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Our annual FAO session in Tampa is rapidly approaching. As usual the time simply flies by. I hope everyone will make an effort to attend this excellent program of camaraderie and lectures. In my opinion, Dr. Jimmy Glenos has lined up an exceptional program involving unique speakers we haven't heard. On Friday, March 4th from 1:00-4:00p.m. the AAO is co-sponsoring the AAOIC Malpractice Claims Seminar which earns a 10% discount on AAOIC policy renewal. Also on Friday from 4:30-6:30p.m. Invisalign is sponsoring our New & Young Member seminar, if space permits additional attendees are welcome. On Saturday, March 5th, Dr. Lisa Alvetro will be speaking on different styles of Class II Correctors and on Sunday, March 6th, Dr. Dischinger will discuss a number of different pertinent topics relating to orthodontics. Breakfast, lunch and the dinners are a great time for camaraderie, networking, etc.



Dr. Joe LeCompte

Dr. Bill Kochenour continues to do an amazing job for us as a Board of Dentistry member. On a daily basis, Bill keeps us abreast of many issues that arise which impact dentistry and orthodontics. It has been beneficial to have an orthodontist serving on the Board of Dentistry.

Dr. Andy Brown, of Orange Park, is on the FDA Governmental Action Committee. Likewise, Andy does an amazing job for us keeping track of cutting edge information coming down through the legislative policy makers. We are in excellent shape in regards to having orthodontic representation on many levels, which is very important this day in age. Everyday there are significant policies changes being proposed and we need to keep our pulse on all these items, both Bill and Andy have done a wonderful job.

We have also set up a FAO CCE to allow for political contributions especially during election time. This entity is separate from the FAO and the FAO Board of Directors. The FAO CCE has its own Board of Directors and is arms length from the FAO itself. It was recommended it be set up this way, which we have done and soon we'll be prepared to accept contributions. It is extremely important for us to be able to commit money to the FAO CCE. We need to have the ability to have contributions made in a timely manner during election times. This past election year we were

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Florida Board of Dentistry Update

With changes in the health care industry and education the Board of Dentistry is committed to strengthening its position to protect all citizens of the state of Florida. There have been a lot of changes going on that keep various committees of the board busy. The new Chairman, Dr. J Thaddeus Morgan from Lake Mary was elected at our last meeting in December. He will lead the BOD in the coming year.

Of latest concern are the numerous growing pressures that the BOD faces with our dental licensure examination. As one of two states left that recognizes only its own examination, we feel a scrutinizing hold of our state's right to maintain our independent status. As acknowledged by others we want to continue to strengthen our exam and continue to be a leader in the examination process. I feel that the Board of Dentistry has an exam that others have adapted to improve their own examination. The Florida Dental Association will discuss the future of this examination at the next House of Delegates meeting on January 21-22nd, in order to work with the BOD in protecting the citizens of Florida.

Another item of concern is specialty advertising. If you look at the minutes of the Board of Dentistry General Business Meeting of September 17, 2010 (page 5 of 23), you can read the new proposed rule. It was determined that this draft would be referred to the Rules Committee to edit the language to read more concise. Additionally, the Council on Dental Assisting – expanded duty programs - has some concerns with the expanded duties programs, lack of oversight, and lack of training in laws and rules. They would like to standardize education requirements to protect the citizens of Florida. The next BOD meeting is on February 18th in Tallahassee, Florida.

Other items of interest include the following BOD statistics from July 2009-June 2010:

Dentists

Florida active licenses - 9827
Inactive licenses - 32
Delinquent licenses - 162
Out of state active - 1766
Out of state inactive - 86
Retired - 498

Health Access dental licenses - 16
Clinical exams scheduled - 369 (Pass rate: 82.11%)
Diagnostic skills scheduled - 342 (Pass rate: 98.82%)
Laws and rules exams scheduled - 376 (Pass rate: 96.54%)
The board office issued 347 initial dental licenses.

- 952 complaints received against dentists; 354 of these were legally sufficient for investigation.
- 364 Cases in which no probable cause was found; 105 cases in which probable cause was found; 96 administrative complaints filed.

