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# GLAO Ontario Report

## 1) New Ontario Director – Dr. Drew Smith, London, Ontario

- Orthodontist since 1996; DDS – Dalhousie University; MSc – Marquette University
- Adjunct Clinical Professor, Western University
- President, Toronto Orthodontic Club 2011-12
- President, Ontario Association of Orthodontists 2014-15
- Interests: Anthropology

## 2) Delinquent Ontario GLAO Members

- 32 Ontario members had not renewed by the deadline.
- Drs. Sherman, Marcus, Anderson, Hirsch, Noble and Smith contacted these members and the number has been reduced to 21 at the time of this report submission.
- Difficulties relating to nationalism and 3 separate dues for Ontario Orthodontists – OAO, CAO and GLAO.
- Efforts are ongoing
- OAO membership remains strong and we expect to have approximately 180 active members this year.

## 3) Legislative Issues

- i) Delegation of Duties – The Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario is currently drafting an amendment to the regulations that will allow delegation of certain intraoral duties to appropriately trained dental assistants.
- ii) Infection Control – Guidelines regarding infection control in dental offices have caused confusion, resulting in the temporary closure of dental offices and one orthodontic office. Collaboration between the RCDSO and Public Health Ontario has since produced a standardized infection control checklist that all dental offices must adhere to.
- iii) SDC – Our OAO RCDSO Representative has been in contact with the RCDSO Registrar who is monitoring SDC developments. SDC is currently not in Canada. AAO legal counsel has provided the OAO with the name of a law firm to contact if legal action should be required, along with the offer of support.

- iv) The OAO recently passed by-law amendments to improve clarity, efficiency and fairness for all members across Ontario.

#### **4) CAP Funding**

- The OAO has a strong history of running consumer Awareness programs – print, radio, television and currently digital.
- The current CAP program began in 2016 and is scheduled to run through to 2019.
- OAO has committed \$25K / year from reserve funds to be matched by the AAO 1:1
- A total of 150K has been committed.
- The AAO has suggested they intend to continue CAP support to the OAO beyond 2019.
- The program is completely digital and has resulted in a 1900% increase in visits to the recently revamped OAO website.
- 20% of all website visits result in use of the OAO doctor locator
- The message has been consistent in highlighting the differences between dentists and orthodontists in a respectful manner.
- The CAO CAP has recently come under scrutiny due to a more aggressive message to the public that resulted in pushback from the CDA as well as a threatened lawsuit from the AGD.

#### **5) Upcoming OAO meetings**

- The OAO is hosting its biennial Scientific Session this year on June 8 – 10 at Niagara on the Lake. This is a three day meeting filled with educational and social events at a beautiful venue.
- Dr. Richard Marcus is once again serving as our Scientific Session Chair.
- All orthodontists are encouraged to attend – registration details can be found at <https://oaomeeting.com/>.
- The OAO will be holding its Fall General Meeting in conjunction with the GLAO Annual Session in Toronto.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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Ontario GLAO Director