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GLAO 2021 Annual Session

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
& PLAN TO ATTEND!**



**2021 GLAO Annual Session
October 14-16, 2021
Hyatt Regency Indianapolis
Indianapolis, Indiana**

We're making plans for this in-person program and are looking forward to seeing you there!

[LEARN MORE](#)

President's Report

Congratulations, we actually made it to 2021. 2020 was a demanding year for all of us.

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It certainly felt good to see the calendar change. Last year we faced challenges that few could have imagined. In the blink of an eye all of our familiar routines were disrupted, and our practices transformed.

Hundreds of thousands of our friends, colleagues, and family members succumbed to the virus. Those of us that endure will not soon forget the tragedy and trials of 2020. We are changed forever. As I write this letter, however, there is **HOPE**. Safe and effective vaccines have been developed and are being administered with unthinkable speed. Depending upon your state, orthodontists and our teams have been some of the first to become eligible for vaccination. In fact, I received my second injection just last week. Although the vaccine can have some minor side effects, for your personal safety and that of your family, friends, team members, and patients, I encourage you all to do the same. Furthermore, as respected members in your communities your voices can carry extra weight. I encourage you to use your positions as trusted healthcare providers to promote vaccine acceptance among your circles of influence.

[Click Here](#) to read more.



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AAO Trustee Report

Our Members Come First: It Really is all About You

COVID-19 has been catastrophic for many of us. The stresses that we (ourselves and our employees) have endured may have taken their toll on our physical and/or emotional well

being. The AAO is working toward being at the front and center for mental health support for staff and the orthodontists by researching and hopefully recruiting an endorsed provider of support in this area. Also, we will continue to deliver messages about COVID considering the differences between the state and local concerns, as well as global concerns.

[Click here](#) to read more.



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Congratulations Dr. Valmy Kulbersh!

Valmy P. Kulbersh, D.D.S., M.S., of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, served as the American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) President in 2020-2021. She was the first female to serve as the ABO President. She is a Past President of the GLAO (2001) and has represented the GLAO on the ABO Board of Directors since 2013.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS!

Dr. Aubey Banack - *Toronto, ON*
Dr. Donald Darbro - *Bargersville, IN*
Dr. Douglas Dziuba - *Plymouth, MI*
Dr. Alan Gusching - *Columbus, OH*
Dr. Steven Hallgren - *Kalamazoo, MI*
Dr. Craig Hardy - *Columbus, OH*
Dr. K. Michael Hayes - *Auburn, IN*
Dr. Colin Mayers - *Hillsdale, MI*
Dr. Paul S. Murphy - *Mentor, OH*
Dr. Patrick Nolan - *Plymouth, MI*
Dr. Robert Portenga - *Traverse City, MI*
Dr. Timothy Reddy - *Cincinnati, OH*
Dr. Barry Shapero - *Thornhill, ON*
Dr. Michael Taylor - *Dundas, ON*

Remembering Dr. Eugene Dellinger, GLAO Past President, for His Many Contributions to the Orthodontic Profession

Dr. Eugene L. Dellinger worked as an orthodontist for over 40 years before his retirement. Sadly, he passed away on December 7, 2020, although he will long be remembered for his many contributions to the orthodontic profession. He was a member of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, American Association of Orthodontists, American Dental Association, American Board of Orthodontics, College of Diplomats of the American Board of Orthodontics, American College of Dentists, and International College of Dentists. Gene was a past president of the Indiana Association of Orthodontists, past president of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, a past member of the House of Delegates for the American Association of Orthodontists, and served as a Professor at the Indiana University School of Dentistry Orthodontic Department. He was a recipient of the GLAO Distinguished Service Award in 2016.



[Click here](#) to read more.

The ABO conducted Clinical Examinations in February and November 2020. A total of 203 examinees were certified or recertified at the February examination. A complete listing of names by constituency is located on the ABO website. During the November examination 207 examinees were ABO certified. The average pass rate was 75%. Overall exam reliability was 99% and the Inter-rater reliability was 88%.

A total of 157 orthodontists completed their rectification renewal and maintained their ABO status.

The ABO currently represents 49 percent of AAO membership.

