

Western PA Component Report-November 2022

The annual PAO board meeting was held at the Hotel Hershey on October 22, 2022.

Member outreach was on the agenda for discussion with hopes that the PAO could foster closer relationships with Pennsylvania's orthodontic residency programs and thereby have opportunities to reach out to new and younger members. As part of the outreach, the PAO reinstated the Hamilton Research Award. A letter will be sent to all department chairs of Pennsylvania orthodontic residency programs in early December. The selected resident's research project will be awarded a \$1000 cash prize. The deadline for submission is July 31, 2023. The board felt that reinstatement of the award was a great opportunity to connect with students in orthodontic programs across the state.

The board is exploring the possibility of holding a PAO social event during the joint GLAO/MASO annual meeting scheduled for September 21- 23, 2023 at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center in Harbor, Maryland. The goal is to increase the identity of the PAO with its members and foster better communications across the state.

The next PAO board meeting is scheduled for March 24-25, 2023 at the Hotel Hershey.

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