

Tennessee Association of Orthodontists
Membership Meeting Minutes
Embassy Suites/Cool Springs
February 10, 2012
11:00 A.M.

President McDaniel called the meeting to order. Fifty-three TAO members were present along with 13 students, six from the University of Tennessee and seven from Vanderbilt.

He asked Secretary Vaden to read the minutes of the last meeting. Because the minutes had been sent to all TAO members and posted on the website, the following motion was made by Gary McKenna, seconded by David Crowder, and unanimously approved.

Motion: That the minutes of the 2011 Membership Meeting be approved as previously circulated.

Treasurer's Report

President McDaniel 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 slightly exceeded disbursements for the past year, and that the annual meeting, even though it did not quite pay for itself, was always adequately 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 about the activities of the SAO and gave each member present a brief summary of what had transpired on the SAO level during the past year. His report is enclosed with the minutes of this meeting.

AAO Delegate's Report

Randy Smith presented a very detailed report of the activities that transpired at the AAO House of Delegates meeting in Chicago this past year. The bulk of his report was a discussion of the Consumer Awareness Program for which each active member pays a \$650 per year assessment. He showed a power point of some of the salient points of the program. He led a very detailed and lengthy discussion of the consumer awareness issue. He asked for a show of hands of TAO members who were 1) against the program, 2) luke warm, and 3) very much in favor of the program. When the hands were shown, the "against the program" and "luke warm to the program" were about evenly divided. A smaller number of people were in favor of the program. Dr. Smith expressed his thanks to the TAO membership for its continued support of his service as a Delegate.

SAO Executive Director's Report

Sharon Hunt presented a power point which explained the TAO's long standing relationship to the SAO and then described to TAO members many of the issues that are being managed by the SAO. She detailed the efforts by the SAO to keep all TAO members informed of issues that impact our specialty. She explained the Board's decision about the SAO News and briefly discussed the upcoming special edition of the SAO News which will deal with education and all of its ramifications. She was warmly thanked by the TAO membership for her continued service to orthodontics.

SAO President's Report

Jay Whitley gave a brief overview of the upcoming SAO Meeting which will be held in Asheville, North Carolina on September 26 – 30, 2012. He described the speakers and presented the details of his scientific program. He encouraged all TAO members to attend and expressed his optimism with the fact that it would be a well attended meeting. He talked about engagement of younger members and stated that it was his and the SAO's top priority at the present time. He thanked the TAO membership for its hospitality and expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the meeting. He was warmly applauded by the TAO membership and thanked for his service as SAO President.

Nominating Committee Report

President McDaniel called upon John Diddle, the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to present his report. Dr. Diddle, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, presented the following names for the positions for which they had been nominated by the committee.

President – Harry Legan
President Elect – Jay Hight
Vice President – Tom Flanagan
Board Member, West Tennessee – Preston Miller
Board Member, Middle Tennessee – Shawn Lehman-Grimes
Board Member, East Tennessee – Allen Chance
Director to SAO – Mark Mappes
Secretary/Treasurer – James Vaden

President McDaniel thanked Dr. Diddle and the Nominating Committee and asked for nominations from the floor. After an adequate time lapse Dr. David Williams made the following motion which was seconded by Bill Pryor and unanimously approved.

Motion: That nominations cease and the people nominated by the Nominating Committee be elected by acclamation.

Business

TAO Website

Dr. Vaden publically thanked Allen Chance for the creation and maintenance of the TAO website and encouraged all TAO members to look at it in order to be constantly up to date on TAO activities. The address for the website is taortho.org.

TennCare

President McDaniel told the membership that those who had any comments or suggestions about the TennCare program could give them to Randy Smith who is a consultant for Delta Dental. He stated that Dr. Smith would be glad to talk to anyone about the TennCare program. Dr. Smith smilingly nodded his acquiescence to Dr. McDaniel's suggestion.

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

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

Respectively submitted,

James L. Vaden
Secretary/Treasurer