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Report from the PAC Representative.

Since the annual session there have been two significant developments. The first is an extension of what I reported at that meeting. Changes in the by laws now permit the PAC to contribute at the state level. At a recent ad hoc COGA/PAC meeting in St. Louis, steps were taken to reorganize our advocacy efforts with an emphasis on state engagement. I expect this will be covered in COGA report.

Although PAC dollars were not used in this case, it is an example of state advocacy that the AAO contributed \$20,000 from the Legal Support Fund to support Issue 2 in Massachusetts. This issue requires dental insurers to submit medical loss ratios to state regulators and to refund excess premiums to customers if the annual medical loss ratio is less than 83%. The loss ratio measures the amount spent on dental expenses and quality improvements. The issue passed decisively.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our contributing members for their contributions in the month of September. The GLAO contributions in September were \$4629.00.

Compare this to August contributions, \$1499.00 (a more typical number)! Outstanding!

I am sure that the annual session effort contributed to this gratifying increase. It nevertheless demonstrates that the GLAO is ready, willing, and able to step up. Thanks to all.

I will single out for special acknowledgment Drs. Panesar, Link, Cortes-Mercado, Akpua, Chaudhary, Kim, Matthaios, Portman, Anderson, Myers, Bojrab, Hoagburg, Lear, Liles, Magura.

These contributors to our PAC are residents. Student debt, demands of training, and personal distractions notwithstanding, these new members are doing their part for their specialty. On behalf of the AAO, thank you! We appreciate your effort. I hope you will continue your contributions as you move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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