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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

REGISTRATION IS COMING SOON!



**Plan to attend the
2022 GLAO Annual Session at
the Hilton Cleveland Downtown.**

- [An outstanding educational program is available for doctors and staff!](#)
- [Make your Hotel Reservations today!](#)

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President's Report



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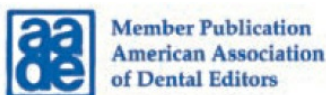
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Greetings to all GLAO members.

Now is the time to start planning to attend the GLAO Annual Meeting taking place in Cleveland this September and "Rock Your Smile." The GLAO Annual Session planning committee has planned for a diverse group of speakers who will appeal to both doctors and staff with 10 hours of continuing education on Friday and Saturday. The Residents' Forum has been a great success and will be held again this year. Let's try to have all of the GLAO residents attend, learn and be inspired by GLAO members.

Call a friend of yours and ask them to come to the meeting and reconnect with one another. Have fun at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame party. Get your staff involved in planning the trip to Cleveland so they have something to look forward to over the next months. Pick a Rock and Roll Theme song for the office trip. Create your office band name and get everyone t-shirts. Staff retention is so important now so use this meeting to create fun for the office and to show appreciation for staff members. Your staff thinks you all deserve some fun.

September 16-17, 2022 is the time to RockYour Smile. I am looking forward to seeing you in

AAO Trustee Report

Our Members Come First: Addressing Staff Shortages

When I have an opportunity to watch TV or listen to a podcast, I often see advertisements for mail-order aligners. Of course, this is concerning because we wish the public was better informed about the risk that they are taking by enrolling in unsupervised aligner treatment. However, what is at the forefront in our members minds is the national crisis of staff shortages. The AAO is soon to deliver an initiative to help our members with this problem with a focus on expansion of the candidate pool and member resources.

The strategic initiative to build awareness of orthodontic staff careers to expand the candidate pool will be a two-pronged approach. The first “prong” will be the implementation of targeted, national campaigns to build awareness and interest in orthodontic staff careers among high school and junior college students and counselors using the following strategies.

[Click Here](#) to read more.



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***Join your GLAO colleagues for a COFFEE CHAT
Saturday, June 4th, 8:00-9:00 am ET***



Virtual Coffee Chats provide an opportunity for informal discussion and interactions with GLAO leaders and colleagues. The topic for this Coffee Chat will be **2022 AAO House of Delegates outcomes and AAO Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) updates**. GLAO Delegation Chair, Dr. Aron Dellinger and GLAO Council on Communications (COC) Representative, Dr. Jashleen Bedi, will provide updates and facilitate the discussions.

The GLAO is eager to share information and listen to members about issues that are important to you and how the GLAO and AAO can best serve its members.

Sign up today to receive your Zoom link and add it to your calendar.

[SIGN UP HERE](#)

Member News

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP!

Dr. Phillip Beckwith (OH) renewed his term as the GLAO Director to the AAO PAC.

Dr. Jashleen Bedi (MI) was elected to serve as the GLAO Representative to the AAO Council on Communications (COC). Thank you to **Dr. Aron Dellinger** (IN) for his years of service in this position.

Dr. Lana Helms (IN) was elected to serve as the GLAO Representative to the AAO Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP). Thank you to **Dr. Scott Schulz** (MI) for his many years of service in this position.

Dr. Kaitrin Kramer (OH) was appointed to serve as the GLAO Associate

Editor.

Dr. Valerie Martone (PA) was elected to serve as the GLAO Representative to the AAO Council on Governmental Affairs (COGA).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS!

Dr. Kimber DeWitt - *Mount Pleasant, MI*
Dr. Mary-Ann Palitti - *Hermitage, PA*

2022 AAO House of Delegates

Delegation Chair Report

The 2022 House of Delegates met in person for the first time in two years over the weekend of May 20 through 23. The delegates were joyful and energetic about seeing each other face to face which resulted in an excellent environment of collaboration.

