

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Top 10 2019 MSO Annual Session Highlights

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- 1) Over 250 doctors, staff team members, exhibitors and guests enjoyed a new location for the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) Annual Session held at the Branson Convention Center in Branson, Missouri where Dr. **Kevin Denis** presided.
- 2) The following new officers were installed to serve the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) members in 2019 - 2020: Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** of Jamestown, North Dakota as president; Dr. **Scott Arbit** of Mequon, Wisconsin as president-elect and Dr. **Mark Dake** of West Plains, Missouri as secretary-treasurer. Dr. **Mike Durbin** of Des Plaines, Illinois continues to serve as an officer and MSO Trustee to the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Board. Dr. **Fabio Pinheiro** of Winnipeg, Manitoba and Dr. **Michael LaFerla** of Joplin, Missouri join the MSO Board as new directors.
- 3) The MSO Board developed a task force to evaluate future meetings and management needs with a report to the MSO Board of Directors at the March 6, 2020 Ad Interim.
- 4) Dr. **Jim Osborne**, Interim Chair and Clinical Director of the UMKC School of Dentistry Orthodontic Department, received a standing ovation after accepting the 2019 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. He has served as MSO president, delegate to the AAO House and was instrumental in the success of the AAO Consumer Awareness Program as an MSO representative to the AAO Council on Communication.
- 5) These MSO leaders were elected to represent MSO at the AAO 2020 House of Delegates: Drs. **Alison Fallgatter** - Chair, **Nellie Kim-Weroha** – Vice Chair, **Mark Dake**, **Daniel Keith**, **Jackie Miller**, **Deb Lien** and **Dennis Sommers**. Alternates are Drs. **Spencer Pope**, **Ryan VanLaecken** and **Emily Willett**.
- 6) MSO appreciation plaques were presented to Dr. **Spencer Pope** for serving as MSO representative on the Council on Orthodontic Practice and Dr. **Fred Regennitter** as retiring MSO representative on the Council on Orthodontic Education. Dr. **Conny Athanasopoulos** was mailed a plaque in recognition for his service as director from Manitoba. Members approved the 2020 budget.
- 7) MSO encourages components to send their president-elect or representative to attend the AAO Leadership Development Conference to be held February 7, 2020 in conjunction with the AAO Winter Conference in Austin, Texas. Drs. **David Sanders**, **Alisa Madson** and **Nate VanLaecken** will also be attending as MSO's "emerging leader" representatives.
- 8) MSO's director to the ABO, Dr. **Pat Foley**, announced MSO will have a trifecta of ABO Awards to be given at the AAO 2020 Annual Session in Atlanta: Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award – **Dr. Rolf Behrents**, Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence - **Dr. Carla Evans**, and O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition - **Dr. John Kanyusik**.
- 9) Dr. **Ross Crist** will receive the MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award at the 2020 MSO Annual Session.
- 10) Treat your team to a weekend in downtown Chicago to focus on your practice's vision for success October 2-3 during the 2020 MSO Annual Session at the Radisson Blu Aqua Chicago. Featured speakers are: Dr. **Gerry Samson**, Dr. **Anil Idiculla**, Dr. **Ashok Kothari** and **Rosemary Bray**. Go to www.msortho.org for meeting information.