



**Indiana Component Report**

**Date 2/11/24**

**Dr. Lana R. Helms, DDS MSD, Indiana Component Director to the GLAO**

**Current Leadership:**

President: Dr. Andrew Raber (2024)

Vice President: Dr. Ariel Wong (2024)

Secretary-Treasurer: Dr. Joe Deek (2024)

GLAO Representative: Dr. Lana Helms (2026)

Immediate Past President Dr. Tasha Hall (2024)

Northern Director: Dr. Chris Crane (2024)

Central Director: Dr. Paul Ellis (yr 2)

Southern Director: Dr. Kevin Coghlan (yr 2)

At-Large Director: Dr. Serkis Isikbay (2024)

At- Large Director: Dr. Jim Thompson (yr 4)

We will need to elect a Secretary-Treasurer, At-Large Director, and Northern Director 10/24. Thank you to all for serving! If you have an interest in serving on the IAO board, please contact me or Dr. Raber.

**Membership Meeting:**

The IAO Board is considering having the IAO Fall membership meeting in conjunction with the GLAO meeting in St. Thomas, 10/16-10/20, 2024.

**Dues:**

IAO Component dues will be increasing in 2024 from \$75-\$85. This will be reflected in the AAO membership dues in May 2024

**Membership/Renewal**

There are currently 146 active members. Last year's AAO/GLAO/IAO renewal rate was 98%. I am trying to reach out to all practicing orthodontists in Indiana who are not AAO/GLAO/IAO members. Please let me know if you are aware of a practicing orthodontist who fits this description.

**Advocacy:**

State Legislature: Currently considering SB132, if passed would allow Assignment of Benefits by the policyholder independent of the provider participating in a contract with the insurance company.

Our Indiana AAOPAC liaison is Dr. Tasha Hall. Watch for emails regarding national advocacy efforts and victories.

**Gifts to IU Residents:**

The IAO has given force/moment pins in honor of Dr. Charles Pritchett to the IU residents as a graduation gift for the past few years. They are also gifted a book.

**Website:**

[Indiana Association Of Orthodontics](https://iaotoday.com)



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**By-Laws Changes:**

The IAO board is considering a change in the bylaws to allow virtual attendance of the membership meeting. The board is considering how this would also affect voting privileges for members.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [lrhelms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lrhelms@sbcglobal.net)

Respectfully submitted,

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