With 30+ resolutions before the house this year there was excellent discussion and debate between the delegations, during our caucuses, and on the floor of the house. The proceedings were extremely efficient and both Friday and Monday sessions went as smoothly as any I have had the privilege of participating in.

Subjects of the resolutions before the house ranged from relief for international members in Ukraine, to diversity and inclusion among AAO leadership. A full listing of the individual resolutions with detail on adoption or rejection can be found on the AAO website.

Respectively submitted,

Aron Dellinger DDS, MSD, Delegation Chair
GLAO



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***Thank you to the GLAO Delegation who represented the
GLAO at the 2022 AAO House of Delegates (HOD)!***



Pictured, left to right: Dr. Richard Kulbersh, Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham, Dr. Drew Smith, Dr. Walter Schratz, Dr. Valerie Martone, Dr. Allison Bergdoll, Dr. Aron Dellinger, Dr. Michael Sherman, Dr. J. Martin Palomo, Ms. Debbie Nunner, Dr. John Monticello

Thank you to the following delegates with expiring terms: Dr. Aron Dellinger, Dr. Richard Kulbersh and Dr. Walt Schratz. We appreciate their many years of service as a Delegate for the GLAO.

ABO News and Information

Leading the Way Together

*Board certified orthodontists **now** account for **more than half (58) percent** of all AAO orthodontists in the specialty.*

Reaching this significant level of certification is an amazing accomplishment as it allows us to make a collective impact on the specialty. It ensures we are able to continue to advance orthodontics by striving for the highest level of care.

Increasing the number of board certified specialists allows us to all have a stronger voice in setting the standard of care for our specialty. When we commit – together – to ABO certification, we strive for **orthodontics by orthodontists!** The ABO is proud of this milestone and hope you are as well. Please check out our new video celebrating this achievement – [Together](#).

We've streamlined the renewal process and it is accessible through your [ABO Account](#). If you are up for renewal, please visit the ABO web site or



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reach out to Info@AmericanBoardOrtho.com with any questions.

Aligning our commitment to excellence, we are leading the way. Together.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more.

ABO Announces Results from February 2022 Clinical Examination

The ABO Scenario-based Clinical Examination was held February 24-25, 2022, at Pearson Vue Testing Centers worldwide. The American Board of Orthodontics certified or recertified 229 examinees during the first and second quarters of 2022, including the February 2022 Clinical Exam. The February examination had a pass rate of 78.8%.

Please visit the [ABO website](#) for a complete listing of newly certified/recertified orthodontists by constituency.

Congratulations to all on this achievement!

The following are the newly certified or recertified orthodontists in the GLAO:

Dr. Elizabeth Victoria Biggs
Dr. Marybeth Brandt
Dr. Elizabeth A. Christopherson
Dr. Nicole Crasto
Dr. Azad Dhingra
Dr. Victoria Alexandra Gonzalez
Dr. Stephanie Grossman
Dr. Adam Haber
Dr. Kaitrin Kramer
Dr. Hunter Lee
Dr. Craig Joseph Madison
Dr. McCall Anne McCord
Dr. Ariel Mitchell

Dr. Rebecca Monticello
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Dr. Rebecca Petts
Dr. Eric T. Segall
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Dr. Amir Shayesteh
Dr. John Jeffrey Simindinger
Dr. Grant Mitchell Slania
Dr. Andrei Dan Taut
Dr. Krunoslav Tovilo
Dr. Joseph Andrew Vaughn
Dr. Mallory Brielle Vernacchio
Dr. Gabrielle Zuzo

AAO Council Reports

Below are links to the most current reports.

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

Dr. Aron Dellinger.....aedellinger@aol.com

Council on Governmental Affairs (COGA)

[Report](#) (as of 05-15-22)

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Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns (COMEJC)

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

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Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM)

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

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Council on Orthodontic Education (COE)

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Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA)

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[Special Committee on Women Orthodontists \(SCWO\)](#) (as of 05-15-22)

GLAO Information

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

Scholarship applications deadline extended to July 15th!

Applications for the 2022 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award are now available. **Application deadline has been extended to July 15th.** 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

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



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