Dr. Patrick F. Foley Completes Term as President of The American Board of Orthodontics

Patrick F. Foley, D.D.S., M.S.D., of Mundelein, Ill., completed his term as president of The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) as of April 23, 2023. As immediate past president, he continues as an ABO officer for the 2023-2024 year.

The other 2023-2024 officers of the ABO are Timothy S. Trulove, D.M.D., M.S., of Montgomery, Ala., president; Jae Hyun Park, D.M.D., M.S.D., M.S., Ph.D., of Phoenix, Ariz., president-elect; and Roberto Hernández Orsini, D.M.D., M.P.H., M.S., of Juana Díaz, Puerto Rico, secretary-treasurer.

The ABO directors are responsible for establishing policy with regard to the board certification of specialists 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. During his tenure as an ABO director, Dr. Foley has represented the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO).

Dr. Foley is associate professor and assistant director of the Center for Advanced Dental Education at Saint Louis University. He previously had a private practice in orthodontics in Lake Zurich, Ill., for 30 years.

First certified by the ABO in 1995, he is a member of the College of Diplomates of the American Board of Orthodontics (CDABO). He is a past president of the Illinois Society of Orthodontists and is member of the World Federation of Orthodontists.

Dr. Foley obtained his dental degree from the University of Illinois and his master’s degree in orthodontics from Saint Louis University. His undergraduate degree is from Northern Illinois University.

About the ABO
The ABO is the global leader in orthodontic board certification and sets the standards of care for excellence in orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. The ABO’s mission is to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education and professional collaboration. Founded in 1929 as the first specialty board in dentistry, The American Board of Orthodontics is partnered with the American Association of Orthodontists and is recognized by the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and Certifying Boards as the national
certifying board for orthodontics and dentofacial orthopedics. To learn more, visit www.americanboardortho.com.

The certificate issued by the ABO signifies a certification of attainment. It does not confer any legal qualification, privilege, or license to practice orthodontics. It is not a professional or academic degree. In essence, board certification is a process by which an individual orthodontist is voluntarily examined by his/her peers as to orthodontic knowledge and clinical skills. The successful completion of the 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.

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