



## **Midwestern Society of Orthodontists**

### **Electronic Newsletter Articles Fall 2024**

A compilation of the news articles that were posted on the MSO web site in Fall 2024.

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## **MSO Components**

### **ILLINOIS**

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### **Recent/Upcoming Meetings:**

**April 4, 2024**

#### **ISO Spring Meeting**

Dr. Hera Kim, Director of the Graduate Orthodontic Program at University of Michigan  
*Emerging Technology Trends that will shape orthodontist in 2024 and beyond.*

**Oct 25-26, 2024**

#### **MSO Annual Session, Rosemont, IL**

In lieu of a competing meeting in fall 2024, ISO plans to encourage ISO membership to attend MSO in Rosemont and conduct a short meeting over lunch on October 26.

### **ISO**

Exec Board Zoom March 18 ,2024: ISO voted to contribute \$6000 toward sponsorship to the 2024 MSO Annual Session in Rosemont, IL. The MSO meeting will serve as the second Continuing Education event for ISO in 2024 and replace a fall meeting hosted by ISO.

### **Current Legislative Efforts in Illinois:**

#### **Teledentistry**

We are thrilled to share with you that Gov. Pritzker signed SB 2586, the teledentistry bill, into law on Friday, August 9th!

This legislation includes:

1. An in-person examination requirement before providing teledentistry services
2. Ensures a patient knows how to contact their treating dentist/orthodontist; and
3. Guarantees patients' rights to file complaints

Please take a moment now to send a note to Governor Pritzker to thank him for signing SB 2586, and a thank you to Sen. Cunningham and Representative Moeller for their sponsorship of this bill – which is a vital piece of legislation for all practicing orthodontists and orthodontic patients in the state of Illinois and will be good for Illinois.

During this multi-year effort going back to 2019, the AAO Advocacy team, the Illinois Society of Orthodontists (ISO), the Illinois State Dental Society (ISSO), and AAO’s local lobbying team Phelps Barry & Associates (now Fulcrum Government Strategies) with support from the AAO Component Legal Support Fund, have worked to add increased patient protection in Illinois, including a requirement for an in-person exam and a review of patient records prior to orthodontic treatment. The AAO will continue to advocate for policies that are in the best interest of patient health and safety, and there is still work to be done to ensure implementation of this new law includes important patient protections.

This new teledentistry law in Illinois is effective immediately, including the requirement that the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation adopt rules to provide for the sale and manufacturing of clear aligners to patients in the State of Illinois. The AAO and ISO will remain engaged to make sure patient health and safety remain the priority focus throughout the rulemaking process in Illinois.

#### Dental Insurance Loss Ratio

Synopsis: Creates the Dental Loss Ratio Act. The legislation requires beginning July 1, 2023, dental insurance companies to annually submit to the Department of Insurance a dental loss ratio filing. The legislation sets a dental loss ratio for dental insurance companies at 80% and provides a formula for the calculation of the ratio. Provides that the Department may adopt rules to implement the Act.

The National Council on Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) adopted specific language that should aid implementing the state goals (language was released in January 2024):

#### **NCOIL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE ADOPTS MEDICAL LOSS RATIOS FOR DENTAL (DLR) HEALTH CARE SERVICES PLANS MODEL ACT**

*Model Will Provide Guidance to States Seeking to Pass Legislation Related to Dental Loss Ratios*

#### **ISDS Initiatives**

##### **Dental Insurance Reform**

**Dental Loss Ratio:** ISDS continues our fight to rectify decades of unaccountable behavior and practices within the dental insurance industry. Our proposal aims to shed light on dental insurance, making it more transparent and patient-focused. Under our dental loss ratio legislation, any health insurer or dental plan carrier offering dental insurance policies must annually submit a dental loss ratio filing to the Illinois Department of Insurance (DOI). This

legislation not only enhances transparency but also empowers patients and employers to make well-informed decisions when evaluating dental insurance plans that provide the most value.

**HB 4780 (Gong-Gershowitz) Status**

**SB 3305 (Fine) Status**

**Prior Authorization:** Aiming to address cases where insurance companies initially agree to cover a dental procedure through prior authorization but later deny claims, ISDS is pushing to limit insurers' ability to backtrack their commitments, except in specific situations.

**HB 4789 (Morgan) Status**

**SB 3278 (Syverson) Status**

**Electronic Claims Submission:** Dentists will soon be mandated to submit insurance claims electronically starting January 1, 2025. In light of this impending requirement, ISDS is working on legislation to extend the compliance deadline, provide exemptions, demand enhanced patient information from insurers, and require the insurer to provide an electronic claim system for dentists to use. This will ensure that dentists have the necessary insurance information they need to provide correct and accurate information to their patients.

