



**Delegate Chair Report**  
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Your May 2024 GLAO delegation represented our constituent well. We approved the AAO Budget for FY24-25 and helped to keep our AAO dues at \$817.

For those who wonder what Delegates do at the AAO Annual Session, I will give you some insight. Delegates spend two days at the AAO Annual Session working on behalf of their constituents. Beginning with the 2025 Annual Session, the schedule is changing. Wednesday night, there is a delegate reception where we meet and greet other delegates and casually discuss resolutions together. Thursday morning, we have an early breakfast, caucus with our delegations all morning, grab a quick bite and then attend the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the House of Delegates (HOD). Directly after the 1<sup>st</sup> House, the delegates attend reference committee meetings and lobby our positions on the resolutions. Thursday night, we attend the Leadership Events with all AAO leaders. On Sunday morning, the Constituents caucus again and attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> Session of the HOD at noon when voting of resolutions occur. FYI- members place \$1 bets on when the HOD will end. I have always enjoyed representing the GLAO at the HOD and seeing how the AAO is run.

One can view all the resolutions and outcomes on the 2024 HOD Final Actions Chart on the AAO website. Scroll down to the bottom of the Home page and look for "Governance and Leadership," and then click on House of Delegates. The four resolutions I found most noteworthy are the Infrastructure and Technology Reserve Fund, the Fulltime Faculty Teaching Fellowship Award Fund, the Continued Funding for AAO Fulltime Faculty Teaching Fellowship Award Fund and Sustainability. The House approved a \$3 million Infrastructure and Technology Reserve fund through undesignated assets and the ability to decrease liability funds to make a huge technology upgrade for the AAO, which will improve search results, learning through the website, and bring together many separate, outdated systems. The Fulltime Faculty Teaching Fellowship Awards are needed to maintain high quality education for the next generation of orthodontists. And who does not think about what happens to all those aligners we deliver? In your spare time, peruse through the 34-page Final Actions Chart.

I was honored to be the Delegate Chair at the last House of Delegates.

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