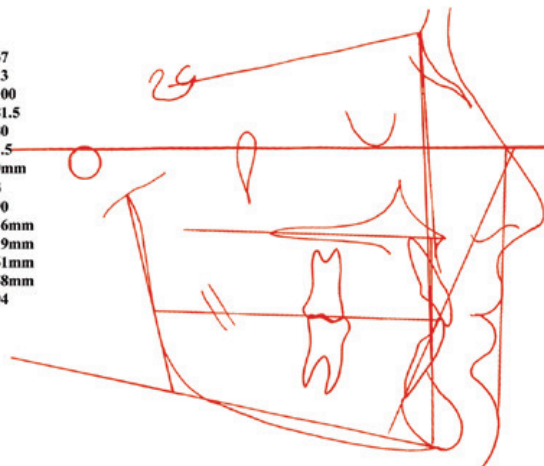


Figure 8a and 8b: Posttreatment cephalogram and tracing

The pretreatment/posttreatment tracing superimpositions (Figure 9) confirm skeletal maturation, some growth of the mandible and mandibular incisor proclination. The pretreatment/posttreatment smiling photographs (Figure 10) exhibit a broad and aesthetic smile and reduction of the overbite.

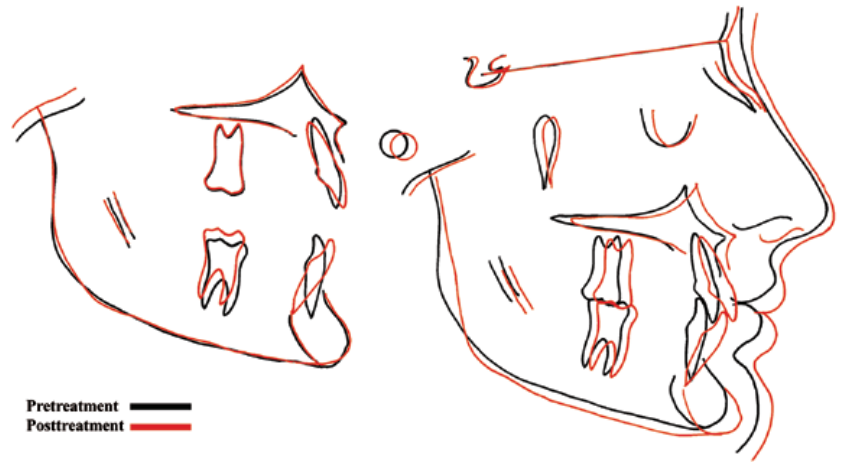


Figure 9: Pretreatment/posttreatment tracing superimpositions



Figure 10: Pretreatment/posttreatment smiling photographs



Figure 11: 12-year recall photographs

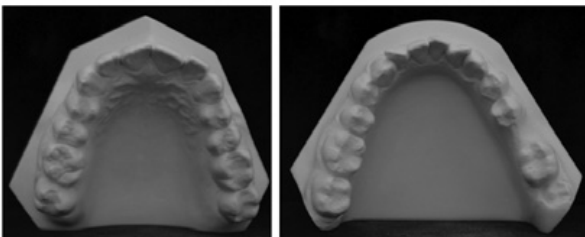


Figure 13: 12-year occlusal views of cast

RETENTION

The patient was instructed that retainers were an absolute necessity. A mandibular canine to canine retainer was placed in order to maintain lower incisor position the maxillary arch was retained with a Hawley. The patient disappeared! Fast forward 12 years. During the 12 years, she lost the bonded lingual retainer and ceased to wear the maxillary retainer. Twelve year recall photographs (Figure 11) reveal the brachycephalic face and a very strong chin prominence. The 12 year casts (Figure 12) exhibit a modest return of overbite, the loss of a mandibular right first molar and a relapse into crossbite of molars on the right side. Occlusal views of the casts (Figure 13) reveal the amount of mandibular anterior crowding that the patient had prior to orthodontic treatment!! The 12 year panoramic radiograph (Figure 14) confirms a healthy dentition with the exception of root canal treatment on the maxillary left first molar. Three third molars have been removed. The 12 year recall cephalogram