**HB 5317 (Rita) Status**

**SB 3721 (Syverson) Status**

**Dental Practice Act**

**Teledentistry:** ISDS seeks to bolster consumer protection for those using Do-It-Yourself (DIY) teeth straightening products in the state. The legislation aims to ensure that these individuals receive quality care, undergo proper examinations, and are provided informed consent. The legislation clearly defines a patient of record, requires that the same standard of care must be used for teledentistry as in office visit, and requires informed consent for the use of teledentistry services.

**SB 2586 (Cunningham) Status**

**Dental Practice Act Licensing:** Following significant delays in licensing various professions, including dentistry, the Illinois State Dental Society (ISDS) is taking proactive steps to mitigate future setbacks.

This legislation seeks to address these items:

- Prevents residents from missing crucial training time by proposing a pre-practice allowance, allowing up to three months while awaiting licenses.
- For the year 2024, it waives faculty restricted license renewal fees for those who renewed in both 2022 and 2023, providing financial relief for faculty members.
- Waives renewal fees for licensure applicants, who are typically recent graduates not yet earning an income, who applied within six months before the renewal period starts, ensuring they can start practicing and providing patient care without extra renewal costs during the renewal year.

### **HB 5059 (Mah) Status**

#### **Illinois Medicaid Program**

**Anesthesia Rate Increase:** The Medicaid rates for deep sedation dentistry have been a continued barrier to access. There have been situations where children have had to go from Southern Illinois to Chicago to receive dental care that requires deep sedation. To improve access to deep sedation, ISDS is seeking legislation that will increase the Medicaid reimbursement rates for anesthesia.

### **HB 4901 (Manley) Status**

#### **SB 3584 (Loughran Cappel) Status**

**Orthodontic Coverage:** Currently in Illinois, the rules for determining who qualifies for orthodontic coverage are subjective and lack clear guidelines. During the 2023 legislative session, ISDS introduced legislation to establish automatic qualifiers for determining eligibility for orthodontic services. ISDS collaborated with DHFS throughout the 2023 session to address this issue. By the end of the session, DHFS agreed to implement these standards through official rules. ISDS worked closely with DHFS over the summer to update both the scoring tool and the rules. These changes were initially planned to take effect by January 1, 2024. However, DHFS has now indicated that these changes will not be implemented. Therefore, ISDS is seeking legislation to ensure these agreed upon changes are implemented by DHFS.

### **HB 4832 (Avelar) Status**

#### **Other Legislation**

##### **E-Prescription Legislation**

Amends the Illinois Controlled Substances Act. The legislation states that a pharmacist may not refuse to fill a valid prescription solely because it is not prescribed electronically. Additionally, the legislation states prior to December 31, 2030 the Department of Financial and Professional Regulation can only issue prescribers in violation of the electronic prescription requirement a non-disciplinary warning letter or citation, unless the prescriber fails to abide by the initial non-disciplinary warning letter or citation, has acted in bad faith, or a pattern of practice in violation of this Section occurs.

#### **Leadership:**

Thank you to the Illinois leaders who serve our profession in organized dentistry:

- **Dr. Mike Durbin**, AAO Trustee and past president of the Chicago Dental Society
- **Dr. Spencer Pope**, current president of MSO
- **Dr. Randall Markarian** is serving as the 8<sup>th</sup> District Trustee to the ADA representing Illinois.

**Bronwen Richards**

Rock Island, Illinois

## **IOWA**

**Jeremy Grabowski**, President

**Blair Smith** President-Elect

**Karl Swenson**, Vice President

**Clayton Parks**, Secretary/ Treasurer

The 2024 Iowa Society of Orthodontists (ISO) meeting will be held October 6-7 in Iowa City. Sunday's agenda includes a lecture by Dr. Ron Hathaway entitled "Craniofacial Orthodontics: 40 years of experience with patients, management and research" as well as an update on on-going research within the University of Iowa, Department of Orthodontics. On Monday, Dr. Barry Glaser will share his presentation entitled, "The Future is Now: Clear aligner treatment and digital workflows for 2024 and beyond."

The Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) is being held October 4-5, 2024, in Sioux City. Last year at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual IMOM, 5,921 dental procedures were administered on 1,081 patients. The total dollar value of care provided amounted to \$955,252. Since the first IMOM in 2008, 17,736 patients have received over \$12.5 million in free oral healthcare.

