

Your AAO: How to “make your voice heard”

In a few short weeks the AAO House of Delegates (HOD) will be meeting in Philadelphia during AAO Annual Session. The HOD is the ultimate decision maker for the AAO and meet only once or twice each year. The HOD considers how to move our association forward by considering “Resolutions”, a fancy name for “motions”, that will shape our AAO in the future (short term and long term). As a member of the GLAO and AAO you can review the resolutions that will be considered by the HOD. Assuming you have an opinion supporting/ opposing a specific resolution, you can share your opinion either directly, through your own testimony either online prior to or, in person at reference committee hearings. Alternatively, you can share your opinion indirectly by reaching out to GLAO leadership so that they can have a better understanding of the needs and concerns of the members. Below is a list of some of the issues that will be considered by the HOD this year. At this time, not all the Resolutions that will be considered by the HOD have been submitted for review. Also, I have provided a few dates/deadlines for you to share your thoughts.

Let me start at the end. The final resolutions to be considered by the HOD are those related to your AAO annual budget and your AAO member Dues. Developing the AAO annual budget is a long and meticulous process that works to balance member value and member programming with containing costs. There is a laser focus on how to best serve you without out-of-control spending.

Annual Session Registration Fees will be considered by the HOD via a series of Resolutions as well. There will be a Resolution related to AS Registration and Policies. In addition, some specific Resolutions will focus on, among other things, registration categories related to Full Time Faculty and Junior Faculty as well as Registration Waivers.

There will be a Resolution considered related to the ongoing funding of the AAO Consumer Awareness Program (CAP).

To allow for codification of “AAO Honorary Membership” there will be Resolutions for the HOD to consider.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions related to the upcoming HOD, the Resolutions that are being considered, our AAO and/or our GLAO. I’d love to help you find a path to get more involved in GLAO and AAO leadership.

-Michael Sherman, Trustee

Important Dates:

Reference Committee online comments: [Commenting will be available from April 10 – Noon Central Time on April 22, 2025.](#)

Reference Committee in-person testimony: [Thursday, April 24th 4-6pm. \(Room TBA\)](#)