

Dr. P. Emile Rossouw Elected to Serve on the Board of Directors of The American Board of Orthodontics

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House of Delegates in a virtual meeting on May 1 elected **P. Emile Rossouw, BChD (Dent), BChD-Hons (Child Dent); MChD (Ortho), PhD, FRCD(C)**, of Rochester, N.Y., to serve as a director of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO).

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. Rossouw, who represents the Northeastern Society of Orthodontists (NESO), will become president of the ABO in the 2027-2028 year.

Dr. Rossouw is chair of the Division of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics at the Eastman Institute for Oral Health, which is part of the University of Rochester Medical Center. He brings a 40-year career of accomplished teaching, research and clinical care.

Prior to joining the Eastman Institute in 2015, Dr. Rossouw was professor and chair of the orthodontics department at the University of North Carolina. He previously chaired the orthodontic department at the Baylor College of Dentistry of Texas A&M University from 2002 to 2010. Prior to that, he was orthodontic department chair at the University of Toronto from 1993 to 2000 and director of the university's Burlington Growth Centre from 2000 to 2002.

A native of South Africa, Dr. Rossouw obtained his undergraduate and dental degrees from the University of Stellenbosch. He then earned advanced degrees in pediatric dentistry and orthodontics before receiving his Ph.D. in dental science, also from the University of Stellenbosch.

He remained at the university as a faculty member and clinical orthodontist before being appointed associate professor and head of the Department of Orthodontics at Stellenbosch in 1989 (promoted to full professor in 1992), where he remained before moving to the University of Toronto.

Dr. Rossouw has held ABO certification since 2007. He obtained an orthodontic specialty certificate from Baylor College of Dentistry in 2006.

Besides the AAO and NESO, he is a member of the College of Diplomates of the ABO, the American Dental Association, the Charles H. Tweed Foundation for Orthodontic Research, the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists Southwest and the Royal College of Dentists of Canada. Dr. Rossouw has served

the AAO as a member of the Council on Orthodontic Education (COE), Planning and Awards Review Committee (PARC) and presently is a council member of the Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA).

His published works range through the areas of clinical orthodontics, biomaterials, jaw growth and long-term stability. Dr. Rossouw, who has lectured nationally and internationally, has contributed more than 150 publications to the dental literature, which include scientific articles, book chapters and abstracts.

He also serves on the reviewing panels for various leading orthodontic and general dentistry journals.

"Being selected as a director of The American Board of Orthodontics is a tremendous honor and one of the most significant responsibilities to serve orthodontics I have been given during my career in orthodontics," Dr. Rossouw 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."