



President's Message

August 2026

Summer is quickly winding down, as always, it seems to have gone by far too quickly! I hope you and your families have had a chance to enjoy some well-deserved rest, relaxation, and fun.

With the start of a new school year, we naturally begin shifting back into a higher gear. But what better way to kick off the fall than by reconnecting with friends and colleagues, enjoying a little fun, and getting inspired by some outstanding continuing education?

I am **especially excited to invite you to the GLAO Annual Session, October 23–24 in Columbus, Ohio**, and this year's meeting is one you won't want to miss!

This year marks an incredible milestone: **100 years of the GLAO!** We will celebrate the people, ideas, and traditions that have shaped our organization over the past century and we won't just be looking back. Our scientific program is focused on **the future of orthodontics**, with innovative ideas, fresh perspectives, and plenty to spark conversation.

The meeting will take place at the **Hilton Downtown Columbus**, right in the heart of the vibrant Short North Arts District. If you haven't experienced the Short North, you are in for a treat! Located between downtown Columbus and The Ohio State University campus, this energetic neighborhood is known as the "art and soul" of Columbus, with fantastic restaurants, independent galleries, unique shops, and plenty to explore.

An Incredible Lineup of Speakers

Our scientific program has something for everyone, **doctors and team members alike**.

We are thrilled to welcome **Drs. Farah Kar, Lucia Cevidanes, Audrey Yoon, and Anthony Mair**, along with renowned consultants **Tracey Mowad, Tracy Martin, and Jeff Slater**. Industry speakers **Drs. Rick O'Neil and Antonino Secchi** will also bring their expertise and perspectives to the program.

With this lineup, I am expecting **great learning, lively discussions, and lots of ideas to take home and put into practice!**

What better way to celebrate 100 years than with a great party?

Our **100th Anniversary Celebration** will take place Friday evening at **North Market**, a historic 149-year-old public market featuring some of Ohio's best farmers, merchants, and makers. It will be a wonderful evening to celebrate our shared history, enjoy great food and company, and raise a glass to the next 100 years of the GLAO.

Save the Date!

October 23–24 | Columbus, Ohio

Registration is already open, and **our hotel block is filling quickly**, so don't wait to make your plans!

[Click Here to Register for the 2026 GLAO Annual Session in Columbus, OH](#)

I hope you will join me for what promises to be a **very special GLAO Annual Session**. Let's celebrate 100 years of our organization, reconnect with friends and colleagues, learn from some of the best in our profession—and have a lot of fun along the way!

On behalf of the entire GLAO board, we can't wait to see you in Columbus!

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