

# The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists



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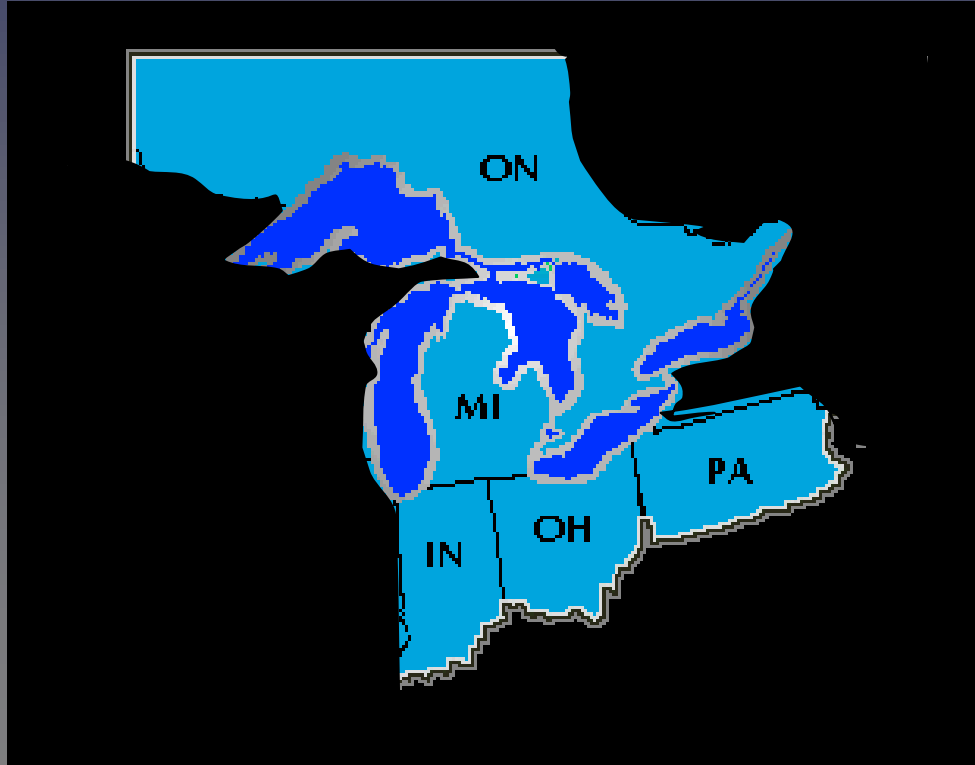
# GLAO MISSION

*The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists, a constituent of the American Association of Orthodontists, shall advocate on behalf of its members and promote the advancement of the Specialty of Orthodontics.*

- The Great Lakes Association of Orthodontists (GLAO) is a **constituent** of the American Association of Orthodontists (AAO)
- Membership in the AAO makes one a member of a **constituent** based upon where you live
- There are **8 constituents** of the AAO. Other AAO Constituents include: PCSO, SAO/SWSO, MASO, MSO, RMSO, NESO



- **Components** of the GLAO include:  
Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario, and  
Pennsylvania (west of the Alleghenies)



- Membership in the **component** organizations is voluntary
- Constituents have **affiliation agreements** with the AAO; Components have **affiliation agreements** with their constituent
- For Canadian Members: Membership in the Canadian Association of Orthodontists or the Ontario Association of Orthodontists **does not** grant one membership in the GLAO or the AAO

# Resources Available to Components

- The GLAO has a **webpage** available for each component as part of the GLAO website – [www.glaio.org](http://www.glaio.org)
- The GLAO will announce component program information and updates in the **GLAO e-news**.
- A **Component Director** is a part of the GLAO Board. The Component Director provides a report at every GLAO Board meeting.
- Per GLAO bylaws, each GLAO component is represented on the **GLAO Delegation**.
- The GLAO offers **meeting space** to components at the GLAO Annual Session.

