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### SAVE THE DATE!



2020 GLAO Virtual  
Educational  
Experience

September 26, 2020

With so many factors related to the COVID-19 pandemic still unknown, and the concern for the health and safety of our members, partners and communities they serve, the GLAO has made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person Annual Session. A virtual educational experience is being planned for Saturday, September 26th. Please save the date and plan to participate! More information will be shared, as it becomes available.

Please also save the date and plan to attend the 2021 GLAO Annual Session to be held at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis October 14-16, 2021. We look forward to seeing you in Indianapolis! We will return to Cleveland in September, 2022!

Thank you to our members and partners for their support!

[Click Here](#) to Learn More as it becomes available!

### President's Report

As Mike Tyson, the former heavyweight champion of the world famously quipped, "Everyone has a plan

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## Component Updates

### INDIANA

Dr. Michael Thompson  
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[REPORT \(as of 05-15-20\)](#)

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[REPORT \(as of 05-12-20\)](#)

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Dr. Drew Smith  
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[REPORT \(as of 05-05-20\)](#)

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[REPORT \(as of 04-30-19\)](#)

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[REPORT \(as of 08-05-19\)](#)

"till they get punched in the mouth." Well COVID-19 provided the knockout punch for our face-to-face Annual Session planned for Cleveland, Ohio in September, 2020. With great uncertainty still persuasive in many areas of the country, and with the highest regard for the health, safety and welfare of our members, staff, partners and the communities they serve, we made this most difficult decision. Your board met via virtual medium to discuss the matter exploring an array of scenarios, none of which provided the security necessary to conduct such a meeting.



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## AAO Trustee Report

### Is this an opportunity?

Our COVID-19 Pandemic Crisis has created an environment of uncertainty for many of us. At the AAO, we have faced some unprecedented challenges that have led to some remarkable decisions. These include the cancellation of the AAO Annual Session in Atlanta, the creation of an AAO 2020 Virtual Annual Session, and the hosting of our 2020 AAO Virtual House of Delegates. Our members are facing some onerous challenges as well. With the economic uncertainty that has developed as a result of the government regulated closure of our practices, many of us are feeling a level of stress that we have never felt before. We need to be prepared to use all resources that are available to us so that we can weather this storm.



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## Member News

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBER!

Dr. Raymond P. Howe - *Gregory, MI*

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Congratulations to Dr. Tasha Hall, of Indianapolis Indiana, who was recently appointed as the GLAO Representative to the AAO Council on Orthodontic Health Care.

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## The GLAO Board Recently Renewed the Terms of the Following Members to Represent the GLAO:

**Dr. Phil Beckwith**, of Dublin, OH, will continue to represent the GLAO as the AAOPAC Director.

**Dr. Steve Belli**, of Kent, OH, will continue to represent the GLAO on the Council on Membership Ethics and Judicial Concerns (COMEJC).

**Dr. Mark Berkman**, of Commerce Township, MI, will continue to represent the GLAO on the AAO Foundation Board of Directors (AAOF).

**Dr. Aron Dellinger**, of Fort Wayne, IN, will continue to represent the GLAO on the Council on Communications.

**Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham**, of Dublin, OH, will continue to represent the GLAO on the Council on Governmental Affairs (COGA).

**Dr. Scott Schulz**, of Traverse City, MI, will continue to represent the GLAO on the Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP).

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**CHRISTOPHER A. ROBERTS, D.D.S., M.S. BEGINS TERM  
AS 2020-2021 PRESIDENT OF THE  
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF ORTHODONTISTS**



## 2020 AAO House of Delegates

### DELEGATION CHAIR REPORT

If the coronavirus has done one thing, it's taught us flexibility...

In typical coronavirus fashion...we got to experience yet another "new way of doing things" for our House of Delegates meeting this year. After the difficult decision was made to cancel the AAO Annual Session, it was decided to hold a **Virtual House of Delegates**. The AAO Speaker, Dr. Jeff Rickabaugh, tasked the delegate chairs of each of the 8 constituencies of the AAO to work with our delegations to come up with an acceptable slate of resolutions for this Virtual House. On May 1st, the AAO conducted its first ever Virtual House of Delegates! Thanks to a lot of prep work beforehand, and the flexibility of our delegates, the Virtual House was a success.

