

# District VI Trustee Report

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Dear Colleagues:

Another busy yet fruitful year is drawing to a close. The 101st Annual Meeting in Boston proved successful, and AAOMS will host another beneficial educational event – the Dental Implant Conference – before 2019 concludes.

In the meantime, AAOMS remains committed to protecting the OMS anesthesia team model through published statements, a planned study on safety data and the use of our national data registry.

I am pleased to share with you a summary of our efforts related to anesthesia, a recap of the Annual Meeting and other important Association news.

## Anesthesia

■ **AAOMS defending anesthesia model** – The AAOMS Board of Trustees continues to focus on strategies – including publication of statements and outreach to dental specialty leaders, state professional advocates, OMS societies and other stakeholders – to protect and preserve the OMS anesthesia team model in response to a [Joint Statement](#) endorsed by the American Society of Anesthesiologists and three other organizations that mirrors the recommendations included in the updated [guidelines](#) from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry.

Both groups are recommending a “multi-provider team-based safe practice model” for deep sedation/general anesthesia for pediatric patients with a second independent observer who is a physician anesthesiologist, a CRNA, a second oral surgeon or a dentist anesthesiologist.

The AAOMS response includes an [article](#) in *JOMS* that will appear in the December print issue. The article notes the Joint Statement and updated guidelines were developed without AAOMS input.

For more than 60 years, AAOMS and its members have been dedicated to performing office-based anesthesia services that are cost-effective and accessible with “an unparalleled safety record,” according to the article, which details the comprehensive education and training that OMSs receive and development of the OMS Quality Outcomes Registry (OMSQOR®) to collect data to help validate the safety record of the OMS team model.

Please remember the Joint Statement and AAP guidelines do not impact your ability to practice, which is determined by each state’s required permit or certificate process.

■ **AAOMS, Foundation fund study** – To further help protect the OMS team model, a study is being launched of data related to anesthesia and patient safety. AAOMS committed \$75,000 to launch the project, and the OMS Foundation pledged an additional \$75,000 to sustain its progress.

This study marks the first step toward development of a definitive case for the safety of the OMS anesthesia team model. Your donations to the Foundation’s Annual Fund support this study and other

important programs funded by the Foundation. [Donate](#) by Dec. 31 to have your gift (up to a total of \$25,000) matched by OMS Partners, LLC.

■ **Sign up for OMSQOR** – Help protect the OMS anesthesia model by participating in OMSQOR. The registry gathers aggregate and de-identified data from participating members' electronic health record databases (including software offered by OMSVision). Through these data, AAOMS can more effectively produce quality reporting statistics about patient safety. [Learn more](#).

A component of OMSQOR is the Dental Anesthesia Incident Reporting System (DAIRS), which collects and analyzes information about anesthesia incidents in order to improve quality of care. [Learn more](#).

■ **Construction underway** – Construction of the OMS Institute for Education and Innovation at AAOMS headquarters in Rosemont, Ill., is expected to conclude in December. This state-of-the-art simulation and education center will host the [AAOMS National Simulation Program](#) modules and numerous meetings. The center will have four simulation labs and a classroom for 100 attendees.

■ **OAE app introduced** – The new Office Anesthesia Evaluation (OAE) web application is expected to automate and simplify the mandatory AAOMS evaluation process. The app will assist evaluators with performing office anesthesia evaluations and submitting required forms to AAOMS and OMS state societies.

## Annual Meeting

■ **Boston meeting delivers education, fun** – Nearly 4,000 members, staff and guests attended educational sessions, social events and other activities at the Annual Meeting. Ten tracks covered the scope of the specialty, and breakout sessions expanded on the meeting theme of Envisioning the Future of Research and Innovation.



*Dr. Egbert meets Red Sox legend Curt Schilling.*

The 2020 AAOMS Annual Meeting will be held Oct. 5-10 in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with IAOMS.

■ **House votes on resolutions** – Members of the House of Delegates voted on 12 resolutions at the Annual Meeting – approving a three-year extension of the special assessment for the AAOMS Informational Campaign and the development of a statement about tobacco use and vaping products. Among other actions, the Delegates approved the 2020 operational budget; honored the 50-year anniversaries of the Maryland, Missouri, Rhode Island and Western societies; and elected Dr. Deepak Kademani as director to ABOMS.

The House of Delegates also:

- Approved an amended resolution that the Board of Trustees consider strengthening the Office Anesthesia Evaluation program by including these requirements: 1) required recurring emergency airway management simulation training, 2) mandated use of certified anesthesia assistants for moderate and/or deep sedation/general anesthesia and 3) a recurring survey of member anesthesia activity, including number and levels of sedations.
- Approved forming a special House committee to review the process of Delegate allocation.



*Dr. Egbert honors the Western Society for its 50th anniversary.*

■ **Members honored** – At the Opening Ceremony, Awards Presentation and Meeting Dedication at each Annual Meeting, members and fellows are recognized for their achievements in such areas as advocacy, education and research. Among award recipients recognized at the Annual Meeting:

- **Annual Meeting Dedication:** Past and present members of the AAOMS House of Delegates
- **Robert V. Walker Distinguished Service Award:** Dr. Timothy Turvey
- **Presidential Achievement Award:** Dr. Mary Delsol Dobon
- **OMS Foundation Torch Award:** Dr. Thomas Dodson

Members are encouraged to nominate their colleagues for recognition in 2020 – the deadline is Jan. 31. [Learn more.](#)

■ **Applications can be submitted** – Applications for oral abstracts and posters for the Annual Meeting in San Antonio can be submitted in various clinical topics, including anesthesia and dental implants. Submissions are due March 8. [Learn more.](#)

■ **Photos now available** – Photos from the 2019 AAOMS Annual Meeting can be purchased at [ThePhotoGroup.com](http://ThePhotoGroup.com). The access code is AAOMSGallery19.

