AAOMS OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES ELECTED
The AAOMS House of Delegates introduced J. David Johnson Jr., DDS, as 2021-22 President and elected President-Elect Paul J. Schwartz, DMD; Vice President Mark A. Egbert, DDS, FACS; Treasurer Robert S. Clark, DMD; and Speaker of the House Steven R. Nelson, DDS, MS, at the 2021 AAOMS Annual Meeting in Nashville, TN.

District VI Trustee W. Frederick Stephens, DDS, was elected to a two-year term to replace Dr Egbert. District I Trustee David M. Shafer, DMD, and District III Trustee Debra M. Sacco, DMD, MD, were reelected to two-year terms.

Other 2021-22 AAOMS Officers and Trustees are:
- Immediate Past President B.D. Tiner, DDS, MD, FACS
- District II Trustee Martin E. Eichner, DDS
- District III Trustee Debra M. Sacco, DMD, MD
- District IV Trustee J. David Morrison, DMD
- District V Trustee Charles A. Crago, DMD, MD, FACS
- Secretary/Executive Director Karin Wittich, CAE

Study to collect anesthesia data
To measure the safety of the OMS anesthesia team model, AAOMS and the OMS Foundation are funding a 2-year prospective research study. Those interested in participating in the AAOMS Anesthesia Safety Study via the OMS Quality Outcomes Registry (OMSQQR) should email omsqor@aaoms.org.

Dr Thomas Dodson’s research team will analyze the collected data, and the results will be published periodically during the 2-year study to provide evidence related to the safety of the OMS anesthesia team model.

Access continues for Annual Meeting
All 2021 AAOMS Annual Meeting registrants received access to on-demand educational content until December 31.

Those who wish to watch a session again – or to explore a session they were unable to attend in-person – can view the session recordings. Sessions are accessible at AAOMS.org/AMprogram until December 31. Additional information is available at AAOMS.org/AnnualMeeting.

Dental Implant Conference also online
Registrants of the Dental Implant Conference being held December 2–4 in Chicago, IL, and online will receive access to all general sessions, three on-demand sessions and the preconference program (additional tickets required) as archived recordings for 60 days.

New this year, participants can purchase multiple preconference sessions — each will be available as an archived recording beginning December 6.

Additional information is available at AAOMS.org/DIC.

Conference to discuss oncology
The Advances of Head and Neck Oncology for the OMS being held March 4 to 6 at the OMS Institute for Education and Innovation at AAOMS headquarters in Rosemont, IL, will discuss surgical and scientific developments. Participants will receive education to help ensure patients receive the highest-quality surgical care with optimal functional outcomes after ablative and reconstructive head and neck surgery.

Topics will include advanced ablative techniques in head and neck surgery as provided by the OMS, evaluation and multimodality management of head and neck cancer patients, ethical principles of head and neck oncology practice as an OMS as well as advanced management strategies for rare head and neck tumors.

A March 4 hands-on preconference will cover the sentinel lymph node, sialendoscopy, airway management, and ultrasound. More information is available at AAOMS.org/HeadandNeck.

Deadline for dues is this month
All AAOMS fellows, members and candidates have been mailed 2022 membership dues notices. Those who sponsored allied staff members in 2021 will see those names on their annual statements to allow for convenient membership renewal.

Retired fellows and members received an optional contribution and subscription statement (without the dues charge), which provided an opportunity to subscribe to JOMS at the member rate and to remit voluntary contributions to OMS Foundation, OMSPAC, and IAOMS.

Dues payments can be made at AAOMS.org or by secure fax or mail. Allied staff members wishing to renew on their own can log in to their individual membership account on AAOMS.org and pay online at any time. Because the online system is set up for individual logins, sponsoring members cannot pay for their allied staff members when they log in to their OMS member online accounts.

Payment for 2022 dues and assessments is due by December 15. If circumstances make it difficult to meet this deadline, AAOMS offers a payment plan.
Those interested should email membership@aaoms.org before December 15 for more information. Payments received in-house by this date are guaranteed processing by year-end. Payments made online at AAOMS.org can be made as late as December 31 for recognition in 2021.

Those who did not receive their annual statement or need to report a change in status should email membership@aaoms.org or call 800-822-6637.

Members can be nominated

Every year, AAOMS honors fellows and members for their outstanding accomplishments in research, education, humanitarianism and other areas.

Members are encouraged to consider nominating colleagues for these accolades. The deadline for nominations each year is January 31.

The AAOMS Awards Nominating Committee reviews nominations from Association fellows and members. Additional information is available at AAOMS.org/Awards.

Webinars accepted

AAOMS is accepting applications for webinar presentations at AAOMS.org/Speakers. Questions can be sent to kbrower@aaoms.org.

Members can update profiles

Find a Surgeon—the public-facing directory on MyOMS.org—has been enhanced so AAOMS members can update their profiles to include particular conditions they treat, procedures they perform and languages they speak.

