

Special Committee on Women Orthodontists (SCWO) February 13, 2022

The SCWO holds monthly meetings and monthly subcommittee meetings to work on the charges set forth for our committee. We have eight members from the various constituents and encourage women orthodontists to participate in our calls. Please contact me if you are interested in getting involved with this inspiring group of women.

The Women Orthodontists Networking Session (WONS) will once again be held at the AAO Annual Session in Miami. Come and meet with us on Sunday morning from 9-12 to hear from experts on Mastering Leadership for Women. The program is followed by a networking session with your peers, AAO leaders and a Mimosa brunch. Tickets must be purchased on your AAO reservation for \$25 and seating is limited. We hope you will attend, learn, meet new people and have fun!

The Committee is looking into a Mastering Leadership for Women Training program series to possibly begin in early 2023. The goals are to give women the tools and structure needed for effective leadership and to develop a pool of candidates for leadership at all levels of our organization. More to come on this later in the year.

Another focus we have in development is building community for women orthodontists to share and support each other in our daily lives and practice. This would involve small groups of women interacting with each other on a monthly basis for a year and meeting at the Annual Session. As we heard over and over from orthodontists at the Winter Conference, orthodontists can be lonely in practice.

Our education subcommittee is looking into educational topics that would benefit women in practice. The topics would be presented to the annual session planning committee or produced as podcasts. Our podcast on self-care with Dr. Sherry Chesak was downloaded over 2200 times.

Thank you,

Valerie Martone

Chair, Special Committee on Women Orthodontists