



Midwestern Society of Orthodontists

Electronic Newsletter Articles Fall 2023

A compilation of the news articles that were posted on the MSO web site in Fall 2023.

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MSO Components

ILLINOIS

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ISO restructured format of our meetings to two half day CE courses on Fridays with networking reception to follow. We are focusing on different types of speakers that are pertinent to a wider audience and trying to appeal to new and younger dentists.

***Reminder:** Illinois dental licensure currently requires 48 hours of CE courses every three years. For the most current licensure information, contact the Illinois State Dental Society.*

Upcoming meetings:

Friday, November 3, 2023

8:30 am – 1:00 pm Social/Networking Reception to Follow

ISO Lecture for Doctors

Speaker: Mr. Chris Bentsen

The Three Orthodontic Career Stages & How to Succeed in Each

Friday, April 5, 2024

8:30 am – 1:00 pm Social/Networking Reception to Follow

ISO Lecture for Doctors

Speaker: Dr. Hera Kim-Berman

Current Trends in Digital Orthodontics and Craniofacial Orthodontics

AAO Non-Member list of 60 people was divided between the ISO board. After transition to the new board, we need to have additional grass roots efforts to determine what dentists on the list are viable potential members.

University Relations:

Southern Illinois University (SIU) (newest residency program)

- 2-year program, seeing patients in Advanced Care clinic in Alton
- 2 residents each year (both classes full and interviewing for incoming class)
- 4 ortho faculty
- Accredited program under a CODA review, undergoing the 3 year process of review

University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) Department of Orthodontics

- UIC Department of Orthodontics Attended AAO Annual Session in Chicago April 22 – 24, 2023.
- The Department of Orthodontics is heavily involved in the state of art technology and advancements in areas of Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Diagnosis, Clear Aligners, National Dental Practice-Based Research, and much more.
- Several faculty and alumni from the UIC Department of Orthodontics presented their impressive achievements in education, clinical care and research during the AAO Innovation Pavilion FRED Talks.

ISDS Update

- ISDS is hosting a live webinar to help inform dental practices of a new law requiring employers to provide ALL employees paid time off, going into effect in 2024, and will allow time for Q&A with the presenter.
- Immediate past 8th District Trustee, Dr. Susan Becker Doroshow, announced her candidacy for President-elect of the American Dental Association (ADA) at the 2022 ADA House of Delegates meeting in Houston, TX.
- Dr. Randall Markarian, ISO and MSO member is serving as the 8th District Trustee to the ADA representing Illinois. We value his expertise representing orthodontics as well as the dental profession.

2023 ISDS End of Legislative Session Report

The key focus of legislative agenda in 2023 was dental insurance reform. ISDS helped to pass two pieces of legislation to begin addressing dental insurance reform in Illinois.

- The legislation addressed network leasing, a bait-and-switch tactic insurance companies use to gain more revenue. Passed house and senate that insurance companies must notify a dentist if the network is being leased out.
- A second piece of dental insurance reform legislation, virtual credit cards, was passed to address the issue of insurance companies requiring dentists to pay a fee to obtain payment for the services they have rendered to patients.

ISDS passed legislation related to the upcoming e-prescription requirements and legislation clarifying Illinois Dental Practice Act provisions. They also agreed with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) to implement rules to clarify when orthodontics is

covered under the Medicaid program.

ISDS advocated very strongly to defeat the proposed Medicaid provider tax, which would have taxed all dentists in Illinois. We are pleased to announce that this tax did not pass this legislative session.

Bronwen Richards
Rock Island, Illinois

IOWA

Chad Morarend, President

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Clayton Parks, Secretary/ Treasurer

The 2023 Iowa Society of Orthodontists (ISO) meeting will be held October 22-23 in Iowa City. Sunday's agenda includes a lecture by Dr. Robert Trujillo entitled "Clinical and Practical Pearls for Avoiding Orthodontic Burnout" as well as an update on on-going research within the University of Iowa, Department of Orthodontics. On Monday, Dr. Won Moon will be speaking about "Comprehensive Application of Micro-Implants in Orthodontics with Special Emphasis in Biomechanics Specific to Micro-implant Orthodontics, and Overview of Maxillary Skeletal Expander".

