

## **Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Top 10 2019 AAO Annual Session Highlights for MSO** vs 5.8.19

- 1) A big thanks to **Dr. Brent Larson** and the following MSO members serving on the 2019 AAO Annual Session Planning Committee for coordinating a tremendous meeting with nearly 17,000 in attendance in Los Angeles: **Dr. John Kanyusik** – General Arrangements Chair; **Drs. Matt Larson and Steve Marshall** – Doctor’s Program Co-Chairs; **Drs. Chad Larson and Nellie Kim-Weroha** – Orthodontic Team Program Co-Chairs; and **Dr. Katie Larson and Cindy Larson** – Featured Speaker Series Co-Chairs.
- 2) The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) was well-represented by these MSO leaders serving as delegates at the 2019 American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House: **Drs. Spencer Pope** - Chair; **Ali Fallgatter** - Vice Chair, **Mark Dake, Kevin Denis, Daniel Keith, Dennis Sommers** and **Kim Stafford**; alternates **Nellie Kim-Weroha, Deb Lien** and **Ryan VanLaecken**.
- 3) MSO was well represented in Reference Committees with **Dr. Spencer Pope** chairing Reference Committee 1 and **Dr. Mark Dake** serving on Reference Committee 2. Dr. Pope was also recognized at the House for his service on the Council of Orthodontic Practice as his final term expired. **Dr. Ryan VanLaecken** served as the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Order.
- 4) The AAO House directed that the AAO Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) be funded with an \$800 per year assessment for FY 19-20 and the balance taken out of Excess Liquid Reserves to fund a 8.2 million CAP budget. A Task Force was formed to investigate the ramifications of converting the CAP assessment into dues.
- 5) The House appropriated an additional \$3 million from excess liquid reserves for the creation of an Innovation and Transformation Fund to support development of new non-dues revenue products and services, including a referral to consider a clinical orthodontic registry.
- 6) A special committee for women orthodontists will be appointed by the AAO President to work to support and inspire women orthodontists, help to develop tools and pathways to leadership for women, and make recommendations to remove obstacles for women’s involvement in leadership, striving to recognize the unique needs and issues that face women orthodontists.
- 7) AAO’s Component Legal Support Fund will be increased to a \$1 million balance as of June 1, 2019, to be funded from excess liquid reserves. In addition, the AAO will reassess and redirect its priorities for advocacy and financial expenditures toward state legal, legislative and regulatory activity, including consolidation of advocacy in Washington, DC via collaboration with other dental organizations and specialty groups.
- 8) Other key House of Delegates actions are included below. Go to the AAO website governance section for details on resolutions and House of Delegates activities.
  - a. A policy was adopted on Medically Necessary Orthodontic Care Auto-Qualifier Reimbursement protocol.
  - b. The House approved the AAO supporting efforts at the constituent level to investigate governance and organizational changes that could increase efficiency, improve member involvement and best position the Association.
  - c. A study will review the feasibility of condensing the House of Delegates schedule and impact on Annual Session programming. In addition, the Virtual House of Delegates will be held on an as-needed basis.
  - d. AAO adopted a policy in support of the HPV Immunization.
  - e. MSO presented courtesy resolutions for **Dr. Spencer Pope** as he completed his term as delegation chair 2016 – 2019 and service on COOP, and **Dr. Brent Larson** as he concluded his service as the AAO President.
- 9) MSO’s nominee **Paul Gange, Sr.** of Reliance Orthodontics received the new AAO Outstanding Contribution Award at the AAO Excellence in Orthodontics Awards Ceremony where Dr. Brent Larson rocked as moderator with guest speaker Ron Howard.
- 10) Registration and housing are now open to bring your crew to the 2019 MSO Annual Session October 25 - 26 at the Branson Landing in the Ozarks. Register early to secure a limited spot in the golf tournament held at Top of the Rock October 24. Go to [www.msortho.org](http://www.msortho.org) for details.