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## **WHAT DOES TAO STAND FOR?**

The **Texas Association of Orthodontists** is a professional organization of specialists committed to maintaining the highest standards of orthodontic care for the benefit and well-being of our patients throughout the state of Texas. As an organization, we are dedicated to advocating for our members and providing services that benefit their pursuit of professional excellence.

Currently there are:

906 TAO members

- 592 Active Members
- 3 Foreign Trained Academic members
- 96 Life members
- 212 retired
- 2 Military
- 1 Honorary

TAO is one of five components (Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and west Louisiana) of the Southwest Society of Orthodontists (SWSO) which is a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). To become a TAO member, an orthodontist has to complete an AAO membership application.

## **TAO BOARD MEMBERS**

The 2021-2022 Board members are:

- President - Dr. Chris Cramer
- President-elect - Dr. Andrea Font Rytzner
- Vice-President - Dr. Enrique Cruz
- Secretary-Treasurer - Dr. Michael Robertson
- Immediate Past President – Dr. Catharine Borders
- Director - Dr. Vijay Bhagia
- Director - Dr. Brian Bolerjack
- Director - Dr. Ralph Brock II
- Director - Dr. Janet Stinson
- Executive Director - Cindy Metcalf

## MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



**Dr. Catharine Borders**

Dr. Catharine Borders chose to become an orthodontist to create beautiful smiles for her patients that will give them the confidence and self-esteem to smile and brighten the day of those around them. She graduated valedictorian from the University of Louisville School of Dentistry where she received her Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree. After dental school, she attended residency at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry receiving her Certificate in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics and Masters of Science in Dentistry. Dr. Borders served as chief resident during her residency and currently serves as a part-time professor of orthodontics at UT-Houston dental school. Dr. Borders is a board-certified orthodontist.

Dr. Borders is involved in many professional orthodontic and dental organizations. She is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, a member of the American Association of Orthodontists, Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, among others.

As a native Kentuckian, Dr. Borders has a passion for thoroughbred horse racing, especially the Kentucky Derby. She and her husband, Brandon, are diehard University of Kentucky basketball fans.



**Dr. Brian Bolerjack**

Dr. Brian Bolerjack attended Auburn University, where he completed his undergraduate degree in just three years. He then pursued his dental degree from the Alabama School of Dentistry, graduating at the top of his class. Dr. Bolerjack completed his orthodontic residency at the University of

Tennessee. After completing his education, Dr. Bolerjack achieved board certification through the American Board of Orthodontics. Dr. Bolerjack is a published researcher and committed to continuing education, both for himself and his team. He has owned Lakeway Orthodontics the last 4 years. The move to hill country provides Dr. Bolerjack the opportunity to pursue the many outdoor activities he loves. Dr. Bolerjack enjoys spending time with his lovely wife and their three sweet daughters. You can find the Bolerjacks devoting time and resources to their church and the local community.



**Dr. Chris Cramer**

Dr. Chris Cramer worked 13 years as a mechanical engineer with Motorola before earning his DDS and certificate in orthodontics from Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas. His master's research studying the effect of micro osteoperforations on the speed of tooth movement was recognized by the AAO with the Harry S. Sicher Award and published in the AJO-DO. Dr. Cramer began his service to the TAO Board during residency as a Student Member at Large and continued as a Director immediately after residency. Now a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics, Dr. Cramer is in private practice in Denton and Krum, Texas and lives just outside of Dallas with his wife and twin daughters.



**Dr. Andrea Font Rytzner**

Dr. Andrea Font grew up Palma de Mallorca, an island off the coast of Spain in the Mediterranean Sea. She graduated dental school from University

Complutense of Madrid after finishing an exchange year in Ludwig Maximillians University in Munich, Germany. Dr. Font continued her education at Case Western Reserve University where she obtained her Master's Degree and completed a three-year specialty Orthodontic program. Dr. Font's greatest hobbies include traveling, hiking, cooking and playing the guitar. San Antonio weather reminds Dr. Font of her hometown in Spain.



