KAO Directors Report August 26, 2011 Lexington, Kentucky

The SAO Board of Directors meeting was held on Saturday, March 12, 2011. The topics were numerous and of interest to all members.

AAO Trustee, Dr. McCamish, discussed all current activities and ongoing programs at the national level and all topics slated for discussion at the AAO meeting May, 2011.

The board meeting was briefly suspended for a discussion regarding a proposed mentoring program for residents based on a model used by the Georgia Bar Association. The residents from the Medical College of Georgia were on hand to discuss resident concerns and hopes for this program. In the past, Kentucky has had a mentoring program but it was discontinued based on information supplied by the faculty and residents of U of L and UK. These entities felt that there were numerous opportunities for mentoring from the full and part-time faculty and area orthodontists.

Other topics discussed during the meeting regarded formation of an AAO credit union, contributions to the AAOF Craniofacial Growth Legacy Collection and the proliferation of orthodontic programs. I am also happy to report that Dr. Greg Inman was unanimously elected to the position of SAO Secretary-Treasurer which puts him in line for the SAO Presidency in the future. Kentucky continues to be well represented at both the state and national levels but we are always looking for interested individuals willing to give their efforts to improve and safe guard the field of Orthodontics.

The meeting was closed after a discussion regarding the responsibilities of all Board members to the SAO and its constituents. I look forward to seeing all of you at the upcoming meeting in Lexington this month.

Sincerely,

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