

MSO Fall Board Conference Call Top 10

1. MSO members are encouraged to plan early to ensure they secure their preferred cabin to celebrate MSO's 75th anniversary aboard the ms Westerdam during the 2012 MSO Annual Session Alaskan Cruise August 4 – 10. This is a wonderful opportunity to personally congratulate MSO's 2012 Shepard Award winner **Mike Hipp** (Iowa) while combining both continuing education and the beauty of the Alaskan wilderness. Go to www.msortho.org for details.

2. Kevin Denis of Maplewood, Minnesota will join the MSO board when the new MSO officers begin their term October 17, 2011. The 2011 – 2012 MSO officers elected by the membership are:

President - Babette Cohen

President - Elect - Ross L. Crist

Vice President - John R. Crawford

Secretary/Treasurer - Deborah J. Lien

3. MSO will be well-represented at the 2012 AAO House of Delegates in Hawaii next May by:

Delegates: 1. Chair - Ross L. Crist 2. Vice Chair – Ara C. Goshgarian 3. Babette Cohen 4. John Kanyusik 5. James G. Klarsch 6. Deborah J. Lien 7. Steve Litton

Alternates: 1. Mike Durbin 2. Kim Stafford 3. Steve Marshall 4. Jane Bentz

4. MSO members approved a bylaws change at their 2011 MSO member business meeting in May to eliminate the position of vice president at the completion of the 2012 MSO Annual Session when 2012 – 2013 officer terms begin. A taskforce appointed at the 2011 MSO Ad Interim reviewed the MSO board structure and recommended to the MSO board at their fall conference call that this change will address the need to reduce expenses with one less position and allow for a quicker ascension through the officer positions for a more efficient organization.

5. MSO is honored that **Ara Goshgarian** has accepted to be in the rotation to move-up to MSO officer to serve as MSO president at the 2016 MSO Annual Session

6. MSO members should refer to the MSO winter newsletter for proposed bylaws and policies changes that will enable the MSO editor position to continue to serve as a consultant to board even if membership changes to retired status.

7. The MSO will transfer their Web site hosting to Televox.

8. The board approved payment of MSO 2011 Annual Session related expenses from the Special Events fund.

9. MSO is honored to have both Frank Miller (posthumously) and Frank Whipps named as co-recipients of the AAO Humanitarian Award to be presented at the 2012 AAO Annual Session in Hawaii.

10. Members should be watching for news coming directly from AAO regarding highlights including members participating in the AAO Professional Advocacy Conference, January 23-25, 2012 in Washington, DC; AAO's new Professional Advocacy Campaign theme of "My Life, My Smile" campaign with the AAO's new firm Athorn, Clark and Partners; the AAO building undergoing renovation as approved by the AAO BOT; and updates on the AAO Credit Union and AAO Donated Orthodontic Services program's national development.

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