

MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

Secretary/Treasurer Report

The MSO Board of Directors at their March 6th, 2026 Ad Interim Meeting discussed the MSO annual member dues amount for the 2027-2028 renewal cycle.

Below is a historical review of MSO dues for the past six years. The current MSO dues rates for Active members is \$205. Dues were last raised in 2024-2025 renewal cycle.

MSO	2027-2028	2026-2027	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024	2022-2023	2021-2022	2020-2021
Active-Full		205.00	205.00	205.00	195.00	195.00	195.00	195.00
Active-1st yr		0	0.00	0.00	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.50
Active-2nd yr		51.25	51.25	51.25	48.75	48.75	48.75	48.75
Active-3rd yr		102.50	102.50	102.50	97.50	97.50	97.5	97.5
Active-4th yr		205	205.00	205.00	146.25	146.25	146.25	146.25
Active-Life		102.50	102.50	102.50	97.50	97.50	97.50	97.50
Active-Academic Sr		102.50	102.50	102.50	0.00	0.00	0	0
Active-Academic Jr		102.50	102.50	102.50	0.00	0.00	0	0
FACA Sr		102.50	102.50	102.50	0.00	0.00	0	0
FACA Jr		102.50	102.50	102.50	0.00	0.00	0	0

The current MSO Board Policy regarding dues suggests, but not requires, an annual dues adjustment aligned with inflation as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics Inflation Calculator, the Core Price Index, and/or other relevant indicators or external factors. MSO dues were held flat for the past three years as the organization absorbed increasing costs, and the MSO board is seeking a small adjustment rather than allowing the gap to grow.

A **MOTION** was made and seconded by the MSO Board of Directors at the March 2026 Ad Interim Board meeting to establish active dues at \$215 starting in 2027-2028 membership year. On vote, the motion carried.

DUES INCREASE JUSTIFICATION

1. The increase is modest and predictable.

The proposed \$10 increase represents only a 4.9% increase over the current \$205 dues. Spread over three years since the 2024 dues adjustment, this is a relatively small annualized increase. The

association has gone three membership cycles without an increase, rather than making frequent smaller adjustments. The increase is calculated to be about a \$7000 increase to the budgeted dues income based on current MSO membership.

2. Costs have continued to rise since the last dues increase.

Since professional dues were last increased in 2024, the cost of virtually every association function has increased—including technology, database/association management systems, communications, insurance, professional services, meeting expenses, printing, postage, and staffing. Other major dental and orthodontic organizations are also adjusting dues to address inflation and rising operating costs. For example, the AAO increased full active-member dues by 3.5% for 2026–27 specifically to keep pace with inflation and rising operational costs.

3. The \$10 increase aligns with the other AAO constituent dues rates.

A modest increase keeps the MSO aligned with the other constituent 2026-27 dues rates which are:

GLAO - \$195
MASO - \$195
RMSO - \$200
SWSO - \$210

SAO - \$210
MSO - \$215 (*proposed*)
NESO - \$265
PCSO - \$380

4. The increase protects member services and supports long-term financial sustainability.

Dues help support the programs and services members expect from their professional association—including advocacy, communications, education, professional resources, member engagement, and association operations. Making a small adjustment keeps revenue aligned with the cost of delivering on member services.

All dues changes are required by the MSO Bylaws to be voted on by the members at the MSO Annual Business Meeting.