

Michigan Component Report

The MAO annual meeting was originally scheduled for March of this year. However, after lengthy discussions with the board members it was determined that moving the meeting to September and planning for an in-person meeting would best serve our members. The meeting is currently scheduled for September 24,2021.

As many of you know Michigan had some of the longest and most restrictive lockdowns at the beginning of the pandemic, which included orthodontists. In an effort to prevent a future shutdown of orthodontic offices myself and Dr. Brandon Shoukri put together a document for Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. The document included information on COVID-19 spread mitigation efforts that orthodontists in Michigan have taken. We also cited scientific literature which shows that there has not been any significant spread of the virus from dental/orthodontic offices, and finally we included cases which showed the negative consequences of unsupervised orthodontics.

Our membership numbers remain strong and board positions are filled.

Respectfully Submitted,

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