

## ABOUT

# EINER W. “WES” JOHNSON, MD

Dr. Johnson was born and raised in Bemidji, Minnesota, where his father served as one of the region's few general surgeons. He dedicated his entire career to practicing orthopedic surgery at the Mayo Clinic and was a long-time colleague and golfing partner of Dr. Edward Henderson.

As a founding member of the Mid-America Orthopaedic Association (MAOA), Dr. Johnson also served as its managing director for the first 15 years, until 1998. His vision was to create an organization that reinvested its resources into the development of residents and young orthopedic surgeons through education. He emphasized fiscal responsibility, advocating for prudent investment of the Association's funds, modest spending, and careful financial oversight by the Board of Directors.

Dr. Johnson also believed that MAOA meetings should be engaging, valuable, and responsive to member needs. Thanks to his leadership and guiding principles during those critical early years, these foundational values have endured, enabling the organization to thrive for over four decades and earn recognition as the premier regional orthopedic meeting in the nation.