The Iowa Mission of Mercy (IMOM) is being held October 13-14, 2023, in Waterloo. Last year the 13th annual IMOM held in Des Moines served 1,009 patients who received 6,732 procedures totaling \$1,013,537 worth of free dental care.

The top priorities of the Iowa Dental Association (IDA) during the 2024 Legislative Session include:

- Exploring proven, non-legislative solutions to funding dental Medicaid in Iowa and
- Defending against measures that threaten the quality and integrity of the dental profession and compromise the dental care Iowans receive.

During the 2023 Legislative Session, the introduction of different licenses and the expansion of scope for dental hygienists were discussed as a solution to the Medicaid access to care issue. Additionally, there was a bill that would have taxed dentists on all dental revenues at 1.5 percent. These bills were not signed into law.

Melissa Bernhardt

West Des Moines, Iowa

MANITOBA

Susan Tsang, President

Lindsay Jay Robertson, Secretary/Treasurer

Ines Guedes, Director to the CAO

Future Meeting Dates:

- The 2023 Canadian Association of Orthodontists (CAO) meeting will be held at the Walt Disney World Resort in Florida on September 27-30.

Recent Activities:

- Due to the ongoing need for orthodontic assistants in Manitoba, the University of Manitoba, in partnership with the College of Dental Hygienists, is in the process of preparing a refresher orthodontic course for dental hygienists to bring updated information regarding daily orthodontic clinical practice.
- The government of Manitoba has approved that effective with our graduates of 2024, our degree is now officially named an M.Dent (Masters of Dentistry and no longer a Masters of Science or MSc) in Orthodontics and Dentofacial Orthopedics.
- Two new orthodontic residents started their orthodontic program last July: one is from Winnipeg (MB), and the other is from Saskatoon (SK).
- The College of Dentistry has started a new process for internationally trained specialists who do not have the CDAC/CODA-accredited training credentials and do not have the NDSE/RCDC examination pass credentials. It is a full-time fellowship that replaces the old DSATP/GAP program. The Graduate Orthodontic program plans to take in one Fellow in July 2024 to join the 2024 resident intake. The fellowship will include a teaching component with an assignment of new clinical cases and transfers from existing residents. Successful completion of this program will allow the Fellow to challenge the RCDC exams.
- The Department of Orthodontics at the University of Manitoba is currently finalizing the search process to fill the vacant tenure-track position following the resignation of one tenured associate professor. Hopefully, the expectation is to fill the position by January 01, 2024.

Carolina Frota

Winnipeg, Manitoba



MINNESOTA

Gregory Ross, President

Heather Horton, President-elect

Molly McMahon, Secretary/Treasurer

Board Update

The Minnesota Association of Orthodontists will be holding its annual meeting on Friday, January 5, 2024 at the Intercontinental Hotel, MSP Airport. The meeting will be a full day meeting for doctors and teams featuring Dr. David Sarver as the speaker. His presentation is entitled "A Contemporary Look at Orthodontics: Where We Are and Where We are Going."

The MAO is proud to sponsor the MSO annual meeting on October 13-14, 2023 at the Mayo Clinic under the leadership of MSO President, Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha of Rochester, MN.

