

**Minutes
Midwestern Society of Orthodontists
2009 Annual Session
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

MSO Annual Session - - - October 17 - - - University of Minnesota - - - Minneapolis, MN

1) Call to Order

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists' Annual Business meeting was called to order by President Brent Larson at 7:35 a.m.

2) Report of Parliamentarian - - - Hill

Parliamentarian Arnie Hill declared that with the aid of two assistant parliamentarians Keith Levin and Phil Maschka, they have determined that per the MSO bylaws a quorum is present. If however there is a question on procedural issues, Hill requested those questions be asked of the assistant parliamentarians Levin and Maschka.

3) Introduction of Headtable - - - Larson

Larson introduced headtable dignitaries: Jim Gjerset, Lee Graber, Jackie Miller, John Kanyusik, Babette Cohen, Arnie Hill, and Kristi Burmeister. Larson also verbally recognized two additional MSO leaders for their eight years of service: Carla Evans for service as MSO's representative to the Council on Orthodontic Education and Mark Dake for service on the MSO Membership, Ethics and Judicial Concerns Committee and most recently serving as chair. MSO appreciation plaques have been given individually to these two outstanding leaders since they were not able to be at the business meeting.

4) 2009 MSO Shepard Award Presentation - - - Isaacson

Robert Isaacson noted it was difficult to determine which of Mike Fuchs' accomplishments to highlight in this presentation since there are so many. He chose to focus on the meeting theme of "Broadening Your Perspectives – Orthodontics and Beyond" and complimented Fuchs on his ability to broaden the specialty, broaden the University of Minnesota program and broaden his community through his service to others.

Fuchs accepted the award by thanking his wife Mary, family, friends and mentors such as Dr. Isaacson. Fuchs noted he was on the committee 24 years ago that set the criteria and created this award and never would have dreamed he would be recognized by his colleagues with this award near his hometown and at his alma matter the University of Minnesota. Fuchs was congratulated with a standing ovation.

5) Necrology Report - - - Larson

Larson requested a moment of silence for members listed on the meeting handout that the MSO office has received notice of their passing since the last annual meeting. Larons noted the list includes three MSO past presidents: Thurow, Moreland and Sanford.

6) MSO Trustee and AAO Report - - - Larson

Larson outlined the seven critical issues where AAO focuses their energy and resources. The AAO BOT was successful at the ADA meeting in building a foundation and relationships with other dental colleagues. AAO is embracing international members as an area of growth.

Larson encouraged participation in AAO Webinars as AAO is committed to members being the best they can in practice management. AAO wants to continue the consumer education message and add a call to action to go to the AAO Web site to find a trained AAO member orthodontist or ask their general dentist for a referral. AAO is merging public relations and advertising efforts to be more effective. AAO is providing a member use tool kit based on the overall AAO campaign. Hipp will expound on AAO's success in the advocacy program in a later presentation. Larson encouraged members to call or e-mail him with questions or comments and reminded each MSO member to utilize communication with their component director as a resource.

7) Approval of Minutes - - - Cohen

Motion: Levin/Crist

Minutes stand approved as filed for the 2008 MSO Annual Business Meeting.

On vote, motion carried.

8) AAOF Report - - - Cavanaugh

Cavanaugh announced that since 1994 there has been over 6 million dollars utilized for AAOF projects. He reviewed the AAOF donation options, referred to his letter in the *AJO/DO* regarding the new preservation growth fund project and asked members to consider also giving to the AAO specifically for this special need.

9) AAO PAC Report - - - Hipp

Hipp provided an overview of healthcare reform, AAO's goals and AAO actions with Patton Boggs on behalf of the AAO membership and patients. He complimented MSO on receiving the award for the highest percentage of members contributing to the AAO PAC the last four of five years and noted their goal is to reach \$1 million.

10) Secretary-Treasurer's Report - - - Cohen

Cohen referred to the handouts as she referenced the current account values, 2010 proposed budget and proposed bylaws changes.

Motion: Committee/Kharouf

Approve proposed 2010 budget as printed with adjustment of the stipend total going to MSO editor.

On vote, motion carried.

Motion: Committee/Hill

Approve proposed bylaws revision to be consistent with AAO changes in granting dues and assessment exemption for members in good standing for at least 50 cumulative years.

On vote, motion carried.

Motion: Committee/Pershing

Approve proposed bylaws revision to allow flexibility in timing of installation of officers and directors assuming position.

On vote, motion carried.

11) Nominating Committee Report - - - Kanyusik

Motion: Committee/Pershing

Approve nominating committee report listing nominees as printed.

On vote, motion carried.

12) Installation of Officers - - - Gjerset

Larson called Gjerset to the stage to install the following newly-elected officers:

President	John S. Kanyusik of Mankato, Minnesota
President-Elect	Jacqueline M. Miller of Washington, Missouri
Vice President	Babette Cohen of Winnipeg, Manitoba
Secretary-Treasurer	Ross L. Crist of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Gjerset also welcomed Ryan VanLaecken as the incoming new director to South Dakota who will fill the South Dakota directors position as Crist moves up to secretary-treasurer.

13) Passing of Gavel - - - Larson/Kanyusik

Larson turned the reins over to his successor John Kanyusik and ensured MSO they will benefit from a capable incoming president that he has admired for many years --- earlier as a colleague and even more so now that they teach together at the University. MSO will benefit from his diplomacy as he is a peace-maker and a “doer.” Kanyusik asked attendees to give Larson a hand for this great meeting. He noted that while there is no question regarding Larson’s talent and ability, what is more impressive is how he uses these talents to benefit orthodontics. Kanyusik added that MSO will continue to benefit as Larson serves as MSO Trustee. Kanyusik asked Cindy Larson to join them on stage. He presented Cindy with the presidential crystal vase and Brent Larson with the presidential gavel plaque.

14) Incoming President’s Comments - - - Kanyusik

Kanyusik thanked the special people in his life for obtaining this opportunity, including his wife Carolyn, and recognition of role models that have touched so many such as Graber, Hill, Gjerset and Isaacson. He thanked attending MSO members for what they do for their profession as well and noted that MSO has a fabulous board that he is honored to serve with for MSO. He encouraged members to contact him with any questions or concerns and thanked them for the honor of serving as their president.

15) Unfinished Business - - - Kanyusik

None

16) New Business - - - Kanyusik

Kanyusik introduced Southern Association of Orthodontist’s President Kim Reed to provide more information on exploring the Rockies together during the combined 2010 MSO/SAO Annual Session. Reed noted this is the first combined meeting for SAO and their constituent already sees so many common goals, ideas and benefits of working together with the MSO through this experience. Reed invited MSO members to benefit from purchasing public awareness postcards from SAO.

17) Adjournment

Motion: Larson/Levin
To adjourn at 8:38 a.m.
On vote, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Babette Cohen", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Babette Cohen
2008 - 2009 Secretary/Treasurer