

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Top 10

2023 MSO Ad Interim Board Meeting Highlights vs. 3.8.2023

- 1) MSO officers, directors, and delegates held a productive MSO Ad Interim Board Meeting March 3 at the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) headquarters in St. Louis, under the direction of MSO President Dr. **Nellie Kim-Weroha**.
- 2) MSO members had the opportunity to gather over a combined lunch with Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists' leaders also in the building holding their Ad Interim Board meeting separately. Officers of both groups connected the night before to build relationships for the first combined 2023 MSO-RMSO Annual Session in Rochester, MN, as well as determine if there are other ways to work together with future combined events.
- 3) MSO Board and Delegation members reviewed AAO House of Delegates (HOD) resolutions received to date. Delegates representing MSO at the AAO 2023 AAO HOD in Chicago in April are: Drs. **Nellie Kim-Weroha** - Chair, **Daniel Keith** - Vice Chair, **Keri Barrow**, **Deborah Lien**, **Spencer Pope**, **Estee Wang**, and **Emily Willett**. Alternates are: **Mark Dake**, **Ali Fallgatter**, and **Dennis Sommers**. AAO will be posting resolutions on their website for member comment.
- 4) All AAO constituent organizations are required to send delegates and alternate delegates to the AAO's House of Delegates to benefit and serve the best interests of the entire AAO membership. MSO's delegation may submit a resolution asking AAO to cover the cost for three nights housing at the AAO headquarters hotel for all Delegates and Alternate Delegates attending the AAO Annual Session.
- 5) The Nominating Committee's motion was approved to submit these officers for election by the members at the 2023 MSO Annual Member Business Meeting October 14: **Drs. Spencer Pope** - president, **Daniel Keith** - president-elect, and **Mike Laferla** - secretary-treasurer.
- 6) The Board approved recommending an MSO dues change at the Member Business Meeting starting with the AAO 2024 – 2025 dues cycle. The last MSO dues increase was in 2017.
 - \$10 increase for full active (impacting other dues categories based on %), except also these categories changed to be consistent with other constituent dues rates:
 - Charge all Academic (Sr., Jr., Foreign Trained) @ 50% MSO Active dues rate
 - Waive dues for 1st year post-grad
 - Charge full dues for 4th year post-grad
- 7) A Strategic Planning Task Force is being named by MSO President **Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha** to be chaired by MSO President-elect **Dr. Spencer Pope**. Their charge is to re-evaluate the MSO Strategic Plan and make a report to the MSO Board to incorporate into a strategic planning session at the fall MSO Board meeting.
- 8) MSO will pursue a combined partnership with the AAO to inform our shared members about AAO membership service opportunities.
- 9) The Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award Committee's nomination of **Dr. Pat Foley** was unanimously approved to present at the 2024 MSO Annual Session to be held at the prestigious Lowes Chicago O'Hare Hotel by the entertainment and shopping area of Rosemont, IL near O'Hare airport October 25 – 26, 2024.
- 10) The 2023 MSO Shepard Award will be presented to **Dr. Brian Jespersion** at the first combined MSO - RMSO Annual Session October 13-14 in Rochester, MN. Save the date and watch for registration/housing opening in May.