



GLAO Representative to AAOPAC
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AAO ADVOCACY GOES LOCAL!

Members of the AAO, including myself and Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham, met with officials at the Ohio Statehouse on November 8. This was the first time that orthodontist representatives of the AAO have ventured into advocacy at the state level in Ohio. The meeting was primarily for the sake of introducing the AAO and our interests, but thanks to our local lobbyists it was quite productive. We had the opportunity to meet with Ohio's Attorney General, Dave Yost, as well as a high level DOH official, and several state Senators and Representatives. The topics discussed were protection of Ohio's teledentistry statute, student debt and the possibility of linking that issue to areas that are underserved in Ohio. The response was very positive. I am encouraged that the AAO's National Advocacy efforts are going to be fruitful in Ohio.

The AAOPAC met with COGA in St. Louis on November 10, 11. Our relationship with [MMS](#), which has been very successful in raising PAC dollars, was renewed at this meeting.

Please do not forget that our PAC contributions are being tracked according to fiscal year, June 1 to May 31. As I reported previously, our outstanding success in raising PAC dollars in FY 2022-23 has created expectations for an even better result in this Fiscal Year. Our goal is \$430,000. The AAO advocacy team has set goals for each constituent-

The contributor for the GLAO is 173. As of October, the number of GLAO contributors is 35.

The contribution goal for the GLAO is \$47,240. As of October, the GLAO has contributed \$10,130.

With nearly half the FY passed, there is quite a gap between the real and the expected. The GLAO was the pride of the AAO when our delegation was the first to meet the Annual Session challenge. I hope our region will continue to be a PAC leader!

Respectfully submitted,

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