Estee Wang

Maplewood, Minnesota

MISSOURI

John Firth/Amy Schulte, President

Amy Schulte, President-Elect

Jeffrey Cavanaugh, Secretary/Treasurer

Mark Dake, Past President

Annual Meeting to be held Oct. 13 in conjunction with the MSO/RMSO Annual Session in Rochester. Missouri has a lot of exciting things happening, some of which are:

The **new Kansas City University School of Dental Medicine** has opened with a class size of 80 Students. They were warmly welcomed to the Dental community by the Southwest Dental Society with a welcome Dinner. Dr Linda Niessen was named the New Dean of the Dental School where she and the faculty have done an excellent job in getting the facility and program up and running. This Dental school will help to serve the lesser populated areas in 4 states, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, and Oklahoma. These areas are in need of Dental professionals and are listed as Dental Health Professionals shortage areas by the US Health Resources and Services Administration.

SLU CADE: Dr Ki Beom Kim sent me this report:

Dear Dr. John Firth

I am delighted to present the report of the recent Midwestern Society of Orthodontists (MSO) Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) meeting held in Austin, TX on October 5th.

1. ABO MSO Representative

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Meenakshi Visghwanath from the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) has been selected as the American Board of Orthodontics MSO Representative. Congratulations to her on this prestigious achievement.

2. MSO COE Meeting in Austin, TX

The MSO COE meeting in Austin, TX was a productive gathering, with representatives from MSO, SAO, and SWAO discussing critical issues in selecting orthodontic residents. Challenges related to GPA and class rank reporting from some dental schools were addressed.

The meeting saw active and engaged participation from esteemed educators. The following individuals contributed significantly to the discussions:

- Dr. Ki Beom Kim (Saint Louis University - SLU)
- Dr. Chad Rasmussen (Mayo Clinic)
- Dr. David Liu (Marquette University)
- Dr. Jean-Marc Retrouvey (University of Missouri-Kansas City - UMKC)
- Dr. Meenakshi Visghwanath (University of Nebraska Medical Center UNMC)

- Dr. Nellie Kim-Weroha (University of Minnesota - U of MN)

3. Upcoming MSO COE Meeting:

The next MSO COE meeting is scheduled during the MSO and Rocky Mountain Society of Orthodontists (RMO) meeting in Rochester, MN, on October 12-14, 2023. This presents a valuable opportunity for continued collaboration in orthodontic education.

4. Dr. Ki Beom Kim as COE Chair

Dr. Ki Beom Kim from Saint Louis University (SLU) has been elected as the Chair of the Council on Orthodontic Education in the American Association of Orthodontists.

In conclusion, the MSO COE remains committed to shaping the future of orthodontic education with the dedication of our representatives and collaborative efforts.

Sincerely,

Ki Beom Kim, DDS, MSD, PhD

Dr. Lysle Johnston Endowed Chair in Orthodontics

Professor, Program Director - Center for Advanced Dental Education Department of Orthodontics

UMKC School of Dental Medicine, Dept. of Orthodontics: Dr. David Jones, Interim Chair, sent this report:

Hello Dr. Firth,

The following would be my (brief) summary:

After retiring from teaching at the University of Iowa and returning to Lawrence, Kansas. However, as an ABO examiner I needed to have either part-time practice or teaching to continue as an examiner, I decided I really missed teaching, so offered to become an adjunct here at UMKC two days per month. Then, the existing Director chose to leave and accept another position and as a result about a year later I offered to step in on a temporary basis to fulfill that function in the department. Therefore, as of June 1, 2023, I became the Interim Director of the Graduate Program at UMKC. Soon thereafter Dr. Retrouvey submitted his resignation as the Chair of the Orthodontic Department whereupon a search for a new Chairman began. In late August Dr. Abraham Shifflitz was hired to become the new Chair of the department and will begin full-time on October 1 (with a "courtesy" appointment during September to allow him to review and vet the current applicants, to select the ones invited for in-person interviews). There is also an ongoing search for a permanent full-time Director as well, with at least one recent on-site interview. In addition, we have had to replace both of our front desk people! So.....it's been terribly busy on the practice management portion in addition to the educational component!

We currently have a total of 9 residents, 3 of whom will graduate in December and while all their definite plans for employment/practicing following graduation are not known to me, I do know that Dr. Bryson Nakatani will be returning to practice in Hawaii.

