



## **Greetings from your AAOMS District VI Trustee: April 2026**

**Well, summer is on the way!** Hopefully, you'll find some time to get away and enjoy yourself with friends and family this year and still have a very productive summer.

I am well into my 5<sup>th</sup> year as your **AAOMS District VI Trustee**. Next year will be my 6<sup>th</sup> and last year as your Trustee. I continue to be extremely grateful and humbled for the confidence you all have shown me, by once again electing me last year in the House of Delegates to this important and rewarding position. I will continue, to represent all your interests at the AAOMS Board level, to the best of my ability, for the remainder of my term.

We, at AAOMS, have been very busy with president **Dr. Robert S. Clark** at the helm. Given his many years in private practice, his four years as AAOMS Treasurer, and his experience on The Board, he has been representing our AAOMS membership with skill, insight, and a lot of "*Clark wit*". Our Board of Trustee's (BOT) continues to be occupied by extremely sharp members with diverse viewpoints, who all strive towards the collective goal of our AAOMS mission. Together with our fantastic senior management team and their support staff, the AAOMS is strong and remains a highly recognizable and respected entity in healthcare.

Another very important group representing our Western States, who deserve **special thanks**, is all our dedicated delegates and alternates, who represent us at the AAOMS House of Delegates. This is where AAOMS governance begins and ends. The Western Society of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeons / WSOMS is critical in organizing our states and their delegates at our summer caucus and the House of Delegates, at the AAOMS annual meeting. Being a member of the WSOMS and therefore, supporting their mission, is your obligation to your specialty and your region. **It is a well spent \$50.00 / year! Thank you to all our WSOMS members!**

Please remember to register for our upcoming **AAOMS 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and Scientific, to be held in Seattle this year**. This will prove to be a very rewarding meeting in a great location, offering fantastic opportunities for CE and networking. More details can be obtained through **AAOMS.org**. Please look at the video presentation outlining the annual meeting for a more in-depth view.

Our **Summer Caucus** is scheduled in **Las Vegas @ UNLV August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**. We hope to see all our delegates and alternates this year. All members are welcome though - *to see how the sausage is made*. More details can be obtained through **wsoms.org**.

Finally, I hope to see you at the **Dental Implant Conference / DIC in Chicago December 3-5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. Please note; next year (2027), the **DIC** will be in **Orlando, FL.**, for a "*warm*" experience. More details can be obtained through **AAOMS.org**.

**Please remember, as your Trustee, I am your portal of communication to the AAOMS - your specialties national association. Please utilize me!** You can contact me via E-mail at [dr.wfstephens@gmail.com](mailto:dr.wfstephens@gmail.com) or if urgent, call me at (626) 353-4575.

Finally, if you are pondering expanding your professional experience by entering leadership in your state or at a national level, *please give your state societies' Executive Director, state Board members, ... or me, a call or e-mail*. We are always looking for new people with new perspectives, to advance our specialty. **This can be a very rewarding experience and prove to be the apex of your career!**

Again, thank you for your continuing confidence and support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Stephens". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

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