

MIDWESTERN SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

Component Report

Component Name: Minnesota

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Date of Report: 2/21/2025

Ongoing Initiatives:

- We had our state meeting on January 10th, 2025 at the InterContinental MSP. The all day speaker was Dino Watt. There was a great turnout of both doctors and orthodontic team members.
- Financially the MAO is in a good position, having covered the expenses of the state meeting with registrations and sponsorship/vendors.

Legislative Efforts:

- This past summer a new rule went into effect allowing unlicensed dental assistants in the state of Minnesota to take photos and digital scans under direct supervision. This, along with the stand-alone radiation course that is offered through the University of Minnesota, is now a pathway to have records technicians in the State of Minnesota.
- The radiation course that is offered at the University of Minnesota is a course that certifies the individual to take all types of dental radiographs, and is a fairly intensive course. The MAO board is considering possible recommendations for a course that would license an individual to be allowed to take extraoral radiographs only.
- Minnesota is in need of an AAOPAC state captain.

New Initiatives:

- The MAO approved a \$5000 sponsorship of the fall 2025 MSO annual session
- Dr. Becky Maher has selected the speakers for the 2026 MAO meeting – they will be Dr. Neal Kravitz and Dr. Ankur Gupta (both for half of the day)

Upcoming Meetings/Events (with dates):

- MAO state meeting, Friday, January 9th, 2026 InterContinental Hotel MSP

Other:

- At the MAO business meeting, Dr. Arnold Hill spoke on behalf of the Mayo residency program and informed membership that Mayo would be closing its residency program after the most recent resident graduates in 2026.

Do You Need the MSO Board of Directors to act on any Component-related business at this time? Yes/No (if yes, state below and it will be addressed at the next Board meeting): No