Since my assumption of the Director's position in June we have been incredibly involved with updating our curriculum and including more of our adjunct professors in delivering didactic content of those revised courses. Obviously, we are eagerly anticipating "Interview Day" on October 16th!

Best regards,

David A. Jones DDS, MSD

Diplomate, American Board of Orthodontics

Clinical Professor Emeritus, University of Iowa College of Dentistry Interim Director,
Postgraduate Orthodontic Residency UMKC School of Dentistry

From Jackie Miller, **Missouri Director of Oral Health:**

Good morning John,

From the Office of Dental Health (ODH):

The Office of Dental Health has been working to educate Missouri dentists to encourage their patients to receive the HPV vaccine series to prevent oral cancer in the future. Great news, now pharmacies can give the HPV vaccine without a healthcare provider prescription, so after a dental provider takes the time to educate a patient, they can refer the patient to their local pharmacy. They may want to call ahead to make sure that they have the vaccine on hand, according to the websites for Walgreens and CVS, they do carry the HPV vaccine.

MO HealthNet is collaborating with the MDA, the Missouri Coalition of Oral Health and the State Department of Health and Senior Services to increase access to care for all MO HealthNet participants— through increased provider enrollment. This collaboration will allow us to streamline our processes as well as provide resources and training to help providers be successful while they serve Missouri's most vulnerable citizens.

Myth #1

As a Medicaid provider, I must see all Medicaid patients in my area who are enrolled in Medicaid. False: No; this is a business decision for each provider. Some choose to see only children and others may want to take only a certain number of MO HealthNet participants, thereby leaving room for existing patients.

Myth #2

The Medicaid rates are too low; I cannot afford to provide Medicaid. I will lose money. False: Many of the covered procedures underwent a tremendous rate increase, to 80% of usual and customary fees. Some rates are even higher than some private insurance reimbursement. Find a link to the rates at modental.org/Medicaid.

Myth #3

The process seems very difficult and there is no one to help walk me through it to become a Medicaid provider.

False: We have real people, easily reachable, who want to help you! They are:
Amanda Fahrendorf, Lead Education & Training Specialist

Department of Social Services Education and Training Unit

Amanda.Fahrendorf@dss.mo.gov or 573-751-6683

Jessica Emmerich

Dental Medicaid Facilitator

Missouri Coalition for Oral Health

jemmerich@oralhealthmissouri.org or 573-536-2474

Amanda and Jessica can provide a wealth of information about MO HealthNet enrollment, Managed Care credentialing, and billing and policy questions – and they can connect providers with training and resources.

Thank you so very much,
Jacqueline Miller DDS MS MPH

I am very happy to submit this report for 2023, we hope to continue moving up in membership and leadership to the AAO.

John Firth
Joplin, Missouri

NEBRASKA

Leslie Ellingson, President

Meenakshi (Minnie) Vishwanath, Vice President/Secretary

Kate Tussing, Treasurer

2023-24 Meeting Dates

- UNMC Grad Ortho Alumni Program – Scheduled for Friday, October 20. Presented by Dr. Dan Bills. “Innovative Orthodontic Solutions: Work Smarter. Live Better.” 5 CE hours. Free for UNMC alumni, \$50 others.
- Omaha Ortho Study Club. Friday, Feb 2, 2024. Shadow Ridge Country Club, Omaha, NE. Presented by GC Orthodontics: Dr. Antonino Secchi
- Nebraska Society of Orthodontists. No meeting date announced yet.

Legislative Action/Component Activities

- New NSO Director identified: Dr. Sumit Yadav. Bio included below.
- Leadership Development Conference
 - Dr. Po-Jung Chen is registered up to represent NSO.
- Legislative efforts
 - Session begins in January – expected to discuss Medicaid reimbursements again.
 - New MCOs for Medicaid – at least 3 separate companies so many orthodontists expected to drop participation due to burden.
- Report from Treasurer
 - Balance as of 10/10/2022
 - checking: \$25,370
 - savings: \$3,387



Sumit Yadav, BDS, MDS, PhD, MBA, will join the UNMC College of Dentistry as Chair of the Department of Growth and Development and the Henry and Anne Cech Professor of Orthodontics. He will begin his appointment in March.

