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## President's Letter

Greetings from the Montana Orthopedic Society!

I invite you to consider membership in the Montana Orthopedic Society. The primary purpose of the Society is to provide its members a vehicle for the interchange of medical knowledge as it relates to orthopedic surgery in Montana and surrounding areas. The Society also strives to keep surgeons from this very large and sparsely populated state informed of issues that impact our care of patients.

Our vision is...

- to become a valued resource for orthopedic surgeons practicing in Montana
- our members will readily recognize the benefits of membership and will want to actively participate in our activities
- to enhance the ability of its members to communicate with each other regarding medical, social, and policy/legislative issues
- to evolve to help face the challenges of orthopedic surgeons practicing in this rural state

Montana Orthopedic Society is the voice of orthopedic surgeons in Montana and protects your interests with policymakers and the public by advocating on your behalf on issues affecting your patients, your practice, and orthopedic medicine.

In addition to advocacy efforts, the Montana Orthopedic Society serves as a necessary resource for busy practicing orthopedic surgeons and delivers a myriad of services to members on a local level. These services are focused on educational programs, communication, and collegiality. Member benefits include:

- Annual membership dues include registration fees for the annual CME conference and membership meeting held in Big Sky, Montana in January each year (see page 3).

- Opportunities to advocate as a representative at both the state and national levels
- Society delegates attend the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference as well as other meetings of the AAOS Board of Councilors
- The Society has a voting seat on the board of trustees of the Montana Medical Association
- The Society serves as a communications hub and point of contact for members through newsletters, email and the Society's website [montanaorthopedicsociety.org](http://montanaorthopedicsociety.org).

A strong state society is needed to continue representing your interests with state decision makers and in providing you with membership services. As your state society president, I strongly recommend that you become or remain a sustaining member of Montana Orthopedic Society to ensure a unified organization and voice representing orthopedic surgeons in your state.

Consider volunteering your time or at least sharing your input as you are an invaluable resource to your state society. Your involvement is vital to the continuing viability of the practice of orthopedics. I am acutely aware of how important your voice is at the state level.

Step up and join or renew your membership and volunteer for the betterment of your patients and your practice. Plan to attend the 2018 Annual Meeting in Big Sky January 12-14.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey LaPorte, M.D.  
President



## National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference

In April of 2018, Nick DiGiovine, MD and I attended the National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. We met with representatives from Senator Daines' and Senator Tester's office to discuss issues critical to the practice of Orthopaedic Surgery. The following three topics were emphasized.

1. The repeal of the provisions in the Affordable Care Act related to the prohibition on construction or expansion of physician owned hospitals.
2. Repeal of the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB). The sole purpose of this Board is to contain Medicare costs. It does not take into consideration quality or access to care.
3. Medical Liability Reform Act and support of the ACCESS Act. The Accessible Care by Curbing Excessive Lawsuits Act which allows for full recovery of economic damages and up to 250,000 dollars for noneconomic damages.

In addition, we presented the AAOS campaigns highlighting education about prescription drug abuse and the [Community in Motion](#) and [Decide to Drive](#) initiatives (see page 4 for more information).



### Why we call it "orthopaedics"

Since orthopaedics' beginnings, its specialists have treated children suffering from spine and limb deformities. The Greek roots of the word "orthopaedics" are *ortho* (straight) and *pais* (child). Early orthopaedists often used braces or other forms of treatment to make the child "straight."

## AAOS Fall Meeting

I was able to attend the Board of Counselors Fall meeting held in Dallas in place of our BOC representative, Nick DiGiovine, MD. This is one of three meetings held each year which unites the AAOS leadership and the counselors representing each state, the U.S. Military, Puerto Rico, Canada and four regional societies. The BOC serves as an advisory body to the AAOS Board of Directors and the AAOS committees. Dr. DiGiovine sits on the Communications Committee which coordinates information within the BOC organization, communicates information to the AAOS and organizes and disseminates educational information about our public campaigns.

I encourage you to visit the Montana Orthopaedic Society, website [MontanaOrthopedicSociety.org](http://MontanaOrthopedicSociety.org) and the AAOS website [AAOS.org](http://AAOS.org) for further information.

Please consider a contribution to the [Orthopaedic PAC](#), in addition to membership in the Montana Orthopedic Society, Montana Medical Society, the AAOS and the American Medical Society. Each of these organizations are advocating for you at the state, regional and national level so that you can practice your profession with the least amount of interference and the greatest amount of support.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the MOS Annual Meeting at Big Sky Resort in January.

