

## Election Process for New GLAO Trustee, Term Beginning in May, 2028

Dr. Michael Sherman's final term will conclude in 2028. A new GLAO Trustee will be elected in 2027 to begin to serve in May, 2028, following the AAO Annual Session.

1. **Notice to the Membership:** In the May, 2026 GLAO e-newsletter, the current Trustee will prepare an article which will include an announcement of the upcoming AAO Trustee position vacancy and a description of the position. The article will include the process for nominations: For those members interested in serving as GLAO Trustee, and wanting to be included on the list of candidates proposed to the membership, a letter of interest addressed to the GLAO Nominating Committee is due by 9/8/26, 45 days prior to the GLAO Annual Business Meeting on 10/23/26.
2. **GLAO Nominating Committee:** Candidates that meet the qualifications of the Trustee position, and who have expressed interest by 9/8/26, shall be considered by the Nominating Committee. The list of all eligible candidates will be submitted to the membership at the GLAO Annual Business Meeting on 10/23/26.
3. **GLAO Annual Business Meeting:** The Nominating Committee will present the list of candidates to the membership at the GLAO Annual Business Meeting on 10/23/26. Additional nominations may be made from the floor (nominees need not be present). Nominations made from the floor will be added to the list, provided nominees are willing to serve and their eligibility is verified by the Nominating Committee. After a motion to close nominations, no additional names can be added. Candidates will be permitted to address the members present.
4. **GLAO Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee will vet the candidates to confirm eligibility, collect the required information by 2/15/27 (a letter of interest addressed to the GLAO Board of Directors and a CV noting involvement in organized dentistry and orthodontics) and will present a slate of all the candidates to the GLAO Leadership at the Ad Interim Board Meeting on 3/14/27. After all candidates have been determined, no more than two (2) letters of recommendation for each candidate would be accepted, but not required. Letters of recommendation from GLAO Leadership (those eligible to vote at the following Ad Interim Board Meeting) will not be permitted.
5. **GLAO Ad Interim Board Meeting on 3/14/27:** The GLAO Leadership (all those required to attend the Ad Interim Board Meeting, per policy V.C.2., who are present and are not candidates) will review the slate of Trustee candidates and determine no more than two (2) Trustee candidates to put forward to the membership on the ballot for their vote that following summer. The selection process will allow for an interview of candidates. The AAO Standing Rules and Orders Criteria for an AAO Trustee, Desired Qualifications, will be utilized during the selection and vetting process.
6. **Campaign:** The GLAO will send one email to the GLAO membership with a link to an article or message from each of the Trustee candidates. The article is to be 500 words or less, reviewed by the GLAO Executive Committee (who are not candidates). The email message is to be sent after the spring e-newsletter (May 2027) and before the voting is open (by 6/21/27), with a message encouraging all to vote. The article will include disclaimer that the article reflects the views of the candidate and not the GLAO.

7. **The Ballot:** Candidate components are to be listed on the ballot. The biographical sketch for the Trustee candidates will be limited to 250 words, to be reviewed and approved by the GLAO Executive Committee (who are not candidates). The ballot will open by 6/21/27 and close by 7/19/27. Candidates will be notified of election results by 7/31/27. The newly elected Trustee will begin to serve in May, 2028, following the AAO Annual Session.