## Events

■ **Claim credit** – Attendees of the AAOMS Annual Meeting and Dental Implant Conference can complete session evaluations and claim CDE/CME credit by visiting [AAOMS.org/MyCE](http://AAOMS.org/MyCE). The deadline is Jan. 31 to claim Annual Meeting credit and March 31 for the Dental Implant Conference.

■ **Conference to address latest on implants** – The AAOMS Dental Implant Conference – being held Dec. 5-7 in Chicago, Ill. – caters to the entire restorative team. General sessions on Dec. 6 and 7 will cover Reconstruction of Hard- and Soft-tissue Defects in the Anterior Maxilla; Case Discussions; and more. [Learn more.](#)

■ **New conference to discuss oncology** – The new Principles of Head and Neck Oncology for the OMS conference is being held March 6-8 in Rosemont, Ill. General sessions on March 7 and 8 will review management of head and neck cancer patients and discuss establishing and maintaining an oncology practice. A March 6 hands-on preconference will cover clinical skills. [Learn more](#). (AAOMS residents and Fellows can apply to the [OMS Foundation](#) for travel expense reimbursements.)

■ **Course to focus on research** – The Clinical Trials Methods Course being held April 29-May 1 in Rosemont, Ill., will provide a broad overview of research methodology, clinical trial design, hypothesis testing, data collection/analysis and regulatory compliance. Participants will design a clinical trial under the guidance of course faculty. [Learn more](#). (AAOMS residents and junior faculty can apply to the [OMS Foundation](#) for travel expense reimbursements.)

■ **New conference geared to educators** – The inaugural AAOMS Educators Summit for OMS faculty will be held May 2-3 in Rosemont, Ill. Full-time OMS educators will discuss teaching practices to ensure continuous quality of OMS education and training. [Learn more](#).

## Advocacy

■ **Registration open for Day on the Hill** – OMSs can advocate on behalf of their practices and patients during the 20th anniversary of AAOMS Day on the Hill being held March 24 and 25 in Washington, D.C. Attendees will meet with their congressional offices to discuss priority issues relevant to the specialty. Complimentary airfare and one-night hotel accommodations will be offered to a limited number of AAOMS Fellows and residents who have not attended Day on the Hill in the last five years. [Learn more](#).

■ **Program helps society introduce bill** – The first state society to receive an AAOMS State Advocacy Grant – a program designed to help state societies promote and defend important OMS issues – introduced legislation that dictates qualifications for a dentist to advertise practice in a specialty area of dentistry. In partnership with other dental groups, the Oregon Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (OSOMS) passed a bill ([S 835](#)) that defines a “dental specialist.” [Learn more](#) about the grant program.

## Communications

■ **MyOMS.org redesigned** – The 61,000 prospective patients who visit [MyOMS.org](#) each month are seeing an updated look, new content, more videos and improved functionality as part of a site redesign. Because the Find a Surgeon “call to action” is accessible from every web page, members should update their practice information on the Member Center at AAOMS.org.

## Membership

■ **Members urged to update profiles** – Please log in and review your profile on AAOMS.org to ensure your contact information, office information and degrees are correct, and they are included in the appropriate directories on MyOMS.org (public-facing) and AAOMS.org (members-only).

■ **OAE recertification due** – Office Anesthesia Evaluation (OAE) recertification is due by July 31 for members and Fellows who last completed an OAE or exemption form in 2014 (or 2013 in New Jersey and Delaware). Members whose AAOMS records show as due for evaluation were sent correspondence late last year. Noncompliance with the OAE program will result in discontinuation of AAOMS membership. Questions? Email [membership@aaoms.org](mailto:membership@aaoms.org) or call 800-822-6637.

## Foundation

■ **Foundation meets challenges** – Donors contributed to the Foundation’s Annual Fund, Global Initiative for Volunteerism and Education (GIVE) program and R.V. Walker Society at the AAOMS Annual Meeting. Gift-match challenges from AAOMS and the James and Carmen Hupp Foundation were met, helping raise more than \$55,000 for the Annual Fund and nearly \$25,000 for GIVE.

■ **Foundation introduces non-OMS chair** – The OMS Foundation marked its 60th anniversary by inaugurating William C. Passolt, CPA, as its first non-OMS chair. Mr. Passolt is president, CEO and a director of OMSNIC and its subsidiary, Fortress Insurance Company. He has been a director of the Foundation since 2015 and served as its treasurer and vice chair before replacing Dr. Kathy Banks.

## News of Note

■ **JOMS becomes journal of CAOMS** – Starting with the September issue, JOMS is the official journal of both AAOMS and the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Dr. Carl Bouchard is the CAOMS liaison on the JOMS Editorial Board. He joins Dr. David Walker, who serves as Canada’s representative on the JOMS International Editorial Board.

■ **Henry Schein winners announced** – Through the Global Outreach Program, AAOMS and the Henry Schein Cares Foundation are supporting OMS volunteer efforts for the fifth consecutive year. The following are each receiving \$2,500 grants and \$2,000 in healthcare products from the Foundation: KyungHoon Chung, DDS, MD; Gary Parker, DDS; Steven M. Roser, DMD, MD, FACS; and Daniel Witcher, DDS.

■ **Member named to ADA leadership** – AAOMS Fellow Daniel J. Klemmedson, DDS, MD, of Tucson, Ariz., was elected ADA president-elect in September. Dr. Klemmedson, a former OMSPAC chair, has served as president of the Western Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Arizona Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Arizona Dental Association and Southern Arizona Dental Society.

I greatly appreciate your continual support. As always, if you have any questions or comments about AAOMS programs or services, please feel free to contact me.

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