Sincerely yours,  
Jeffrey M. LaPorte, MD  
President, Montana Orthopedic Society 2017

*AAOS Board of Councilors (BOC) serves as an advisory body to the AAOS Board of Directors and acts as a liaison between the practicing orthopaedic surgeons, and our national organization. The BOC meets three times per year.*

**AAOS Annual Meeting 2018**  
**March 6-10 | New Orleans, Louisiana**

**National Orthopaedic Leadership Conference | June 6-9**

**AAOS Fall Meeting 2018**  
**October 25-27 | San Antonio, Texas**



# 2018 Annual Meeting in Big Sky January 12-14

The Montana Orthopedic Society welcomes another distinguished group of speakers to the 2018 Annual Meeting at the Yellowstone Conference Center on the campus of Big Sky Resort in Big Sky, Montana. We are fortunate to have three keynote speakers, all experts in their field, **Alex Creighton, MD of the University of North Carolina, John France, MD of West Virginia University and Lisa Lattanza, MD of the University of Southern California, San Francisco.** In addition, seven others are slated to speak on a wide range of topics pertinent to the practice of Orthopedic Surgery. This is an informative meeting in a great location and provides the attendees opportunities renew old friendships, develop new relationships, gain knowledge and earn CME. The executive and administrative staff of the MOS welcomes and thanks the speakers for their commitment to attend and educate at our Annual Meeting.

Anthony Russo, MD  
Vice President, Montana Orthopedic Society 2017

**REGISTER ONLINE**  
[montanaorthopedicsociety.org](http://montanaorthopedicsociety.org)

**RESERVE ROOM/CONDO**  
**Big Sky Resort**  
**1 800 548 4486, option #2**  
*Ask for room block rates for  
"Montana Orthopedic Society"*

- >>> Huntley Lodge rooms \$196 | \$206 | \$274
- >>> Shoshone Condominiums \$379 | \$569
- >>> The Summit at Big Sky rooms and studios  
\$249 | \$269 | \$279 | \$519 | \$659 | \$921
- >>> The Village Center rooms and studios  
\$249 | \$529 | \$669 | \$939

## SPEAKERS

### Friday 1/12

- Albert D. Olszewski, M.D.  
*Flathead Orthopedics, Kalispell Regional Medical*
- Nick M. DiGiovine, M.D.  
*Montana Orthopedics*
- John France, M.D.  
*West Virginia University*
- Lisa Lattanza, M.D.  
*University of Southern California, San Francisco*

### Saturday 1/13

Montana Orthopedic Society  
Board of Directors Annual Meeting

- Lisa Lattanza, M.D.  
*University of Southern California, San Francisco*
- Alex Creighton, M.D.  
*University of North Carolina*
- Dan Whiting, M.D.  
*Northern Rockies Orthopaedics*
- Roger Bentley, M.D.  
*Ortho Montana*

Montana Orthopedic Society  
Annual Business Meeting 2018

- Alex Creighton, M.D.  
*University of North Carolina*
- Lisa Lattanza, M.D.  
*University of Southern California, San Francisco*
- Jessica Telleria, M.D.  
*Northern Rockies Orthopaedics*
- Curtis VandenBerg, M.D.  
*Children's Hospital, Los Angeles*
- John France, M.D.  
*West Virginia University*

### Sunday 1/14

- Curtis VandenBerg, M.D.  
*Children's Hospital, Los Angeles*
- Albert D. Olszewski, M.D.  
*Flathead Orthopedics, Kalispell Regional Medical*





## COMMUNITIES IN MOTION

The **American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)** has been a leader in promoting healthy bone and joint behaviors and lifestyle choices. **Communities in Motion: The Event**—an extension of the AAOS’ [A Nation in Motion](#)® campaign—is a fun and interactive event.

Have you heard about [Communities in Motion: The Event](#)? Learn how orthopaedic surgeons are showing people of all ages how to have fun and exercise together to build strong bones. The Communities in Motion event aims to empower a community in an upcoming Annual Meeting host city to take ownership of their own bone and joint health. “Team Docs”—a combination of orthopaedic surgeons, and health and fitness experts—engaged and educated event participants about the importance of exercise and movement, and the correlation between nutrition and healthy eating behaviors; showed them that exercise and fun are not mutually exclusive; and, demonstrated that orthopaedic surgeons do help keep the world in motion through the prevention and treatment of bone and joint conditions. Visit [anationinmotion.org/communities/](http://anationinmotion.org/communities/) for information on how you can participate as an individual or organization.



“Orthopaedic surgeons would rather keep your bones strong than put them back together again. With 39,000 members, AAOS is the premier not-for-profit organization that provides education programs for orthopaedic surgeons and allied health professionals, champions the interests of patients and advances the highest quality musculoskeletal health. The Academy is the authoritative sources of orthopaedic information for patients and the general public on musculoskeletal conditions, treatments and related issues. Orthopaedic surgeons and the Auto Alliance have combined forces to combat distractive driving”.

Visit [decidetodrive.org](http://decidetodrive.org) to learn more and access resources and tools.

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# Your Voice

## Montana Orthopedic Society

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## American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons

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