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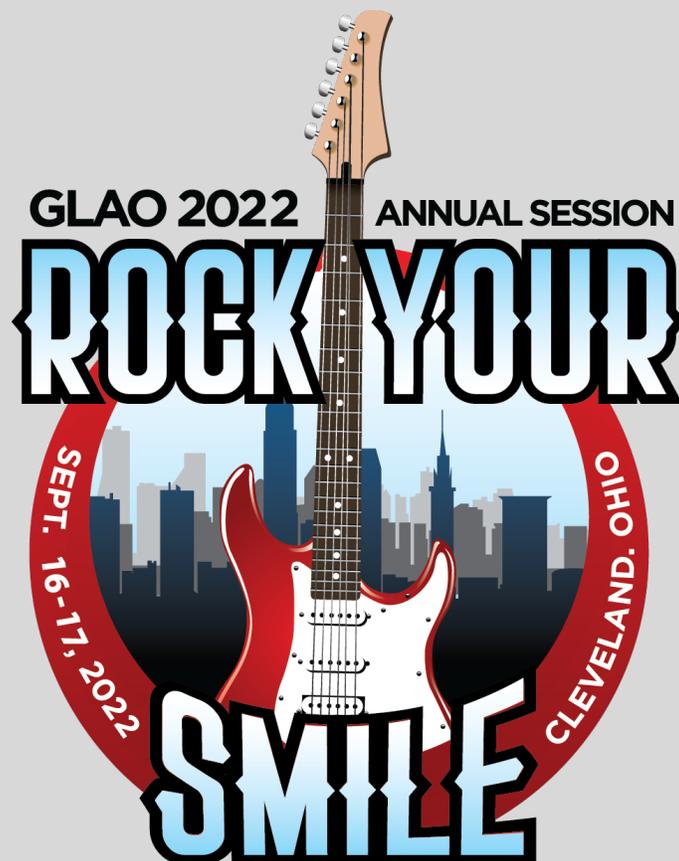
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**2022 GLAO Annual Session  
September 16-17, 2022  
Hilton Cleveland Downtown  
Cleveland, Ohio**

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# President's Report



## Component Updates

### INDIANA

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[REPORT \(as of 02-12-22\)](#)

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[REPORT \(as of 11-15-21\)](#)

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Greetings to all GLAO members.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has taken a toll on all of us. As I write this, COVID-19 cases are declining and like you, I am looking forward getting back to normal. I recently attended two orthodontic meetings and everyone was so happy to cautiously interact with friends and colleagues. You could feel the need for connection. One of the meetings I attended was the AAO Winter Conference on the Evolution of the Orthodontic Practice. A good number of orthodontists featured cited being lonely as an orthodontic practitioner as one of the reasons that they were happy about joining a group of orthodontists or dentists. Only you and your orthodontic friends get excited talking about orthodontic issues.

[Click Here](#) to read more.



## AAO Trustee Report

### Our Members Come First

The first step to developing a Big-Data Repository of orthodontic treatment information is to standardize the data format that is being collected/used by various orthodontic software

companies. This includes the data related to practice management, 2-D and 3-D imaging and other applications. Common data format simplifies data management and app development by unifying data into a known form and applying structural and semantic consistency across multiple apps and deployments.



Dr. Michael W. Sherman  
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At the February 2022 meeting of the AAO Board of Trustees (BOT), the BOT recommended that the following policies be sent to the 2022 AAO HOD for consideration:

1. That it be the position of the American Association of Orthodontists that the developers of orthodontic software should implement open and non-proprietary standards for data interoperability when available.
2. That that the American Association of Orthodontists supports the development of new open, non-proprietary data standards by stakeholders.
3. That the American Association of Orthodontists assesses open and non-proprietary data interoperability plans in new programs and budgetary matters.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

## Member News

### **GLAO Vice President, Dr. Kelton Stewart: Inspiring Others, Making an Impact**



As a young boy growing up in Arlington, Texas, Dr. Kelton Stewart knew he would pursue a career requiring a high level of education.

“My mom was an accountant and my dad was a civil engineer,” he said. “My parents had similarly high expectations of my sisters and me, in part because my grandparents had sacrificed for them to become well-educated. My older sister is now an education professor and my younger sister is an optometrist.”

