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Dr. Richard Crinzi receives AAOMS Political Activist Award



[Rosemont, Ill] Richard A. Crinzi, DDS, MS received the 2009 John F. Freihaut Political Activist Award of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, October 14, during the opening ceremony of the 91st Annual Meeting, Scientific Sessions and Exhibition of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. The award is given in recognition of outstanding grassroots efforts and support of legislative issues at the state and federal levels.

Dr. Crinzi's advocacy interests have led him to serve on the boards of the Washington State and American Dental Association Political Action Committees and the ADA Committee on Governmental Affairs. He has also served on community election committees in support of local candidates seeking office.

He has been active in a number of professional and specialty organizations, including serving as president of the Washington and Western Societies of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, the Seattle-King County Dental Society and Washington State Dental Association. Dr. Crinzi has been a delegate to the American Dental Association House of Delegates since 1995, and was District VI representative to the AAOMS Board of Trustees for four years.

Dr. Crinzi maintains a private practice and is clinical assistant professor of oral and maxillofacial surgery at the University of Washington in Seattle. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and a fellow of the AAOMS. A graduate of the University of Washington Dental School, he completed his surgical residency and obtained his master's degree at the University of Chicago.

More than 5,000 registrants, including oral and maxillofacial surgeons from around the world, attended the AAOMS Annual Meeting where they conducted association business, discussed surgical procedures, earned continuing education credits and met with dental industry suppliers.

Saving Face | Changing Lives — The American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS), the professional organization representing more than 8,500 oral and maxillofacial surgeons in the United States, supports its fellows' and members' ability to practice their specialty through education, research and advocacy. AAOMS fellows and members comply with rigorous continuing education requirements and submit to periodic office examinations, ensuring the public that all office procedures and personnel meet stringent national standards.

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