

# FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS NEWSLETTER

January 2012



## President's Message

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First I'd like to wish all our members a happy and prosperous 2012! I hope each of you enjoyed a warm and fulfilling holiday season that serves to nourish and inspire you throughout the New Year.

As you probably know from previous FAO e-mail messages, in September, there was an unprecedented action taken by the AAO BOT approving a motion that the AAO president be one of the signatories on a letter to state BOD's advocating reciprocity and portability of licensure between states. This action greatly concerned the FAO leadership since it was diametrically opposed to our efforts at our own BOD (over the past six years) to maintain quality (continuity) of care for future orthodontic patients in Florida.

You can read further about this at [www.faortho.org](http://www.faortho.org), Member Information, President's Message tab.

As a result of our (and others) response, the AAO BOT reconsidered and voted instead to send the issue to several councils for consideration.

On November 9th, a survey was sent by the AAO to 63 members (component presidents and others unnamed). The survey included no additional information pertaining to the issue. It consisted of 3 questions and one area for comments. The response rate was 39.6%.

The only question with a significant majority response was:

*"Should the AAO adopt a positive position on the portability of specialty licenses between states and actively encourage states to adopt such policies?"*

Out of 63 surveyed, 20 responded yes to the above and 5 responded no.

Subsequently, the FAO prepared and the SAO submitted a different survey for component presidents of just the SAO district, including additional points to consider (facts that were not likely considered by the twenty respondents above). You can view our survey questions and responses at [www.faortho.org](http://www.faortho.org), Member Information, President's Message tab.

As part of our mission, your FAO leaders will continue to defend against any threats to the highest possible quality of care in our state and uphold those principles that bring us together each year as one of the largest component organizations in the country.

We could not do this effectively without your membership and we invite more active participation from those of you so inclined. Licensure is but one of our key legislative issues that requires more active participation



Dr. Jimmy Glenos

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# Orthodontic Legislative Update

## New Year – New Session

With the 2012 Legislative Session starting January 10, below is my countdown as to what this session is expected to bring.



**Toni Large, FAO Lobbyist**

### 1. New Legislative and Congressional Districts

Every 10 years Florida must undertake redistricting and reapportionment based on the newest federal census data. The Florida Legislature has met all summer working to redraw district lines to reflect changes in population and demographics. Despite all this pre-session work, this issue is expected to take up most of the legislation session, and hold many other issues hostage. Redistricting brings a whole new meaning to the term “horse trading”. Many key district lines get drawn in concrete versus sand once key votes are exchanged. Throwing a monkey wrench into the process are constitutional amendments previously passed by Florida voters making it tougher to draw Senate and House boundaries. Who will be the final decision maker on new districts? Many legislators feel ultimately the Florida Courts will have to settle the issue just in time for the November elections.

### 2. Florida’s Budget

Like every legislative session, one thing that must be accomplished is finalizing the State Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. What hasn’t changed though? Florida is once again in another budget shortfall, predicted to be \$2 billion. The Governor’s proposed budget recommendations included more cuts to State health care programs, including further cuts to hospital funding and more dollars to the state education system. Once again on the Medicaid cutting block, the Medicaid adult dental program. Other funding limits proposed include limits on primary care visits and emergency room visits for Medicaid recipients.

### 3. And Speaking of Medicaid....

Medicaid Reform will once again be on the front burner for the Florida Legislature, and once again dictate much of the State budget. The federal government has approved the continuation of the 5 county Managed Care Medicaid pilot, and the Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) says it will now focus on federal approval of the statewide expansion to managed care. AHCA is also complete now with the appointment of Justin Senior at the helm as the new Medicaid Director.

### 4. Legislative Tracking Watch List

SB 1040 by Senator Bogdanoff (HB to be filed by Rep Corcoran)

This proposed legislation, if passed, would allow dental hygienists, with additional training, to administer local anesthesia under the direct supervision of a dentist (patients must be non-sedated and at least 18 years of age). The training will include 30 hours of didactic training and 30 hours of clinical training, and implementation will be at the discretion of each dental office.

### 5. Gambling

As if redistricting and the State Budget wasn’t enough, it is expected that the Florida Legislature will tackle another hot and controversial issue, expansion of gambling and/or the addition of resort casinos in the state. Though this has nothing to do with the orthodontic world, it is expected to be an issue that will continue to take up much of the Legislature’s energy, with groups such as the Las Vegas Sands pushing to open shop in Florida. Some legislators are entertaining the idea as a way to deal with Florida’s budget crisis.

### 6. Specialty Licensure for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

This issue was discussed at the last Board of Dentistry meeting, and though no legislation has been filed for the 2012 Session, we will continue to monitor and alert leadership if any legislation dealing with this issue appears this session.

### 7. Dental Schools

Also on our watch list over the summer and also into the Legislative Session is the proposals to expand dental schools in Florida. FAO will continue to lend our voice to the FDA as they work to address this with policy makers in the most appropriate manner.

With 7 being a lucky number we will end our countdown here, and will keep FAO posted as the 2012 Session goes into full swing!

# Florida Association of Orthodontists

## Seventy-Second Annual Session

March 2-4, 2012

Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza



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### Friday, March 2, 2012

Registration . . . . . 12:00 p.m.  
Malpractice Claims Seminar . . . . . 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Elizabeth Franklin - 3 CEUs  
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-percent professional liability premium discount on their 2012 policy.  
\*New and Young Member Seminar . . . . . 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Dr. Mark Johnston - 1.5 CEUs  
\*Residents and orthodontic graduates from 2002 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 3, 2012

Breakfast . . . . . 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
Expanded Duties Meeting . . . . . 7:30 a.m.  
High Touch, High Tech - Orthodontic  
Excellence for a New Economy . . . . . 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Dr. Stephen Tracey - 9 CEUs  
Lunch . . . . . 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Bus transportation departs from hotel . . . . . 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner at The Tampa Club . . . . . 6:00 p.m.  
New Location...  
101 East Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 4200, Tampa, FL 33602  
**Distinguished Service Award Presented to: Dr. Robert Goldie**  
**OPEN MIC - Bring your best joke/orthodontist story**

### Sunday, March 4, 2012

Breakfast . . . . . 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.  
High Touch, High Tech - Orthodontic  
Excellence for a New Economy . . . . . 8:30 a.m. - Noon  
Executive Committee Meeting . . . . . 12:30 p.m.

