



MEET THE AO BOARD



MARTY BRAVERMAN 2016 SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION CO-MARSHALL

My name is Marty Braverman and I am the Co-Marshall for the Alpha Omega International Fraternity annual convention taking place this year in San Francisco. I have been a member of

Alpha Omega since 1980 when I joined the Boston Alumni chapter as a resident in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Tufts Dental School. I moved back to my hometown of Vancouver BC to begin my practice in 1984. I have been involved with the Vancouver Alumni chapter since 1984. Over ten years ago I attended my first AO Convention that took place in Vancouver

and became more connected with the International organization. I served as a Canadian Director for six years. I was given the opportunity to serve as Co-Marshall to the Convention in Ft. Lauderdale during the presidency of my current Co-Marshall for AOSF2016, Michael Tenenbaum. I have also been involved over the years with organized dentistry and have been involved with my synagogue serving as President eight years ago. I have been honored with fellowships in the International College of Dentists and the American College of Dentists. My wife, Janet, and I have three grown children and we are blessed to have two granddaughters and a 3rd grandchild on the way. I am excited to be able to create a convention that will be a wonderful experience for everyone who attends.



ADAM STABHOLZ IMMEDIATE PAST INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Adam Stabholz graduated in 1974 from the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine and in 1978 completed the graduate program in endodontics at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Adam was promoted to the rank of full professor in endodontics in 1993 and was elected to serve as Dean of the Hebrew University-Hadassah School of Dental Medicine for 14 years.

He was awarded honorary degrees in universities in Romania, Bulgaria and Argentina and served as the Chairman of the

Scientific Council of the Israel Dental Association.

In 2011, he was elected as the Vice Chair of the Alliance for Oral Health Across Borders and In 2012, he received the Achievement Medal Award from the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity.

In 2015, he served as the International President of the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity and currently he is a board member and the Treasurer of WFLD (The World Federation of Lasers Dentistry).

Adam has published extensively in the dental literature; he is the author of several chapters in endodontic textbooks and has lectured at many international dental meetings. His current research is focused on the application of lasers in dentistry.

AO NY CHAPTER HOSTS A MIDSUMMER'S NIGHT MEETING JULY 27, 2016



Thank you to all the local NY members who attended the networking evening. Special thanks goes to those members who are stepping into officer positions for 2016-17.

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AO FRATER IN THE NEWS



Stacia Krantz, DDS, MAGD
Washington, DC Chapter

Congratulations to Stacia Krantz on earning the Academy of General Dentistry Mastership Award. This professional designation within the AGD beyond Fellowship, Mastership reflects a general dentist's ongoing commitment to provide quality care through continuing education. This is the AGD's highest honor.

STACIA KRANTZ



WELCOME NEW MEMBER: DREW SMITH, DDS



Drew is a practicing orthodontist in London, Ontario, Canada. He earned a DDS degree at the Dalhousie University, Faculty of Dentistry and completed a residency program at the Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN. He

then completed his orthodontic residency at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI.

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AO BOSTON UNIVERSITY BETA EPSILON CHAPTER JULY 2016

The chapter participated in a post-doc orientation for new residents and share what AO is about.



REFLECTIONS ON A DENTAL MISSION TRIP TO UGANDA

Jeff Goldsmith, AO UNC Chapter President

A google search will show that there are an estimated 37.58 million people in Uganda, however, only 2,000 members of the population, or 0.00005%, are Jewish. Dr. David Abramowitz, a retired Dentist residing in Charleston, SC, found a small, Jewish community in Uganda and helps facilitate mission trips to serve their Dental needs several times a year. In the spirit of *Tikun Olam*, healing the world, and with the help of my wife, Blair Goldsmith, and Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity (AO), eight of us journeyed to the foremost Jewish community in Uganda, Abayudaya, to give dental care. Our diverse group consisted of 3 Israelis, 4 Americans, and a Londoner. Over the course of 10 days, I experienced one of the most clinically and spiritually rewarding trips of my entire life.

Our group was able to see 130 patients and do an estimated \$45,000 in treatment, an average of about \$350 per patient. My favorite memory occurred right before lunch the second day of clinic. I was hot, tired and hungry when my last patient of the morning sat in my chair. The 94-year-old did not speak English but pointed to two "Shaky teeth", which referred to hopeless teeth that were extremely mobile. After extracting these two teeth, he broke out into a dance out of joy! We both danced and celebrated the alleviation of his pain together as the room erupted in cheer and laughter. For the rest of my career, I will chase that euphoric moment and hope to share many more joys with my patients like that one.

Much to my chagrin, almost all of my patients spoke little-to-no English. The failure to connect on a cultural level was so immense that I had little expectations for

Friday night services - the welcoming of the Sabbath. Upon the commencement of services, I was pleasantly surprised when I was handed the same prayer book that I used in my conservative temple in Charlotte, NC. Moreover, I was shocked to find that the congregation used many familiar tunes and I was able to follow the service effortlessly. I closed my eyes many times and focused on being present over the course of that 45-minute service. Although a cultural connection for me was absent during the week, the spiritual connection I felt during services was so profound that I had to fight back tears for most of the service. Even though we come from very different backgrounds, our bond was through Judaism and it made us family.

The trip left me with great clinical and spiritual memories that will last a lifetime. The Abayudayans will always be in my heart and helped me grow both as a Dentist and a Jew. This trip would have never been possible without the support of my wife, friends, family and AO as I am grateful beyond words to the aforementioned.





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