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MSOA hard at work for you

Thank you for your confidence in me as president of MSOA over the last two years. Over the past few years we have further developed our State PAC, and have been able to support some of our loyal legislators. The organization has received several grants from AAOS to improve communication, legislation, education and operational support.

We are fortunate to have TreecePhillips as our executive directors and lobbyists. Without their help, guidance, and organization, we would not be one of the nation's strongest state societies.

The recent regional meeting sponsored by Euflexa in Columbia was a success. However, this

was preceded by an even more successful Lobby Day on the Hill. We were able to testify on behalf of ambulatory surgery centers and their staff to have privileges at local hospitals. I would like to see more Orthopedic Surgeons take a day and educate our legislators on our and our patients concerns. We need to be proactive and be part of the solution.

Please join me in St. Louis for our annual meeting on June 9-10 at the lovely Ritz-Carlton. Our annual state meeting is sure to be a success with you. Come meet your fellow colleagues and legislators and participate in an open forum of Democratic and Republican physicians from the House and



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Fellowship trained in
Orthopedic Trauma.*

Senate. The educational program is outstanding and the latest products will be displayed. I would also like to thank the society for their support in my election to the Board of Councilors' State Societies Committee. I will continue my commitment to improve the practice of orthopaedics at both the state and national level.

Morton appointed to AAOS State Societies committee

Steve Morton, D.O. has been selected to serve on the AAOS Board of Councilors' State Orthopaedic Societies Committee for a three-year term. Morton is serving his second term as president of MSOA after being unanimously re-elected by the MSOA Board of Directors and

the MSOA membership.

"In my years as president of the Missouri State Orthopaedic Association, I have become active at the state level and feel I have the will, drive and personality to achieve and advance the art of medicine and orthopaedic surgery at a National level," said Dr.

Morton. "I hope to bridge the gaps between patients, physicians, legislators, and third-party payors for the benefit of all and the State of Missouri."

Morton will attend his first meeting in May at the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

MSOA hosts first Lobby Day for orthopaedic doctors

The Missouri State Orthopaedic Association held its first Lobby Day for orthopaedic physicians at Missouri's State Capitol in February.

MSOA physicians secured meetings with several important leaders in Missouri's healthcare debate, including:

- ✓ Senate sponsors of ambulatory surgical center legislation,
- ✓ the chairman of the Senate Public Health

- ✓ Committee, the chairman of the House Health Policy Committee, and
- ✓ the chairman of the Special House Health Facilities Committee.

Following MSOA's lobby day, several physician-members of the Missouri General Assembly also joined MSOA members at the MU vs. Texas Men's Basketball Game at the

University of Missouri's new Mizzou Arena.

MSOA physicians lobbied on orthopaedic issues including new regulations on ambulatory surgery centers, economic credentialing, and radiology restrictions. Congress.

See page 3 for MSOA's legislative update or click on www.MSOA.org for the most up-to-date legislative news and information.

News Briefs

MSOA is proud to have contributed \$500 to the Dr. William (Bill) Tipton Orthopaedic Leadership award within OREF. The money will be used to recognize leaders in the field of orthopaedics. Dr. Tipton's warmth and commitment to advancing the practice of orthopaedics served as an inspiration to many.



Please let us know if you would like to post links to your local orthopaedic society on our website or newsletter. The executive directors of MSOA are also available to come speak to your local society about legislative or professional issues. You may contact the MSOA office at 573-556-MSOA or phillips@treecephillips.com.



Please remember that www.MSOA.org hosts a free classified ad section if you would like to post items for sale. Please contact the MSOA office for further details.



L-R: Dr. Tom Reinsel; Rep. Wayne Cooper, M.D., chair of the House Health Policy Committee; and Dr. Steve Morton discuss professional registration issues.



L-R: Rep. Wayne Cooper, MD, Dr. Tom Reinsel, Rep. Kevin Threlkeld, MD and his intern Aaron Greisheimer listen to guest speaker Dr. Bob Dimeff of Ohio prior to the MU-Texas basketball game.



L-R: Dr. Tom Reinsel, Rep. Robert Schaaf (St. Joseph), Dr. Steve Morton, Krystyna Clarke, Dr. Michael Clarke discuss Rep. Schaaf's Ambulatory Surgical Center bill. On MSOA Lobby Day, member Dr. Tom Reinsel of Gateway Spine in St. Louis, testified in favor of the bill which is opposed by the Missouri Hospital Association.



