

MINNESOTA

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MAO had a successful Annual Winter Meeting on Friday, January 10, 2020 at the Envision Event Center in Oakdale, Minnesota. We were honored to have Dr. **Ann Marie Gorczyca** present a full day on variety of topics for doctors and team. We thank our President, Dr. **Jim Haack** and new MAO Executive Secretary, **Heidi Hemmen**, for their hard work in organizing a successful meeting.

We are excited for Dr. **Estee Wang** as our 2020-2021 MAO President. Please mark your calendar for Friday, January 8, 2021 for our next MAO Winter Meeting. Drs. **Alisa Madson** and **Nellie Kim-Weroha** will be attending the Emerging Leadership Conference held in Austin, Texas on February 6, 2020 on behalf of MAO.





The MAO Board meets year-round to continue planning and addressing critical issues that affect our fellow members. Be sure to check our website, mnortho.org for membership information and updates on events. We would like to thank the committee members for their time and efforts in serving on behalf of our members. Drs. **Cheryl Cermin** (Past-President), **Heather Carr** (Program Committee), **Becky Maher** (Public and Professional Relations Director), **Chad Larson** (Membership Committee), **Greg Ross** (Dental Care Plan Director), **Deb Lien** (Legislative and Regulatory Affairs), **Alisa Madson** (Constitution and Bylaws), and **Rosemary Lelich** (Education Committee). We encourage members to contact the fellow board members with any concerns and encourage you to consider serving on the board.

We would like to thank Drs. **Deb Lien** and **Nellie Kim-Weroha** for serving on the AAO House of Delegates on behalf of the MSO. Dr. Lien also chairs the AAOPAC for Minnesota. We also thank the AAO Legal counsel, especially **Sean Murphy**, in assisting on behalf of orthodontists to have a voice at the Minnesota Board of Dentistry meetings addressing recognized specialists.

MAO is proud to have co-sponsored the MSO Annual Session from October 25-26, 2019 in Branson, Missouri. Please join us in congratulating our own, Dr. **Kevin Denis**, for his service as MSO President in 2018-2019.

MAO, along with the Minnesota Dental Foundation and Smiles Change Lives, currently has the Minnesota's Heroes Orthodontic Program in place. The program provides children and spouses of Gold Star families, those who have lost a family member while protecting our freedom, complementary orthodontic treatment. So far, four patients are enrolled in the program and undergoing or completed treatment.

The next Minnesota Mission of Mercy (MnMOM) will be in St. Cloud at the River's Edge Convention Center on July 24-25, 2020. 1000 volunteers are needed (dentists, staff, family and friends) to make it a success. Please register at mndental.org/events/mission-of-mercy/.

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