

# Distinguished Service Award

## Dr. John Hume Receives MDA Distinguished Service Award

Dr. John Hume (DDS '75), a general dentist in Springfield, Mo., received the Distinguished Service Award at the 2007 Missouri Dental Association (MDA) House of Delegates, for his many years of service and dedication to the dental profession.



John Hume

Dr. Hume has been a member of the MDA since 1975, the same year he received his DDS from the UMKC School of Dentistry. He has actively served the MDA and ADA in various capacities, including MDA delegate, trustee and president in 1995-96. He has been an ADA delegate twice, having served first from 1994-96 and in his current term, from 2004 to the present.

One of Dr. Hume's most significant contributions to the MDA was his integral role in the formation of Missouri Dental Insurance Services, Inc., the for-profit subsidiary of the MDA.

In 1988, the MDA House of Delegates directed the Council on Membership Services (of which Dr. Hume was chair from 1989-91) to study the Wisconsin Dental Association brokerage arrangement and other for-profit subsidiaries owned by state dental associations. This included travel to 12 state dental associations to study their for-profit programs. In 1990, the MDA House set aside \$20,000 to hire a consultant to study the brokerage concept; in 1991, the MDA House voted for the formation of a for-profit insurance agency, which would become MDIS. Dr. Hume served as MDIS's first president, from 1991-95. In 1992, Dr. Hume received the MDA Dentist of the Year (sharing the distinction with Dr. Mark Zust), based on his work to form MDIS.

Dr. Hume was a trustee on the UMKC Dental Alumni Association Board from 2001-06, serving as treasurer in 2004-05. He has been inducted to both the American College of Dentists (1993) and the International College of Dentists (1996). He served as chair of the Missouri Section for the ACD from 1999-04. ■

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