

Tennessee Association of Orthodontists
Minutes of Membership Meeting
Embassy Suites/Cool Springs
February 8, 2013
11:00 A.M.

President Harry Legan called the meeting to order. Fifty-one TAO members were present as were 9 students, three from the University of Tennessee and six from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Legan asked Secretary Vaden to read the minutes of the last meeting. Because the minutes had been sent to all members and posted on the TAO website, the following motion was made by Gary McKenna, seconded by David Crowder, and unanimously approved.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2012 Membership Meeting be approved as previously circulated.

Treasurer's Report

President Legan asked Dr. Vaden to give a Treasurer's Report. Secretary Vaden explained to the TAO membership that the TAO was in excellent financial condition, that income had exceeded disbursements for the past year, and that the annual meeting, even though it did not quite pay for itself, was always covered by annual dues which are paid by all active members. He asked for questions. Hearing none, his report was accepted as presented.

SAO Director's Report

Mark Mappes informed the TAO membership of what had transpired at the SAO during the past year. His report is enclosed with the minutes of this meeting. He thanked the TAO membership for the opportunity to serve TAO as its Director to the SAO Board of Directors. He was warmly applauded and thanked for her service to the TAO.

AAO Delegate's Report

Randy Smith presented a very detailed report of the activities that transpired in Hawaii at the AAO House of Delegates meeting. The bulk of his report was an explanation of the AAO dues structure and the Consumer Awareness Program for which each active member pays a \$650 assessment each year. He stated that the public relations company that was managing the Consumer Awareness Program seemed to have good ideas and that the program appeared to be in better shape than it has been in past years. Dr. Smith also explained AAOPAC and encouraged all TAO members to participate. After Dr. Smith's report, he was called back to the podium by Dr. Legan. Dr. Legan informed the membership that Dr. Smith has served for approximately 20 years as the Delegate from the state of Tennessee to the AAO

House of Delegates. His service on the SAO's Delegation has been exemplary. He was warmly thanked by the membership and given a token of the membership's appreciation. Dr. Legan wished Dr. Smith well in all of his future endeavors.

SAO Executive Director's Report

Sharon Hunt, the SAO Director, explained the TAO's long standing relationship to the SAO and described to TAO members the many issues that are managed by the SAO. She detailed the efforts of the SAO to keep all TAO members informed of issues that impact our specialty. She was warmly thanked by the TAO membership for her continued service to orthodontics. After her report, she was asked to return to the podium by President Legan. He announced to the membership that the TAO Board of Directors had unanimously voted to make Sharon Hunt an honorary member of the Tennessee Association of Orthodontists. She was given a memento of appreciation from the Tennessee Association of Orthodontists and warmly thanked by all members in attendance.

SAO President's Report

Dr. Zaytoun gave a brief overview of the SAO's challenges and activities and presented a short video that highlighted the upcoming SAO meeting which will be held in Hilton Head, South Carolina at the end of September 2013. He outlined the program, talked about some initiatives that would be part of the program and encouraged all TAO members to attend. He talked about the challenges facing orthodontics and thanked the TAO membership for its hospitality. He was warmly applauded by the TAO membership and thanked for his service as SAO President.

Nominating Committee Report

President Legan called upon Mark Mappes, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present his report. Dr. Mappes, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the names of the following members and the Board positions for which they were nominated.

President – Jay Hight

President Elect – Tom Flanagan

Vice President – Shawn Lehman Grimes

Board Member, West Tennessee – Preston Miller

Board Member, Middle Tennessee – Mary Beth Hearn

Board Member, East Tennessee – Allen Chance

Director to SAO – Jim McDaniel

Delegate to AAO – Tom Flanagan

Secretary/Treasurer – James Vaden

President Legan thanked Dr. Mappes and the Nominating Committee for its work. Because no one was nominated from the floor, the slate of officers suggested by the

Nominating Committee was elected by acclamation following a motion by David Williams and a second by George Bouldien.

Motion: That the members nominated by the Nominating Committee be elected by acclamation.

Old Business

Dr. Legan informed the membership that everyone needed to look at the website that was managed by Allen Chance. The address for the website is taortho.org.

TennDent

President Legan explained to the membership that the doctor must give an explanation of treatment needed for any patient whose records are submitted for coverage under the TennCare program. He stated that the chances of the patient being approved for orthodontic treatment were much greater if the doctor took the time to give an explanation of the need for orthodontics.

Dr. Legan asked for further business. Hearing none, he introduced Jay Hight, the incoming President of the Tennessee Association of Orthodontists.

Dr. Hight thanked Dr. Legan for his service as TAO President and presented to him the President's plaque which is given annually to the outgoing TAO President. Dr. Hight thanked the membership for its support and at 12:05 p.m. declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

James L. Vaden
Secretary/Treasurer