

Report from the Indiana Component Director, August, 2022

Our annual Indiana Association of Orthodontists meeting was held in conjunction with the Burstone Symposium in Indianapolis on August 12th. New officers were elected and 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

Membership: The Indiana Association of Orthodontists currently has 217 members, 142 actives, 22 students, and 53 retired members

IAO dues are currently \$75. This year the IAO has paid \$140.30 for credit card processing fees of member dues payments made by credit card. This is a change by the AAO since the 2021 dues when all credit card fees were paid by the AAO. The IAO board will be discussing a possible IAO dues increase in the coming months. Please contact your regional director or an officer if you have any questions or feedback on this topic.

Take some time to check out the orthodontist locator on our IAO website, <https://iaotoday.com/> . If your information is incorrect, you may edit it on the account page on the AAO member website. You may also add locations on the account tab at <https://nf.aaoinfo.org/>.

We want to encourage new graduates to participate in our events, and especially want to encourage all IAO members to attend this Fall's GLAO meeting in Cleveland September 16 and 17. This will be a great staff/doctor meeting and it would be good to see Indiana represented well at a meeting that is close and of this caliber. If you know someone who is newly practicing in your area, let me know so that I may personally invite them to become an IAO member and attend our Indiana events.

I want to congratulate Indiana's only graduate orthodontic program at Indiana University School of Dentistry on reaching its goal to begin clinic renovations. Also as an alumnus, I want to say a heartfelt "thank you" to the 106 donors who made this possible. I am looking forward to updates from Dr. Kelton Stewart, program chair, on this project as it begins.

Please watch for emails from the IAO President, Dr. Raber, or myself throughout the year. If you did not receive summer emails from Dr. Hall or myself inviting you to attend the GLAO meeting in Cleveland, let me know so that we verify your email address with our current list.

I hope to see you soon in Cleveland!

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Lana Helms (lrhelms@sbcglobal.net)