Dr. Yadav is currently a professor and research director at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine, Division of Orthodontics, where he has been a faculty member since 2010.

He received his BDS in dental surgery from Manipal University, India, in 2002, his MDS in orthodontics from Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India, in 2006, his PhD in dental sciences from Indiana University-Purdue University in 2010, and his certificate in orthodontics from the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine in 2013. He received his MBA from the Northwestern Kellogg School of Management in 2022.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Yadav received seven awards from the American Association of Orthodontists, including the B. F. Dewel Memorial Research Award for biomedical research (awarded three times), the Anthony A. Gianelly Teaching Fellowship Award, and the Robert M. Ricketts Sunflower Orthodontics Fellowship Award. He also received the Beni Solow Award from the European Journal of Orthodontics in 2021 for the best paper published in the journal. Dr. Yadav is a Diplomate of the American Board of Orthodontics.

His research focuses are examining the molecular pathways that regulate temporomandibular joint osteoarthritis, obesity and tooth loss and personalized devices for orthodontic tooth movement. He is currently funded through National Institute of Health and American Association of Orthodontic Foundation.

Dr. Yadav has published 130 peer-reviewed articles and co-edited a book – “Temporary Anchorage Devices in Orthodontics: Elsevier.” He has received 21 research grants, is the associate editor for “Progress in Orthodontics,” and is a reviewer for 10 other journals. Dr. Yadav has been an invited lecturer both nationally and internationally on many topics.

He has taught both predoctoral and doctoral courses and has mentored many junior faculty, postdoctoral fellows, doctoral candidates, residents, dental students and high school students.

We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Yadav to our UNMC collegiate family. His leadership and experience will help the college continue to advance our educational programs, research and patient care.

Emily Willett
Lincoln, Nebraska

NORTH DAKOTA

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Dan Keith for his years of dedicated service to the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists. As he steps back to prioritize his family and growing practice, we want to express our gratitude for his invaluable contributions and commitment to the organization.

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Dennis Sommers has graciously accepted the position of delegate. Dr. Sommers' wealth of experience and dedication to the field of orthodontics will undoubtedly serve our component and the MSO admirably.

Furthermore, we take immense pride in congratulating Dr. Brian Jespersen from North Dakota, who will be receiving the prestigious MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. This recognition is a testament to Dr. Jespersen's exceptional contributions to orthodontics and his unwavering dedication to the MSO and local communities.

Assignment of Benefits: NDDA lobbying efforts resulted in the unanimous passage of the Assignment of Benefits bill. Despite robust opposition from the insurance industry, this legislation allows out-of-network dentists to directly file claims with dental insurance companies. Even more notably, it mandates direct reimbursement to the dental provider, regardless of their network status. This victory ensures greater flexibility for dental practices and improved patient care by streamlining the claims process.

Dental Medicaid Codes: We successfully lobbied for the passage of several crucial dental Medicaid codes, including Case Management, Screening & Assessment, and Asynchronous Teledentistry. These additions to the Medicaid code will enhance the services available to Medicaid patients in North Dakota, improving access to dental care and facilitating timely interventions.

Increased Dental Medicaid Funding: In collaboration with key stakeholders, we secured a remarkable 22% increase in Medicaid funding. This significant budgetary increase will provide essential support for dental services in our state, ensuring better access to care for Medicaid beneficiaries.

DCB CODA RDA/RDH Program in Minot: Our dedicated lobbying efforts led to full funding for the Dakota College of Bottineau (DCB) CODA RDA/RDH program in Minot. This outcome is another step toward addressing our ongoing dental workforce shortage.

