



**AAO Council on Education (COE)**

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The Council on Orthodontic Education (COE) met virtually on Wednesday, January 15, 2026.

Some of the highlights are described below.

- Libby Dischert provided an update on the upcoming Content Audit: A) A strategic audit of existing recorded lectures will begin in early March to ensure all educational content on the AAO Learning Management System is current and peer reviewed. B) The audit team may include junior faculty volunteers to support CV building. The Council advised that a rubric and formal title be given to the review process to support CV building.
- The Learning Governance Committee will begin meeting in March and will work to unify all AAO content efforts, meeting quarterly to oversee content quality and gap identification.
- Tori Cannon outlined plans for two upcoming webinars: one on April 14 to help residents prepare for their first annual session, and another on May 12 to guide them post-annual session for continued professional development. Tori is looking for Faculty to serve on a panel for both of these webinars. These webinars position the council as the primary resource for residents' ongoing learning and networking before and after Annual Session.
- Dr. Paul Armbruster proposed that the Council recommend to the ABO allowing candidates who fail the written ABO exam to attempt the scenario-based exam without delay, aiming to maintain resident engagement in board certification. Dr. Armbruster highlighted that the current sequential requirement causes a one-year pause for many residents, especially in two-year programs, risking disengagement from certification efforts. The proposal suggests candidates be allowed to take the scenario exam after attempting but not passing the written exam, with full certification still requiring passing both parts.
- The COE met in-person on Monday, November 15-16, 2026, and after the BOT approval, the minutes will be shared with the GLAO.

Respectfully submitted,

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