With the additions, patients can more quickly be matched with a qualified specialist who can care for their needs. The new Find a Surgeon also includes an interactive map that shows pin drops for each practice location within a desired distance to help prospective patients explore the services of nearby OMSs. AAOMS members can list their primary office location and 3 additional locations.

To update their profiles, members can visit AAOMS.org/Login and enter their username and password. Questions can be emailed to membership@aaoms.org.

Courses added

CE on-demand courses and live webinars have been added at AAOMS.org/CEonline.

CE online by AAOMS offers a wide variety of subject matter for the OMS, resident and professional staff to participate at their own pace, wherever and whenever convenient.

Special member pricing is offered. Questions and feedback can be sent to conteducate@aaoms.org.

IN MEMORIAM

Jeffrey S. Almony, DDS, MD, Fellow
Aberdeen, NC
1963-2021

Dr Almony attended the University of Maryland School of Dentistry and earned his MD from the University of Texas. He specialized in oral and maxillofacial trauma surgery and completed a fellowship in cosmetic surgery. He taught residents and, after a 30-year Army career, he went into private practice in Pinehurst, NC.

Dr Almony is survived by his wife, Laura Anne Rakvin; sons Michael, Alexander and Mitchell; daughter, Jordan Vallee; parents Edgar and Madeline; and sister, Wanda Brickey.

Ruben Cohen, DDS, Fellow
New York, NY
1975-2021

Dr Cohen and a pilot died in a private plane crash near Aspen, CO, according to a story in the New York Daily News. Dr Cohen had a Park Ave. practice in New York, served those in need and was involved in September 11 rescue efforts at Ground Zero. He treated patients at the Israel Defense Forces hospital after the 2010 earthquake in Haiti.

Robert (Bob) L. Coles, DMD, Life Fellow
Mauldin, SC
1943-2021

Dr Coles earned his DMD from the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, OMS training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Hospitals and OMS residency at the Medical College of Georgia. He was a Major in the United States Air Force and Chief of the OMS division at Shaw Air Force Base.

Dr Coles was in private practice in Mauldin and on staff in the OMS department and the facial trauma service at Greenville Hospital System. He also was an Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support (ACLS) instructor and regional faculty with the American Heart Association on ACLS. Dr Coles was a member of committees in the Greenville Hospital System and Chair of the OMS department. He received the AAOMS Presidential Achievement Award in 2008. For AAOMS, Dr Coles was instrumental in the development of assistant programs and served as a member of the Committee on Practice Management and Professional Staff Development.

Dr Coles was survived by his children Kelly Smith, Kimberly Coles-Huggins and Robert Coles II; brother, Thomas; 4 grandchildren; and 1 great-granddaughter.
Dan J. Crocker, DDS, MS, Life Fellow Retired
Cincinnati, OH
1940-2021
Dr Crocker attended the Ohio State University College of Dentistry, joined the United States Army at Fort Gordon, and earned his MS in pathology. He had several practices in the Cincinnati area, and he was a professor at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in the OMS Division.
Dr Crocker is survived by his wife, Jennifer Ann; children Becky, Nicci, Ashley, and Lauren; and 4 grandchildren.

Dean W. Gordon, DMD, Life Fellow Retired
Ocala, FL
1933-2021
Dr Gordon graduated from University of Louisville School of Dentistry. He trained at Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, FL, before serving active duty for 10 years in the Air Force. He completed additional training at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.
Dr Gordon opened an OMS practice in Ocala, and served the community for 40 years and 3 generations of patients. He completed 10 additional years of reserve duty at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, FL, and retired as Lt. Colonel. He donated his medical equipment to clinics in third-world countries.
Dr Gordon is survived by his wife, Judi; daughter, Dr Dana Gordon; and sons Michael and Darryl.

CALENDAR

2021
December 2 to 4
AAOMS Dental Implant Conference
Sheraton Grand Chicago,
Chicago, IL, and online

2022
March 4 to 6
Advances of Head and Neck Oncology for the OMS
OMS Institute for Education and Innovation, AAOMS headquarters
Rosemont, IL

April 5 to 6
Day on the Hill
Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel
Washington, DC

April 7 to 10
Southwest Society of OMS Combined Annual Meeting
The Broadmoor
Colorado Springs, CO

April 26 to May 1
Southeastern Society of OMS Annual Meeting
The Montage Palmetto Bluff
Bluffton, SC

April 30 to May 1
Educational Weekend
• Advanced Protocols for Medical Emergencies in the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Office (APME)
• Beyond the Basics Coding Workshop
• Practice Management Stand-Alone
  The Westin Denver Downtown
  Denver, CO

May 4 to 6
Clinical Trials Methods Course
OMS Institute for Education and Innovation, AAOMS headquarters
Rosemont, IL