

Dr. Stephen K. McCullough Elected to Serve on the Board of Directors of The American Board of Orthodontics

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House of Delegates on May 3 elected **Stephen K. McCullough, D.D.S., M.S.**, of Yukon, Okla., to serve as a director of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO). The House of Delegates convened in conjunction with the 2019 AAO Annual Session in Los Angeles, Calif.

The ABO is the only orthodontic specialty board recognized by the American Dental Association and in affiliation with the AAO. Board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers regarding orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The successful completion of the ABO examination process is a demonstration to the dental profession and the general public of the orthodontist's pursuit of continued proficiency and excellence in orthodontics.

Each ABO director represents one of the eight constituent organizations of the AAO and serves an eight-year term, which culminates in the position of the president. The ABO directors are responsible for establishing policy with regard to the board certification of specialists in orthodontics. Dr. McCullough, who represents the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists (SWSO), will become president of the ABO in the 2026-2027 year.

Dr. McCullough has a private practice in orthodontics in Yukon, Okla., and is a clinical professor in the Department of Orthodontics at the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry. He holds his master's degree in orthodontics from the University of Michigan and obtained his dental and undergraduate degrees from the University of Oklahoma.

Certified by the ABO since 1990, Dr. McCullough is a member of the College of Diplomates of the ABO. He has been an Examiner for the ABO Clinical Examination since 2007. Dr. McCullough received the Earl S. and Wilma S. Shepard Distinguished Service Award from the ABO in 2016.

Dr. McCullough also is a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists and the Oklahoma Orthodontic Society of which he was 1989-90 president. He also is a member of the American Dental Association, the Oklahoma Dental Association and the Oklahoma County Dental Society.

Active in the Charles H. Tweed International Foundation for Education and Research, Dr. McCullough has been assistant course director for the Tweed Study Course given in Tucson, Az., since 1996. He was a member of the Tweed Foundation board of directors from 2010-2016 and received the Foundation's Distinguished Service Award in 2014.

"Being selected as a director of The American Board of Orthodontics is the greatest honor and most significant responsibility I have been given during my career in orthodontics," Dr. McCullough said. "I look forward to working with the other directors and the ABO staff to promote ABO certification and to strive for the highest level of professionalism, dedication and compassion for our patients."