

TO: Members of the North Carolina Association of Orthodontists (NCAO)

FROM: Dr. Joseph Pittman, NCAO President

RE: Annual Meeting of the NCAO, January 30-31, 2026

The Annual Meeting of the NC Association of Orthodontists will be held from Friday, January 30, to Saturday, January 31, 2026, at the Rizzo Center in Chapel Hill. We are thrilled to welcome internationally renowned speakers. **Dr. Drew Ferris** is our keynote speaker on Friday and will cover a wide range of topics including early treatment with braces and aligners, clinical efficiency, aligner and braces case selection strategies, and complex and interdisciplinary treatments. On Saturday, **Dr. Claudia Pinter**, an orthodontist, and **Dr. Stanley Liu**, a dual-trained oral surgeon, will present a joint lecture on sleep-disordered breathing, which will delve into medical, dental, and surgical treatments. Additionally, the meeting will feature a lunch presentation by **Mr. Charles Loretto** (Cain Watters & Associates) on achieving financial freedom. Breakfast will be provided both mornings.

There are a few exciting changes with this meeting we want to highlight!

- We are delighted to invite you to our **inaugural dinner party Friday night!** Get excited for a craft cocktail reception and a gourmet dinner at the DuBose House, which is also located at the Rizzo Center. Three lucky attendees will a raffle prize. Bring a guest and let's have a fantastic time!
- Resident attendees get to start the Friday evening festivities early! We will be hosting a resident reception at the DuBose House during the business meeting.
- If you're a current NCAO member seriously interested in serving in organized dentistry or orthodontics, we'd love for you to join us for the leadership breakfast on Saturday morning. It's an opportunity to connect with the current board and learn more about how to get involved.

Please register for the meeting by scanning the QR code to the right or at ncaortho.org/meetings. Active member registration is currently \$190, but please note registration fees will increase to \$220 on January 1, 2026. The registration website includes details about the schedule, speakers and hotel.

Special thanks to a few of our sponsors for this year's event: Cain Watters & Associates, Voxel, ODL.

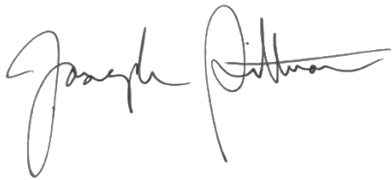


Our Business Meeting will follow Friday's educational program at 4:15pm. The slate of officers nominated for election is listed below. Nominations may be made from the floor provided the President receives such nomination in writing at least seven days before the annual meeting.

President – Bryan Lockhart
President-elect – Robin Mayo
Treasurer – Christian Piers
Secretary – John Foley
Senior Director – Mary Morgan Keyser
Junior Director – Scott Tucker
SSO Delegate – Kelly Goeckner
AAO Delegate – Jeff Rickabaugh

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us January 30 – January 31 for world-class teaching and our first-ever Friday night social event! We look forward to seeing each of you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph Pittman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Joseph" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Pittman".

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