

Missouri

John Firth, President

Jeffrey Cavanaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Mike LaFerla, Past President

Our business meeting was held in Branson, Missouri on October 25 during the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Annual Session. Dr. **John Firth** led the discussion. The location was spectacular even though Mother Nature did not bring much sunshine. Rain, rain, go away! Still the lake front promenade was beautiful and the CE lectures were very good.

To help expand the perspectives and expertise of those in senior AAO leadership, it was announced in a recent *eBulletin*, that members are invited to apply for up to three positions proposed for additional members to the Board of Trustees. The timeline for the selection process has now been extended, with applications to be submitted by March 31, 2020.

A bylaws resolution to expand the Board to include up to three “at-large” positions will be presented to the 2020 House of Delegates in Atlanta during the 2020 Annual Session. During this fall’s constituent meetings, Board members presented the resolution and received very positive feedback.

- ♦ Review the position job description as soon as possible.
 - [View the job description.](#)
- ♦ Submit your CV and completed application by **March 31, 2020**.
 - [Access the application and submission information.](#)

The AAO Leadership Conference is February 6 in Austin, Texas followed immediately by the AAO Winter Conference at the JW Marriott Austin. This year’s topic is *All About Openbites*.

Leadership changes within the MSO: Our own and former Director, Dr. **Mark Dake** has moved to the position of MSO Secretary-Treasurer; Dr. **Alison Fallgatter** took over as President of the MSO and Dr. **Scott Arbit** is now the President-Elect. Solid leaders to help us grow. And Dr. **Michael LaFerla** has taken over the role Dr. **Mark Dake** surrendered as Director for Missouri.

The AAO Annual Session is hosted in Atlanta, Georgia this year May 1-4. The schedule is unique as a test running from Friday to Monday. Please consider attending. Registration and all the specific information about the meeting is available at the AAO’s website, www.aaoinfo.org

Plan ahead for the 2020 MSO meeting in Chicago on October 2-3 hosted at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. Two great days of lectures are planned. The MSO website has all the specifics.

Soon planning will start for the 2021 Kansas Missouri meeting. Dates and details to follow.

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