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Membership: a great investment, a strong voice

It is membership renewal time for the Missouri State Orthopaedic Association. Now in our 39th year, MSOA is the only statewide organization that *solely* represents orthopaedic physicians in the state of Missouri.

Compared to many societies, annual membership dues of \$300 remain surprisingly modest. Yet, our strong and active membership ensured that MSOA was a key player in every development affecting orthopaedics in Missouri this year. In fact, the AAOS considers Missouri to be a leader among state orthopaedic societies.

It has been a busy year for MSOA. Through committee testimony, lobbying, and development of an influential Policy Paper, changes to Missouri's pay-for-performance initiatives were made for specialty physicians like orthopaedic surgeons.

In Missouri, MSOA hosted several regional meetings with area orthopaedic physicians and legislators on healthcare issues. MSOA coordinated in-district and Capitol meetings between orthopaedic surgeons and Members of Congress.

Michael Grillot, M.D. is the 2007 President of the Missouri State Orthopaedic Association and a hand surgeon at Orthopaedic Specialists of Springfield.



MSOA also secured critical meetings between MSOA members and both of Missouri's two U.S. Senators.

At our annual MSOA Lobby Day in Jefferson City, MSOA ensured our voice is heard by matching orthopaedic physicians with their elected House and Senate members.

All this AND record attendance at our outstanding CME program at MSOA's 38th Annual Meeting.

MSOA also gives orthopaedic physicians a voice in the political process through our active Political Action Committee. By contributing to MSOA's PAC, you let our elected officials receive specific help from orthopaedic physicians in Missouri. In combination with our

grassroots lobby days and professional lobbying efforts, the MSOA PAC has increased our political effectiveness. In 2007, the MSOA PAC allowed MSOA to lead a group of Missouri orthopaedic physicians to Washington, D.C. to educate federal policy makers on orthopaedic trauma in Iraq, pay-for-performance concerns, and federal reimbursement issues. The PAC also helped host MSOA's 4th Annual Legislative Reception with a bi-partisan group of legislators.

Many MSOA members contribute to the MSOA PAC and PAC membership grows every year. I hope you will please consider contributing \$100, \$250, or \$500 to our successful legislative efforts.

On behalf of all orthopaedic physicians, thank you for your support of your orthopaedic association. It is truly your voice in Missouri.

MSOA hosts annual Fall Football Social

MSOA hosted its popular Mid-Missouri Football Social at the exciting Missouri v. Nebraska football game on October 6. MSOA members enjoyed an evening of great football and socializing with colleagues from around the state.

Dr. Brett Crist and Dr. John Anderson with the MU Department of Orthopaedics cheer on the Mizzou Tigers.



Dr. Curtis Mathis, St. John's Orthopedics-Lebanon, visits with former MU football player Chris Puryear.



Gina Choma, Dr. Ted Choma, Dr. Mark Anderson, Dr. Brett Crist and Dr. John Anderson, all of MU Department of Orthopaedics, and Dr. Tom Reinsel, Gateway Spine of St. Louis watch from the MSOA tent.



Dr. Jason Calhoun, Chair of the MU Department of Orthopaedics, Craig Kuhns, MU Department of Orthopaedics, Jerri Jeffries and Dr. Joel Jeffries, MU Department of Orthopaedics visit during the game.



Dr. Jon Grantham re-elected to BOC by acclamation



Jon Grantham, M.D.



Dirk Alander, M.D.

Jon Grantham, M.D. has been re-elected to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons' Board of Councilors. Dr. Grantham is an orthopaedic surgeon with Orthopaedic Specialists of the Four States in Joplin, Missouri.

MSOA by-laws allow members active in MSOA to be elected to a three-year term with one re-election. After a period of nominations for additional candidates, Dr. Grantham was re-elected by

acclamation this month.

He joins Dirk Alander, M.D. as Missouri's two members on the Board of Councilors. Dr. Alander is Chief of Spine at St. Louis University.

Drs. Alander and Grantham recently helped advocate for a \$3,500 grant to the Missouri State Orthopaedic Association at the Fall BOC meeting.

In addition, Dr. Grantham and Dr. Alander have actively supported MSOA by attending the National Orthopaedic

Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. to lobby on federal issues impacting orthopaedic physicians. Dr. Alander has also served as program chair of the MSOA Annual Meeting. He is widely credited with renewing interest in MSOA's Annual Meeting through nationally-recognized speakers and topics. Attendance and corporate sponsorship at MSOA's meeting is at an all-time high.

