

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Top 10

2021 AAO Virtual House of Delegates Highlights for MSO vs 4.26.2021

- 1) Thanks to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) delegation for successfully representing MSO members during the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Virtual House of Delegates (HOD) held April 23 - 25: **Drs. Ali Fallgatter** - Chair; **Nellie Kim-Weroha** - Vice Chair, **Mark Dake**, **Daniel Keith**, **Deb Lien**, **Jackie Miller**, **Spencer Pope**, **Dennis Sommers**, and **Emily Willett**. **Dr. Keith** also served on Reference Committee 3 and **Dr. Sommers** on Reference Committee 2.
- 2) The House recognized **Dr. Daniel Keith** for completing his full term of service on the Council on New and Younger Members and approved the nomination of **Dr. Emily Willett** as MSO's new representative.
- 3) MSO Trustee **Dr. Mike Durbin** was recognized by AAO President Dr. Chris Roberts for his diligent service as the chair of the AAO COVID-19 Task Force. The delegation also thanked Dr. Durbin for his encouragement during the virtual HOD process. The HOD approved allowing all matters of business of the HOD be conducted in a virtual format as would be conducted for any in-person HOD and be employed only in the event an in-person HOD is not possible or practical.
- 4) The AAO House of Delegates (HOD) voted to keep members' AAO dues the same at \$793 for U.S. active members. The AAO Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) will be funded through a \$400 per member Consumer Awareness Assessment, with the remaining funds coming from AAO's excess liquid reserves to keep the CAP program funded at current levels.
- 5) The House resolved that formal recognition of the Southern Association of Orthodontists and Southwestern Society of Orthodontists constituent merger will occur when over 50% of current constituents have merged and the HOD has approved of any governance changes necessary to accommodate the modified constituent map with SAO and SWSO providing assistance to others in the pursuing the merger process.
- 6) The House approved the AAO Speaker of the House establishing an AAO Constituent Merger/Reorganization Task Force that will assist in identifying the best path forward for constituent mergers or reorganization to create equity and balance among constituent societies and report back by February 15, 2022.
- 7) MSO's resolution was approved for reports promulgated by AAO committees, taskforces, councils and other entities advisory to AAO BOT or HOD be submitted to all members of the reporting entity with opportunity for additions and/or corrections prior to the report's final release by the chair.
- 8) Cheers to **Dr. Dennis Sommers** for his enormous efforts on the Clinical Practice Guidelines approved by the HOD.
- 9) Several items were referred to Councils, including membership issues to COMEJC, the topic of predatory publishing to COSA, and review of HOD schedule changes and separating the HOD and Annual Session to the AAO Committee on Conferences and Meetings (CCon). The AAO Component Legal Support Fund will be funded annually in an amount sufficient to maintain a balance in the Fund of up to \$1 million at the beginning of each AAO fiscal year, pending evaluation after five years, and be funded from unappropriated excess liquid reserves, if available.
- 10) Watch for registration and housing opening early summer for the 2021 MSO Annual Session schedule October 1 – 2 in Milwaukee. Registration will be limited for social-distancing seating.