Dr. Stewart had never envisioned himself working in any dental field, but that began to change once he became an orthodontic patient.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

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## GLAO Member Receives 2022 Emmett C. Bolden Dentist Citizen of the Year Award



Dr. John Monticello of Grand Rapids, Michigan received the 2022 Emmett C. Bolden Dentist Citizen of the Year Award. This award provides recognition to a member of the Michigan Dental Association who has demonstrated outstanding or unusual contributions or service to the community, state or country. Dr. Monticello was awarded due to his contributions through his orthodontic and military careers as an MAO board member for 30 years, GLAO board member, GLAO Delegate to the House of Delegates, and Lt. Colonel Dental Squadron Commander. Dr. Monticello will receive this award at the MDA Annual Session in April. Congratulations!

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS!

Dr. Linda K. Colter - *Brazil, IN*  
Dr. Laura L. Fogle - *Rockford, MI*  
Dr. Richard L. Fogel - *Elyria, OH*  
Dr. David C. Hoenie - *Vandalia, OH*  
Dr. Frank R. Marshall - *Dublin, OH*  
Dr. Angelos Metaxas - *Toronto, ON*  
Dr. Joseph R. Pfeffer Jr. - *Altoona, PA*  
Dr. Gerry Solomon - *Toronto, ON*  
Dr. Michael E. Thompson - *Fort Wayne, IN*

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## ABO News and Information

### ABO Update

**Scenario-based Clinical Examination:** The ABO conducted three Clinical

Examinations in 2021. The results from the February and July exams have been reported in previous newsletters. A total of 946 examinees were certified/recertified during the year. A listing by constituency for newly certified and recertified orthodontists in the third and fourth quarter is located on the [ABO website](#).

There are two Clinical exams being administered in 2022. Registration for the February exam is closed. The fall exam will be administered on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> of October. The registration for this exam will close **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** unless the exam fills prior to that date. Orthodontists taking the examination are objectively tested on their knowledge, skills and critical thinking abilities. The exam format utilizes the most fair, reliable and valid testing methodology. Exams are scored by multiple ABO examiners to ensure accuracy and consistency for each exam section.

[Click Here](#) to Read More.

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## **ABO Announces Newly Certified/Recertified Orthodontists**

The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) certified or recertified 291 orthodontists during the third and fourth quarters of 2021, including the November 2021 Scenario-Based Clinical 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.

Attaining first-time ABO certification requires successful completion of the Written Examination and then the Clinical Examination. Orthodontists gaining recertification must successfully complete the Recertification Examination and requirements.

"On behalf of The American Board of Orthodontics, I congratulate these orthodontists on successfully completing ABO certification or certification renewal," said Dr. David Sabott, ABO 2021-2022 president. "Their accomplishment in becoming board-certified attests to their commitment to serve and protect the public by delivering excellent orthodontic care."

The ABO currently represents 54% of AAO membership.

To learn more about ABO certification and the Scenario-Based 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 following are the newly certified or recertified orthodontists in the GLAO:

Dr. David A. Albright  
Dr. Rio R. Alesna-Lam  
Dr. James S. Boley  
Dr. Chad F. Harrington  
Dr. Nan E. Hatch  
Dr. Stephen Haverkos  
Dr. J. Todd Hunt

Dr. Kara M. Morris  
Dr. Kevan M. O'Neill  
Dr. Natalie P. Severns  
Dr. Lainie M. Shapiro  
Dr. Sydney Alexa Sherman  
Dr. Soorya Srinivasan  
Dr. Annelise H. Sullivan

Dr. Joseph L. Janowski  
Dr. Bryan C. King  
Dr. David M. Lenhart  
Dr. Matthew C. Mayers  
Dr. Theodore J. McCaskey

Dr. MaryEvan S. Thacker Hellebusch  
Dr. Leah Vernacchia  
Dr. Josephine C. Weeden  
Dr. Cleo Yi

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## AAO Council Reports

Below are links to the most current reports.

### **Council on Communications**

**[Report](#)** (as of 02-04-22) **[AAO CAP and Member Communications](#)**

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

### **Council on Governmental Affairs**

**[Report](#)** (as of 02-13-22)

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

**[Report](#)** (as of 02-08-22)

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

**[Report](#)** (as of 02-21-22)

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### **Council on Orthodontic Education**

**[Report](#)** (as of 02-13-22) **[Ortho RC Report; ADEA 2021 Winter Newsletter](#)**

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

**[Report](#)** (as of 01-15-22)

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### **Council on Orthodontic Practice**

**[Report](#)** (as of 02-11-22)

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### **Council on Scientific Affairs**

