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THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS (CAO) ELECTS NEW PRESIDENT FOR 2020-2021



Oakville orthodontist Dr. J. Eric Selnes is the new president of the Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO), Canada's national voice for the orthodontic specialty.

Dr. Selnes was elected President for 2020-2021 at the CAO's recent online Annual General Meeting, originally scheduled for Kelowna, BC. Other members of the Executive are:

President-Elect:	Dr. Brian Phee, Regina, SK
Vice-President:	Dr. Ines Guedes, Winnipeg, MB
Immediate Past President:	Dr. Michael Wagner, Saskatoon, SK
Past President:	Dr. Jay Philippson, Duncan, BC
Secretary/Treasurer:	Dr. James Posluns, Toronto, ON

Dr. J. Eric Selnes graduated in 1988 with a BA/BPHE in Health Sciences from Queens University, where he also obtained his MSc in Biomechanics in 1990. He went on to complete his DDS in 1994, and his Certificate in Orthodontics in 1997 from the University of Toronto. During his graduate orthodontic program, Dr. Selnes also practiced as a general dentist and was a Dental Resident at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, ON.

While maintaining his private practices in Georgetown and Mississauga, ON for over twenty years, Dr. Selnes has given back to the orthodontic profession in numerous ways; having served as a CAO Board member since 2015, and been an Officer since 2018. Previously, he served as President of the Ontario Association of Orthodontists (OAO) in 2007-2008 and the Halton Peel Dental Association President in 2002-2003, also serving as that organization's Councilor to the Ontario Dental Association (ODA) from 2000-2014. Both the OAO and the ODA have awarded Dr. Selnes their Award of Merit for his service. Finally, Dr. Selnes has also been honoured with Fellowships to the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, the Pierre Fauchard Society, the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and the American College of Dentists.

Currently, Dr. Selnes serves the CAO as the Chair of the Communications Committee, overseeing the Consumer Awareness Program from its inception, with the goal of educating the public on the value of using a Certified Specialist in Orthodontics to best create a healthy smile.

In addition to his tremendous volunteer work on behalf of orthodontists, since 1997, Dr. Selnes has served as a Clinical Instructor since 1997 in the Discipline of Graduate Orthodontics at the Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto.

Eric is married to Dr. Helene Grubisa, a fellow Orthodontic Specialist. They have two young children, Christian and Noelle. Their family enjoys travelling, skiing, wine and art. Dr. Selnes has been proud to serve on the Board of Directors at the Oakville Galleries.

About the CAO

The Canadian Association of Orthodontists is the national organization of educationally qualified orthodontic specialists. The Association is dedicated to the advancement of orthodontics and the promotion of quality orthodontic care in Canada. By representing the orthodontic specialty in Canada, it is the official voice of Canadian orthodontic specialists.

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