

Thesis Requirements

- A. The affiliate member shall submit, during the period of his affiliate membership, a written contribution suitable for consideration for publication in *The Angle Orthodontist**.
 - The subject of the paper must be approved by the Thesis Committee.
 - Possible categories for the thesis subject matter include:
- B. An original investigation of some aspect of orthodontics. This investigation would have the following components:
 - A testable hypothesis;
 - A thorough review of the literature pertaining to previous or related work in that area;
 - A methods section describing: exactly how the sample was obtained (if clinical), the measurement methods(s) and measurement error, and what statistical analysis was used;
 - A results section;
 - A discussion section which examines the results obtained in relation to previous work and the significance (or lack of) of the study in relation to orthodontic diagnosis or treatment.
- C. A thorough review of the literature on some clinical or basic research aspect of orthodontics.
- D. An in-depth analysis of a problem or subject that would be of interest to the members of the Angle Society. Examples could be motivational techniques, attracting and retaining a new practice associate or other aspects of clinical practice. The topic would represent a new concept, methodology or protocol not published in the orthodontic literature. This would include a thorough review of all of the literature related to the thesis subject.
 - The project must be an original paper and not one prepared previously for another purpose. It must be approved by the Thesis Committee within three months of completion of the Written Case Report Requirement. An interim progress report is due within twelve months.
 - The paper is submitted to the Thesis Committee in publishable form (double spaced with appropriate illustrations). A discussor will be assigned by the Thesis Committee. The oral presentation to the Northern California Component is scheduled approximately three months later.