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A BANNER YEAR FOR THE AAO PAC!

THE GLAO DEMONSTRATES OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP!

This AAOPAC report will be brief and limited to well deserved congratulations.

First, congratulations to the GLAO Delegates for meeting the PAC HOD Challenge at the recent AAO Annual Session. The GLAO was the first delegation to make 100% contributions. And the GLAO was one of only three delegations to accomplish this, PCSO and MSO having followed our lead! I want to thank each and every one of our delegates for stepping up and making the GLAO the example to follow. Your commitment to the PAC is a sign of your overall commitment as leaders in the AAO. Plus, you made the GLAO look good at the same time! I am extremely proud to be part of our constituency, and proud of all of you for your contributions and your leadership. I will take this opportunity to personally thank our fine delegates.

Second, congratulations to everyone involved in helping the PAC meet the \$400,000 contribution goal for fiscal year '22-'23. When the PAC set \$400,000 as a goal, I was impressed with the ambition, but mildly skeptical. Heroic efforts in the past never came close to this amount, and I wondered if it was possible. I clearly underestimated our PAC team at the AAO (Nathan, Gianna, Trey, and Kim), as well as our outgoing PAC Chair, Dr. Colville. These folks have brought new energy to the PAC and I congratulate and thank them for their efforts! Plus, appreciation to our President-Elect, Dr. Kelton Stewart, who in the moment made THE contribution (\$1000) that put us over our goal. Thanks Dr. Stewart! Currently, our total PAC contributions are over \$414,000. This is simply outstanding!

Finally, congratulations to our new PAC Chair, Dr. Deb Lien. Dr. Lien is the first female to serve as PAC Chair and I have worked with her for years on COGA and PAC. She is a good friend, a leader, and she will do a great job. I know you will all support her efforts to continue to make the PAC a powerful instrument of advocacy for our profession and our patients' wellbeing.

Thanks again, and well done to everyone in the GLAO who contributed to the PAC in FY '22-'23. You have made this a banner year!

Respectfully submitted,

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