

## MINNESOTA

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### Meetings

The MAO Board Members are currently planning two meetings this year, a fall virtual seminar scheduled for September 23, 2021 and an in-person MAO Annual Meeting scheduled for January 7, 2022. The fall virtual seminar will feature **Nicole Boon** of Phoenix SecureIT who will speak on *Cyber Security & Hacking: Learn How to Protect Yourself from Ransomware*. This meeting will be held via Zoom and comes at an ideal time as many companies are facing threats from hackers who want to target patient information.

The 2022 MAO Annual Meeting will be held at the new Intercontinental Hotel at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport. The meeting title is *Sleep Medicine/Airway Symposium - Orthodontics, Surgery, and Myofunctional Therapy Solutions*. The featured speakers are orthodontist Dr. **Audrey Yoon**, oral and maxillofacial and sleep surgeon Dr. **Stanley Liu**, sleep medicine physician Dr. **Michael Howell**, orthodontist Dr. **Greg Ross**, and myofunctional therapist **Kaye Baumgardner**. Member orthodontists will be able to invite their medical and dental colleagues to this event to enhance networking between medical and dental fields on this pertinent topic.

### Members Update

Dr. **Heather Horton**, Secretary/Treasurer, is also president of the St. Paul District Dental Society this year. She is working with the Minnesota Dental Association to draft initiatives to address the shortage of dental assistants, including crafting language to allow unlicensed employees to perform intraoral scans and take clinical photos under direct supervision by a licensed dentist.

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. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** is also serving on the Special Committee of Women Orthodontists (SCWO), Annual Session Planning Committee (ASPC) for Miami and Committee on Conferences (CCON).

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