

MINNESOTA

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Meetings

The MAO held our annual meeting on Friday, January 6, 2023 at the InterContinental Hotel - MSP Airport. The headline speaker was **René Rodriguez** who gave a compelling presentation on leadership and influence. René is a best-selling author, keynote speaker, leadership advisor, and transformational speaker coach. For the last 27 years, he 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 was **Andrea Cooke**, who spoke about clinical procedures and team clinical productivity.

Our next annual meeting will be held on Friday, January 5, 2024, featuring Dr. **David Sarver** as the speaker. His presentation is entitled, *A Contemporary Look at Orthodontics: Where We Are and Where We are Going*.

The MAO is looking forward to sponsoring the MSO annual meeting on October 13-14, 2023 at the Mayo Clinic under the leadership of MSO President, Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** of Rochester, Minnesota.

Board Update

Dr. **Deb Lien**, chair of the legislative affairs committee, is continuing to help to run the AAOPAC for Minnesota. She is also representing the MAO in working with the Minnesota Dental Association (MDA) to focus on addressing the shortage of licensed dental assistants and establishing regulations surrounding teledentistry.

For the shortage of licensed dental assistants, the MAO and MDA are proposing that under the direct supervision of a dentist or dental therapist, non-licensed dental assistants be authorized to take digital impressions, take photographs extra-orally and intra-orally, and aid dental hygienists and licensed dental assistants in the performance of their delegated procedures.

The MDA and the MAO, along with other specialties, have formed a Teledentistry Task Force for 2023 to review and formulate teledentistry legislation to protect our patients.

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