Dental insurance reform was at the top of the list of IDA successes this past legislative session. The IDA dental insurance reform bill, HF 2400, marked the first time since 2010 the state of Iowa passed a dental insurance reform law. The bill was focused on addressing two issues dentists in Iowa face: network leasing and virtual credit cards. The new law, which went into effect on July 1, requires dental insurers to make dentists aware of network leasing activity and provide the opportunity to opt-out without retribution by the contracting insurer. The law also requires insurers to offer alternative payment methods to virtual credit cards, such as checks or direct deposits.

Another success was the Governor's Boards and Commissions bill, SF 2385. The bill originated from a committee report from last fall that recommended sweeping changes to Iowa's executive agencies. This committee report included a section that recommended shrinking the size of the dental board from nine to seven members by removing one dentist and one public member from the board. Through persistent lobbying efforts by the IDA advocacy team, this section was removed from the final version of the bill that was passed. The budget was largely status quo, with no increases for dental Medicaid services included.

The top priorities of the Iowa Dental Association (IDA) during the 2025 Legislative Session include:

1. Continue efforts on dental insurance reforms by exploring opportunities to improve dental insurance for both patients and providers.
2. Explore workforce solutions and find ways to increase workforce funding and support.
3. Continue fighting for a Medicaid increase that allows all dentists to participate without losing money when treating patients.

**Melissa Bernhardt**  
West Des Moines, Iowa

## **MANITOBA**

**William Wieler**, President

**Alvaro Salles**, Vice President

**Jared Rykiss**, Treasurer

### **Future Meeting Dates:**

- The Manitoba Orthodontic Society (MOS) will be meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2024. Dr. Dan Bills will be speaking at the meeting on Practice Management.
- The Canadian version of GORP, called SCOR, will take place in Toronto on March 1<sup>st</sup> 2025. The meeting will bring together orthodontic residents across Canada to increase access to topics related to business management, legal counselling, accounting, etc.

### **Recent Activities:**

- The Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) held their 2024 Annual Conference in Kelowna BC on September 19 -21. One of the third-year orthodontic residents from the University of Manitoba presented their graduate research project at the meeting.
- The Canadian federal government recently introduced the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), which currently does not cover orthodontic treatment. Orthodontic coverage is anticipated to be implemented in 2025, but few details have been released. It is expected to only cover services in cases of medical need based on strict criteria, and will have a maximum spending limit. The CAO organized a meeting with the Presidents of all the Provincial Societies of Orthodontists to come to a collective stance on the members' opinions on the matter. The President of the CAO, Greg Barnett, has formulated a letter summarizing the position of Canadian orthodontists with regards to the CDCP in hopes of working with the government in the development of the program.
- The Red River College continues to offer in-person orthodontic modules for dental assistants twice per year. The modules are taught by volunteer orthodontists within the province. In order to overcome the limitations of in-person courses and a shortage of orthodontic assistants, orthodontists in the province are working with the Manitoba Dental Association (MDA) in creating an alternative online pathway for dental assistants to obtain their qualifications.
- Two new orthodontic residents have started their specialty training at the University of Manitoba: One from Saskatchewan and the other one from Ontario. Both are internationally trained dentists who obtained their Canadian dental licenses through the International Dentist Degree Program (IDDP).

**Katherine Kazak**

Winnipeg, Manitoba





## **MINNESOTA**

**Heather Horton**, President

**Becky Maher**, President-elect

**Molly McMahon**, Secretary/Treasurer

### **Board Update**

The MAO annual session will be held Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at the InterContinental in Bloomington, MN. Practice consultant Dino Watt will give a full day presentation for both doctors and team members.

On June 10, 2024, the Minnesota Board of Dentistry authorized the following:

- Unlicensed assistants may now, under direct supervision, take intraoral and extraoral photographs, and digital intraoral impressions/scans.
- In order to be allowed to do these newly delegated procedures, the unlicensed assistant must take and maintain CPR certification and comply with current infection control standards.

Unlicensed assistants have already been able to take an accredited radiology program to take dental x-rays for several years. Therefore, with the most recent changes in guidelines, unlicensed assistants can now take full orthodontic records.

Minnesota held a very successful Mission of Mercy event in Duluth on June 7-8, 2024. Almost \$1.2 million in free dentistry was performed with 924 patient encounters by 592 volunteers.

Mayo Clinic will be closing its orthodontic residency in two years and will not be accepting applications this year. Mayo is transitioning its care model into a craniofacial specialty center instead of an orthodontic residency.