# Resources Available to Components

- The **GLAO President** is available to attend component board meetings, annually.
- **Online resources** through the AAO **Leadership Network**: [www.aaoinfo.org](http://www.aaoinfo.org)  
> Governance > Leadership Network
- The AAO can collect component **member dues**.
- An annual **AAO Leadership Development Conference** is hosted for component & constituent leadership.
- The AAO has funding available for the **AAO Consumer Awareness Program** & a **legal support fund**.

# GLAO Membership

(as of 08/2024)

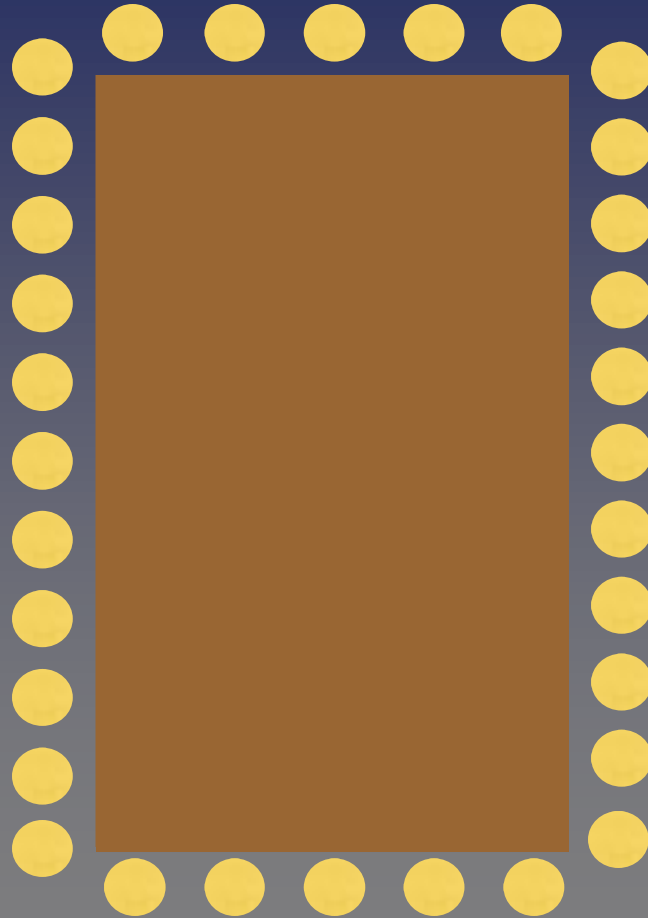
**>1,412** Orthodontists

- 777 Active
- 40 Academic
- 145 Life Active
- 445 Retired
- 5 Honorary & Service





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- **Approx. 25** members have leadership roles within the GLAO (some with multiple roles)
- Leaders act on behalf of the members by discussing pertinent issues and making recommendations on these and other motions at the GLAO meetings and the AAO House of Delegates (HOD)
- Members can influence changes at the AAO level by sharing concerns or recommendation with representatives serving as leaders in the GLAO

# GLAO Leadership Meetings

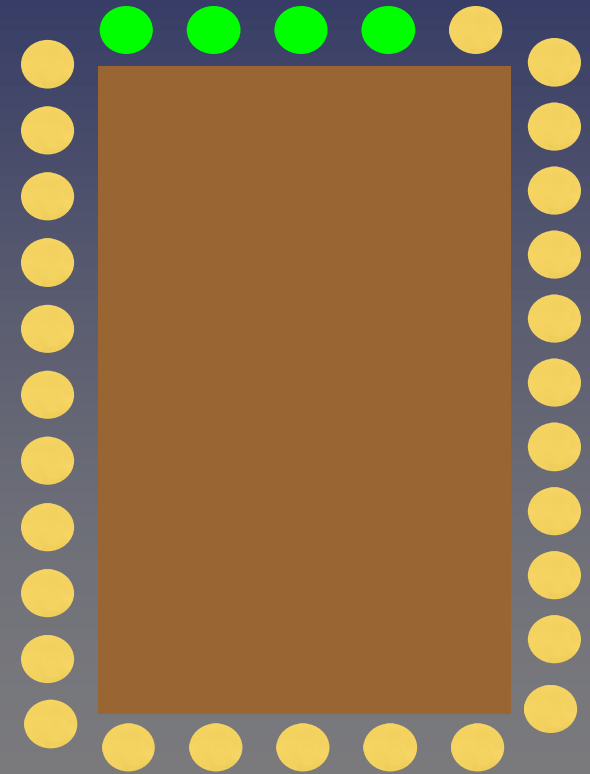
- **Annual Board Meeting** in the Fall
  - Typically before the GLAO Annual Session - a stand-alone or joint conference
- **Ad-interim Board Meeting** in the Spring
  - An all-day business meeting. Resolutions made at this meeting are forwarded to the AAO to be placed on the Agenda for discussion at AAO House of Delegates
- **GLAO Caucus Meetings** at the AAO Annual Session
  - GLAO Delegates represent the members at the AAO House of Delegates.

