

MINNESOTA

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Meetings

The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists held an evening virtual study club meeting for our members on September 27, 2022. Radiologist Dr. **Dania Tamimi** reviewed reading CBCTs for Orthodontists, which was an extremely informative and dynamic session.

The MAO is currently planning its annual meeting, which will take place on Friday, January 6, 2023. The headline speaker will be the renowned **René Rodriguez**. Considered by many as the leading authority on leadership and influence, René Rodriguez is a best-selling author, keynote speaker, leadership advisor, and transformational speaker coach. For the last 27 years, René has been researching and applying behavioral neuroscience to solve some of the toughest challenges in leadership, sales, and change. As an entrepreneur and CEO of multiple companies, René integrates a practical business approach that inspires his audiences to take action. The second speaker will be **Andrea Cooke**, a veteran in clinical procedures and clinical productivity. Since effectively training clinical team members is a critical portion of the advancement of clinical productivity and profitability Andrea works with teams to increase efficiency, improve communication, and guide the office to a new level of excellence.

The MAO is looking forward to the MSO annual meeting in 2023 under the leadership of MSO President-elect Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha**, which will be held at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Members Update

Dr. **Deb Lien**, chair of the legislative affairs committee, is continuing to help to run the AAOPAC for Minnesota. The AAOPAC conference was held April 4-6, 2022 in Washington, DC and was well attended. Dr. Lien was awarded the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry Distinguished Alumni Award in September.

Dr. **Steve Litton** continues to serve as the President of the Minnesota Dental Foundation. After a two-year hiatus, the Minnesota Mission of Mercy was held in St. Cloud, Minnesota on July 28-30, 2022. The Minnesota Mission of Mercy recruits dentists from around the state to provide free dental care to thousands of people in need. The MAO has made a donation to the Minnesota Mission of Mercy on behalf of the members.

Dr. **Heather Horton**, current Secretary/Treasurer, will be serving as President-elect of the MAO in 2023. She will be attending the AAO Leadership conference during the AAO

Winter Conference 2023 in Las Vegas. We would like to thank Drs. **Deb Lien, Nellie Kim-Weroha**, and **Estee Wang** for serving on the AAO House of Delegates on behalf of the MSO this past AAO Annual Session 2022 in Miami.

Estee Wang

Maplewood, Minnesota