

Council on Membership, Ethics, and Judicial Concerns

Report to the GLAO

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- Following recommendations from COMEJC, the 2019 House of Delegates passed resolutions to:
 - Increase Life Active Member dues and assessments from 50% to 60%.
 - Amend the Senior Limited Practice waiver to eliminate the age requirement. Now any member with at least 30 cumulative years of membership (excluding student membership) who practices no more than 350 hours per year may apply for the waiver of 50% of full active member dues and assessments.
 - Adopt a new primary caregiver dues waiver for members who significantly reduce practice time to care for an immediate family member.
- Following a recommendation from COMEJC, in May 2019 the Board of Trustees passed a motion to discontinue sending print copies of the AJO-DO to International Student Members. Those members will continue having online access.
- COMEJC recently approved a change to the Find an Orthodontist Locator (via www.aaoinfo.org) that will allow Student Members to have a listing if they are past their graduation date.

Other COMEJC initiatives:

- Continues to monitor membership trends, including recruitment/retention trends. Highlights from the latest AAO Secretary's Report (March 2019) include:
 - Total AAO membership is now at 19,332, a net increase of 377 since last year.
 - Active membership (U.S. and Canada) is now at 8,279, a net increase of 23 since last year.
 - A total of 147 former members reinstated as Active Members, up from 115 last year.
 - Active Member retention improved from 97.1% to 97.5%.
- Council now oversees two programs delivered at orthodontic residency programs on an ongoing basis: Resident Vitals and Financial Management for Residents. These programs reach hundreds of orthodontic residents each year.
- The council is studying possible changes to the AAO membership model (e.g., membership tiers and bundling) to address the evolving needs and demographics of AAO members.
- Council's next face-to-face meeting will be Friday, January 10, 2020 at AAO headquarters.