### **Estee Wang**

Maplewood, Minnesota

## **MISSOURI**

**Amy Schulte**, President

**Jeffrey Cavanaugh**, Secretary/Treasurer

**Mark Dake**, Past President

The MSO meeting was held in October 2023 in Rochester Minnesota, Meeting was sparsely attended by Missouri. Regardless it was a great meeting.

The Missouri Society of Orthodontics meeting was held on October 13th, 2023, in Rochester, Minnesota in conjunction with the MSO meeting.

In Attendance: John Firth, Mike Laferla, Amy Schulte, Ginny Mennemeyer, Ki Boem Kim,

-New President was Elected: Amy Schulte (congratulations)

-We voted to donate the same amount as last year to GORP for 2024 (not sure at this time what that was, Ginny was going to check on that)

-We discussed combining the Missouri/Kansas meeting with the Dental Society of the Lake of the Ozarks in June. This discussion was tabled for Dr. Schulte to take over and re-group.

CADE Center for Advanced Dental Education (SLUORTHO) Celebrated 130 years of Orthodontics at Saint Louis University on March 15-16, 2024. There was a great lineup of speakers to mark this great accomplishment and milestone we have in our history. Featured speakers: Dr Rolf Behrents, Dr Eustaquio Araujo, Dr Revi Nanda, Dr Jae Park, Dr Jay Bowman. This event was well attended and a great success. We enjoy a wonderful history of Orthodontics in Missouri.

Coming up for MSO 2024 in Rosemont Illinois October 24-26 :

Missouri will hold its annual Missouri Society of Orthodontics meeting hoping to better our attendance to at least 7 members this year. We hope to nominate and elect a new president to help Missouri to progress the profession and bring membership to new heights. Our new Goal for Missouri is to bolster our membership and increase numbers to help in organized orthodontic societies.(AAO, MSO, Missouri Society of Orthodontics)

New News: Our own Mike Laferla and Jackie Miller have been tasked with teaching Orthodontics to the new dental students at our newest dental school in Missouri, Kansas City University School of Dental Medicine. Congratulations to them and good luck.

**John Firth**

Joplin, Missouri

## **NEBRASKA**

**Leslie Ellingson**, President

**Meenakshi (Minnie) Vishwanath**, Vice President/Secretary

**Kate Tussing**, Treasurer

We had NSO annual meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Dr. Bill Layman was the speaker, and he talked about future of orthodontics with remote monitoring. 20 NSO members attended the meeting.

**Emily Willett**

Lincoln, Nebraska

## **NORTH DAKOTA**

In July 2024, the North Dakota Board of Higher Education approved Bismarck State College's dental hygiene and assisting programs, which will offer 15 seats and could be ready by the 2025 academic year. The Minot State University program, already approved and in progress since 2023, also offers 15 seats, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony held for its new facility. These initiatives aim to address the state's growing dental workforce needs and improve access to education and care throughout North Dakota. Additionally, dental board rules and regulations regarding orthodontic supervision requirements and assistant duties have been updated to be more specific. We successfully relaxed restrictions, allowing assistants to polish adhesive off teeth following bracket removal with a slow-speed handpiece under indirect supervision. We also reduced pathway requirements for unlicensed assistants to gain licensure via on-the-job experience and expanded the functions of qualified dental assistants to include simple procedures such as arch wire changes.

**Emerson Ehlis**

Fargo, North Dakota

## **SOUTH DAKOTA**

**Ryan VanLaecken**, President

**Keri Barrow**, Secretary/Treasurer

**Sioux Empire Smiles** - Saturday, September 28

Volunteer dentists, hygienists, and assistants provided dental care for over 120 uninsured and underserved children in the Sioux Falls area.

### **South Dakota Dental Association (SDDA) has made a proposal for a change to the rules for registered dental hygienists (RDHs) and registered dental assistants (RDAs)**

Because the dental workforce shortage is affecting the ability of dental offices to provide proper preventive care to patients, the SDDA has petitioned the South Dakota Board of Dentistry to change the rules for allied dental staff to expand their scope of practice. The three proposed rule changes are as follows:

1. The Board may issue a permit to a dental hygienist or a registered dental assistant to place, finish, and adjust direct restorations; as well as adapt and cement stainless steel crowns.
2. The Board may issue a permit to a registered dental assistant to perform supragingival scaling only when there has been a diagnosis of a patient's periodontal health or condition within the last 13 months and when the patient has no prior diagnosis of periodontal disease.
3. The Board may issue a permit to a dental assistant to administer nitrous oxide inhalation analgesia to dental patients on an outpatient basis so long as the dental assistants administering nitrous oxide adhere to the same administrative rules placed on registered dental assistants administering nitrous oxide.

