ALAN MOLTZ - International President

The 2019 International Council deliberated and passed historic resolutions that will affect the future course and culture of Alpha Omega. The delegates should be commended for exercising their responsibility as voting members of the council and as acting representatives of their chapters.

• The Meritorious Service Award was renamed by unanimous vote to the Ben Williamowsky Meritorious Service Award. Paul Chapnick from Toronto is the first recipient of this renamed award.

• International Conventions will shift to a June – August timeframe after the 2020 St. Pete, Florida convention. Moving the convention allows more members to participate and other locations (especially cold weather ones) to be considered. AO leaders are discussing the implications of our governance structure adjusting to the new International Convention timeframe for 2021 and beyond.

• The delegates passed a resolution to change our legal name to the Alpha Omega International Dental Society. You can use the word society in your chapter’s marketing. Please do not change your bank accounts or other legal documents for your chapters yet. The legal process may take several months but Heidi Weber, Executive Director, will keep AO leadership updated.

Our mission, vision, and values will remain the same. We will press forward with our strategic planning goals to ensure AO’s longevity. Please join me in being an active part of AO’s history and future.

Alan Moltz, DDS, FAGD

AO Calendar of Events

JUN 26 | CHICAGO INT’L MEETING
CHICAGO, IL

DEC 25 | 2020 AO CONVENTION
ST. PETERSBURG, FL

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2019 AO RESOLUTIONS

These resolutions were presented to the 2019 International Council for review and approval.

2019-01 - PASSED
Whereas, the Meritorious Service Award is presented to a member who has demonstrated outstanding and exemplary service at the International level of Alpha Omega for over ten years, and
Whereas this member cannot have ever served as International President or be currently serving on the Board of Directors, and
Whereas PIP Ben Williamowsky’s service to dentistry was synonymous with everything that the Alpha Omega Meritorious Service Award represents,
Therefore, be it resolved that this Award be known as the Ben Williamowsky Alpha Omega Meritorious Service Award.

2019-02 – PASSED
Whereas Alpha Omega is a member of the American Dental Fraternity Council and this organization is disbanding and no longer requires Alpha Omega to have the word fraternity in the name
Whereas, including the word fraternity in documents may preclude individuals from joining
Whereas removing the word fraternity from all legal documents can be conducted through a cost-effective process
Therefore, be it resolved that the International Council would remove the word fraternity from Alpha Omega’s official name.

2019-03 – PASSED
Whereas we are an international organization with members located all around the world
Whereas we want the organization to be known as a dental society
Therefore, be it resolved that International Dental Society be added following the title Alpha Omega to become our official name.

2019-04 – PASSED
Be it resolved that the Regent position be created as an International Officer and will have voting rights at the International Council meetings
Regents shall serve as a liaison between the Board of Directors and the local chapters in their region, facilitating communication, assisting with programming, and are encouraged to visit each chapter once per year
Regents are encouraged to attend regional meetings and International meetings
Regents are empowered to conduct AO rituals such as installations, etc.
Regents shall meet, either in person or by conference call, with their chapter presidents quarterly and provide a report to their Board Director of the chapter news and activities.
Therefore, be it resolved that the Regent position be created as an International Officer and will have voting rights at the International Council meetings. These Regents will be elected by a majority vote of the International Council for a two-year term.

*(This year, 2020, Regents will be appointed by the International President with the confirmation and approval by the International Board of Directors. This footnote will be deleted from the Constitution after January 2020).

and

**(At the 2020 Convention, one half of the Regents will be elected for a one-year term and one half of the Regents will be elected for a two-year term. Thereafter, all Regents will be elected for a two-year term. This footnote will be automatically deleted from the Constitution on January 1, 2021).
ALPHA OMEGA INTERNATIONAL DENTAL SOCIETY
2019 AO AWARDS

AWARD RECIPIENTS

POSTHUMOUSLY 2019 ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AWARD

DR. ROBERT GENCO
BUFFALO

2020 ACHIEVEMENT MEDAL AWARD

DR. JOHN FEATHERSTONE
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BEN WILLIAMOWSKY
MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PAUL CHAPNICK
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2019 CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

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Marc Gross and his family
Elyssa Schlossberg
Rami Etessami
Spouses and Children
Wendy Spektor, Spouses’ Event

Committee Chairs - Presenting Awards and Reports:  Cliff Litvak, Howard Pranikoff, Sidney Tourial, Wendy Spektor, Allen Finkelstein
Marcy Schwartzman and Lee Weisbard – event décor
David Rosenthal – religious services
Jamie Feldman and Lloyd Grauman – photography
Dear fellow members of AO,

On behalf of the young directors of 2020, we would like to wish you a happy new year! It is with great excitement that we are beginning this new decade by taking on roles of leadership within Alpha Omega.

In Los Angeles, we set many goals or “resolutions” for the coming year. One of our main objectives is to increase student and young alumni involvement on a local level as well as on an international level. An example of this is in AO Now, there will be a section where student chapter events will be featured in each future publication. As an international organization, we can share our successes with members of our community across the globe.

Overall, we hope to continue the legacy of fraternalism and mishpacha, which Alpha Omega has successfully fostered among its members over the past 112 years. Looking forward to another year of prosperity, health, happiness and of course, a shared love of dentistry!

