



**Ontario Association of Orthodontists Director to the GLAO
Dr. Drew Smith**

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The Ontario Association of Orthodontists has been working diligently on behalf of our members on a number of issues that affect orthodontists across Ontario.

The OAO Board continues to meet regularly via virtual executive meetings and convened twice over the past three months to discuss the issues, keeping the best interests of Ontario orthodontists front and centre. One such project is a revamp of the website, with an improved member's section highlighting mentorship opportunities and job postings. The OAO is instituting a mentorship program for recent grads and is also increasing our presence in the orthodontic resident's minds by meeting with them to review the benefits of membership in our professional orthodontic associations. Another project the OAO continues to work on in conjunction with the Ontario Dental Association is a recycling program for clear aligners.

Our Spring AGM coupled was held on March 2nd at the Old Mill Inn in Toronto. The event was followed the next day by the biannual Toronto Orthodontic Club CE event. Dr. Girish Deshpande, serving as president of both the OAO and TOC did a wonderful job convening both events. The OAO also continues to sponsor online continuing education events for the membership free of charge.

The next OAO meeting will be held this Fall at a venue to be determined.

Please do not hesitate to contact me (drdrew@smithorthodontics.ca) if you have any questions regarding the Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists and/or orthodontics in Ontario. It is my pleasure to serve with the OAO Board as Ontario's link to the GLAO.

Respectfully submitted,

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