The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House of Delegates elected Jae Hyun Park, DMD, MSD, MS, PhD, of Phoenix, Arizona, to serve as a director of the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) on Friday, April 21. The House of Delegates convened in conjunction with the 2017 AAO Annual Session in San Diego, California.

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. Park, who represents the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists (PCSO), will become president of the ABO in 2024. He is serving on the ABO’s Written Examination and Policy Committees.

Dr. Park is professor and chair of the Postgraduate Orthodontic Program at the Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health at A.T. Still University in Mesa, Arizona. He is board certified and an examiner for the ABO.

“I have been working as chair of the Postgraduate Orthodontic Program at A.T. Still University for almost 10 years now and feel blessed to have had the privilege of educating the next generation of orthodontists,” Dr. Park said. “The mission of the ABO is to elevate the quality of orthodontic care for the public by promoting excellence through certification, education, and professional collaboration. This mission is more important than ever. I will work diligently as an ABO director on the behalf of the PCSO, and will provide and maintain an advanced orthodontic standard of care to the public.”

Dr. Park is the editor-in-chief of the PCSO Bulletin. He also serves as an editorial board member for several peer-reviewed orthodontic and dental journals. He was recently invited to be a guest editor of Seminars in Orthodontics. Since 2008, he has published more than 150 scientific and clinical articles in peer-reviewed orthodontic and dental journals, as well as two cover pages in the American Journal of Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics, two books and 13 book chapters. He also lectures nationally and internationally.

In addition, Dr. Park is a past president of the Arizona State Orthodontic Association and an active member of Angle Northern California, a component of the Edward H. Angle Society of Orthodontists. Dr. Park has received several awards for scientific and clinical excellence, including the Charley Schultz Award and the Joseph E. Johnson Award from the AAO.