Sincerely,

The Young Directors of 2020

Jeet Solanki, U.S. Regional Director
Shalom Benzaquen, Young Alumni Director
Ellie Fridman, International Student Representative
Rachel Korman International Student Representative
John Jaicks, Newsletter Student Editor
It’s 2020
And we have a new name
AO is moving forward
Not just more of the same.

AO NOW has a Student Communications officer who will be in touch with me so you will be updated with their events and activities as well as our alumni programming. John Jaicks is his name and he is a 3rd year student at the University of New England School of Dentistry. John will be in communication with our student chapters along with our two ISRs and they will be in touch with me so we can provide all of you meaningful information on an ongoing basis.

The chapter at University of North Carolina is having an event called “Happy Hour with Hyman” which will involve them meeting with dentists off campus and their faculty advisor, fellow Alpha Omega member, Dr. Mark Hyman, a marvelous human being and a very caring dentist. As well, this chapter is having a potluck dinner to foster a sense of community with their AO Jewish community.

At McGill University, the students had a welcome dinner event at the University’s Hillel House in October 2019 and it included Dr. Malkinson, the chapter’s Student-Dentist Liaison. There are a number of General Dentist & Specialist events being organized to help inform our dental students about life after dental school. A Shabbat dinner and Challah bake are planned, also.

On Sun Jan 5, 2020, Dr. Richard Nathan and his wife, Carol, hosted an AO NU Chapter at their home in San Francisco for a belated Chanukah party to kick off the winter quarter. They made latkes, lit candles, sang appropriate songs and held discussions for graduation and residencies. Upcoming events include the chapter’s quarterly outreach at Congregation Beth-El in Berkely where Dr. Howard Pollack will supervise dental screenings for the homeless and under-served communities. As well, there will be an Alumni networking dinner at Alioto’s, located in Fisherman’s Wharf in San Francisco. A movie night is in the works to have the chapter watch the movie “Fiddler On The Roof.”

At the University of Michigan, our Chi Chapter will be having a faculty bagel lunch with the discussion subject being treatment planning that includes a panel of 4th year students who have already found jobs or have matched into a residency. Their Dean Laurie McCauley is an Honorary Member of the The Detroit Alumni Chapter.

At the University of Detroit Mercy the AN Chapter had an ice skating outing in downtown Detroit at a rink that is provided by the city for residents and non-residents alike. The chapter has just completed selecting this year’s attendees for their community service dental project of treating needy patients in the Dominican Republic, a program that has been conducted with the blessing of the dental school and its Dean, Mert Aksu, who also is an Honorary Member of the Detroit Alumni Chapter.

Our AO student chapter at USC had their Taco Tuesday event on Sept 17, 2019 where all incoming students and current AO members were treated to some delicious kosher tacos and an opportunity to get to know their AO family. There was an AO Midnight Mission on Saturday Nov 9, 2019. Midnight Mission is a non-profit organization that offers a bridge to self-sufficiency for people experiencing homelessness through recovery services, counseling, education, training, workforce development and continues care services. On Friday Nov 22, 2019, they conducted their Fall Shabbat Dinner which included the faculty for another great mingling opportunity.

These are but a few of our student chapters’ activities. We congratulate all of them for their social awareness and AO dental activities. These vibrant future dentists will make our world a much better place in which to live.

I look forward to publishing more along this line as well as alumni chapter activities, too. Our Regency System has been re-instituted by International President Alan Moltz. This, too, will aid us all in keeping information flowing to you.

Happy New Year,
Marvin Sonne
International Communications Officer
Regent for Regency #6
HSC BRUNCH

Brunch reception held Sunday, January 26th at the Illinois Holocaust Museum & Education Center. Celebrating the 6th year of the Alpha Omega-Henry Schein Cares Holocaust Survivors Oral Health Program. Dr. Terri Tiersky, Chicago Dental Society President and AO member received a Presidential Citation from Dr. Alan Moltz. David Goldenberg, David Goldenberg, ADL Midwest Regional Director gave a presentation on The State of Anti-Semitism. Thank you Dr. Laurie Gordon-Shaw for your tireless efforts in making Chicago such a success! Thanks also to Maya Gumirov & Yonit Hoffman at CJE. To all the participating dental providers & office staff, we could not run this program without you. Kol Hakavod to all!

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Submit all requests via email to hweber@ao.org. AO regrets that refunds will not be given for no-shows. All requests for exceptions to the cancellation/refund policy must be submitted in writing by the registrant with appropriate documentation no later than December 25, 2020. After that time, no refund considerations will be made.

**REGISTRATION:**

- **Member Couple** $1,250 IF PAID BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020
- **Member Only** $650 IF PAID BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020
- **Young Alum Couple** $1,100 IF PAID BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020
- **Young Alum Only** $575 IF PAID BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2020
- **Student** $500 PER PERSON
- **CE Only - Member** $250 PER PERSON
- **CE Only - Non-Member** $400 PER PERSON

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- All Event Dinners or Receptions (not including U.S. Foundation Night), Hospitality, Spouses' Event, and Continuing Education. Any group tours are not included.

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- *Young Alum is a dental school graduate from the following years: 15,’16,’17,’18,’19,’20.*
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