Disciplinary Actions

Revocation - 2	Suspension - 6	Fine - 54	Citations - 9
Voluntary Surrender - 17	Probation - 4	Reprimand - 21	Student Loan Defaults - 1

Unlicensed Activity

Complaints - 57	Referrals to law enforcement - 27
Cease & Desist - 13	Arrests - 9

If you have any questions or want input on these matters, please contact me (727) 796-2456 or Ms. Sue Foster, Executive Director of the BOD in Tallahassee (850) 245-4463. It has been a privilege to serve on the Board of Dentistry.

Dr. William Kochenour

Important Dates

March 8 – May 6, 2011 Legislative Session
March 30, 2011 FDA's Dentists' Day on the Hill
September 17, 2011 Board of Dentistry Meeting

Election 2010: What it means for Orthodontists and the Health Care Community



*Toni Large,
FAO Lobbyist*

GOVERNOR AND CABINET

The results of the 2010 elections are in, and the election is now behind us. But what does this election really mean for Orthodontists? For one, it means there are a lot of new faces in Tallahassee, and it is important to educate them about issues that are important to us. Numerous exit polls indicated that voters were not thinking about health care issues when they pulled the proverbial lever. Most of them were concerned about jobs and the economy. As such, many of the new faces at the state Capital didn't spend significant time learning about issues relevant to health care providers. It is not hard to imagine that many new House and Senate members might not know the difference between Medicaid and Medicare. Others may never have heard about reimbursement, prompt pay, or the Florida Board of Dentistry. Although the election is now over, the difficult part begins: educating them about our issues! So although the elections were seemingly a big victory for Republicans, we need to work on making it a big victory for orthodontists.

The most obvious changes in Tallahassee will be right at the top. For the first time, our Governor will have an extensive health care background. Governor Scott earned his law degree from Southern Methodist University. Following graduation, he practiced law in Dallas, primarily representing companies in health care mergers and acquisitions. In early 1987, Governor Scott saw the wisdom of starting his own health care company, which later became Columbia/HCA.

The Governor already has begun to make his mark with his transition team. Just prior to the Christmas holidays, his transition team made recommendations on numerous health care issues, including consolidation of various health care agencies. It is expected that January will also bring the appointment of many new Agency heads (including the Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration) to oversee the Governor's agenda on how to reshape Florida.

In addition to the Governor, the Cabinet will have three additional new members: Attorney General, Pam Bondi; Chief Financial Officer, Jeff Atwater; and Commissioner of Agriculture, Adam Putnam. It should be noted that Attorney General Bondi will be making Medicaid fraud detection and prevention a top priority. She has also pledged to pick up where former Attorney General Bill McCollum left off, and continue to challenge the constitutionality of the recently passed Federal healthcare bill. In fact, she made the challenge to the recent healthcare mandates her number one campaign priority.

CHANGE IN THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

The Florida House of Representatives will be led by Speaker Dean Cannon. The Florida Senate, in turn, will be led by President Mike Haridopolos. It should be noted that Speaker Cannon's younger brother is an ophthalmologist and President Haridopolos is married to a family practice physician. And, it should further be pointed out that Speaker Cannon once was an active medical malpractice defense attorney – representing physicians in medical malpractice cases - at an Orlando law firm. Thus, both men have close ties to healthcare providers and should lend a sympathetic ear to our concerns. In fact, President Haridopolos has already pledged to make sovereign immunity for Medicaid providers a legislative priority. In sum, the new House and Senate members have various and unique backgrounds. Those that have an expertise in health care issues include: Representative Larry Metz, a medical malpractice defense attorney from Eustis; Representative Jeanette Nunez, a hospital executive from Miami, and Representative Fred Costello, a dentist from Ormond Beach.

From a practical perspective, with the Republicans gaining an 81- 39 majority in the Florida House, and a 28-12 majority in the Florida Senate, they have now gained a veto proof majority in both chambers. It is unlikely, however, the Florida Legislature would be on the opposite end of many vetoes, since Senate President Mike Haridopolos and House Speaker Dean Cannon share many of the conservative political beliefs of the newly elected Governor. Of course, this represents a sea change from last year when many top priority issues for the Republican leadership were vetoed by Governor Crist.