The February 2020 Clinical Examination was held in St. Louis in the Scenario-based Oral Examination format. However, in response to safety requirements recommended by the CDC due to COVID-19, an alternative testing option for the Clinical Examination was identified and announced in July 2020. The July 2020 Clinical Examination was cancelled, with examinees having the opportunity to reschedule to a future examination.

Beginning with the November 2020 Clinical Examination and for 2021 Clinical Exams scheduled in February, and November, the examinations will take place at Scantron Testing Centers Worldwide. Travel to St. Louis will no longer be required. The examination will continue to be administered in a scenario-based format with the same exam components and testing criteria. The validity of the exam will be maintained with changes only made to accommodate how answers are submitted. Exams will continue to be scored by multiple ABO examiners to ensure accuracy and consistency for each exam section.

To-date, all future examinations are full with wait-lists, with the exception of the November 2021 date which is currently open. Complete details regarding the Clinical Examination, study materials and how to prepare can be found on the ABO website.

[Click here](#) to read more.

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

Newly certified

Dr. Michelle Allar

Dr. Mikhail Arkhipov

Dr. Emmanouil Emmanouil

Dr. Joseph Erickson

Dr. Won Suk Heo

Dr. Diane Johnson

Dr. Paige Pfeffer

Dr. Jennifer Russell

Dr. Robert Schudy

Dr. Samuel Titus

Recertified

Dr. Thomas Ahman

Dr. Riyad Al-Qawasmi

Dr. Alexander Cassinelli

Dr. Brandon Cook

Dr. Douglas Ford

Dr. Thomas Forrest

Dr. James Gill

Dr. Lana Helms

Dr. Samuel King

Dr. Nawaf Masri

Recertified

Dr. Michael Paulus

Dr. Linda Powers

Dr. Charles Reed

Dr. Mark Rosenthal

Dr. Andrew Wade

Dr. Denis Ward

Dr. Samuel Wise

Dr. Chad Webb

Dr. John Zang-Bodis

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AAO Council Reports

Below are links to the most current reports.

Council on Communications

[Report](#) (as of 02-05-21)

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Council on Governmental Affairs

[Report](#) (as of 11-15-20)

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Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns

[Report](#) (as of 02-11-21)

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Council on New and Younger Members

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

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[Report](#) (as of 02-13-21) [COVID Directives Unofficial Actions](#)

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[Report](#) (as of 01-29-21)

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

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GLAO Information

**Join your GLAO colleagues for a COFFEE CHAT
Saturday, February 27th, 8:30-9:30 am ET**



This casual Zoom Meeting is for GLAO members only and will provide an opportunity for informal discussions with your colleagues. This Coffee Chat will be hosted by the GLAO President, Dr. Tony Puntillo and GLAO Delegation Chair, Dr. Aron Dellinger. They are eager to hear about the issues that are important to you and how the GLAO and AAO can best serve its members. **GLAO members who participate (excluding current leadership) will be eligible to win Starbucks Gift Cards!**

Sign up [HERE](#) to receive your Zoom link and add it to your calendar.

Applications Available for the GLAO and TP Orthodontics 2021 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award

Applications for the 2021 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award are now available. Applications are due by May 1, 2021. Recipients will be announced during the GLAO Member Business Meeting at the GLAO Annual Session in Indianapolis, on Friday, October 15, 2021.

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 May 1st.

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



TP Orthodontics, Inc.



Lindsey O. Kesling

ORTHODONTIC RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

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.

The GLAO Nominating Committee is seeking interested and qualified candidates to serve at the 2022 and 2023 AAO House of Delegates.

[Click here](#) to view the position description.

If you are interested in serving the GLAO as a Delegate at the 2022 and 2023 AAO House of Delegates, please submit a letter of interest to the GLAO office at GLAO@AssnOffices.com by March 1, 2021. If you have any questions about this position, please contact the GLAO office (877-274-6420; GLAO@AssnOffices.com). Thank you for your consideration!



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.

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.
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 or 800-424-2841, ext. 587.

Provider FAQs: www.aaoinfo.org/provider-FAQs

Seeker FAQs: www.aaoinfo.org/seeker-FAQs

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