



Indiana Component Report
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Greetings to all, the Indiana Dental Association unsuccessfully lobbied for Medicaid reform this spring during the legislative session. Most dental Medicaid rates have not been changed since 1999. This has led to a 20% decrease in the number of providers throughout the state.

Membership: The Indiana Association of Orthodontists currently has 217 members, 142 actives, 22 students, and 53 retired members.

IAO dues are currently \$75. As of this month's dues billing, credit card processing fees for IAO dues will now be paid by the IAO. We will discuss a possible dues increase at our Fall business meeting.

The IAO provided gifts for the IU graduates in July: a moment and force pin commemorating Dr. Charles Pritchett's contributions to the department and a book.

The IAO annual business meeting will be held in conjunction with the Annual GLAO meeting on Friday, Sept 22nd at 12:15pm. Our president, Dr. Raber, will be organizing a virtual link for virtual attendance for those who cannot attend in person. Watch your email for information for virtual attendance in the near future. Here are the proposed slate of officers for election in the Fall:

President: Dr. Ariel Wong

Vice-President:

Secretary/Treasurer: Dr. Joe Deek

Director-at-Large 1: Dr. Serkis Isikbay

Director-at-Large 2: Dr. Jim Thompson

Northern Director: Dr. Chris Crane

Central Director: Dr. Paul Ellis

Southern Director: Dr. Kevin Coghlan

GLAO Representative: Dr. Lana Helms

Immediate Past President: Dr. Tasha Hall

Please make plans to attend the GLAO meeting this Fall and bring your staff to National Harbor. I hope to see you there.

Respectfully submitted,

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