Doug Kiburz, M.D.: Professional development, youth leader, community volunteer

For Doug Kiburz, being an orthopaedic surgeon is just a small part of what defines his identity.

Community leader, rancher, volunteer, parent and surrogate parent all make up Kiburz' active contributions to his community.

A native Nebraskan, Kiburz graduated from Doane College and the University of Nebraska Medical School. He completed his internship and residency at the University of Kansas Medical Center, a hand and sports medicine fellowship at the University of Virginia and an arthroscopy fellowship at Research Institute of Virginia.

A self-described "country doctor", Kiburz has been in practice in Sedalia, Missouri since 1986 at West Central Missouri Orthopaedics.

In addition to his private practice, Kiburz serves as Chief of Surgery for Bothwell Regional Hospital, Medical Director of Bothwell's Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation unit, and Treasurer of the Bothwell Hospital Foundation.

Kiburz also serves on the Board of Advisors for National Public Radio and Television at the University of Central Missouri and the Missouri Valley College Board of Trustees. For the last 10 years, Kiburz has headed the Missouri Buckskin Youth Association as well as the equine section of the Pettis County 4-H Club.

Kiburz and his wife Connie live on a 40 acre horse ranch.

"The best perk about being a country doctor is the 10 minute commute from the ranch to the office or hospital and back," said Kiburz. "It would be

uncommon to miss a dinner or school or athletic performance involving the family."

Despite being an empty-nester for the first time with his wife, Dr. Kiburz agreed this year to host an AFS International Exchange from Iceland. The Kiburz Family, including their Icelandic high school student, recently attended MSOA's Fall Football Social in Columbia.

As the Board Secretary of the Missouri State Orthopaedic Association, Kiburz provides important balance that allows the association to best serve urban and rural physicians in private, hospital-based and academic settings.

"Having one office and one hospital is an efficient model of practice," said Kiburz, "giving at least a small amount of control of a busy life involving kids and practice and extra-curricular activities."

Those extra-curricular activities include scuba diving, biking, hiking, raising and training horses, photography and travel. Kiburz biking "hobby" recently included the Tour of Missouri bicycle championship held last month in Missouri.

From l. to r., Joseph Torrisi, president of the Missouri Bicycle Federation; John Howard, three-time Missouri Olympian, Ironman, and world record holder; Doug Kiburz, M.D.; Dean Karnazes who ran 50 marathons in 50 states in 50 days; and Carm Natoli, Tour of Missouri VIP and tour official.



Doug Kiburz, M.D. is Secretary of the MSOA Board of Directors and an orthopaedic surgeon at West Central Missouri Orthopaedics.

"Being involved with church and school and regional organizations help keep a perspective on life and lessons learned," said Kiburz. "College administration, public broadcasting, or 4-H all bring new ideas that can help the other groups we get involved with."

"At the end of the day, I hope I have given my best effort and made good decisions, kept an open and inquisitive mind, delivered as many positive comments as possible, and shared some laughter along the way."

A great maxim for us all to live by.

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News Briefs

MSOA member Bus Tarbox, M.D. profiled in new meniscus treatment technique

Bus Tarbox, M.D. was interviewed in a story about a new treatment technique for meniscus tears. A device developed by MU veterinarian James Cook at the University of Missouri Comparative Orthopaedic Laboratory and given recent Food and Drug Administration approval allows surgeons to arthroscopically induce healing. Dr. Tarbox is an orthopaedic surgeon at Columbia Orthopaedic Group and a member of the Missouri State Orthopaedic Association. Click on www.MSOA.org to read the full story.

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Allen, M.D. featured in Columbia Daily Tribune

Dr. Bill Allen and his wife Kathryn were recently featured in the Columbia Daily Tribune. Dr. Allen was chief of orthopedic surgery at the University of Missouri-Columbia from 1976-1994 and served as president of the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine. The entire profile can be read at www.MSOA.org.

Mark your Calendars for MSOA's 39th Annual Meeting

MSOA's 39th Annual Meeting will be held June 6-7, 2008 at the Chase Park Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri. Please mark your calendars today to save the weekend for this informational, educational and fun event. In addition to a premier CME package, attendees can also attend the annual legislative reception and enjoy the historic Chase Park Plaza.

For more news briefs and up-to-date information important to orthopaedic physicians in Missouri, go to MSOA's website at www.MSOA.org.

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