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**President's Report**



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This is the last newsletter before our joint Annual Session with MASO at the Gaylord Hotel in National Harbor, Maryland, on September 22-23, 2023. Registrations are open, there is a lot of excitement, and we already have another record-breaking resident attendance and a sold-out exhibit hall. This is no surprise to me because of our organizing committee and a scientific program that is as complete and efficient as it can be. Some of the program's highlights include technology trends and how they may affect our specialty by Dr. Kim-Berman, the Orthodontic residency director at the University of Michigan, the latest in Plastics by Dr. Ardeshta, orthodontic faculty at Rutgers, AI and 3D printing by Dr. EIShebiny, clinic director at CWRU Orthodontics, in-house aligners by Dr. Lockhart, a cutting-edge orthodontist from Charlotte, NC, hybrid aligner treatment by Dr. Neal Kravitz who needs no introduction, and a presentation on how to use fully customizable brackets by Dr. Maz Moshiri, a custom treatment guru. Now, this was just the

first day! This mix of evidence-based, trend analysis, clinical applications, and topics of interest and use to doctors and team members were carefully crafted by our scientific committees, and you will not see it in regular orthodontic meetings. All of this is hosted in the beautiful Gaylord National Resort, packed with activities such as a golf outing, a traditional fun run/walk, and a "Taste of DC and Maryland Reception." We would love to see all of our GLAO members get together, reconnect, and get to know our specialty's next generation.

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## 2023 GLAO Election

### GLAO 2023-2024 ELECTION RESULTS

**PRESIDENT**

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### 2024 DELEGATES & ALTERNATE DELEGATES

Dr. Mariela Anderson (2024)  
Dr. Jashleen Bedi (2024-25)  
Dr. Allison Bergdoll (2024-25)  
Dr. Tarek ElShebiny (2024)  
Dr. Nelson (Nick) Hersh (2024)  
Dr. Valerie D. Martone (2024)  
Dr. J. Martin Palomo (2024-25)  
Dr. Scott O. Schulz (2024)  
Dr. Drew Smith (2024)  
Dr. Kelton T. Stewart (2024)  
Dr. Josephine Weeden (2024)

***Congratulations to all those elected!***  
***Thank you to all the members who voted!***

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# Member News

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY RETIRED MEMBERS!

Dr. Mary Barkley - *Ann Arbor, MI*  
Dr. John Burnheimer - *Pittsburgh, PA*  
Dr. Richard Campbell - *Montgomery, OH*  
Dr. G. Michael Kabot - *West Bloomfield, MI*  
Dr. Adrian Marko. - *Ottawa, ON*  
Dr. Paul Reed, *Petoskey, MI*

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**The GLAO has been notified of the passing of this member.  
Our thoughts are with his family members.**

Dr. Alfred L. Shaw - *Bloomfield Hills, MI*

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## Get Connected

- Join the **GLAO Facebook Page!**  
[Click Here](#) and sign into Facebook and follow our page.



- **NEW! Join the GLAO on Instagram!**  
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- 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.



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## GLAO Leadership Spotlight

### Meet Dr. Tarek EIShebiny

Dr. EIShebiny practices in Solon, Ohio and currently serves as a GLAO Delegate.

#### **What is your practice model?**

*I practice in a boutique practice model, that is highly personalized and gives concierge service to patients. We keep up with the latest innovations in digital orthodontics. Our team has extensive experience with 3D printing and has manufactured aligners in-office since 2017.*



## How has the GLAO shaped your practice/career?

*The GLAO is my source for the latest research on technology, along with helpful practice guidelines, data on industry trends and a host of practical programs that support our practice success.*

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### Meet Dr. TJ Robinson

Dr. Robinson practices in Findlay, Ohio and currently serves as the Ohio Director to the GLAO.



#### What is your favorite GLAO memory?

*As far as my favorite memory it was when I was the CONYM rep for GLAO and John Buzzatto had his ad interim meeting (can't remember where) but he had an Asian-inspired lunch brought in for a "working lunch". Unfortunately for him, he failed to recognize what a wasabi ball looked like until he proceeded to down the entire ball without investigation. He ended up on the floor for the next 1/2 hour trying to figure out where he went wrong.*

#### If you couldn't be an orthodontist, what would you be and why?

*If I couldn't be an orthodontist, I would probably have gone into endodontics or some other skilled craftsman-type job if Dentistry was out of the question.*

#### What advice do you have for younger members beginning their careers?

*My advice to younger members would be to critically analyze all their financial and product choices in order to minimize practice overhead. In these high-inflation environments, managing overhead is absolutely critical for practice viability and practice flexibility (know what you're using, why you're using it and are there more efficient/less costly options).*

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### Meet Dr. Phillip Beckwith

Dr. Beckwith, an orthodontist in Ohio, currently serves as the AAOPAC Director Representing the GLAO.



#### If our next annual session could be anywhere in the world, where would you suggest?

*Vancouver- I've never been there*

#### What advice would you give yourself as a resident?

*Practice in an underserved area*

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## Delegation Chair Report

Our delegation spent 2 full days caucusing, attending the reference committees and AAO House of Delegates (HOD) meetings at the AAO annual session. The delegation had a good number of newer delegates and they represented the GLAO well. The group worked well together, were engaged and contributed to the deliberations.

All twenty-four of the Resolutions from the HOD can be found on the AAO website at the very bottom of the web pages under Governance. A sample of the resolutions include changes to Clinical Practice Guidelines, AAO Financial Reserve Policy, and membership policies. Please bring forward any suggestions for programs, services or any other changes that you think would make the AAO better. That's what we do.

If you are interested in serving the GLAO as a Delegate at the 2025 and 2026 AAO House of Delegates, please submit a letter of interest to the GLAO office at [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com) by March 1, 2024. [Click here](#) to view the position description.

