

## OAO Executive Council

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## President’s Message

Dear Colleagues,

It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful and safe summer of fun, relaxation and family time. As a big baseball fan, it is wonderful to see the city of Toronto have Blue Jay fever for the first time in over 20 years. My Boston Red Sox have graciously decided to give the only Canadian team a chance to unite the whole nation once again.



Your OAO Executive has been diligently working on many issues and was able to meet on June 5th and will have our next Executive meeting on Friday October 23rd. We continue to work closely with and have OAO representation at the ODA, RCDSO, CAO, GLAO and OADS.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those individuals who are helping me during my presidential year at the OAO. Immediate Past President Dr. Drew Smith has done a wonderful job and put countless hours into the By-Laws for the OAO. This will be Drew’s presidential legacy as it was a thankless job talking to lawyers and other professionals in order to have the OAO ONCA compliant. Drew, I am humbled by your efforts put forth helping the OAO with this very important matter. Drs. John Bozek and Mitch Miller, as Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer respectively, thank you for your hard work and input into matters that are brought up to the Executive at the OAO. Our new OAO representative to the CAO is Dr. Eric Selnes who brings much wisdom to the position as a former president of the OAO. Welcome Eric and thank you for your continued involvement in the politics of our profession. Eric replaces Dr. Sheila Smith who did an excellent job keeping the OAO informed about concerns at the national level. Thank you very much Sheila for your dedication. Dr. Gagan Bhalla is doing a great job as our representative to the GLAO as we welcomed him to the position last year. Dr. Mariela Anderson continues to chair the New and Younger Members Committee and has brought valuable suggestions and ideas to the Executive in order to allow our association to continue to grow.

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I have also, and continue, to receive valuable guidance from Drs. Anthony Mair, Barry White, Michael Sherman and Richard Marcus.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank a very special individual who has helped the OAO for over 30 years. Gayle Fielding has been the secretary at the OAO since 1982 and has attended every Executive Meeting and AGM. She has been the 'face' of our Association and we cannot thank her enough for the job she has done for the OAO. It has been announced that 2015 will be Gayle's last year with the Association. We all owe Gayle our heartfelt thanks as I am sure she has helped every single one of us at one time or another. This has come full circle for me as Gayle was the receptionist at the office of Dr. Malcolm Yasny back in 1984-1985. She actually remembered me being a patient in the office. Maybe my looks have not changed after all these years! Once again Gayle, thank you from the bottom of all of our hearts.

The Executive at the OAO interviewed three association management companies that provide administrative support to professional associations and have decided to hire Bond Executive out of Toronto. We look forward to have Shari Bricks and her team join the OAO in this capacity.

I am excited about our 2nd OAO Spring Scientific Session in Niagara-on-the-Lake. It will be held on the weekend of May 27-29, 2016. The beautiful Queen's Landing Hotel will once again be the location of this wonderful weekend of education and camaraderie. We hope to see everyone there and the planning committee is working hard in putting together this event which will feature both Core Category 1 and Category 2 lectures.

It is an honour to serve the members of our Association as president for 2015-2016 and hope to see you at our next AGM on Thursday November 26, 2015.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lui Redigonda  
OAO President

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## Farewell to a Good Friend

Back in 1981, Drs. Mal Yasny and Bryan Smith had the foresight to create a new position within the OAO, that of executive-secretary, in order to help the line officers meet the demands of our growing association. Mal had just the right person in mind, and after some prodding, Gayle Fielding finally agreed to take on the job. Thirty-four years later, Gayle has decided to hang up her pen and notebook (now her MacBook) and retire from the OAO. Over the years, we have all come to know Gayle as the friendly face of the OAO, warmly greeting us at the general meetings each year. The numerous presidents who have served on the executive committee over the past 34 years know that her talents run much deeper than her beautiful smile however. Her efforts went well beyond those listed on her job description. Given her enduring tenure at the "table", OAO officers often looked to Gayle for input and we have all benefitted from her experience and wisdom. She also undertook the role of indoctrinating the incoming secretary-treasurer on the ways of the OAO executive, graciously sharing her knowledge and insights on our association.

Gayle has quietly left her mark on the OAO and our association has benefitted greatly from her dedication and contributions. Her unwavering smile, thoughtfulness and humour will be missed.

Our general meeting on November 26th will be Gayle's final meeting in an official capacity. I urge all of you to come out to not only say hello, but also to thank Gayle for her years of service and significant contributions to the OAO.

Sincerely,

Dr. Drew Smith  
Past President



## Award Recipients from our April AGM

At our April, 2015 General meeting the following awards were presented!

Dr. Jack Dale, who, through his own initiative and leadership, has rendered the aims and ideals of our profession resulting in a distinctive contribution to the art and science of orthodontics and the betterment of mankind was presented the OAO Honourary Membership Award!

Dr. Arlene Dagys was presented the OAO Award of Merit in recognition and appreciation of her dedicated service to our association and to the orthodontic profession in various capacities throughout the years.



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## SAVE THE DATE

### 2nd OAO Scientific Meeting

### May 27-29, 2016

Following up on the very successful June 2014 OAO Scientific Meeting in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the OAO has decided to again hold a Scientific Meeting at Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake, the last weekend of May 2016 on May 27-29.

There will be two 3 hour sessions eligible for Core 1 CE points (for a total of 6 core 1 points), as well as two sessions eligible for Level 2 CE points.

Our Core 1 speakers and topics will be Dr. Ernest Lam who will speak on "From Features to Image Interpretation - What To Look For And What It Means", and Rene Brewer and Robert Feldman from the Professional Liability Program whose topic will be "Consent To Treatment".

Our Level 2 speakers and topics will be Dr. Charles Rodrigue who will speak on "What If Molars Were The Solution", and Dr. Ed Lin whose topic will be "3D Orthodontics And Self Ligation In Your Practice."

Social events will also highlight our Meeting with a Friday evening welcome reception and a Saturday evening gala event at Stratus Winery.

Mark your calendars to set this weekend aside for the OAO Scientific Meeting. Registration will be available in the fall at our website devoted to this event. Please call Queens Landing directly to take advantage of our preferred room rate.

Last year was sold out, so make sure to get your reservations lined up early!

Richard Marcus  
OAO Scientific Sessions Chair

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**Queen's Landing,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake**

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## New Members

### January

Dr. Shahram Daneshdoost  
Dr. Crystal Riley  
Dr. Natalie Swoboda

### March

Dr. Bhawna Sawhney

### June

Dr. Michael Ponikvar  
Dr. David Chambers

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## Upcoming Meetings and Scientific Sessions

U of T Orthodontic Alumni Association Lecture  
October 16, 2015  
Toronto, ON

OAo Fall General Meeting  
November 26, 2015  
The Estates of Sunnybrook, Toronto, ON

Toronto Orthodontic Study Club Fall Lecture  
November 27, 2015  
The Carlu

American Association of Orthodontists Winter Conference  
January 22-24, 2015  
Palm Springs, CA

American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session  
April 29 - May 3, 2016  
Orlando, Florida

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Queen's Landing, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

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