# GLAO Board of Directors

- The **Board of Directors** consists of **12 members**: The President, the Immediate Past President, the President-Elect, the Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Trustee to the AAO, the Editor and 5 Component Directors
- There are **10 voting members** of the GLAO Board: President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Trustee to the AAO and the 5 Component Directors
- The GLAO Board conducts **Strategic Planning** – see the most recent plan at [www.GLAO.org](http://www.GLAO.org).

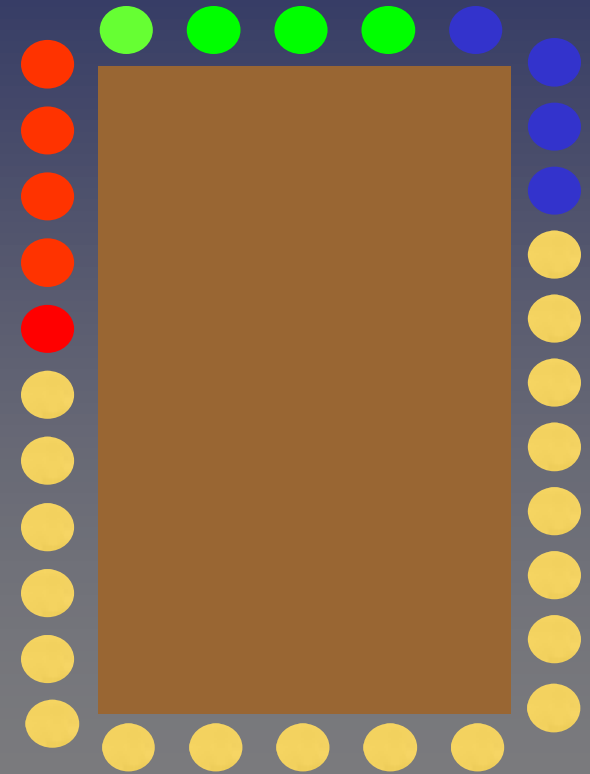
# Who are the GLAO Leaders?

- 4 Members are Officers  
(President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer)
  - 2 are Delegates at the HOD  
by virtue of office (Pres & Pres-Elect)
- 5 Members
  - Elected by Ballot as Delegates to the HOD
- 4 Members
  - Elected by Ballot as Alternate Delegates to the HOD



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- 4 Members are officers (President, President-elect, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer)
  - 3 are Delegates at the HOD by virtue of office
- 7 Members
  - Elected as Delegates to the HOD
- 3-4 Members
  - Elected as Alternate Delegates to the HOD