Serving for the GLAO as delegates and alternate delegates this year were: **Jocie Weeden, Walt Schratz, Paul Reed, Valerie Martone, Tony Puntillo, Richard Kulbersh, Drew Smith, Richard Marcus, John Monticello, and Martin Palomo, and myself, serving as chair.**

[Click here](#) to read more.

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*Thank you to the GLAO Delegation who represented the GLAO at the 2020 AAO House of Delegates!*

## ABO News and Information

### **American Board of Orthodontics GLAO Report**

We hope that once again we find you safe and sound and perhaps finding time to enjoy the beautiful spring weather in your part of the country, despite our current situation with COVID-19. While these times are uncertain and a virus pandemic an unprecedented event for most, we can continue to be uplifted and comforted by the generosity and goodness which can be found all around us.

As with most organizations, the ABO has had to pivot from conducting business as usual to determining the best way to move forward in this unknown time. Therefore, we have a great deal of important updates to communicate with you.

[Click here](#) to read more!

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### **ABO ANNOUNCES NEWLY CERTIFIED/RECERTIFIED ORTHODONTISTS**

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) certified or recertified 203 orthodontists following their participation in the ABO Scenario-Based Oral Clinical Examination in February 2020 in St. Louis. The Clinical Examination is the second of a two-part certification process that also includes prior completion of the Written Examination.



ABO Board Certification is a voluntary credential that represents an orthodontist's personal and public commitment to the standards of specialty practice and lifelong learning.

"Board certification demonstrates a commitment to excellence in orthodontics to the public and colleagues," said Dr. Nicholas D. Barone, ABO president. "I congratulate all of our newly certified and recertified orthodontists."

To learn more about ABO certification and the Scenario-Based Oral Clinical Examination, visit [www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com](http://www.AmericanBoardOrtho.com). The website offers information about the Clinical and Written Examinations, including study aids and registration information. The ABO now uses only the Scenario-Based Oral Clinical Examination; use of the Traditional Case Clinical Examination ended in 2019.

Currently, approximately 46 percent of AAO practicing orthodontists are ABO certified.

The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists congratulates all certified/recertified GLAO Orthodontists.

### **Newly Certified**

Dr. Jashleen K. Bedi

Dr. Golnaz Kavand

Dr. Dana Grimm Kiefer

Dr. Jonathan T. Lambert

Dr. Daniela Martinez Florez

Dr. Janise Morales

Dr. Vivek Patel

Dr. Ritu Kular Singh

Dr. Rekha Gupta Wadhwa

### **Recertified**

Dr. Scott M. Behnan

Dr. Donald R. Burkhardt

Dr. Robert K. Cavanaugh

Dr. Jason L. Charnley

Dr. Devon R. Cook

Dr. Jeffrey A. Dean

Dr. Barton J. Girdwood

## **AAO Council Reports**

*Below are links to the most current reports.*

### **Council on Communications**

[Report](#) (as of 04-30-20)

Dr. Aron E. Dellinger..... [aedellinger@aol.com](mailto:aedellinger@aol.com)

### **Council on Governmental Affairs**

[Report](#) (as of 05-15-20)

Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham..... [dafortho@yahoo.com](mailto:dafortho@yahoo.com)

### **Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns**

[Report](#) (as of 01-27-20)

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### **Council on New and Younger Members**

[Report](#) (as of 07-25-19)

Dr. Brandon Shoukri .....[bshoukri@umich.edu](mailto:bshoukri@umich.edu)

### **Council on Orthodontic Education**

[Report](#) (as of 05-13-20)

Dr. Kelton T. Stewart..... [keltstew@iu.edu](mailto:keltstew@iu.edu)

### **Council on Orthodontic Health Care**

[Report](#) (Greg Oppenhuizen's Report as of 01-26-20)

Dr. Tasha Hall..... [tashahall828@gmail.com](mailto:tashahall828@gmail.com)

### **Council on Orthodontic Practice**

[Report](#) (as of 05-15-20)

Dr. Scott O. Schulz..... [soschulz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:soschulz@sbcglobal.net)

### **Council on Scientific Affairs**

[Report](#) (as of 02-03-20)

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## **GLAO Information**

### **The 2020 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award**

TP Orthodontics, Inc. in partnership with the GLAO, offers scholarships to residents attending orthodontic programs in the GLAO region. The Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award was created by TP Orthodontics, Inc. to give back to the orthodontic community in a way that helps residents, by easing a small part of their financial burden. Applicants submitted an essay on humanitarian / volunteer efforts made by the resident during their years of attendance at their orthodontic residency program. Since 2017, a total of \$31,500 has been awarded.