Other talking points and considerations:

- The dental workforce shortage is affecting the ability of dental offices to provide proper preventive care to patients
- The dental workforce shortage means offices must use current staff members as efficiently and effectively as possible – including expanding the scope of allowed duties.
- By permitting trained dental assistants to perform supragingival scaling, dentists will be able to help patients maintain optimal oral hygiene.
- Allied staff that obtain permits for expanded functions are more likely to stay in the dental field due to increased compensation and job satisfaction.
- All new permit holders will have successfully completed a course of learning that verifies their competency.
- The Board can, and should, require an objective test or assessment of the applicant's competency.

- All new permit holders will work under the direct supervision of a dentist.

**Keri Barrow**

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

## **WISCONSIN**

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**Alison Mantel**, Trustee

**Mark Hanson**, Trustee

**TBD**, Trustee

**John Kittleson**, MSO Director

1. The 2024 WSO Fall Conference was held on September 12th and 13th at Sentry World in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. On Thursday Wesley Lyon, the President & CEO of McGill and Lyon Dental Advisors shared his expertise and on Friday Dr. David Sarver provided an update on current concepts in esthetics and smile design.
2. The 2025 WSO Fall Conference is scheduled for October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The speaker for this meeting is still being finalized.
3. The Legislature's Joint Committee on Finance has approved the Wisconsin Technical College System's plan to use \$20 million in state funding to expand dental workforce training programs, releasing the funds that will allow WTCS to train more than 200 new dental hygienists, assistants and other dental team members annually at 14 schools throughout the state.

This is great news for Wisconsin's dentists and the patients they serve. As part of its multipronged effort to address the workforce shortage plaguing dental offices in Wisconsin and throughout the country, the WDA has been a strong advocate for increasing capacity in our state's oral health workforce training programs and led legislative efforts to secure the \$20 million in the 2023-24 state budget. JFC approval of the technical college system's plan is the final step in a marathon process to put those new dollars to work.

4. In June of this year, Elsbeth Kalenderian, DDS, MPH, PhD, was named dean of the Marquette University School of Dentistry, following the retirement of Dr. William K. Lobb. She joined Marquette in August after serving as dean of the Academic Centre for Dentistry in Amsterdam, where she also served as a professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery. In her new role, Dr. Kalenderian believes it's critical to work with MUSoD's faculty, staff, students, residents and alumni to implement and advance the university's strategic priorities. She also plans to focus on how the school can expand clinical

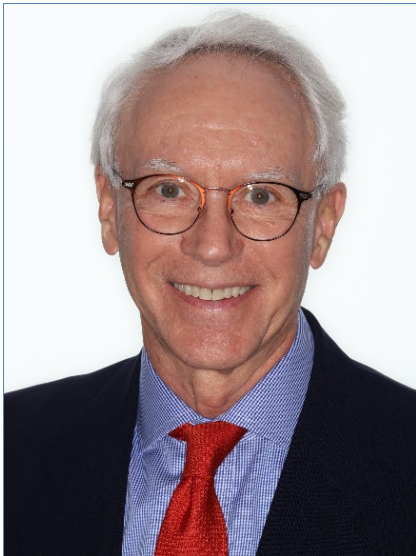
operations and educational programs, invest in research efforts, and engage with the community and alumni to further development efforts. In other Marquette news, the 2023 orthodontic residency Class all passed the clinical exam and became board certified orthodontists. The 2024 Class successfully graduated in August. They have all passed their ABO written exam and registered for the clinical exam on 9/17/24. In July, we learned of the unfortunate passing of Dr. Donald Ferguson, the former chair of Marquette's orthodontic department.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists at 920-560-5626 or visit our website at [www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com](http://www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com).

**John Kittleson**  
Mequon, Wisconsin



## Dr. Patrick Foley receives 2024 Shepard Award



Dr. Earl E. Shepard served the specialty of orthodontics and especially the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) in multiple roles. He was an educator and chaired the Department of Orthodontics at Washington University in St. Louis for 22 years. He was the secretary-treasurer for the Central Section of the AAO (predecessor to the MSO), as well as the AAO, was president of the MSO and was best known as the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) first and longest serving Executive Director. Recognizing these many contributions to orthodontics and dentistry, in 1987, the MSO created the Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award as its highest named recognition for service to the dental profession, the specialty of orthodontics, and the greater community. How fitting it is that this year's award recipient, Dr. **Patrick F. Foley**, has himself served with distinction as an

educator, society leader, and the MSO representative to the American Board as well as its president.

