



**GLAO Representative to AAOPAC  
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This report will be brief. I will again congratulate and give my personal appreciation to our delegation, which was the first to meet the PAC challenge at the AAO House of Delegates. I will extend the same appreciation, on behalf of myself and the AAO, to the individuals who, at the last moment, made extraordinary contributions to meet (and exceed) the PAC goal of \$400,000 in contributions for FY 2022 to 2023. And thanks to all our members, including residents, who contributed to the PAC last year.

Having said all that, I will remind our members that we are on a fiscal year cycle for contributions, and the new FY began on June 1.

Therefore, the PAC will be pursuing a new and ambitious goal for this fiscal year, and thus there will be a repeat of the appeals, challenges, and contests. I hope our members, and especially our leadership, will continue the momentum and enthusiasm that made last year so successful. If you are not a monthly "credit card contributor" please consider using that strategy. It becomes painless to the contributor, and it is extremely helpful to the PAC. If you contributed last year, please at least match your contribution this year. If you are a new contributor but unsure what is appropriate, a great minimum contribution is \$250 per fiscal year. More is better.

Congratulations to the new PAC chair, Dr. Deb Lien. I have known Deb for years on COGA and PAC and she will be a great leader. Congratulations to Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham, and Dr. Tasha Hall, who are the first PAC Captains for Ohio and Indiana, respectively. Congratulations to Dr. John Monticello who is the first Component Advocacy Liaison (CAL) from Michigan. These leaders are the pioneers in the AAO's plan to create a nationwide network of local advocacy efforts. We could not have found better people to lead off the project. I encourage you to read the June-July issue of The Orthodontic Advocate, which you should have received. It contains an informative summary of the current AAO challenges (and successes!) at the State level. Here is a link in case you have not seen it; [Orthodontic Advocate](#)

Respectfully submitted,

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