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## President's Report

## Looking for 2020 Clear Vision!

The United States government has been opened and closed so often that we are never certain if anyone is ever working in Washington DC. One person's opinion of whether that is good or bad depends on what news network you watch or listen to!



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**AAO Trustee Report**

**Crossroads**

This past year has been one of change at the AAO. We have a new CEO in our headquarters in St. Louis, Ms. Lynne Thomas Gordon. Lynne has brought not only new leadership, but new ideas. While we have very strong membership numbers, we must continue to provide value to keep our members. The AAO is heavily reliant on dues revenue. The AAO Board of Trustees is exploring ways to generate non-dues revenue in order to provide the programs and services needed to help our members become successful, without increasing dues.



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**Member News**

**DR. RICHARD KULBERSH  
AN ORTHODONTIC EDUCATOR  
FOR 43 YEARS**

On May 9th, at the annual Detroit Alumni Orthodontic Seminar in Novi, Michigan, Dr Richard Kulbersh announced his upcoming retirement from the University of Detroit/Mercy Orthodontic Residency program. Dr. Kulbersh inherited a well-established program and worked tirelessly to transform it into a contemporary orthodontic program incorporating common elements of several occasionally competing philosophies of care with state-of-the-art technology.



Following his graduation from The Tufts University School of Dental Medicine, Dr Kulbersh served his country for four years during the Vietnam era as a Captain in the U.S. Air

Force. Upon completion of his service, he continued his education, at what was then the University of Detroit, where he earned a Masters Degree in Orthodontics in 1975. Once he became a specialist he never left the University of Detroit.

[Click here](#) to read more.

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## WELCOME NEW GLAO MEMBERS!

Brandon Knapp - *Kalamazoo, MI*  
Brandon Shoukri - *West Bloomfield, MI*  
James Stenger - *Grosse Pointe, MI*

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS!

David M. Adams - *Bay City, MI*  
Ronald Cohen - *Huntertown, IN*  
Harry R. Kinlaw - *Cincinnati, OH*  
Joseph T. Mellion - *Akron, OH*  
Nick S. Owings - *Kalamazoo, MI*  
William D. Plikerd - *Newark, OH*  
Thomas W. Rifenberg - *Cheboygan, MI*  
Daman D. Thanik - *Windsor, ON*  
David J. Torby - *Farmington Hills, MI*

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### GLAO Leadership Opportunities

## 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 2020 and 2021 AAO House of Delegates.**

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

**If you are interested in serving the GLAO as a Delegate at the 2020 and 2021 AAO House of Delegates, please submit a letter of interest to the GLAO office at [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com) no later than March 1, 2019.** If you have any questions about this position, please contact the GLAO office (877-274-6420; [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com)). Thank you for your consideration!

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**GLAO Components Receive Assistance from the  
AAO Component Legal Support Fund**

In **Ontario**, the AAO has and continues to work diligently to advocate on Canadian members' and orthodontic patients' behalves. Through the AAO's Component Legal Support Fund, on October 23, 2018, AAO's Sean Murphy met with Mr. Irwin Fefergrad, Registrar of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario to communicate concerns regarding new stores in Ontario that appear to be providing patients with orthodontic treatment absent any in-person evaluation or in-person supervision by a licensed dentist. With the help of a local attorney, a follow up memo was prepared for the Royal College. We hope that the College will take the necessary steps to enforce the laws, and we plan on continuing our efforts. Of course, individuals are entitled to exercise their rights as a citizen and individually, and independently, contact the Royal College regarding their own thoughts about any public health and safety matter.

The **Ohio** Association of Orthodontists (OAO) has received assistance from the AAO Component Legal Support Fund to address Ohio specialty advertising rules. The Ohio State Dental Board is currently in the process of reviewing and revising its rules. The AAO Legal Department has been able to attend an Ohio Dental Board meeting and participate in conversations with Board members during this ongoing process.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

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## **The GLAO and TP Orthodontics, Inc. announce the 2019 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award**

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. will offer the Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award annually, to residents from the orthodontic programs in the GLAO region. [LEARN MORE](#) about the scholarship eligibility requirements, application and submission process. **Applications are due by February 15th of each year.**



Lindsey O. Kesling

ORTHODONTIC RESIDENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### **AAO Council Reports**

*Below are links to the most current reports.*

#### **Council on Communications**

[Report](#) (as of 01-14-19)

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#### **Council on Governmental Affairs**

[Report](#) (as of 02-01-19)

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

[Report](#) (as of 01-31-19)

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

[Report](#) (as of 02-01-19)

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### **Council on Orthodontic Education**

[Report](#) (as of 01-25-19) [2019 Society of Educators Conference Schedule](#)

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

[Report](#) (as of 01-28-19)

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### **Council on Orthodontic Practice**

[Report](#) (as of 01-31-19)

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### **Council on Scientific Affairs**

[Report](#) (as of 01-15-19)

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## **AAOPAC**

Below is the informal 2018 AAOPAC report. A more formal report will be presented at Annual Session. It was a reasonably successful AAOPAC year, despite an unpredictable election season.

[Click Here](#) for the Informal 2018 AAOPAC Report

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## **AAO Leadership Development Conference**



*In photograph (L-R): Dr. Tasha Hall (IN), Debbie Nunner (GLAO Executive Director), Dr. David Lewicki (OH), Dr. Michael Sherman (ON, GLAO Trustee-Elect), Dr. Chris Roberts (OH, GLAO Trustee), Dr. Pourang Rahimi (ON), Dr. Elizabeth Curtis (PA), Dr. Brandon Shoukri (MI), Dr. Natoosha Nargaski (ON), Dr. Walter Schratz (PA, GLAO President Elect).*

GLAO Component Leaders and Emerging Leaders attended the AAO Leadership Development Conference on January 24th in Marco Island, FL. This conference was for President-elects of Components and Constituent organizations and for Emerging

Leaders. 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!

## GLAO Information

### 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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### GLAO Member Input Requested

The GLAO Delegation will be meeting in March and will be presenting, proposing and voting on resolutions to go before the AAO House of Delegates at the AAO Annual Session in May, 2019. Do you have any issues that you would like the GLAO Delegation to consider? If so, please send to [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com). Please note that AAO members can comment online regarding proposed resolutions and comments will be presented to the Delegates at the Reference Committee hearings.

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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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