

Report for Council on Orthodontic Practice (COOP) May, 2022

My first meeting on this committee was April 21, 2022 virtually with other new members and members of the COOP Onboarding Committee. Thank you for your trust in representing the GLAO on COOP. I also appreciate the help of Dr. Scott Shulz in making this transition easy. Information on some of the COOP tasks/projects is listed below.

Office Design Series

The Office Design Series is currently being developed to create a relevant aid for members to assist with the process of renovating or building a new orthodontic office. The modules include information on

- 1) Planning Your Office Design Project
- 2) Determining Your Practice Needs
- 3) Owning vs Leasing
- 4) Financing Your Project
- 5) Site Location and Details
- 6) Major Equipment & Software for Your Practice
- 7) Office Design Layout & Interior Design

The AAO hopes to launch the series in the Spring of 2023

Practice Forms Update

COOP and the AAO are continuing to collaborate ideas on updating several of the Practice Forms including Social Media consent forms for staff and patients. Also all medical history forms and transfer forms for patients in active treatment to include birth certificate gender and current gender identification information. Additional Informed Consent forms for Bonded Lingual Retainers, TAD-assisted Maxillary Expansion, and partial treatment are in the process of being reviewed by the AAO Board of Trustees based on COOP recommendations.

COOP will be meeting in person this Fall in St. Louis. I look forward to learning more and updating GLAO members at that time.

Respectfully submitted,
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