

GLAO Delegation Report - May 2018

The GLAO Delegation has just completed a very productive session at the 2018 AAO House of Delegates in Washington, DC. Most of our proposed Resolutions, some in modified form, were passed or referred by the House of Delegates. This is directly the result of our well-prepared and hard working Delegation consisting of: Tony Puntillo, Richard Kulbersh, Walter Schratz, Dale Ann Featheringham, Jason Charnley, Aron Dellinger, Jocie Weeden, Greg Oppenhuizen, John Monticello and Michael Sherman. We were very fortunate to have the invaluable assistance of our GLAO Executive Director, Debbie Nunner, and our GLAO Trustee, Chris Roberts.

Highlights of the 2018 House of Delegates include:

The AAO budget will have a modest excess revenue of \$7,311.00, and the dues remain stable at \$793. The CAP assessment will again be \$600 per member. The House was made aware of the great success that the current CAP digital approach has been.

A GLAO proposal, with modifications, on a Big Data Task Force and Records Repository, was adopted by the House. A task force will be established by the AAO President to see how the AAO might develop a data analytics program to better position the AAO and /or the specialty in propelling the AAO's mission and strategic plan forward. This could possibly be one of the most important AAO activities going forward.

The GLAO had several Resolutions on diversity, including those related to age, gender, race and ethnicity. The GLAO also proposed a Resolution that an effort be made to have HOD Delegations better reflect this diversity.

A Task Force is to be established that will look at concerns specific to women Orthodontists, and determine ways to better serve women as members of the AAO.

Going forward, a member from the Council of New and Younger Members will attend each of the quarterly regularly scheduled AAO Board of Trustee Meetings.

Finally, the GLAO was instrumental in assuring that the Leadership Development Conference will be held every year, with the Emerging Leaders Conference subsumed into the Leadership Conference. Without the GLAO efforts, the Leadership Conference was likely to be discontinued.

As this will be my last Delegation Chair's Report (I am term-limited), I wish to thank all those dedicated GLAO Members who have served on our Delegation, and all those Members over the years, who have offered suggestions and input.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Marcus, GLAO Delegation Chair