

Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO)

Annual Member Business Meeting

Saturday, September 13, 2025

7:45 – 8:30 am (Central) Lakes A Ballroom

Radisson Blu Hotel, Minneapolis, MN

MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

The Annual Business Meeting of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists was called to order at 7:46 am Central by President Dr. Michael LaFerla and welcomed all in attendance. LaFerla reminded everyone to access the materials for the meeting using the QR code provided on the agenda.

2. REPORT OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

LaFerla confirmed there was a quorum present for the meeting.

3. MSO MEMBER AND LEADER RECOGNITION

LaFerla recognized those constituent members who have served the MSO the past year including the Board of Directors, delegates to the AAO House of Delegates and MSO representatives to an AAO Council or Committee, the WFO, AAOF, ABO and CDABO. He acknowledged Dr. Mike Durbin for serving as the MSO Trustee to the AAO Board for the past 9 years and thanked him for his exceptional service. Durbin received a standing ovation.

A moment of silence was held for those members who passed away since the last Annual Meeting.

Finally, Dr. LaFerla recognized those new, or transferred in, members to the MSO family.

4. AAO REPORT

Dr. Steven Siegel, AAO President, and Dr. Mike Durbin, MSO Trustee to the AAO Board, were invited to the podium to provide a brief update on the AAO.

5. MSO SHEPARD AWARD PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE

Dr. Jackie Miller was invited to the podium to provide an overview and presentation of the 2025 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Kimberley Stafford. A summary of Dr. Stafford's career was provided to all attendees and is on the website. Dr. Stafford provided gracious and thoughtful remarks in accepting the award.

6. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

MSO Secretary/Treasurer Dr. Estee Wang presented the 2024 MSO Annual Business Meeting Minutes for approval. A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the minutes. On vote, motion carried.

Wang presented the 2026 MSO budget for approval with some slight edits/clarifications. A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the 2026 MSO Budget as amended. On vote, motion carried.

7. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President-Elect and Nominating Committee Chair presented the Nominating Committee Report and Slate of Delegates to the 2026 AAO House of Delegates. The Slate was posted in advance per the bylaws. No additional nominations were received. A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the 2026 Slate of Officers and Delegates. On vote, motion carried.

Willett also presented Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha as the nominee to succeed Dr. Mike Durbin as the MSO Trustee to the AAO Board beginning May 2026. A **motion** was made, and seconded. On vote, motion carried.

8. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Siegel was invited back to the podium to install the newly-elected MSO 2025-2026 officers:

President	Dr. Emily Willett
President-Elect	Dr. Estee Wang
Secretary-Treasurer	Dr. Melissa Bernhardt

9. OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS AND PASSING THE GAVEL

Dr. LaFerla shared his thoughts on the past year and again thanked the MSO Board of Directors and staff for their service. Dr. Emily Willett joined Dr. LaFerla at the podium who presented her with the new gavel as she assumes the office of the president.

10. INCOMING PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Willett presented LaFerla with a plaque commemorating his service as his presidential term concludes and thanked him again for all his years of service as the Missouri Component Director and in various officer positions on the MSO Board.

Willett asked the 2025-2026 Board to stand and be recognized and thanked them for their service in the coming year.

11. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

None.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:18 am Central. On vote, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. Estee Wang
2024-2025 Secretary-Treasurer