



ADVOCACY



In October of 2022, the inaugural, award-winning AAO National Advocacy Network (NAN) was established. Since that time, AAO leadership and advocacy staff have worked tirelessly to recruit and engage volunteer leadership within this new structure. There are two opportunities within the NAN that exist:

- The Component Advocacy Liaison, open to US and Canadian membership
- The AAOPAC Captain, open to US citizens and permanent residents only

Today, we invite you to join the candidate search within every state and province across the United States and Canada with possible opportunities for two roles. The ideal NAN candidate for either opportunity will:

- Be willing to participate in internal and external meetings for AAO (virtual and in-person)
- Possess strong attention to detail and organization, as well as relationship building skills and the ability to maintain levels of confidentiality
- Commit to recruiting new NAN leaders for growth & sustainability
- Be comfortable with a time commitment of up to four hours anticipated monthly for success in this role, and a minimum 2-year commitment to the service leadership role (volunteer)

We would like to recognize the following individuals who currently serve the National Advocacy Network and call GLAO home:

- Dr. Tasha Hall, AAOPAC Captain (Indiana)
- Dr. John Monticello, Component Advocacy Liaison (Michigan)
- Dr. George Bork, AAOPAC Captain (Michigan)
- Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham, AAOPAC Captain (Ohio)
- Dr. Mariela Anderson, Component Advocacy Liaison (Ontario, Canada)
- Dr. Jennifer Nguyen Seo, CAL Team: COA & Dental Specialty Provincial Liaison (Ontario, Canada)

We are recruiting for a Component Advocacy Liaison (CAL) in Indiana, Ohio, and Pennsylvania, and an AAOPAC Captain in Pennsylvania. We will continue to build state Component Advocacy Liaison teams in all states, so even if there has been a CAL identified in a state listed above, we encourage you to reach out to be considered as a part of the NAN Team in that state.

Interested AAO members can reach out to Kim VanVeen, AAO Specialist of Grassroots and Digital Advocacy, at KVanVeen@aaortho.org, or send the text message "NAN" to 52886, and Kim will set up time to discuss the opportunities.