L-R: Visiting prior to the game are: Dr. Steve Morton, MSOA President; Dr. Bob Gaines; Ken Calhoun; Dr. Jason Calhoun, MSOA President-elect; Rep. Sam Page, MD; Dr. Bill Crist, Dean of the MU School of Medicine; Dr. Michael Clarke, Sen. Charles Wheeler, MD, JD and Sen. Chuck Graham.

Legislative update on issues important to orthopaedic physicians Ambulatory surgery centers, economic credentialing, and insurance reform

With less than a month before the close of the Missouri General Assembly, several pieces of legislation important to orthopaedic physicians are slowly advancing to a final showdown.

Ambulatory surgical centers: Legislation to change the way ambulatory surgery centers are licensed and regulated has received first-round approval by the Aging, Families, Mental and Public Health Committee of the Missouri Senate.

Currently, licensure requirements for an ambulatory surgical center require that a physician from the center must have surgical privileges with a licensed hospital in the community in which the center is located, or the center must have a current working agreement on transfer of patients with such a hospital.

Under Senate Bill 1005, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer, the provision on transfer agreements is repealed.

Instead, the bill requires hospitals to create an affiliated medical staff membership for physicians who invest in or perform surgery at an ambulatory surgical center in the community and who do not already have hospital medical staff privileges. Hospitals would be prohibited from using investment in or performing surgery at an ambulatory surgical center as a basis for denying affiliated medical staff membership if:

L-R: Dr. Steve Morton (MSOA president); Dr. Tom Reinsel; Sen. Norma Champion (Springfield), Chair of the Senate Health Committee; Krystyna Clarke; and Dr. Michael Clarke visit about ambulatory surgical centers and economic credentialing issues.



- the physician is otherwise qualified for medical staff membership under credentialing procedures and laws; and
- the physician makes himself or herself available to provide on-call services on the same basis as other credentialed practitioners in similar specialties who are required to be on call at the hospital.

Plus, if there is a dispute over affiliated medical staff privileges, the physician may ask the department of Health and Senior Services to provide mediation.

ASC Provider Tax: Senate Bill 1005 also creates a new provider tax on licensed ambulatory surgical centers that would be used to draw down federal Medicaid matching money which in turn could be used to increase Medicaid reimbursements to ASCs.

Economic Credentialing: Senate Bill 1005 prohibits hospitals from refusing to grant or renew staff privileges based on whether the physician (or a partner, associate, or employee of the physician) is providing

medical care services at a different hospital system or any other health care facility.

Senate Bill 1005 must still be debated by the full Senate and sent to the House. Similar provisions are included in House Bill 1080, sponsored by Rep. Robert Schaaf, and are awaiting debate by the Missouri House.

Insurance Reform:

Legislation to reform medical liability carriers is pending debate in the Missouri House. House Bill 1837, sponsored by Rep. Brian Yates, prevents medical liability insurers from charging rates that are excessive by prohibiting carriers from increasing rates by more than 15%. Under Yates' bill, medical liability insurers would be required to base rates upon Missouri loss experience not experience from other states.

For the most up-to-date legislative information, make plans to attend MSOA's 3rd Annual Legislative Reception, at 7:00 p.m. on June 9, 2006 at the Ritz-Carlton in Clayton, Missouri.

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- ✓ *Hear firsthand from orthopaedic surgeons serving in Iraq during the war on terror.*
- ✓ *Discuss innovative care with leaders in their field involving mid- and fore-foot problems, posterior wall fractures and trauma care.*
- ✓ *Hear the latest on minimal-invasive surgeries and total joints.*
- ✓ *Learn about advancements in sports medicine.*
- ✓ *Visit with industry leaders and suppliers on the newest technology available to orthopaedic physicians.*

How can I attend the MSOA Annual Meeting?

1. Go to www.MSOA.org to download the attached form and register today to attend MSOA's 37th Annual Meeting.
2. Or, complete the enclosed form and return to the MSOA office.
3. Hotel reservations should be made directly with The Ritz-Carlton no later than May 10, 2006. Please call 1-800-241-3333 or 314-863-6300 or on-line at www.RitzCarlton.com/hotels/st_louis/reservations. Rooms in the MSOA block are \$189 and are limited. Please reply promptly.

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