

## AAO National Advocacy Network Update

As the legislative process and elected officials are constantly changing, there is an emergent need to ensure our interests are best represented through state and provincial legislative bodies and within state and provincial regulatory bodies. The AAO's Political Action Committee (AAOPAC) has helped to fuel our advocacy success through contributions from eligible AAO members in the U.S., not just in Washington, D.C, but also in states throughout the country. Through AAOPAC over the last 30 years, vital Federal and State policy has been adopted and implemented to better improve the protection of patient health and safety – and ensure AAO member interests are represented as small business owners and healthcare providers. There has never been a better time to get involved at the ground level in the GLAO as an advocacy volunteer leader with the AAO – which is why we invite you to consider applying to serve as a volunteer on the award-winning AAO National Advocacy Network (NAN) and join the 83+ volunteer leaders who have already answered the call to lead.

Within the NAN there are opportunities to lead the charge within your home component and across the United States and Canada to inspire real, ground-breaking change –within your own community while also making a difference for the specialty and patients across the U.S. and Canada.

We are asking for you to consider getting more involved with AAO Advocacy in the U.S. and Canada now! There are two leading positions as well as 8 supporting team roles listed below:

- **Lead for AAO Advocacy, Component Advocacy Liaison (CAL):** open to U.S. and Canadian membership
- **Lead for AAOPAC, AAOPAC Captain:** open to U.S. Citizen or Permanent US Residents

### Component Advocacy Liaison Team supporting roles:

- **State Legislative Captain:** US Citizen or Permanent US Residents
- **State Regulatory Captain:** US Citizen or Permanent US Residents
- **Federal Policy Captain:** US Citizen or Permanent US Residents
- **Media Advocacy Captain:** open to U.S. and Canadian membership
- **Digital Advocacy Captain:** open to U.S. and Canadian membership
- **Opposition Research & Innovation Captain:** open to U.S. and Canadian membership
- **ADA & Dental Specialty State Liaison:** open to U.S. and Canadian membership
- **Resident Captain:** open to U.S. and Canadian membership

Within GLAO, there exists continued opportunity to become involved. We would like to recognize and thank the following NAN volunteer leaders currently serving within the GLAO:

- Indiana: Dr. Tasha Hall, AAOPAC Captain
- Michigan: Dr. John Monticello, CAL
- Michigan: Dr. George Bork, AAOPAC Captain

- Ohio: Dr. Parker Heiner, CAL
- Ohio: Dr. Jonathan Shue, CAL Team - Opposition Research & Innovation Captain
- Ohio: Dr. Dale Anne Featheringham, AAO PAC Captain
- Ontario, Canada: Dr. Mariela Anderson, CAL
- Ontario, Canada: Dr. Jennifer Seo (Nguyen), CAL Team - COA & Dental Specialty Provincial Liaison
- GLAO COGA Representative: Dr. Valerie Martone
- GLAO AAOPAC Director: Dr. Phil Beckwith

Even where there is existing NAN leadership, we continue to recruit for more AAO members to join these powerful state and provincial teams. **If you are interested in learning more about how to get involved and make a positive impact through AAO Advocacy today but aren't sure what to do next, text NAN to 52886 and take the brief pre-interview survey to learn more and set up your 1:1 with Kim VanVeen, AAO Specialist of Grassroots and Digital Advocacy.**

Thanks for your consideration and support!

*Graphic below current as of 12/11/24*