With the Governor's inauguration set for January 4th, he is ready to "get to work," just like the mantra of the successful campaign motto he imbedded into the collective Florida conscience. As a new leader in Florida politics, he has expressed his desire to spend the first 100 days rolling up his sleeves and transforming our state, bringing more jobs to Florida, and improving the economy. We must also "get to work" and make it a priority to articulate to him and the rest of the new faces in Tallahassee the important role orthodontists play in our community.

President's Message (cont'd)

able to give money to Marco Rubio, Dan Webster and Sandy Adams. Dr. Jack Beattie was very involved in personally handing money to both Dan Webster and Sandy Adams. Please keep in mind if you are called upon and asked to contribute to the FAO CCE, this is very important for our long term outcome. We need to be well connected politically in the legislature. This can only improve our position long term regarding our success.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and I look forward to seeing everyone at the 71st Annual Session in Tampa on March 4-6th.

Sincerely,

Joe

Mark your Calendars - Upcoming Meetings & Events

March 4-6, 2011

**Florida Association of Orthodontists (FAO)
Annual Session**

Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza
Tampa, FL

May 13-17, 2011

AAO Annual Session

Chicago, IL

June 9-11, 2011

Florida National Dental Convention (FNDC)

Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center
Orlando, FL

Sept. 28 - Oct. 2, 2011

SAO Annual Session

Featuring Dennis Snow, Dr. Vince Kokich, Jr. and
Terry McDonald

Boca Raton Resort, Boca Raton, FL



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March 4-6, 2011

Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza

Friday, March 4, 2011

Registration 12:00 p.m.

Malpractice Claims Seminar 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Earn a 10% Discount on AAOIC Policy Renewal--Doctors insured by AAOIC (RRG) who attend the entire program will be able to earn a 10% professional liability premium discount on their policy.

*New and Young Member Seminar 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The Science in Every Smile

Dr. Willy Dayan and John Morton, Chief Bioengineer

Sponsored by Invisalign

**Residents and orthodontic graduates from 2000 or later are welcome.*

Dinner at Brio Tuscan Grille 7:00 p.m.

Located at International Plaza (no transportation needed)

2223 North WestShore Blvd.

Saturday, March 5, 2011

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Expanded Duties Meeting 7:30 a.m.

Forsus™ Class II Correctors 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Lisa Alvetro, DDS

Lunch 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bus transportation departs from hotel 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at University Club of Tampa 6:00 p.m.

Distinguished Service Award Presented to:

Dr. Jack Beattie

Sunday, March 6, 2011

Breakfast 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Class II Tx, Pass. Self-Ligation, 8:30 a.m. - Noon

Mixed Dentition Tx, Lingual Orthodontics

Terry Dischinger, DDS

Executive Committee Meeting 12:30 p.m.

Meeting Sponsors

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Exhibitors

American Orthodontics

Forestadent USA

GAC International

Opal Orthodontics by Ultradent

Ortho2

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RMO, Inc

Specialty Appliances

SPEED System Orthodontics

Televox

Tops Software

TP Orthodontics, Inc.

Dress Code Policy

During Annual Meeting Session &

Friday Dinner - **Casual Professional**

(No shorts, sport t-shirts or jeans)

During Saturday's Formal Dinner - **Professional**

(Coat & tie and ladies dress appropriately)

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____ Badge Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail: _____

Registration Fees: Active Member \$395.00 Faculty & Retired Member \$120.00 (*per dinner*)
 1st and 2nd Year Member \$100.00 Resident Member FREE

Payment Information:

Credit Card

CC # _____ Exp. Date _____ Zip Code _____

Signature _____ CVV Code _____

Check

Make check payable to FAO (*and mail to address below*)

Please Check Accordingly

Friday	Malpractice Claims Seminar:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	New & Young Member Seminar:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	Dinner at Brio:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
Saturday	Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	Forsus™:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	Lunch:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	Bus Transportation:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	Dinner at University Club:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
Sunday	Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	Class II Treatment:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend

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