



Call for Director Applicants AAO Political Action Committee (AAOPAC)

The GLAO is looking for a representative to join the AAO Political Action Committee (AAOPAC) as a Director. The representative would serve a two-year term to begin in May, 2026 and expire in May, 2028. The Director would then be eligible for re-appointment for three additional two-year terms (maximum 8 years). All interested members are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in serving the GLAO in this capacity, please submit a letter of interest and CV to the GLAO office GLAO@AssnOffices.com, by **February 13, 2026.** The GLAO Board will make this appointment in March 2026 at the Ad Interim Board Meeting.

You are encouraged to contact the current AAOPAC Director to inquire about the position and its responsibilities: Dr. Phil Beckwith, pjbortho@aol.com. You may also contact the GLAO, GLAO@AssnOffices.com, or Gianna Nawrocki, AAO Advocacy Manager & AAOPAC Treasurer at 314-292-6527 or ghnawrocki@aaortho.org. Please see below for responsibilities to the AAO and the GLAO.

AAO Political Action Committee (AAOPAC)

Established in 1994, the AAO Political Action Committee (AAOPAC) allows the AAO to solicit funds from its members, and in turn uses its AAOPAC *Pillars of Giving* to establish contributions to candidates whose views are consistent with AAO's goals. As a nonprofit organization, the AAO cannot contribute to the campaigns of candidates. However, the AAOPAC can – which creates valuable relationships for our advocacy priorities. AAOPAC is key to our advocacy strategy and influence with the Federal government and for AAO state advocacy initiatives across the country.

AAOPAC Board of Directors serves to:

Primary:

- Raise funds to help fuel AAO orthodontic advocacy priorities for legislative and regulatory affairs.
- Achieve annual AAO year fiscal year money and contributor goals broken down by Constituent region and for each state.
- Create a culture of giving and support of the AAOPAC.
- Recruit, build, and grow a pipeline of AAOPAC Captains for each GLAO state as part of the AAO National Advocacy Network.

Secondary:

- Advocate at the national level to keep healthcare providers, and orthodontists in particular, top-of-mind with key lawmakers in Congress who are supportive of our priorities.
- Educate AAO members about the AAOPAC fueling advocacy and encourage members to build relationships with their elected officials and key decision makers with the intention of garnering support for AAO public policy initiatives, as well as being consistent and passionate contributors to AAOPAC.

- Using the *AAOPAC Pillars of Giving*, advise and approve bipartisan Members of Congress who receive AAOPAC contributions.

Members may be appointed to other councils or committees, as deemed appropriate by the AAO President and AAOPAC Chair.

The ideal representative:

- is willing, interested, and comfortable with the number one priority for this position to raise funds and achieve goals for AAOPAC.
- is committed to understanding how to use all resources and appropriate tools and training to achieve fundraising goals and successfully represent AAOPAC.
- is interested in advocacy work and representing the “Voice of Orthodontists.”
- is a critical thinker with the ability to separate personal political issues from those that are issues related specifically to orthodontists, as healthcare providers and business owners, and their patients.
- is comfortable working within a team that shares a vision and collaborates on getting work done.
- is willing to communicate with members to convey constituent giving numbers and sharing any updates on a regular basis.
- is willing to contribute one time or more annually to the AAOPAC.
- is willing to participate in recruitment for potential candidates for state AAOPAC Captains in the National Advocacy Network.
- responds in a timely manner to emails from AAO staff, the AAOPAC Chair, AAO Board Trustee, and AAOPAC captains.
- maintains outside relationships that can enhance your service to the AAO.
- demonstrates an understanding of the AAO mission, vision, and strategic plan and has the ability and desire to guide the organization in the future through this shared vision.
- has served as a past or current volunteer leader with orthodontic, dental, and other nonprofit entities including local community organizations.
- is comfortable with technology such as file sharing programs, email, text, video conferencing, and other electronic communication tools.

The representative should:

- work with your Constituent Executive Director to communicate important updates from AAOPAC to the Constituent organization and from the Constituent organization to AAOPAC.
- be available to attend, at a minimum, one in-person meeting every year in Washington, D.C. and participate in the Professional Advocacy Conference following the meeting (2.5 days total). Note: A fall AAOPAC meeting in St. Louis may also take place each year or every other year. Participation is expected.
- attend scheduled virtual meetings as needed, approximately 5-6 per year.
- attend the GLAO annual meeting, AAO Annual Session, AAO reference committee hearings and House of Delegates as much as possible; and
- provide summary reports of AAOPAC performance to GLAO.

AAO PAC DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE GLAO:

- The AAOPAC Director is required to attend and participate in AAO PAC meetings.
- The AAOPAC Director is required to attend the GLAO Ad Interim Board Meeting (a Friday through Saturday meeting held in March) and the GLAO Annual Board Meeting (held in conjunction with the GLAO Annual Session in the fall).

- The AAO PAC Director is required to provide a written report (via email) for the GLAO e-News (produced quarterly) and GLAO Board Meetings (Ad Interim and Annual Meeting).
- Those participating in GLAO Board meetings must have a laptop computer, as meetings are paperless.
- Representatives must utilize email as a primary tool for communication and be responsive.
- GLAO Leaders are required to complete the following: conflict of interest annual disclosure, antitrust policy annual compliance.