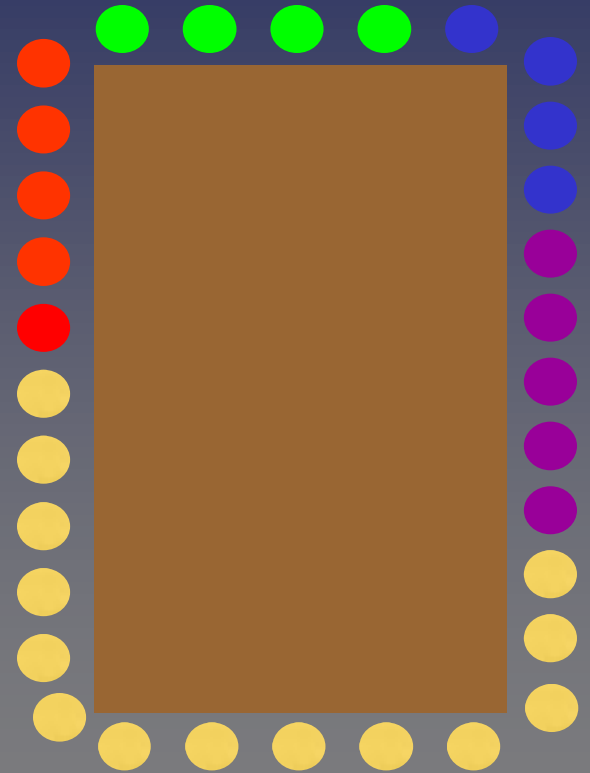
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## GLAO Delegation

- **It is unique** to the GLAO to have a ballot process where members vote to elect the delegates (other Boards select future members)
- GLAO Bylaws assure each component is represented as a **Delegate** or **Alternate Delegate**
- Delegates and Alternate Delegates have **equal** time on the floor at the HOD
- It is **IMPORTANT** for GLAO members to vote in the annual election

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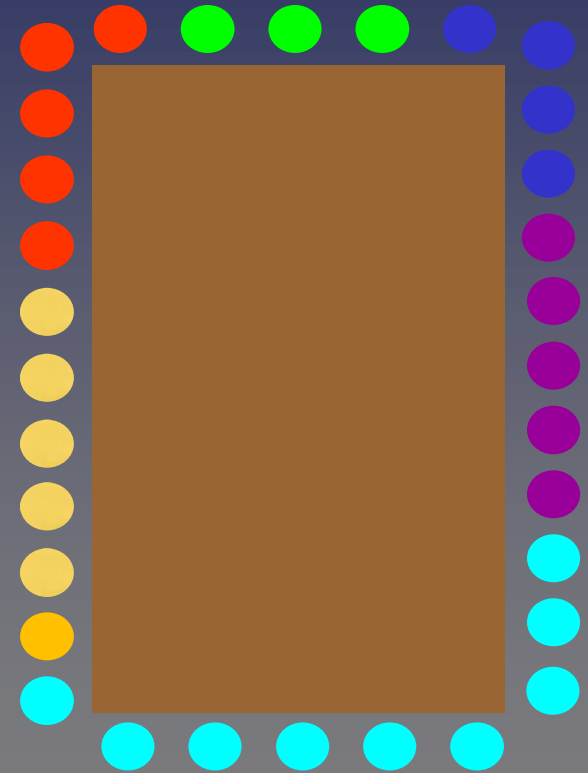
- 5 Members
  - **Component** Directors
    - Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Ontario, W. Pennsylvania
- Provides a great opportunity for exchange of ideas between the components and to discuss new programs and specific issues
- Generates chance to expose GLAO board to local issues and to consider component ideas





