

**PROPOSED GLAO BYLAWS AMENDMENTS –**  
**GLAO Election Process:**

**Background:**

*A GLAO Task Force, established in 2018, solicited input from GLAO leadership and Trustee candidates and developed recommendations to the GLAO Board in an effort to improve the election process. The proposed amendments include:*

- *Article VI.C.1. –*

*The position of Trustee is removed as the Trustee is not an Officer of the GLAO (per Article V.F.). The Nomination and election process for Trustee can be found in Article VIII.A.*

- *Article VIII.A.; Article VIII.D.2. –*

*The first line has been struck, as this term is already indicated in VIII.D.1.*

*The proposed amendments allow for all interested and eligible candidates for the Trustee position, to be presented to the membership, by the Nominating Committee, at the Annual Business Meeting. Trustee candidates will then be considered in accordance with the GLAO Trustee election policy. The proposed amendments allow the GLAO Board to reappoint the Trustee and in the case of a vacancy, the President may appoint an interim Trustee.*

- *Article IX.A.; Article IX.C. –*

*The proposed amendments clarify the nominations process indicated is for officer positions (not Trustee). A second to the nomination from the floor is required. If there is a tie vote, only board members who are not candidates may vote to break a tie.*

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**ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS**

**C. NOMINATION AND ELECTION:**

1. There shall be a Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors composed of the President-Elect (Chairman), Immediate Past President, Vice President and two (2) Directors appointed by the President. This Committee shall vet and select a single slate of candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer ~~and the position of Trustee~~. The Nominations Committee shall present one candidate for each office ~~or position~~ to the Board of Directors, prior to the Annual Board Meeting and to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

**ARTICLE VIII – TRUSTEE TO AAO**

**A. ELIGIBILITY, NOMINATION AND ELECTION:**

~~Every two (2) years, this Association shall elect a Trustee to the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Orthodontists. The Trustee must be an active member of this Association. The Secretary-Treasurer of this Association shall report promptly the election of such trustee to the Secretary-Treasurer of the American Association of Orthodontists.~~

The office of Trustee may be held in combination with any other office of this Association except for the office or position of delegate or alternate delegate to the American Association of Orthodontists.

In the year prior to the election, the Nominating Committee will present a list of interested and eligible candidates for the Trustee position to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting and open nominations from the floor. Any active member in good standing may nominate additional candidates from the floor. Nominations made from the floor will be added to the list, provided nominees are willing to serve and their eligibility is verified by the Nominating Committee. A second to the nomination is required. Once nominations are closed, additional nominations may not be added to the list.

The Trustee candidates will be considered in accordance with the GLAO Trustee election policy.

In the years in which term renewal is permitted, the GLAO Board can reappoint the Trustee.

B. POWERS AND DUTIES:

The Trustee shall represent this Association in all matters pertaining to its affairs coming before the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the American Association of Orthodontists or before the annual session thereof.

C. REPORTS:

The Trustee will report at all meetings of the Board of Directors of this Association and at the annual session of the General Assembly.

D. TERM OF OFFICE:

1. Term:

The Trustee shall be elected for a term of two (2) years. The consecutive tenure of a Trustee shall be limited to eight (8) years.

2. Vacancies:

In the event the office of A.A.O. Trustee becomes vacant, the President of the Association shall serve, or appoint an interim Trustee, until the next election of this Association at which time, a successor Trustee shall be elected.

3. Absences:

In the event an A.A.O. Trustee is to be absent for an entire session of the Board of Trustees, the President of this Association shall appoint a substitute Trustee to serve during such session.

## **ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS**

A. NOMINATIONS:

Annually, the Nominating Committee will present a single slate of candidates for each officer position to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting and open nominations from the floor. Any active member in good standing may nominate additional candidates for each available office ~~or position~~ from the floor. Nominations made from the floor will be added to the ballot, provided nominees are willing to serve and their eligibility is verified by the Nominating Committee. A second to the motion is ~~not~~ required. Once nominations are closed, additional nominations may not be added to the ballot.

B. VACANCIES:

After the ballot has been closed, should a vacancy develop prior to the election, the Board of Directors shall be authorized to select a name to place on the ballot.

C. VOTING:

Voting shall be conducted by mail (or electronic) ballot with results available at least 60 days prior to the General Assembly at the Annual Business Meeting of this association.

For the positions of officers and trustee, when there are more than two candidates for one office or position, the American Institute of Parliamentarians Standard Code of Parliamentary Procedure (AIPSC) default preferential vote counting protocol will be utilized.

If there is a tie, the voting members of the Board of Directors of this Association who are not candidates shall determine the winner by secret ballot.

D. TELLERS COMMITTEE:

The Tellers Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of four people, designated by the Board of Directors.