

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Press Release



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Attachments: Photo - Dr. Spencer Pope (2023 - 2024 president)
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MSO Announces 2023 - 2024 Board and Recognizes Award Winner

The following new officers were installed to serve the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) members for the 2023 - 2024 terms: Dr. **Spencer Pope** of Flossmoor, Illinois as president; Dr. **Michael LaFerla** of Joplin, Missouri as president-elect; and Dr. **Emily Willett** of Lincoln, Nebraska as secretary-treasurer. Dr. **Mike Durbin** of Des Plaines, Illinois continues to serve as an officer and MSO Trustee to the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) Board.

Dr. **Sumit Yadav** of Lincoln, Nebraska joins the Board as the new Nebraska director following Dr. Willett's election to secretary-treasurer. Also continuing to serve their respective component organization on the MSO Board as directors are: Drs. **Bronwen Richards** of Rock Island, Illinois; **Melissa Bernhardt** of West Des Moines, Iowa; **Carolina Frota** of Winnipeg, Manitoba; **Estee Wang** of Maplewood, Minnesota; **John Firth** of St. Louis, Missouri; **Emerson Ehls** of Fargo, North Dakota; **Keri Barrow** of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and **John Kittleson** of Mequon, Wisconsin.

Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** of Rochester, Minnesota completed her term as president during MSO's 2023 Annual Session held October 13 – 14 at the Hilton Rochester Mayo Clinic Area in Minnesota as the first combined meeting with the Rocky Mountain Association of Orthodontists (RMSO).

MSO's 2023 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was presented to Dr. **Brian Jespersion** of Bismarck, North Dakota. In addition to being involved in his church and community, he has served as an MSO past president, delegate to the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) House, and MSO representative to an AAO council. This award was created in honor of Dr. Earl E. Shepard to recognize orthodontists for outstanding service to orthodontics and their community.

MSO represents nearly 1,480 members in Illinois, Iowa, Manitoba, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists is an AAO constituent that supports the mission of the AAO by providing resources, communication and leadership, while serving as a voice for its component societies and individual members.

The 2024 MSO Annual Session will be held with separate doctor and staff team lecture tracks on October 25-26 at the Loews Chicago O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois.

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