

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

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In March, the North Dakota Society of Orthodontists, along with the South Dakota Society of Orthodontists, held their first joint meeting in Fargo. Dr. **Michael Ragan** of Dallas, Texas, gave a lecture entitled *Sagittal First: The New Movement in Orthodontics*. That was followed by both North Dakota and South Dakota holding their annual business meeting. This was the first gathering of ND orthodontists in many years and we were extremely pleased with the turnout as we had over 65 attendees including both orthodontists and team members. ND and SD will plan to continue joint meetings moving forward. New officers elected at this meeting include Dr. **Daniel Keith**, President, Dr. **Emerson Ehlis**, President-Elect and Dr. **Jeremiah Danel**, Treasurer.

2019 was a legislative year in North Dakota and the mid-level provider bill was defeated again. This has been defeated successfully in two previous sessions and an impressive turnout by the state dental community was seen again this year to lobby against this bill.

We are extremely proud to recognize our own Dr. **Ali Fallgatter** who is presently serving as the MSO President-elect and recently assumed the position of MSO Delegation Chair. We are looking forward to her meeting in Chicago in 2020!

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