Pat started his collegiate education at Northern Illinois University where he majored in mathematics and chemistry. His first "real job" was as a high school teacher in his chosen major. "My sense of always striving to be my best was developed during my youth under the guidance of loving and supportive parents. This perspective carried on through my high school teaching experience—with diligent preparation for each day." Pat credits the early working with students both as a teacher and coach, for developing his love for academics.

After several years of teaching in Oswego, Illinois, Pat entered the College of Dentistry at the University of Illinois in Chicago (UIC). After dental school, he completed a General Dentistry Residency at Fort Gordon in Georgia and then served in the Army for an additional four years, much of it in Butzbach, Federal Republic of Germany. Dr. Foley notes, "The U.S. Army motto of "Be all that you can be," was reinforced within my general dentistry experience as a U.S. Army Captain."

Service to country was important, but it also provided a backdrop for him to work with and eventually marry his UIC dental school classmate and fellow Army dentist, Rita and start their family. While Pat found that he enjoyed general dentistry, he was intrigued with orthodontics, and after leaving the army, completed the orthodontic specialty residency program at Saint Louis University (SLU). Rita practiced general dentistry, taught dental hygiene and eventually became a researcher for dental related products for which she and Pat hold patents.

Dr. Foley had a thirty-year private practice experience in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Not only an excellent clinician, his orthodontic colleagues also note that he demonstrated a special

facility for “coaching” both patients and parents and, through his abilities at communication, facilitating better care both for the patients he treated as well as helping fellow professionals with whom he consulted. For the last 17 years of his practice, he also shared his time and skills with residents at SLU as an assistant professor. Pat was actively recruited in 2018 to become a full-time faculty member and now serves as an Associate Professor, Kenneth Marshall Endowed Professor of Orthodontics, and Associate Director for the SLU Center for Advanced Dental Education. Pat has stated, “teaching at the graduate level at Saint Louis University in more recent years has kept me humble and yet engaged, especially today in orthodontic education and research.”

During his time in practice and teaching, Pat has also served as a volunteer leader in his profession. His appointments have included service as a trustee on the University of Illinois Alumni Board, Illinois Society of Orthodontists (ISO) trustee and its president (2020 recipient of the ISO’s highest Merit Award), American Board of Orthodontics Examiner, MSO’s ABO Director including a term as ABO president, and the Commission on Dental Accreditation’s (CODA) Review Committee on Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics Education. Pat has also served as a reviewer for the following professional journals: the *American Journal of Orthodontics & Dentofacial Orthopedics (AJODO)*, the *AJODO Clinical Companion*, the *Angle Orthodontist*, *Orthodontics and Craniofacial Research*, *BMC Oral Health*, the *European Journal of Orthodontics*, and *Clinical Oral Investigations*.

In Lake Zurich, Illinois, for 27 years Pat was part of the Chamber of Commerce. He is likely best known in the community for his work with pre-teens and teens coaching basketball for both girls and boys as well as himself being an avid distance runner and board member for the Alpine Runners of Lake Zurich and a participant in the Jaycees. A strong proponent of work/life balance and the importance of faith, Pat also served Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church in Lector Ministry for over 25 years.

Drs. Pat and Rita Foley have four children all who have been very successful in their chosen fields. Son John is an orthodontist in North Carolina, son Matt and daughter Elaine are software engineers in Chicago and daughter Kaye is an Emmy Award winning producer in New York. The Foley home enjoys activity—especially when any of their grandchildren visit. Pat continues with his watercolor painting, examples of which can be seen in their home, in private galleries and the homes of friends.

In preparing to receive the Earl E. Shepard Award, Dr. Foley was asked to comment on his career. “I have been thrilled to be able to work with young people in their life journeys, initially as a teacher and coach, then with our own family and in the community. Most recently I have been able to help bright residents become orthodontic specialists. They have survived in a different generational perspective than my own; however, most remain dedicated to serving their patients in the best way possible. Because of this dedication I can remain optimistic about the future of our specialty. Certainly, we must continue to foster a dynamic understanding of the specialty—preserving traditions as well as operating with evidence-based science. I always

emphasize with residents the importance of maintaining one's integrity. Honesty will never go out of style!"

Congratulations to Dr. Pat Foley, a most deserving recipient of the 2024 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.