



GLAO Representative to AAOPAC
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AAOPAC CELEBRATES 30 YEARS WITH OUTSTANDING SUCCESS!

2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the AAOPAC. It seems appropriate that on such an occasion, the PAC would have a banner year.

After last year's record year in PAC contributions, your AAOPAC team set a higher and more ambitious goal for the fiscal year 2023-2024. Our goal this time was \$430,000.00.

At the end of the AAO Annual Session in New Orleans, your PAC contributions totaled \$456, 216.89! This incredible increase in our advocacy power is a testimony to the hard work and skill of your advocacy team at AAO, and to our membership's growing awareness of the power of advocacy, and their willingness to participate in the effort.

Well done to all!

And well done to the GLAO Delegation, who once again had 100% participation in this year's PAC Challenge at the annual session. I hope this establishes a tradition that will continue. We can be proud of every one of our fine delegates, and proud to be in the GLAO.

This year marked the first year of special recognition of members who have demonstrated exemplary performance in advocacy for the AAO. The newly established **AAOPAC Hall of Fame** inducted the inaugural class. Congratulations to Dr. Dean Jensen (Texas, SWSO), Dr. Norm Nagel (California, PCSO), and Dr. Dennis Sommers (North Dakota, MSO).

The National Advocacy Network continues to grow in participants. Efforts and the State level have been instrumental in helping write teledentistry laws that protect patient safety and recognize the essential presence of the treating doctor.

Looking forward, GLAO still has work to do. Please do not rest on your laurels. Our goal for the GLAO for 2023-24 was \$47,240.40. Our GLAO contributions through the end of Annual Session were \$40,310.32. Pretty close! We still have until May 31 to meet the goal. Our GLAO total contributors goal is 173. As of the end of the Annual Session, the GLAO had 79 contributors. If you are reading this and have not contributed, please do so by visiting the AAO website, and accessing the Advocacy page. Or you may contact me personally.

This is an exciting time to be a member of the AAO. And if the current advocacy efforts continue to grow and expand, our specialty will continue to thrive. Excellent job to all who have been part of this great PAC anniversary year!

Respectfully submitted,
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