

## **Report From the Indiana Component Director, May 2022**

Greetings to all, as I write this, the first in-person AAO meeting is about a week away. I believe despite ongoing concerns over the global pandemic, AAO members are excited to see everyone and attend the meeting in Miami for some excellent information and collaboration. The meeting also will have a virtual component available for those who are unable to attend in person. AAO members should have received an email regarding House of Delegate (HOD) resolutions that are now available for review and comment. These will be voted on at the meeting. I would encourage you to take some time to review these and comment as you feel necessary. Your comments become testimony during the HOD meeting. ([hod.aaoinfo.org](http://hod.aaoinfo.org)) Our own Dr. Aron Dellinger (Ft. Wayne) will represent the GLAO as the Chairman during the HOD meeting. He has done an excellent job representing Indiana and the GLAO. If you are attending in person, be sure to attend the Indiana University Alumni Reception Saturday evening.

Membership: The Indiana Association of Orthodontists currently has 217 members, 142 actives, 22 students, and 53 retired members. At our April 12<sup>th</sup> IAO board meeting, we discussed IAO/GLAO membership. AAO student members who graduate do not pay AAO/GLAO/IAO membership dues until the following cycle. These dues are billed in May. We discussed encouragement of new graduates to participate in our Fall IAO meeting and inclusion in our email communication, despite that they are not actual IAO/GLAO members until dues are paid the following billing cycle.

IAO dues are currently \$75. As of this month's dues billing, credit card processing fees for IAO dues will now be paid by the IAO. We will discuss a possible dues increase at our Fall meeting. The IAO meeting will be held in conjunction with the Burstone Symposium on Friday, August 12, 2022. Mark your calendars for this meeting. I hope to send an email with information early this summer. The 2022-2023 proposed slate of officers to be voted on at the IAO meeting are as follows:

President: Dr. Andrew Raber

Vice-President: Dr. Ariel Wong

Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Joe Deek

Director-at-Large 1: Dr. Serkis Isikbay

Director-at-Large 2: Dr. Jim Thompson

Northern Director: Dr. Chris Crane

Central Director: Dr. Paul Ellis

Southern Director: Dr. Kevin Coghlan

GLAO Representative: Dr. Lana Helms

Immediate Past President: Dr. Tasha Hall

Please make plans to attend the GLAO meeting this Fall and bring your staff to Cleveland. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,

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