

Hipp to receive 2012 Shepard Distinguished Service Award

The Midwestern Society of Orthodontists Board of Directors unanimously selected Dr. Michael S. Hipp of West Des Moines, Iowa as the recipient of the 2012 Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. This award recognizes a member of the MSO who exemplifies the ideals of the orthodontic profession, community and family. He will receive the award aboard the *ms Westerdam* during the business meeting of the MSO in August.



Mike graduated from Wake Forest University with a B.A. degree in Chemistry in 1975. He received his D.D.S. degree from the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1979 and received his certificate in Orthodontics and Masters of Science degree from the University of Iowa in 1981.

Upon graduation, Mike began private practice in Des Moines, joining Drs. Robert W. Young and C. Charles Collins, where he remains practicing today.

Mike began his involvement in organized dentistry serving on numerous committees for the Des Moines District Dental Society including ten years on the political action committee and 20 years as secretary-treasurer. As a member of the Iowa Dental Association, he has served as a delegate and was its annual session program chair in 2002. For all of his services he received the Iowa Dental Association's President's Award in 2002. Currently, he is a trustee for the Iowa Dental Association and program chair of the annual session standing committee.

Mike was a member of the executive committee for the Iowa Society of Orthodontists and was president in 2000-2001. He was elected as a director to the MSO from Iowa in 1999 and served as its president in 2007-2008. During this time, he has been a member of the MSO delegation to the AAO House of Delegates numerous times. Along with his MSO duties, Mike served on the board of AAOPAC for the past eight years and was its chair

for the last six years. During this period, he was on the planning committee for the Annual Professional Advocacy Conferences in Washington, D.C in the winter.

Mike has been on the advisory committee for the Iowa Medicaid Program and the orthodontic consultant reviewing cases for priority for the past 28 years. He also has served since 1989 as an orthodontic consultant to the Iowa Dental Board.

For the past 24 years Mike has been a board member and chair on numerous occasions for the Des Moines Health Center, a dental community health center with five dentists on staff serving the working poor in central Iowa.

As you can see, if you get Mike on your side, you get him for many years.

Mike is married to Julie and they are parents to three daughters, Elizabeth, Catherine and MaryClaire.

Congratulations, Mike. You have been a shining example of what being a volunteer means. Thank you for all that you have done for your professional organizations and for your service to the residents of Iowa. You are most deserving of this award.