NEWPORT BEACH, CA – California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) announces award recipients of the Distinguished Service Award, Committee Member of the Year Award, and Exhibitor of the Year Award at annual meeting at the Island Hotel Newport Beach.

The 14th annual meeting was dedicated to Dr. John J. Lytle for his prolific career in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. In addition to being heavily involved in the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Dr. Lytle also greatly contributed to research in the specialty, published a vast amount of papers throughout his career and managed multiple successful private practices in the Los Angeles area. Dr. Lytle’s legacy continues to impact the specialty as it advances into the next generation of oral and maxillofacial surgeons.

Dr. Newton Gordon was presented with the Distinguished Service Award for his service as President of Northern California Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (NCSOMS), President of the Dental Board of California and his years of service as a CALAOMS Advanced Cardiac Life Support instructor.

Dr. George Maranon was selected as Committee Member of the Year for his efforts on the Anesthesia Committee and his work on a position paper for capnography.

The Exhibitor of the Year award was presented to Ted Elink-Schuurman for OMSNIC for their many years of dedication and support of CALAOMS and its members.

“Congratulations to this year’s award recipients,” said Pam Congdon Executive Director at CALAOMS. “Thank you for your hard work and all of the wonderful ways in which you
contribute to the advancement of the field. We look forward to continuing to honor those individuals who distinguish themselves in the specialty.”

The California Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CALAOMS) is the only recognized California state component society of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS).

CALAOMS was founded in the mid 1980s as a representing body for both the Northern California Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (NCSOMS) and the Southern California Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (SCSOMS). In the late 1990s the three organizations unified into the sole entity of CALAOMS.

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