

COMJEC Report to the GLAO

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The annual meeting of COMJEC was held in January at the AAO headquarters. Highlights of the topics discussed were:

1. Principles of Ethics link on website – A link to the Principles of Ethics (“Ethics Resources”) has been added under the Legal & Advocacy section of the AAO member website (<https://www.aaoinfo.org/legal-advocacy>). As always, you can also find the Principles of Ethics linked under the Education tab and within the policy manuals under “Governance”.
2. A discussion was held on how best to inform members on the new Principles of Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct and Advisory Opinions of the American Association of Orthodontists . Suggestions to utilize in publicizing the revised document were to: utilize podcasts, eBulletin and The Practice Management Bulletin and work with Katie Maassen, AAO Director of Marketing and Communications.
3. A discussion was held on the fact that the *Principles of Ethics, Code of Professional Conduct and Advisory Opinions of the American Association of Orthodontists* lacks any guidelines with regard to sexual harassment/ professional demeanor in the workplace. We discussed suggested revisions and we will consult AAO general counsel to review the language.
4. Membership: The largest growth opportunity for membership to the AAO is through international orthodontists. International members represent 15% of the 19,000 members. The BOT will be submitting a resolution where AAO International Members who participate in a International Referral Program and generate new member referrals may be granted membership dues discounts.
5. Online lectures as a member benefit: COMJEC, staff and COOP will be exploring the possibility of providing online lectures to members at no cost. Currently an annual subscriptions costs \$100/member.