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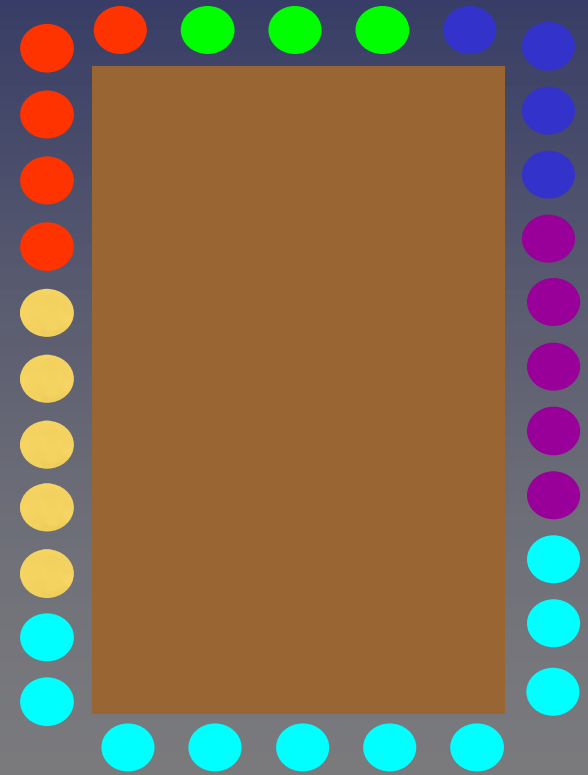
- 8 Members
  - AAO Council Representation
- Council on Communications, Gov't Affairs, Membership Ethics & Judicial Concerns, Orthodontic Education, Orthodontic Healthcare, Orthodontic Benefits, Scientific Affairs, New & Younger Members
- Terms are 2 years with a maximum of 6 years
- Reports given to the GLAO Board and discussion with motion for any resolutions to go to the AAO HOD meeting



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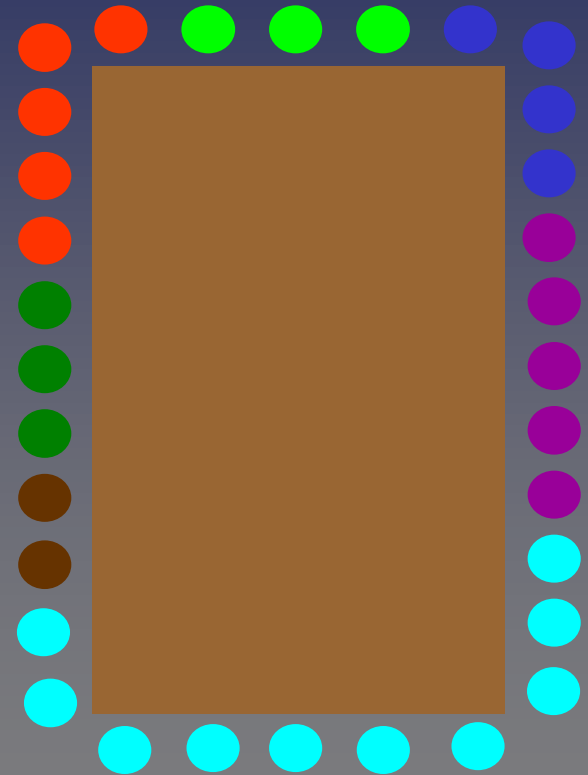
## Council on Communications

- Initiated & implements the “Consumer Awareness Program” (CAP).
- Materials are available from the AAO for members to customize for the development of local campaigns.
- Members are encouraged to follow AAO social media channels and share the content.



# Who are the GLAO Leaders?

- **3 Members**
  - **GLAO Representatives:** ABO Director, AAOF, AAOPAC
- GLAO Committees: Executive, Nominating, Finance, Governing Documents, Communications, Awards
- **1 Board Member** (& Executive Comm. Member) - AAO Trustee
- **1 Board Member** - Editor
- **1 Board Member** – Immediate Past President



