

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Top 10 2020 AAO Annual Session Highlights for MSO vs 5.1.2020

- 1) A big thanks virtually to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) delegation for navigating new technology and being the centralist voice at the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Virtual House of Delegates (HOD): **Drs. Ali Fallgatter** - Chair; **Nellie Kim-Weroha** - Vice Chair, **Mark Dake**, **Daniel Keith**, **Deb Lien**, **Jackie Miller**, and **Dennis Sommers**.
- 2) The House began with a moment of silence for the loss of MSO member **Dr. Steve Huber** of Jefferson City, Missouri to COVID-19.
- 3) Congratulations to these MSO nominees announced as winners of the following AAO awards:
Rosemary Bray - 2021 AAO Distinguished Service Award and **Dr. Michael Callan** - 2021 AAO Humanitarian Award.
- 4) Shout out to former MSO past president, MSO delegation chair and American Association of Orthodontists Foundation leader **Dr. Ross Crist** who was recognized at the beginning of Dr. Gary Inman's address as AAO President to the House.
- 5) The AAO House voted to reduce members' overall payments with a reduction in the member assessment to \$300 per applicable member and remaining funding for the AAO Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) from AAO's excess liquid reserves. This keeps the CAP program funded at current levels while providing a \$500 per assessed member savings to assist with challenges members are facing from the pandemic. The budget was approved to keep dues the same at \$793 for U.S. active members.
- 6) The resolution passed to add up to three at-large Trustees, selected based on demographic diversity or expertise, to the AAO Board of Trustees (BOT). The At-large Trustees shall be nominated and elected by the BOT. A separate resolution was also approved to allow the BOT to appoint consultants, advisors and at-large members whenever necessary, as well as appoint a CONYM or New and Younger Member Advisor with full voting rights.
- 7) Hat's off to MSO Trustee **Dr. Mike Durbin** who is doing a stellar job as the chair of the AAO COVID-19 Task Force. This task force was appointed to make recommendations regarding orthodontic practice modalities and systems, engineering facilities, infection control, etc. as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Members should ensure they are receiving the daily coronavirus e-blasts or go to the AAO website for updates.
- 8) A special thanks to **Dr. Kevin Horner** as his term expired at the conclusion of this meeting for his service on the AAO PAC. **Dr. Deb Lien** now becomes the MSO representative to AAO PAC.
- 9) These MSO members were elected to serve on AAO's new Committee on Conferences & Meetings: **Drs. Daniel Keith**, **Nellie Kim-Weroha** and **Matt Larson**. **Dr. Matt Larson** was also approved by AAO as the CTECH Chair for FY 2020 – 2021. **Dr. Lisa Kwarteng** will be representing MSO as the resident member on the Council on New & Younger Members.
- 10) Registration and housing are expected to open later summer for the 2020 MSO Annual Session schedule for October 2-3 at the Radisson Blu Aqua in downtown Chicago, Illinois.