



## JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING IN MAY

### Registration is still open for our Doctor and Team Meeting on May 6, 2022.

We are thrilled to welcome our esteemed speakers for this year's meeting. It will be held 7:30am to 4pm on Friday, May 6, 2022 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA.

#### Speakers

Dr. Neal Kravitz will present on orthodontic techniques and pearls that will benefit every orthodontist. Similarly, the orthodontic team lecture will have Michelle Shimmin lecture on how to develop a high performance team. Orthodontic clinic members will also have the opportunity to be trained in safe removal of orthodontic appliances and adhesive by Dr. Geoff Greenlee.

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#### Legislative Update

The WSSO received a grant from the AAO to hire a lobbyist for the year to develop important relationships with Washington State legislators. The lobbyist works in the interest of Orthodontic patients while representing Washington Orthodontists, the WSSO, and AAO with members of the WA State Legislators and their staff.

Current and past board members have also forged important relationships with legislators which helped facilitate the introduction of HB 1950 (to protect patients pursuing teledental treatments). The WSSO and AAO are thrilled with the strong relationship and support we receive through our WA State Dental Association. This relationship and the grassroots efforts by our contracted lobbyist, WA state orthodontists, dental providers who reached out to members of the legislative body and specifically the House Committee for Health and Wellness, was instrumental in achieving their unanimous support of the bill -- allowing the bill to move on to the subsequent steps to eventually be considered by the Senate. As can happen, politics got in the way of the bill being heard on its own merits, and it was killed in process along with a significant amount of other house bills preventing it and all other Republican bills from moving on and being considered by the Senate. However, the relationships that have been, and will continue to be developed will help pave the way to the next legislative sessions.

The WSSO is grateful for the amazing work and support by the AAO team with Governmental Affairs through this process and through this next year. We encourage all orthodontists in WA and other components of the PCSO to develop and forge relationships with your own legislators and be involved in the legislative processes.

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#### Call for Applicants: PCSO Director

The WSSO Board is seeking applicants for

the position of PCSO director.

This person acts as a direct liaison between the WSSO Board and the Pacific Coast Society of Orthodontists. Click below to learn more and apply.



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