### Meeting Sponsor

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### Exhibitors

3M Unitek  
Allesee Orthodontic Appliances  
American Orthodontics  
Carestream Dental, LLC  
Dolphin Imaging & Management Solutions  
GAC International  
Invisalign/OrthoCAD  
Ortho2  
Ortho Technology  
RMO, Inc  
Specialty Appliances  
SPEED System Orthodontics  
Televox  
Tops Software  
TP Orthodontics

### 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)

### Hotel Information

Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza  
4200 Jim Walters Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33607  
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## Seventy-Second Annual Session

March 2-4, 2012

### Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza

#### 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

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Check

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

*Please Check Accordingly*

**Dietary Restrictions:**     Vegetarian     Vegan     Allergy/Other \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Friday</b>	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

<b>Saturday</b>	Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	High Touch, High Tech:	<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 The Tampa Club:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend

<b>Sunday</b>	Breakfast:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend
	High Touch, High Tech:	<input type="checkbox"/> I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> I will not attend

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and financial support from our members. Contributions to our legislators through our CCE, (*Florida Orthodontists for Freedom*), helps speak to the intensity of our issues with one voice.

We look forward to seeing everyone on March 2<sup>nd</sup> for our 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Session. Dr. Chris Mariani has brought together an outstanding presentation with the usual AAO liability lecture (good for 10% off your premium), Dr. Mark Johnson speaking to the new and young members on a variety of important topics and Dr. Stephen Tracey promising to inform and entertain at the same time. – *You don't want to miss this one!*

I am very sorry to announce the loss of another of our valued regular attendees, Dr. Terry Tippin, this past September 9th. Terry and I shared many mutually beneficial and interesting discussions at our annual sessions over the past 25 years. I will not forget our time together on the train ride up to the top of Pikes Peak at the SAO meeting in 2010. He is responsible for inspiring many young orthodontists and his friendly manner will be sorely missed.

Sincerely,

*JIMMY*

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## Florida Orthodontists for Freedom

It's no surprise that in American politics the best funded lobbies get the most favorable legislation. Each year we face new challenges to our way of practice and to the way we deliver care to our patients. Some of it's just more of the same but in a new package. And it's coming at us faster than ever before.

On the table now: licensure by credentials, reciprocity, specialty licensure, health care reform, foreign graduate licensure, and corporate dentistry. But it's not the FAO or the AAO or the FDA or the ADA who control the process. It's the Florida Legislature who writes the Dental Practice Act and the Florida Board of Dentistry who enforces it for the citizens of Florida and it's there that we must make our voices heard. The best way is to get involved in a candidate's campaign, get to know him/her, volunteer, walk the precincts or make a contribution personally and through our CCE.

Our CCE is known as the Florida Orthodontists for Freedom. Contributions to candidates open doors and let our voices (and our lobbyist's) be heard. It shows the legislators that we are serious. So become a member of the FOF today. Don't delay. It seems like we hear it every year, but it truly is more important today than ever. And if you know a candidate who shares our views and is sympathetic to our issues, contact us to get a check that you can hand-deliver to his/her campaign.

Thank you for helping to maintain the status and proud traditions of the Florida Association of Orthodontists.

John Beattie, DMD  
FOF Chairman

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## FAO Director Spotlight



*Dr. John Richards*

### **John M. Richards, DDS, MS**

Dr. Richards is originally from Maryland where he attended Dental School, Hospital Residency, and Orthodontic Residency. He has a busy orthodontic practice with offices in Cape Coral and Fort Myers. He has been a member of the Lee County Cleft Palate Team for over 20 years.

John loves spending time with his wife Kimberley and their 4 children. Favorite pass times include skiing, scuba diving and hiking. He has been very blessed as an orthodontist and looks forward to helping ensure that our great profession continues to flourish.

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## FAO Nominating Report

The following are the recommendations of the Nominating Committee to be voted on March 3, 2012 in conjunction with the Annual Session. Additional nominations from the floor may be made. In order for a candidate to be nominated from the floor, that candidate's name must have been submitted to the President at least seven days prior to the annual meeting to verify membership in good standing and willingness to serve.

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Dr. Alvin J. Tight, II, Fort Lauderdale

Dr. Terry Tippin, Fernandina Beach

Dr. Robert F. Uible, Jacksonville

## Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Meetings & Events

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|--------------------------|---|
| <b>February 1, 2012</b>  | <b>FDA Dentists' Day on The Hill</b>  |
| <b>February 28, 2012</b> | <b>End of the biennium</b><br>Dental license renewal  |
| <b>March 2-4, 2012</b>   | <b>FAO Annual Session</b><br>Renaissance Tampa Hotel International Plaza<br>Tampa, FL                 |
| <b>May 4-8, 2012</b>     | <b>AAO Annual Session</b><br>Honolulu, HI   |
| <b>June 14-16, 2012</b>  | <b>Florida National Dental Convention</b><br>Gaylord Palms Hotel and Convention Center<br>Orlando, FL |
| <b>Sept. 26-30, 2012</b> | <b>SAO Annual Session</b><br>Grove Park Inn, Asheville, NC  |

