



Western Pennsylvania Component Report
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The PAO Board last met on March 24-26, 2023, at the Hotel Hershey.

The PAO has a continued focus on outreach, with a goal to increase awareness about the PAO and AAO. A Lunch and Learn initiative was launched with the intention to reach prospective new PAO members in each of the Pennsylvania orthodontic programs and to inform and educate them about member benefits. A slide deck for these presentations was created by Dr. Sarah LaRue. Dr. Sarah LaRue and Dr. Marian Wolford did a presentation to the orthodontic residents at the Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine, and Dr. Douglas Smith did a presentation at Seton Hill Center for Orthodontics.

At their last meeting, the board discussed the importance of adding additional members to the PAO board to ensure that a quorum is attained at each board meeting. The board also resolved to designate a PAO board position for a sitting member of both the M.A.S.O and G.L.A.O. to act as liaisons and foster a closer relationship between the PAO and these organizations. Also, plans were made to draft a new PAO logo because the board feels re-branding would be beneficial for the organization at this time.

The next PAO board meeting is scheduled for April 12-13, 2024, at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Pittsburgh. A CE event will be held on Friday April 12th from 9am-4pm. The main speaker will be Dr. Mary Burns who will be speaking on 'Joining the Traditional with the Future: The Fusion of Traditional Philosophy Diagnosis, Treatment Planning and Mechanotherapy with Contemporary Digital Orthodontics', and Paul Gange Jr. from Reliance will do a 1-hour presentation on advances in materials to prevent bond failures. The board plans to meet the following day, Saturday April 13th. Moving forward, the board hopes to create a routine of offering regularly scheduled CE meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

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