Figure 12: 12-year cast photographs



Figure 14: 12-year panoramic radiograph

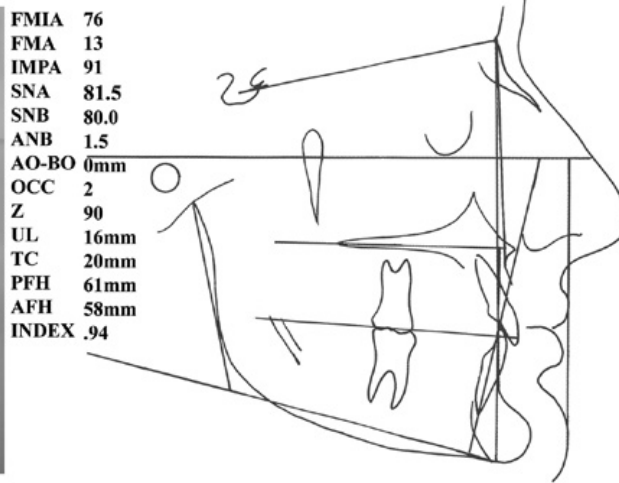


Figure 15a and 15b: 12 year recall cephalogram and tracing

and its tracing (Figure 15a and 15b) confirm that mandibular incisors have uprighted - something that was to be expected with no retention. The face is very, very straight, and of course, the chin is extremely prominent. The pretreatment/posttreatment/12 year superimpositions (Figure 16) confirm more chin projection and uprighting of the mandibular incisors. The pretreatment/posttreatment/12 year smiling photographs (Figure 17) confirm that the nice smile is still present.

THE PROBLEM

The patient expressed a strong desire to have retreatment for tooth alignment. If you are the treating orthodontist, what are you going to do? You know that nonextraction treatment is not going to work without permanent retention. There is now a missing mandibular first molar. Can the mandibular right second molar be brought forward into a good relationship with the maxillary teeth and subsequently, the third molar be brought into occlusion with the maxillary right second molar? What would you want done if this patient were your sister or your daughter? How would you manage this problem? Would you extract teeth with the hope that you

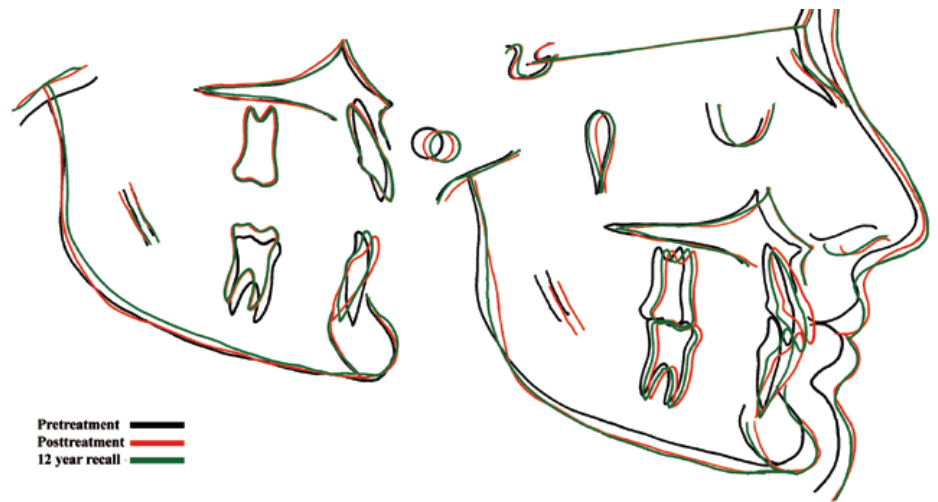


Figure 16: Pretreatment, posttreatment, and 12-year superimpositions



Figure 17: Pretreatment, Posttreatment, and 12-year smiling photographs

would gain some stability? Would you extract teeth and use TADs to protract the posterior teeth? Would you align the teeth again and place another bonded lingual retainer and tell the patient that it had to be removed be the undertaker?

Retreatment photographs (**Figure 18**) exhibit no significant facial changes. The patient has a very strong chin and more mentolabial sulcus than one would like. Retreatment casts (**Figure 19**) confirm that the mandibular anterior teeth were aligned and the mandibular right second molar was moved forward to gain some occlusion of the mandibular right third molar with the maxillary right second molar. The retreatment panoramic radiograph (**Figure 20**) confirms continued health of the dentition and a bonded lingual retainer to control the probable spacing between the maxillary central incisors. The retreatment cephalogram and its tracing (**Figure 21a and 21b**) confirm proclination, again, of mandibular incisors to gain alignment. Pretreatment/posttreatment/12 recall/retreatment tracings (**Figure 22**) illustrate another round of proclination of the mandibular anterior teeth as well as a more procumbent chin. The facial composites of pretreatment/posttreatment/12 year recall/retreatment (**Figure 23**) exhibit the maturation of the face and continued chin prominence. The pretreatment smile and the retreatment smile (**Figure 24**) exhibit the maturation change that took place for this patient over two courses of orthodontic treatment.