**[Report](#)** (as of 01-21-22)

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**[Special Committee on Women Orthodontists \(SCWO\)](#)** (as of 02-13-22)

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## GLAO Information

**AAO Leadership Development Conference**



*Center photo:*

*left to right – bottom row: Dr. Palomo, Dr. Deshpande, Dr. Mendieta, Dr. Martone, Ms. Nunner*

*left to right – top row: Dr. Richardson, Dr. Mesgarzadeh, Dr. Sherman, Dr. Bedi*

*(not pictured, Dr. Groth)*

GLAO Constituent Leaders, Component Leaders, and Emerging Leaders participated in the AAO Leadership Development Conference on January 27<sup>th</sup> in Orlando, FL. The conference provided an opportunity for participants to network with peers and learn about leading their organizations, available resources and current trends that impact their organizations and the orthodontic profession! The GLAO was well-represented with participation from the following members: Dr. Jashleen Bedi (MI), Dr. Girish Deshpande (ON), Dr. Christian Groth (MI), Dr. Valerie Martone (PA), Dr. Edgar Mendieta (OH), Dr. Nasim Mesgarzadeh (Resident, University of Michigan), Dr. J. Martin Palomo (OH), Dr. Remington Richardson (Resident, Indiana University), Dr. Michael Sherman (ON, GLAO Trustee), Dr. Brandon Shoukri (MI, CONYM), Debbie Nunner (GLAO Executive Director).

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## **Applications Available for the GLAO and TP Orthodontics 2022 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award**

Applications for the 2022 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award are now available. **Applications are due by April 15, 2022.** Recipients will be announced during the GLAO Member Business Meeting at the GLAO Annual Session in Cleveland, on Friday, September 16, 2022.

The Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award was created to give back to the orthodontic community in a way that helps residents, by easing a small part of their financial burden. Lindsey Kesling just graduated from Indiana University and was beginning a promising career in the orthodontic industry when accidental exposure to carbon monoxide (CO) ended her life at the age of 22. Lindsey was passionate about orthodontics and the industry. Her great grandfather, Dr. Harold D. Kesling, founded TP Orthodontics, Inc. which is still owned by the family today.

TP Orthodontics, Inc. has partnered with the GLAO to offer the Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award annually, to residents from orthodontic programs in the GLAO region. Since the inception of the scholarship in 2017, nearly \$40,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 18 residents from seven different universities in the GLAO region. In addition, over \$9,000 in product vouchers has been awarded to fifteen additional applicants.

[LEARN MORE](#) about the scholarship eligibility requirements, application and submission process. **Applications are due April 15th**

Thank you TP Orthodontics, Inc. for your ongoing support of the residents in the GLAO region!



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### **GLAO MEMBERS:**

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the AAOPAC and consider making a contribution.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the AAO Foundation and consider making a donation.

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## **AAO Advocacy Resources**

Protecting the health and well-being of orthodontic patients is of paramount importance to the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO). The AAO has particular concerns about some common practices and policies within the direct-to-consumer (DTC) orthodontic field. These concerns are based on reliable, peer-reviewed scientific evidence, unlike information from some who advocate for DTC companies. The AAO provides the following resources to support laws and regulations that best protect patients.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

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## **Consider Serving the GLAO in a Leadership Capacity!**

### **GLAO Council Representative to the AAO:**

Members of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists serve as our representative to all Councils of the AAO. In January, the GLAO announced available positions for the Council on Governmental Affairs (COGA), Council on Communications (COC) and Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP). The GLAO Board will make this appointment in March, 2022 and the terms for these positions will begin in May 2022.



### **GLAO Delegates to the AAO:**

The AAO House of Delegates is the ultimate governing body of the AAO and meets every year at the AAO annual session. Members of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists serve as our representatives to the AAO House of Delegates. Delegates and Alternate Delegates are elected annually by the GLAO membership. Those elected will serve a two-year term. [Click here](#) to view the position description. **If you are interested in serving the GLAO as a Delegate at the 2023 and 2024 AAO House of Delegates, please submit a letter of interest to the GLAO office at [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com) by March 1, 2022.** If you have any questions about this position, please contact the GLAO office at [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com).

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## Complimentary On-Demand Education Opportunities from the GLAO

As a service to our members, the GLAO 2020 Virtual Annual Session held on September 26th was recorded so you can watch or share with your staff, at your leisure.

In addition, Staff Education Programs are also available. These programs have been provided by our partners, to assist GLAO members with staff development and training.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access these educational programs.

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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.



## 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)

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