

**Western PA Component Report  
February 2021**

The annual PAO board meeting was held in person at the Bedford Springs Omni Resort on October 24, 2020. The April CE event, Orthovision 2020, which was canceled last year, had been rescheduled for April 23, 2021 but was again canceled due to COVID-19 concerns. The next in-person CE event will be scheduled in Philadelphia in April 2022, and will alternate to Pittsburgh in April 2023. The PAO board also discussed the need to enhance communications among PAO members due to the challenges associated with the state's members being split between GLAO and MASO. The board discussed the importance of representation from both component societies on the PAO board and the possibility of a periodic electronic member newsletter. Member outreach was also discussed with hopes that the PAO could foster closer relationships with orthodontic residency programs and thereby have opportunities to reach out to new and younger members. It was decided, as part of the outreach, that the PAO would reinstate the Hamilton Research Award. The selected resident's research project comes with a \$500 cash prize and registration/paid accommodations to the PAO annual CE event. The board felt that reinstatement of the award was an additional opportunity to connect with students in orthodontic programs across the state.

The next annual board meeting is tentatively planned for October or November 2021.

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