

**PROPOSED GLAO BYLAWS AMENDMENTS –
Standard Rules of Order in Virtual Meetings:**

Background:

Under the emergency provisions, in compliance with the Ohio laws, where the GLAO is incorporated, the GLAO Board of Directors adopted the "Supplementary Rules of Order" for the 2020 Virtual General Assembly of the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists. The proposed bylaws amendment will place these rules in the bylaws in the event needed in the future.

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ARTICLE XII – MEETINGS

B. BUSINESS MEETINGS:

6. Standard Rules of Order in Virtual Meetings:

The GLAO Board of Directors is authorized to convene the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly electronically.

In the event the Annual Meeting of the General Assembly is convened electronically, the following Supplementary Rules of Order in virtual Meetings will be enacted. Such Supplementary Rules will override any existing bylaws or policy rules regarding meetings.

The Supplementary Rules of Order may be amended by the GLAO Board of Directors.

Supplementary Rules of Order in Virtual Meetings:

- 1.) These supplementary rules of order shall supersede all other rules of order applicable and allow the conduct of business in the virtual General Assembly for the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists.
- 2.) The General Assembly shall conduct its business for the regular session in a single meeting, subject to motions to recess and a motion to adjourn to the time of a continued meeting.
- 3.) The Presiding Officer may, at his/her discretion, put any question before the virtual General Assembly for adoption by asking, "Without objection, this [resolution, motion, etc.] is adopted." If any member objects, the Presiding Officer shall proceed to put the question on adoption of the question to vote.
- 4.) The Presiding Officer may determine the manner in which all votes in the virtual General Assembly shall be taken.
- 5.) For all nominations of positions to be filled by the General Assembly, the Nominating Committee will announce those candidates to the membership and open nominations from the floor. Any active member in good standing may nominate additional candidates for each available 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.

6.) The Presiding Officer shall have the right to assign the floor during the virtual General Assembly. No appeal from a decision by the Presiding Officer on assignment of the floor shall be in order.

7.) Each member participating in the virtual General Assembly must use his/her own computer or electronic device.

8.) Each member is responsible for establishing and maintaining his/ her own internet connection. No point of order may be raised on account of technical difficulties experienced by members with electronic or telecommunications devices or connections.

9.) Once a quorum for the virtual General Assembly is established, no point of order may be raised doubting the presence of a quorum.

10.) During the conduct of the virtual General Assembly, any member wishing to make a motion that may properly interrupt another member who has the floor shall do so by following the procedures announced by the Presiding Officer at the opening of the virtual General Assembly. The Presiding Officer may disregard any member who attempts to interrupt the General Assembly in any manner other than that announced as proper by the Presiding Officer.

11.) The Presiding Officer may declare the virtual General Assembly to be in recess until a time certain at any time without a vote of the members.

12.) The number of active members attending the virtual Annual Session Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

13.) Once the Presiding Officer announces the outcome of any vote, no demand for any form of retaking of the vote shall be in order. However, the Presiding Officer may, at his /her discretion, retake the vote on any question if the Presiding Officer believes circumstances warrant a retaking of the vote.

14.) No business of the virtual General Assembly will be conducted in closed session unless (1) the Presiding Officer determines that it necessary to conduct a portion of the proceedings in closed session, or (2) the members adopt a motion by a majority vote to conduct a portion of the proceedings in closed session.

15.) The number of resolutions to be considered by the virtual General Assembly should be capped at the minimum to ensure operation of the Association for the following year. There will be no budgetary limit and bylaws amendments can be considered, if necessary.

16.) The Presiding Officer shall be empowered to exercise such authority and take such action as he determines to be necessary for the preservation of order and the efficient conduct of the business of the virtual General Assembly.