# Who are the GLAO Staff ?

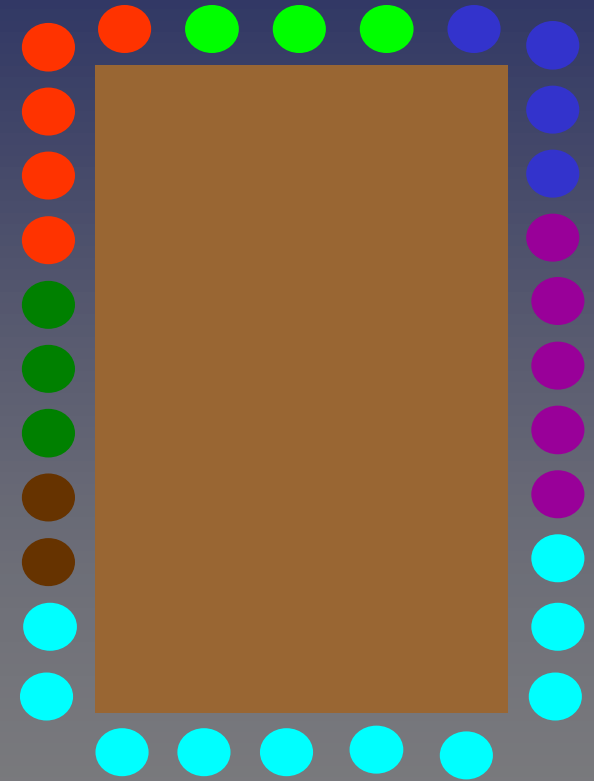
## Staff

Executive Director: Debbie Nunner,  
CAE

Member Services Coordinator

- Manage day-to-day operations of the organization
- Liaison with AAO and other constituent executives
- Develop, organize, supervise and execute meetings

[GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com)



# GLAO Annual Sessions

- GLAO **Annual Sessions** provide opportunities for GLAO members: continuing education, exhibit trade show, networking, socializing, recognition of members, Annual Business Meeting
- Stand alone meetings and joint meetings are conducted
- Held in the Great Lakes Region & in resort locations



# Future GLAO Annual Sessions

**September 18-20, 2025 – GLAO**

Amway Grand Plaza / DeVos Place, Grand Rapids, MI

**October 22-24, 2026 – GLAO**

Hilton Columbus, Columbus, OH

*Celebrating GLAO's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

# GLAO / TP Orthodontics, Inc. Annual Scholarship Program

- The *Lindsey O. Kesling Orthodontic Resident Scholarship Award* is offered exclusively to residents in the orthodontic programs within the GLAO. Established in 2017, \$79,500 has been awarded to 31 residents, to date.



# GLAO Gives Back!

- In 2021, GLAO teamed up with the **United Way of Central Indiana** to bring smiles to the local community with the **GLAO 500: Snacks and a Smile Project**. A contribution of \$2,500 was provided, funding over 1,111 kits. Over 600 kits were assembled by members at the Annual Session.
- In 2022, members participated in the **Giving Smiles Project** during the Annual Session and assembled 380 kits (a toothbrush, toothpaste, floss, smile socks and a personal note). These kits were donated to the **Cleveland Ronald McDonald House Charities** for distribution within the community and through their **mobile dental van**.





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- In 2024, at the GLAO/MASO Annual Session in St. Thomas, the ***Giving Smiles Project*** supported the **Virgin Islands Conservation Society** to bring smiles to the local community. This organization and their **Refill Bottles, Not Dumpsters Project** aligned with the concerns of our GLAO and MASO members and efforts toward environmental sustainability and reducing plastics. Donations at the meeting exceeded \$3,384 and as a result, we were able to provide funds to install a water filling station in a local school and provide 38 reusable water bottles to the students in St. Thomas!
- **The GLAO continues to look at ways to support the local communities during our Annual Sessions and Give Back!**



# GLAO Communications

- Follow the GLAO on **Facebook** and on **Instagram!**
- The GLAO **E-News** is sent quarterly to members.
- ***GLAO Did You Know*** is a message sent monthly to members with a GLAO and AAO message.
- The GLAO **website** posts up-to-date information at [www.GLAO.org](http://www.GLAO.org).
- The GLAO hosts **Virtual Coffee Chats** to provide informal opportunities for member engagement.
- Be sure your email in your AAO member profile is up-to-date in order to receive all GLAO **email communications**.

# Contact the GLAO

- Contact the GLAO Office at any time with any questions, concerns or ideas so the GLAO can best serve its members:
  - 877-274-6420
  - 614-221-5720
  - [GLAO@AssnOffices.com](mailto:GLAO@AssnOffices.com)

**THANK YOU For your Membership  
& Leadership in the GLAO!**



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