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The Indiana Association of Orthodontists Board of Directors recently met virtually with President, Dr. Tasha Hall presiding. Among agenda items for discussion was an ongoing way to honor the late Dr. Chuck Pritchett who taught as a volunteer faculty member in the Orthodontic Department at Indiana University School of Dentistry. The Indiana Association of Orthodontists will hold its annual business meeting on Saturday, October 16th at 12:15 p.m. as part of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists constituent meeting at the Indianapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel, October 15-16. The IAO encourages all members to attend this in-person meeting as it is an excellent opportunity for staff and doctor continuing education right in our backyard. Please watch for registration materials coming early this summer and take advantage of this great opportunity.

The Indiana General Assembly recently wrapped up the 2021 legislative session. Bills of interest include HB 1079 which was recently signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb. This bill updates the definition of dentistry and allows dentists the option of administering vaccines. It also requires third party payers to disclose any transaction fees associated with virtual card reimbursement and offer an alternative method of payment if requested. Also signed into law was SB3 a telehealth bill which safeguard Hoosiers receiving virtual care. SB330, a bill promoting the position of Dental Therapists was pulled by its author at the request of the Indiana Dental Association.

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Sincerely,

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