

September 15, 2021

The in person IAO component meeting took place on Saturday, October 16th at 12:15 as part of the annual GLAO meeting in Indianapolis. Items on the agenda included surveying members for communication preferences as well as election of officers for the coming year.

Regarding COVID in Indiana, the Delta variant has definitely taken its toll. Many dental offices as well as the Indiana University school of Dentistry have remained open during the recent wave of infections. In following with CDC guidelines, the Indiana Dental Association is recommending masks be worn in all dental offices by providers and patrons. Other recommendations regarding COVID precautions and questions regarding the COVID vaccination for the dental setting can be found on the IDA website.

There are currently 146 Active/Life AAO/GLAO/IAO members. Currently all but 6 members have renewed since the May AAO membership renewal notice.

This summer, the late Dr. Charles Pritchett was honored for his contributions to orthodontic education at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. The Indiana Association of Orthodontists gave a gift to each graduating resident in his honor. Indiana orthodontists are tremendously indebted to his dedication to teaching and his role in our specialty in Indiana.

Information regarding IAO leadership, future meetings, and an orthodontist locator may be found on the IAO website, <https://iaotoday.com>.