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**First WSSO Distinguished Service
Award**

Presented to Dr. Mike Fey

By Dr. Paul Lund

At the January 23, 2004 general meeting of the Washington State Society of Orthodontists, the first annual Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mike Fey of Bothell, Washington. The distinguished service award was created by the WSSO board of directors to recognize a member orthodontist who has given outstanding service to his community.

Mike has three degrees from the University of Washington: Pharmacy, Dentistry and a Masters degree. He also has dual specialties: Orthodontics and Pediatric Dentistry. He has practiced orthodontics for 25 years in Bothell, and has been on the Faculty in the orthodontic department at the University of Washington for 17 years. He has his ABO certification and has held staff positions at the Children's Hospital.

Mike is a Veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded a Purple Heart and Gold Star. Recently he has returned to Vietnam to volunteer in Hanoi in the new dental school in the orthodontic and pediatric dentistry departments. He also been a volunteer for Peace Trees Vietnam.

Mike receives this honor for all of these activities but also for his commitment to his community, education, schools, family, his profession, his practice, to history, to Vietnam and to rebuild Vietnam.

With all these commitments and activities Mike is still always approachable, always willing to help. He is a humble guy who happens to be an orthodontist. Our orthodontic community is very fortunate to have him as a member. If any of you haven't met him yet, you should introduce yourself.

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www.waortho.org

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"Members Only" site**

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WASHINGTON STATE SOCIETY OF ORTHODONTISTS

General Meeting Minutes January 23, 2004

A. Meeting called to order by Dr. Irena Baker

B. Minutes of previous General Meeting (October '03—Vancouver, BC):

 Minutes approved as written.

C. Secretary/Treasurer Report—Dr. Greg Ogata:

 Account currently contains \$48,666.19. (Staff count this meeting—172 (down from 234 last year & 159 year before). 21 tables of 8.

D. Committee Reports:

1. Peer Review (Dr. Terry Sullivan, Chair): 8 cases in 2003—Dr. Lund reviewed on behalf of Dr. Sullivan.
2. Legislative (Dr. Richard Ferguson).
3. Bylaws (Dr. Merlin Ekvall): Presented new bylaws change proposals.
4. Membership & Necrology (Dr. Zeeny Teja): 1 new member.
5. Insurance (Dr. Bill Oliver): Report by Dr. Baker for Dr. Oliver. Encourage DSHS participation and the tracking of specific annual reduced fees.
6. Professional Relations (Dr. Kristina Grey): Reminded everyone of Smile Day.
7. Auxiliary Personnel (Dr. Diane Paxton).
8. Publications (Dr. Chris Manley): 2 newsletters, spring and fall.

E. New Business:

1. Awards—Dr. Irena Baker.
 - a. Thank you: Zeeny Teja for service as committee Chair of Membership & Necrology; Nadine Egger for service as the President of the WSSO.
 - b. Distinguished Service Award to Mike Fey. Paul Lund presented the first annual WSSO Distinguished Service Award.
2. WSDS issues update—Dr. Greg Ogata.
 - a. Sales Tax
 - b. Certification of Assistants
3. PCSO Report—Dr. Brett Fidler. Highlights of the PCSO Annual Session Board Meetings, Vancouver, BC, October 11 and 13, 2003.

Motions approved:

 - The Strategic Planning Committee will on an ongoing basis consider new ideas and priorities using data collected from surveys of members concerning current issues or topics.
 - Monterey, Ca, was selected as the site for the 2007 Annual Session.
 - In order to encourage and recognize volunteerism, a section will be developed both on the PCSO website and in the Bulletin.
 - An Ad Hoc Committee will begin investigating through field testing and cooperation of the orthodontic departments within the PCSO region, the concept of granting ABO status to new graduates, with a re-certification requirement to Maintain Diplomat Status.
 - Funds from the reserve account will be allocated to support the Audience Response System at the 2004 Annual Session in Palm Springs. Feedback surveys indicated 75% positive to the ARS.
 - Referral to the Council on Orthodontic Practice to review appliance information as listed in the AAO Directory.
 - Washington orthodontists were nominated for the following awards: 2004 Award of Merit—Dr. Roy Gunsolus; 2005 ADA Norton Ross Award—Dr. Vince Kokich; 2005 Arabic Award Nominee—Dr. Robert Little; 2005 AAO Distinguished Service Award—Dr. David Turpin.

The PCSO Board meets twice a year. The next meeting will be March 12 and 13.

Dr. Fidler encouraged WSSO members to contact him regarding ideas or issues to be considered by the PCSO Board.
4. Introduction and Awards to UW grad students—Dr. Bob Little.
5. Nominations—Dr. Nadine Egger
 - a. President—Dr. Irena Baker
 - b. President Elect—Dr. Paul Lund
 - c. Secretary Treasurer—Dr. Scott Ostler
 - d. Chair of the Membership and Necrology Committee—Dr. Mario Chorak
6. Website—Dr. Irena Baker. Members only access is available now at the official WSSO website. Register @ www.waortho.org.
7. WDS Status Review—Dr. Greg Ogata/Max Anderson. Dr. Anderson (WDS Representative) reviewed status of orthodontic claims—very few remain to be caught up from computer changes—which delayed payments for up to 3 months.

ELECTION UPDATE

Your vote is required – We must receive a 20% response from our membership.

At the January 23, 2004 General Membership Meeting the following officers were elected:

Dr. Irena Baker	- President
Dr. Paul Lund	- Vice President
Dr. Scott Ostler	- Secretary Treasurer
Dr. Mario Chorak	- Chair of Membership & Necrology

At the May 23, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting a letter of resignation was accepted from Dr. Paul Lund.

The Board of Directors has now nominated Dr. William Oliver – Vice President

Also, The Board has nominated the following committee chairs for additional three terms:

Dr. Richard Ferguson	- Legislative
Dr. Merlin Ekvall	- Bylaws
Dr. Kristina Gray	- Professional Relations
Dr. William Oliver	- Insurance

I accept the Board nominations

I do not accept the Board nominations

Write in nominations _____

Continuing in their present committee chair positions:

Dr. Christian Manley	- Publications
Dr. Terry Sullivan	- Peer Review
Dr. Diane Paxton	- Auxillary Personnel Committee

Additionally, Dr. Greg Ogata will serve as liaison to the WSDA.

PLEASE VOTE VIA ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

Mail: (This page is a self-mailer; please fold, secure and place postage)

Email: WSSO@myexcel.com (indicate your acceptance, non-acceptance and write-in nominations in body of email)

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Smile Day brought kids and dental professionals together for a great day of information and fun....As tradition would have it, one of the most popular stops on the Smile Day tour was the impression table. Each child was able to watch as his/her finger, hand or thumb impression was poured with stone. Then when they returned to pick up their new treasure they had a true view of the process. Dr. Bart Soper, one of the doctors participating in the day, summed up the importance of this experience for the representatives (assistants-in-training who helped with impressions. "It's really great to see these young people desensitize themselves to an activity that many people find unnerving. I think they will likely find an easier experience in a dental office with impressions in the future, having had the opportunity to touch and feel the materials at Smile Day today."

Keep on brushin'! Smile Day focuses on dental health for all...

OFFICE STAFF—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
GET READY FOR THE ANNUAL
WSSO/PCSO
DOCTOR/STAFF CONFERENCE
FRIDAY, January 14, 2005
Westin Hotel, Seattle
Education—Fun—Food!
Look for your registration information this fall

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