**Dr. Enrique Cruz**

Dr. Enrique Cruz is originally from Juchitán, Oaxaca, Mexico. He immigrated to the United States soon after graduating and continued his studies at the University of Indiana. In 2012, he graduated with his master's degree in Dental Sciences with a double specialization in Periodontics and in Orthodontic and Dentofacial Genetics.

Dr. Cruz along with his wife Dr. Mahya Farnia, founded Sonrisas Dental Center in the Cedar Park area of Austin, TX on May of 2014. Their main focus is offering their patients an amazing service and care in a multispecialty environment. He is also a professor of orthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center of San Antonio, where he emphasizes the importance of the relation between Periodontics and Orthodontics to treat complex cases in an interdisciplinary way.

On weekends and his personal time, he loves being with his family. He has two beautiful daughters and one son. He is also active in the community and encourages kids to pursue an education through the Sonrisas Foundation, which he and his wife have founded.



### **Dr. Michael Robertson**

He believes that the only way to achieve excellence in life is through being committed to hard work. He graduated from Texas A&M University number one in the College of Science. He received orthodontic training at Houston and was Chief Resident and President of the orthodontic class. He is a board-certified orthodontist and holds Diplomate status with The American Board of Orthodontics. This is a distinction that only one in every three orthodontists achieves.

He is a native Texan, having attended Lamar High school in Arlington, Texas in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. He ´s married to Sarai, and we have two boys who are the biggest blessings of their life.



### **Dr. Vijay Bhagia**

Dr. Vijay Bhagia, originally from New Delhi, India, is a 1999 graduate of Boston University Goldman School of Dental Medicine. He completed his orthodontic training at the University of Detroit Mercy, Michigan in 2001. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics and has been practicing in the Houston Clear Lake area since 2001, specializing in comprehensive Orthodontic care and TMJ treatment. He serves as an educator for Align technology as well as Director of the Texas Association of Orthodontics. He is a member of various dental societies and lectures frequently on Invisalign, Early treatment, Periodontal concerns in Orthodontics, and many more. In his free time, he enjoys travel, cycling, golf, and spending time with family.



**Dr. Ralph Brock**

A native Texan, Dr. Brock is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where he received his Bachelor's degree in Chemistry. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN and his Master of Sciences degree and Certificate in orthodontics from the Texas A&M Health Sciences Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX. Dr. Brock founded his private practice in Katy, TX in 2003 and enjoys creating great smile for great people. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Brock is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Orthodontics at the Texas A&M Health Sciences Baylor College of Dentistry and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Orthodontics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston School of Dentistry. Dr. Brock is a board-certified orthodontist and diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics. A dedicated husband and father of three awesome boys, Dr. Brock is actively involved in civic, fraternal and church activities.



**Dr. Janet Stinson**

After completing a Doctor of Dental Surgery program at Texas A&M School of Dentistry, Dr. Stinson pursued the specialty of orthodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. She has been a practicing orthodontist for over 20 years and more recently has taken the position of assistant professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the division of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery. She is a long-time member of several orthodontic organizations including the American Association of Orthodontists, the Southwestern Society of Orthodontists, and the Texas Association of Orthodontists. In her spare time, Dr. Stinson enjoys bullet journaling, "One Lagree" Pilates, and volunteering with animal welfare organizations.



### **Cindy Metcalf**

Cindy Metcalf is the current Executive Director for the Texas Association of Orthodontists and has been with them since October 2011. She found her love for orthodontics as an adult in orthodontic therapy and entered a dental assisting program at a local community college while in treatment. She worked chairside for the first few years and then moved into the front office arena, quickly moving to office manager. She served 29 years in the specialty profession before moving to Executive Director duties for several dental organizations.

She resides in Tulsa, OK with her husband, John, of 46 years. They enjoy motorcycle riding on their Honda Goldwing trike and traveling in general, and Cindy is an avid trail runner, competing in several trail races a year.

### **PICTURE**



Front row: Dr. Enrique Cruz

Second row: Dr. Ralph Brock, Dr. Andrea Font Rytzner, Cindy Metcalf

Back row: Dr. Vijay Bhagia, Dr. Kayla Lammert, Dr. Matt hew Ng, Dr. Kyle Gopffarth, Dr. Catharine Borders, Dr. Michael Robertson

Video - Dr. Chris Cramer