The award announcement and presentation, previously scheduled to take place during the AAO Annual Session, is now scheduled to take place during the GLAO Business Meeting on September 26th. We appreciate the support provided to these residents by TP Orthodontics and we look forward to the presentation of these awards!



TP Orthodontics, Inc.



Lindsey O. Kesling

ORTHODONTIC RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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### **COVID-19 Response**

To help you stay informed...

The GLAO has a webpage with links to many resources - [NEWS AND INFORMATION REGARDING COVID-19](#), including links to AAO educational resources, ADA resources, component dental associations and dental boards. Members are encouraged to submit information and resources for the page! Please send to [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com).

The AAO is here to help and has information and resources available for members! Visit the [AAO COVID-19 RESOURCES FOR ORTHODONTISTS](#). The webpage is updated daily with resources for practice management and the patient experience in relation to the evolving COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

### [New Federal Guidance Issued on Regional Phase Reopening](#)

To help you stay connected...

Members are encouraged to join the [GLAO Members Only Facebook Group](#) where you can share information and resources among your colleagues.

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## Get Connected

We want you to be informed of resources and opportunities in the GLAO! This information will come to you via email, AAO Mobile App push notifications and the GLAO Members Only Group on Facebook! Be sure to get connected and stay connected by following the instructions below! Get the most out of your GLAO membership!

- Make sure the AAO has your current **email address** on file. We use that email address to stay in touch with you via e-blast like this one.
- Download the **AAO Mobile App!**
  - *Download the iOS Version of the App:*
    - If you have older AAO meeting-only apps on your device, begin by deleting those apps.
    - Open the App Store, search "AAO Member App," then tap FREE\*.
  - *Download the Android Version of the App:*
    - If you have older AAO meeting-only apps on your device, begin by deleting those apps.
    - Visit the Android Play Store, search "AAO Mobile," then tap INSTALL.
- Join the **GLAO Member Only Group on Facebook!**
  - [Click Here](#) and sign into Facebook and join the group. Once we confirm you are a current GLAO member your request will be accepted.



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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GLAO MEMBERS:

You can view these opportunities and more by registering for the AAO's Practice Opportunities & Careers online service, which connects registered members seeking orthodontic career opportunities ("seekers") with those who have opportunities to offer ("providers"). Registering as a provider or seeker can be completed in just a few



minutes by following these steps:

1. Visit [www.aaoinfo.org/careers](http://www.aaoinfo.org/careers).
2. Click "**Become a Provider**" or "**Become a Seeker**" and log in with your AAO username and password.
3. Complete and submit the user agreement with your electronic signature (e.g., /s/ John Smith).
4. **If you are a provider**, click "Post Opportunity" to enter information about your opportunity. **If you are a seeker**, click "Post Seeker Profile" to create a profile and upload your CV/resume.

If you have questions or need more detailed directions, view frequently-asked questions (FAQs) linked below for providers and seekers or contact Lauren Snowden at [lsnowden@aaortho.org](mailto:lsnowden@aaortho.org) or 800-424-2841, ext. 587.

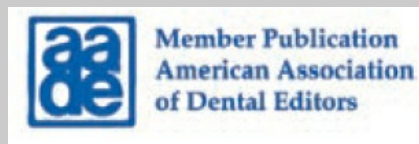
Provider FAQs: [www.aaoinfo.org/provider-FAQs](http://www.aaoinfo.org/provider-FAQs)

Seeker FAQs: [www.aaoinfo.org/seeker-FAQs](http://www.aaoinfo.org/seeker-FAQs)

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