It was an honor to serve as your Delegation Chair this past year. Thank you.



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## AAO Trustee Report

### **Don't miss this opportunity! You may be the next AAO Trustee At-Large**

The Trustee At-Large (TAL) is a full voting member of the AAO Board of Trustees who represents the interests of the general membership. Established in 2019, the purpose of the position is to support the Board of Trustees in better reflecting the makeup of the membership it serves by selecting Trustees based on demographics or expertise. Trustees At-Large participate in all meetings and functions of the



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Board of Trustees and are appointed for up to a three-year term. Next spring at AAO Annual Session in New Orleans, Dr. Lauren Pass will be completing her term as Trustee At-Large, and we plan to find another outstanding person to serve. Perhaps that outstanding individual, is **you**?

We need your strength because a diverse board which reflects the makeup of our membership will improve the association's ability to respond to external influences that are changing the environment for those served and for which it is working. Also, a diverse collection of board members enables the board to have a broader perspective and capacity to identify the full range of opportunities and risks and with this insight the board can make better decisions. Finally, as our board reflects the diversity of the membership it serves, the organization will have more connections to the greater community and its needs.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

## ABO News and Information

**The American Board of Orthodontics (ABO) is proud to announce that 61% of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) are now board certified! Board certification continues to set the standard of care for the specialty. We are leading the way - together!**



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### **ABO Announces Recertified Orthodontists**

The ABO granted certification to three orthodontists during the second quarter of 2023, while another 51 orthodontists (5 from the GLAO) completed their 10-year certification renewal requirements. Please join me in congratulating these board-certified orthodontists on their continued commitment to our profession.

#### ***Recertified***

Dr. Leonard M. Cyterski  
Dr. Maureen A. Kuhta  
Dr. Virginia G. Luks  
Dr. Kelton T. Stewart  
Dr. Michael J. Thomas

## Future Examination Dates Announced

- **Written Examination:** The 2024 Written Exam will be held on April 2. The exam will be administered at Pearson-Vue Centers in the United States and Canada.
- **Scenario-based Clinical Examination:** The 2024 Clinical Examinations will be administered February 22-23 (*registration is now open*) and September 17 (registration open November 1, 2023). The examinations will be held at Pearson-Vue Centers Worldwide.

[Click Here](#) to read more.

## AAO PAC

This report will be brief. I will again congratulate and give my personal appreciation to our delegation, which was the first to meet the PAC challenge at the AAO House of Delegates. I will extend the same appreciation, on behalf of myself and the AAO, to the individuals who, at the last moment, made extraordinary contributions to meet (and exceed) the PAC goal of \$400,000 in contributions for FY 2022 to 2023. And thanks to all our members, including residents, who contributed to the PAC last year.

Having said all that, I will remind our members that we are on a fiscal year cycle for contributions, and the new FY began on June 1.



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## GLAO Component Updates

Below are links to the most current reports.

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[Report](#) (as of 08-15-23)

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### Michigan

[Report](#) (as of 02-15-23)

Dr. Fatima Ahmed..... [ahmedfa@umich.edu](mailto:ahmedfa@umich.edu)

### Ontario

[Report](#) (as of 08-16-23)

Dr. Drew Smith..... [drdrew@smithorthodontics.ca](mailto:drdrew@smithorthodontics.ca)

### Ohio

[Report](#) (as of 02-28-23)

Dr. T.J. Robinson..... [tjrobins@umich.edu](mailto:tjrobins@umich.edu)

**Pennsylvania**

[Report](#) (as of 05-16-23)

Dr. Dana Craig..... [dana.craig22@gmail.com](mailto:dana.craig22@gmail.com)

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## AAO Council Reports

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**Council on Communications (COC)**

[Report](#) (as of 07-18-23) [AAO CAP and Member Communications](#)

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**Council on Governmental Advocacy (COGA)**

[Report](#) (as of 08-15-23)

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

[Report](#) (as of 02-20-23)

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**Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM)**

[Report](#) (as of 05-15-2)

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**Council on Orthodontic Education (COE)**

[Report](#) (as of 04-29-23)

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**Council on Orthodontic Benefits (COB)**

[Report](#) (as of 07-19-23)

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**Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP)**

[Report](#) (as of 08-15-23)

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**Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA)**

[Report](#) (as of 08-15-23)

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[Special Committee on Women Orthodontists \(SCWO\)](#) (as of 08-15-23)

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**GLAO MEMBERS:**

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Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the AAO Foundation and consider making a donation.

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# Applications Available for the GLAO and TP Orthodontics 2023 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award

*Scholarship application deadline extended to August 25th!*

Applications for the 2023 Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award are now available. **The application deadline has been extended to July 15th.** Recipients will be announced during the GLAO Member Business Meeting at the GLAO Annual Session in National Harbor, Maryland, on Friday, September 22, 2023.

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 scholarship in 2017, nearly \$40,000 in scholarships has been awarded to 18 residents from seven different universities in the GLAO region. In addition, over \$9,000 in product vouchers has been awarded to fifteen additional applicants.

[LEARN MORE](#) about the scholarship eligibility requirements, application and submission process. **The application deadline has been extended to August 25th.**

Thank you TP Orthodontics, Inc. for your ongoing support of the residents in the GLAO region!



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**Call for Award Nominations!**

Consider nominating a GLAO colleague for an award! See the GLAO website ([www.GLAO.org](http://www.GLAO.org)) for a [nomination form](#) and a [complete listing of all awards](#), descriptions and past recipients. Nominations will be accepted by the GLAO office until the close of Business, October 31, 2023.

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## Consider Serving the GLAO in a Leadership Capacity!

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.



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

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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)

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