Emerson Ehlis
Fargo, North Dakota

SOUTH DAKOTA

Ryan VanLaecken, President

Keri Barrow, Secretary/Treasurer

Sioux Empire Smiles-- Saturday, October 7th 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Volunteer dentists, hygienists, and assistants needed for Sioux Empire Smiles. This one-day clinic provides free dental care to under-served children/adolescents in the Sioux Falls area. CE credit is awarded for volunteers. Patients and their families will be informed to arrive starting at 7 AM so that care can promptly be provided at 8 AM. To volunteer, please reply to miranda.mielke710@gmail.com

Wellbeing and Mental Health

We hear a lot about wellbeing and mental health these days, but when it comes down to it most of us do not know where to get started. Dentists and team members have access to free counseling and coaching services through the SDDA Wellbeing Program. Mary Wolf is a licensed professional counselor and executive coach with twenty-six years of experience in focusing on the wellbeing of others, including healthcare professionals. Anyone who feels they could benefit from visiting with Mary should reach out to her directly for three free confidential counseling or coaching sessions: mwolf@veriteepartners.com

Keri Barrow

Sioux Falls, South Dakota

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The 2023 WSO Spring Conference was held March 10, 2023, at the Renaissance Milwaukee West. “Millennial Mom Critique: Dial-In Your Systems, Improve Your Service, and Increase Your Bottom Line” was presented by Tracy Martin, Founder of Straight Consulting.

The 2023 WSO Fall Conference will be held on September 29th and 30th at The Ridge in Lake Geneva, WI. On Friday the 29th, Dr. Dan Bills will be presenting “Innovative Orthodontic Solutions: Work Smarter, Live Better.” On Saturday the 30th, Dr. Jacquee Schieck and Dr. Bill Layman will be presenting “Building a Fully Digital Practice.”

Marquette University’s Orthodontic Department will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year and having a celebration on October 26th and 27th featuring 2 days of lectures by faculty members and a resident case presentation competition. There will be a dinner reception on the 26th in the Pfister Hotel in addition to the CE lectures to be held in the dental school.

For more information, please contact the Wisconsin Society of Orthodontists at 920-560-5626; Fax 920-882-3655; or visit our website at www.wisconsinsocietyoforthodontists.com.

John Kittleson

Mequon, Wisconsin

Brian Jespersen to receive 2023 Shepard Award

The MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award was created in 1987 to honor Dr. Shepard and recognize orthodontists who perform service to mankind



in a combination of service to orthodontics, other areas in dentistry, and/or their state or local community. The Board of Directors of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontists selected Dr. Brian R. Jespersen of Bismarck, North Dakota as the recipient of the 2023 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award.

Brian was born and raised in the western North Dakota town of Dickinson. He graduated with a BS in chemistry from Dickinson State University and coached and taught in 1974-75 in Bismarck before going to Chicago with his new bride, Jane. After graduating from dental school at Loyola, he attended the orthodontic program at the University of Iowa, where he was mentored by some of the best in the business.

Brian practiced in Bismarck for forty years. He served as president of the North Dakota Society of Orthodontists and president of the Midwestern Society of Orthodontics in 2000-2001. He represented the MSO on the Council on Orthodontic Practice from 2006 to 2013 and participated as a MSO delegate to the American Association of Orthodontists' House of Delegates.

Jane and Brian have been married for 48 years and are blessed with four children and six grandchildren. Spending time at their lake cabin, golfing, fishing, and bird hunting are a few of his favorite pastimes. Upon retirement in 2021, besides trying to stay in shape, he substitute teaches, takes piano lessons, is active on various church committees as well as community youth organizations, cares for his aging parents, and is a member of his alma mater's foundation.

Brian is extremely grateful for this wonderful profession and is humbled to receive the 2023 MSO Earl E. Shepard Distinguished Service Award. We congratulate Brian for all that he has accomplished in his career.