

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Top 10

2021 MSO Ad Interim Board Meeting Highlights vs. 3.13.2021

- 1) MSO officers, directors and delegates met virtually Friday morning, March 12, for the 2021 MSO Ad Interim Board Meeting. President **Dr. Scott Arbit** welcomed **Drs. Melissa Bernhardt** (IA) and **Estee Wang** (MN) as new directors and shared memories of meeting in-person a year ago.
- 2) Leaders concurred the [MSO Strategy Map](#) continues to remain relevant with strategic initiatives on public and member communications, education and advocacy and leadership development. MSO Trustee **Dr. Mike Durbin** thanked **Dr. Spencer Pope** for serving on the AAO Futurist Study Advisory Group, as well **Drs. Nellie Kim-Weroha** and **Brent Larson** interviewed in the process. Change drivers identified are new competition, orthodontics on the tech edge, new orthodontic specialists, lifelong orthodontics, educating orthodontists and evolving practice models.
- 3) Leaders were encouraged by the number of MSO members engaged at the AAO level, including: **Dr. Lauren Pass** (IL) recently selected by AAO to serve on the AAO Inclusion and Engagement Task Force; **Dr. Emily Willett** (NE) appointed as MSO's next representative on the Council on New and Younger Members; and these leaders participating in the 2021 AAO Virtual Leadership Development Conference - **Drs. Scott Prose** (IL), **Michael Crall** (IA), **Fabio Pinheiro** (MB), **Leslie Ellingson** (NE), **Keri Barrow** (SD), **Todd Rasch** (WI), **Brandon Seubert** (Emerging Leader MN), **Andrew Clark** (Emerging Leader IL), **Bronwen Richards** (Emerging Leader IL), **Kristen Frazier** (Emerging Leader IL), and **Mark Dake** (MSO President-elect MO).
- 4) MSO was applauded for having the strongest representation with 50% of leaders being female. The Board thanked **Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha** for being a valuable part of the inaugural Special Committee on Women Orthodontists as her term expires this year. Although the AAO president appoints members to the SCWO, contact your Trustee mdurbin@aaortho.org for info if interested.
- 5) MSO Board and Delegation members reviewed currently-available AAO resolutions and submitted two new resolutions relating to representative and minority reporting for AAO entities. MSO delegates for the AAO 2021 House held virtually April 22-25 are: **Drs. Ali Fallgatter** - Chair, **Nellie Kim-Weroha** - Vice Chair, **Mark Dake**, **Daniel Keith**, **Deb Lien**, **Jackie Miller**, and **Dennis Sommers**. Alternates are: **Spencer Pope**, and **Emily Willett**. Let them know your thoughts on resolutions: <https://www2.aaoinfo.org/about/governance-leadership/house-of-delegates/>
- 6) Congratulations to these award winners with MSO roots being recognized at the AAO 2021 Annual Session in Boston in June: **Dr. Rolf Behrents** - ABO Albert H. Ketcham Memorial Award, **Dr. Carla Evans** - ABO Dale B. Wade Award of Excellence, **Dr. John Kanyusik** - ABO O.B. Vaughan Special Recognition Awards, and the Graber Family Foundation - AAOF 2021 Eugene and Pauline Blair Distinguished Service Award. MSO's candidate **Dr. Tom Southard** will be receiving the AAOF Louise Ada Jarabak Memorial Award in 2022.
- 7) The Nominating Committee's motion was approved to submit these officers for election by the members at the 2021 MSO Annual Member Business Meeting on Oct. 2: **Dr. Mark Dake** - president, **Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha** - president-elect and **Dr. Spencer Pope** - secretary-treasurer.
- 8) The Board approved MSO participating in a combined constituent virtual hybrid meeting offering CE later October harvested from the separate MSO, SAO and SWSO's 2021 Annual Session for those unwilling to travel or wanting additional CE. **Dr. Daniel Keith** was thanked for his lead as general chair of both the Oct. 1 – 2 and virtual meetings. **Dr. Spencer Pope** was asked to report back with a recommendation on revising the MSO Annual Session Board Committee.
- 9) The Board approved the Shepard Award Committee recommendation to present the 2022 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to **Dr. Tom Stark** at the MSO/SAO/SWSO meeting Nov. 4- 6, 2022 in Austin. **Dr. Deborah Lien** will receive the 2021 award in Milwaukee.
- 10) Registration will be limited with distanced seating when it opens early summer for the **2021 MSO Annual Session Oct. 1-2** in Milwaukee. Go to www.msortho.org for the doctor-staff combined program featuring: **Drs. Matt Larson, Russ Kittleson, Neal Kravitz, Ed Lin, and Anil Idiculla.**