As summertime is upon us, this is a time to reflect back on our first half of the year and plan for what's ahead.

First, I would like to congratulate all of the graduates and our new Alpha Omega doctors: May you all have a magical career filled with health, happiness, growth, and prosperity. As you move into your new roles as residents or first year practitioners, make sure to keep in touch with your local AO chapter as well as the international chapters. We have many webinars and meetings throughout the country (and the world) that will be truly beneficial as you begin your career.

If you are working, you will absolutely want to look into our strategic partnership with Gradify. If you are considering refinancing and/or merging your student loans, they guarantee, to AO members, the lowest rates available – this is applicable for family of AO members as well (and not just dental loans, all student loans)! We have heard back from many of our members, that they made a significant reduction in their monthly payments.

Next week I will be attending the European convention in Porto, Portugal along with many of our international board members. We are looking forward to seeing our worldwide family, sharing our love and commitment of dentistry and Judaism.

Also, please add to your calendar, that we are holding our Regional Open Meeting September 22 in Boca Raton, Florida, discussing the future of AO, as it applies for both dental and Judaism – how can we make a difference in the growing realm of anti-Semitism occurring throughout the world? More details to follow.

Ps. Remember, our Annual International Convention will take place in Los Angeles, California, December 26-30th.

Smile Always,

Steven Spitz
International President, 2019
FRATERS IN THE NEWS

Dr. Yaara Barden, USC Professor and AO Member, Contributes to the 7th edition of *Ingle’s Endodontics*

The most recent edition of the classic textbook *Ingle’s Endodontics*, edited by Ilan Rotstein and John I. Ingle has been released. This two volume edition, comprised of 40 chapters, 1326 pages and 1729 color illustrations, is a comprehensive review of the Science of Endodontics, the Practice of Endodontics and topics related to Interdisciplinary Endodontics. *Ingle’s Endodontics* has served as a reference and guide to students, general dentists and specialists.

Among the many distinguished contributors are faculty members from our division (Drs. Yaara Berdan, Rafael Roges, Jaydeep Talim and Ilan Rotstein), past and present faculty from the Ostrow School of Dentistry of USC (Drs. Stanley Malamed and Parish Sedghizadeh) and USC Endodontic alumni (Drs. George Bogen, Kyung–Soo Choi, Khalid Al–Hezaimi, Jose–Maria Malfaz, Rajiv Patel, Mohammad Sabeti and Borja Zabalegui).

Sadly, Dr. Ingle did not live to see the publication of the 7th edition; he died in 2017 after a long and distinguished career as an educator and innovator. He was recognized worldwide as a pioneer in Endodontics and motivated numerous professionals to pursue Endodontics as a specialty.

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Fraters Dr. Alan Atlas and Dr. Nate Lawson

Fraters Dr. Alan Atlas and Dr. Nate Lawson contributed to “Choice of cement in single-unit crowns” in the *JADA (Journal of the American Dental Association)* June 2019 issue.
2020 FRATERNITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

APPLICATIONS DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2019

Calling all leaders interested in joining the 2020 AO International Board of Directors. Contribute your time and talents to serve a welcoming dental community that honors the organization’s Judaic heritage, provides opportunities to attain professional excellence and promotes access to oral health care for all.

- President-Elect 2020
- U.S. Regional Director 2020-2022
- Canadian Regional Director 2020-2022
- International Director 2020-2022
- Young Alumni Director 2020
- International Convention Marshal 2020
- International Student Representative 2020 (2 Positions)
- Member-At-Large

ACCESS FRATERNITY BOARD APPLICATION:

FAQS:
https://www.ao.org/about/board-of-directors

Applications must be submitted to AO Headquarters (Heidi Weber at hweber@ao.org) by Friday, June 28th. Thank you for your willingness to serve our historic organization.