Figure 18: Retreatment photographs

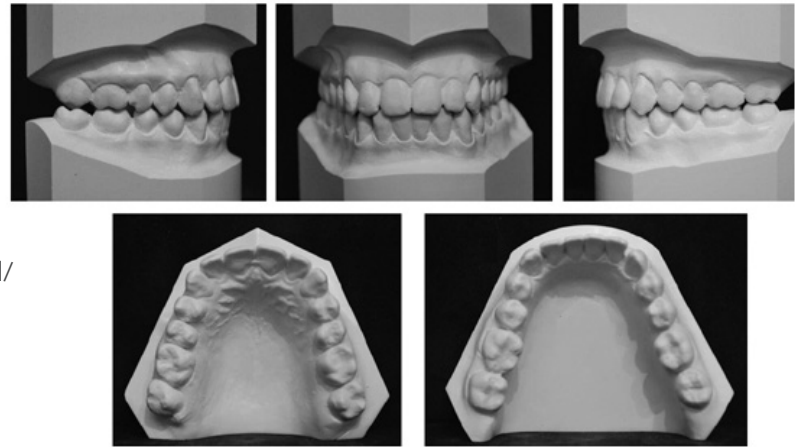


Figure 19: Retreatment cast photographs



Figure 20: Retreatment panoramic radiograph



FMIA 68
 FMA 12
 IMPA 100
 SNA 81
 SNB 81
 ANB 0
 AO-BO -2mm
 OCC 3
 Z 90
 UL 17mm
 TC 20mm
 PFH 61mm
 AFH 58mm
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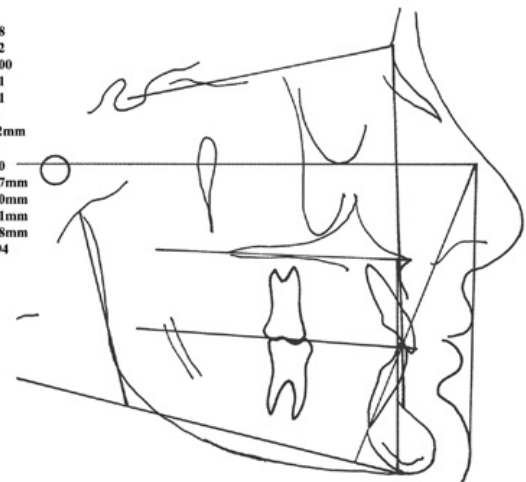


Figure 21a and 21b: Retreatment cephalogram and tracing

Figure 22: Pretreatment, posttreatment, 12 year recall, and retreatment tracings

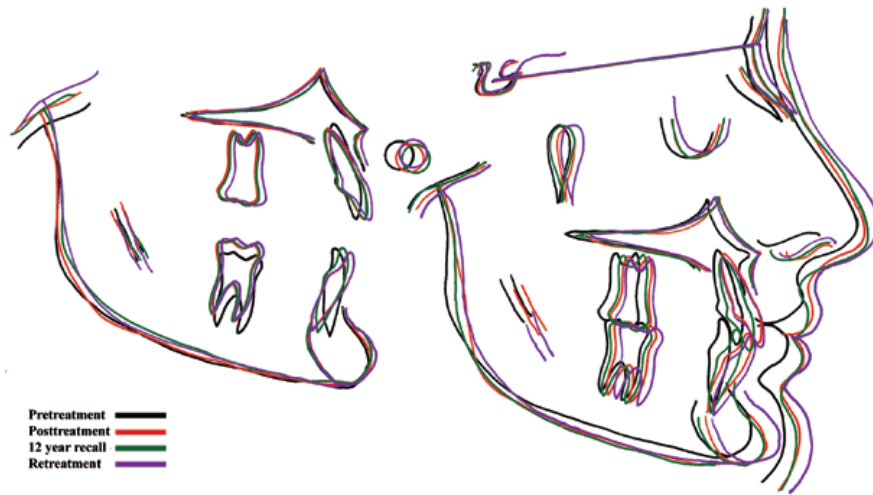


Figure 23: Facial composites

COMMENTS / THOUGHTS

The records of this patient have been shown because the treatment plan was controversial! There are patients in all of our practices for whom there is no good answer. This patient is one of those patients. There was no good answer and there remains no good answer. No matter what you do, it is wrong! When presented with problems like this, it is probably best to do the most conservative thing for the patient or do the thing that is "least" wrong. If there are people out there who look at this case report who have never had a patient like this one, you are lucky. If you have been practicing a long time, you have had these patients. They keep you awake at night - if you are conscientious. It is hoped that all who have looked at this patient and studied the records have enjoyed it and had the thought of "Yes, I have been there." Or, if you haven't seen it, you better hope you don't!



Figure 24: Pretreatment and retreatment smile

THANK YOU CHARLOTTE... AUSTIN HERE WE COME!