JUNE 2019 ARTICLES

- Tribute to D. Walter Cohen, DDS
- An Argument Against Extraction as a Treatment Alternative for Restorable Teeth
- Pharmacotherapy for the Pediatric Dental Patient
- William Nicola, DDS, Aviv Ouanounou, DDS, MSc
- The Consolidation of Dentistry: Where Does Your Practice Stand?
- When is it appropriate to integrate a new device, technique, or material into clinical dentistry? - James Bahcall, DMD, MS, David Cohen, DDS, MS, Rena Vakay, DDS
- Prosthetic and Surgical Management of Atypical Space When Teeth Are Missing - Sergio Rubinstein, DDS, Alexandra Fulreader, DDS, David Barack, DDS, Toshiyuki Fujiki, RDT
4 score and 10 years ago a young Jewish dental student attended his first Alpha Omega meeting. The purpose of that meeting was to learn about a Jewish dental fraternity, conceived in liberty and truly dedicated to the proposition that all people are created equal. This organization existed, among other reasons, to help Jewish dental students obtain admission to dental school, gain a meaningful school experience and, in the end, graduate. We have, obviously, grown far beyond that initial reason for the founding of our beloved and now renown AO.

My life changed that evening. I met some outstanding members of the Detroit Alumni Chapter whose words so eloquently told the story of a most marvelous group of people. I was so impressed that I instantly realized that Alpha Omega would be a part of my life from that day forward. I still feel that way and remain committed to what I consider to be the greatest dental organization in the world.

Alpha Omega, not unlike any other organization, is about people. Personal relationships are first and foremost. I understand that the world has dramatically changed since our inception in 1907--and it will continue to change. Science, engineering and technology have brought major reform to everything we do in our lives, in and out of dentistry. Global communication advances allow us to reach every part of our planet in real time—and it is still and always will be the warmth and caring of our personal interaction that steers our ship. This AO NOW newsletter is one of the means of that personal interaction in today’s world. It is here for you but not only with information coming from us. Please let us know of something/anything that is going on in your chapter so we can distribute that information to others in AO. In that way we can all play a role in the maintenance and advancement of our beloved organization so that Alpha Omega thrives in this new millennium. E Plurbus Unum (out of many, one) is how I envision today’s Alpha Omega.

I cannot envision my world without AO no differently than I cannot envision my world without the state of Israel. Can you?

**WHY AO?..........WHY NOT?**

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**Alpha Omega - Los Angeles- 2019**

Minutes from the Intercontinental Century City is the world famous Getty Center. Truly a beautiful and tranquil venue with world class art in addition to the wonderful architecture. Be sure to have an afternoon coffee at the Getty Center gardens overlooking the Los Angeles coastline.
RESERVATIONS

Reservation Policy: Hotel Reservation Policy: (1) night’s deposit per room will be taken at the time of making the reservation. The deposit is fully refundable before December 1, 2019. After December 1, 2019, the deposit is non-refundable.
### 2019 AO Convention Schedule

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### Registration Prices are in U.S. Dollars

- Frater Couple ....................... $1,200
- Frater Only ......................... $600
- Young Alum Couple ............ $1,000
- Young Alum Only .................. $500
- Student .................................. $400
- CE Only - Member ............... $250
- CE Only - Non Member ....... $400

**TOTAL AMOUNT: $________**

### FULL REGISTRATION INCLUDES:
- Full Registration Includes: All Event Dinners or Receptions (not including U.S. Foundation Night), Hospitality, Spouses’ Event, and Continuing Education.
- Any group tours are not included.

### Policies

- Non-Member registration rates: add $200 per rate.
- Members must be in good standing prior to the start of the convention.
- Prices reflect payments made BEFORE November 1, 2019. After November 1st, each category increases by $100.
- All payment plans must be paid by November 1, 2019.

### Payment Options

- I authorize a deduction from my Credit Card for a Full Payment.
- I authorize Two Payments from my Credit Card now and on November 1, 2019.

Enclosed please find a check payable to: Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity 50 W. Edmonston Drive, Suite 206 // Rockville, MD 20852

- One Payment
- Two Payments

Please Charge My: □ VISA □ MasterCard □ American Express

Name: ____________________________

Spouse’s or Partner’s Name: ____________________________

Credit Card No: ____________________________

Expir. Date: ___________________ CVV: ___________

Signature: ____________________________

### Cancellation and Refund Policy

All requests for exceptions to the cancellation/refund policy must be submitted in writing by the registrant with appropriate documentation no later than December 15, 2019. After that time, no refund considerations will be made. AO regrets that refunds will not be given for no-shows.

Submit all requests via email to hweber@ao.org.