

GLAO Delegation Chair Report

Thanks to our GLAO member AAO president, Chris Roberts this year for his strong leadership and dedication to the AAO and our specialty! This year's AAO House of Delegates was again conducted virtually on April 25th due to COVID-19 restrictions.

GLAO delegates and alternate delegates present for the House proceedings were: Walter Schratz, Anthony Puntillo, Valerie Martone, Richard Marcus, Richard Kulbersh, Drew Smith, John Monticello, Martin Palomo, Jocie Weeden, and myself, serving as the Delegation Chair.

Michael Sherman, our AAO Trustee, served as the GLAO's board liaison during caucus meetings, and provided us with excellent leadership in the months leading up to and through the entire progression of meetings conducted by the House. The GLAO also has another of its members serving on the BOT this year, Dale Anne Featheringham, who has been serving as a Trustee at large. Thanks to Michael and Dale Anne for your dedication and commitment to our association!

John Monticello served on Reference Committee number 2 and Walter Schratz served on Reference Committee 3.

The GLAO was highly active in the House proceedings this year. One of the biggest items up for consideration was a resolution to approve the consolidation of two of our current AAO constituents, the SWSO and the SAO. Ultimately the resolution to allow this merger was approved.

Thanks to the hard work of Tony Puntillo and others on our delegation, another resolution to form a task force addressing future constituent consolidation was also adopted. This task force will provide order and direction to any future restructuring of the AAO constituents. I will be representing the GLAO on this task force, along with designated representatives from each of the other current constituents and the Speaker of the House. The task force will be making recommendations to next year's House of Delegates that should create a pathway to a more efficient and representatively balanced AAO constituent make up.

This year's dues for active members are \$793 and the Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) assessment was set at \$400 this year. Originally the CAP assessment was budgeted to be higher, but the Board of Trustees recommended, and the House elected, to use excess liquid reserves to provide a reduced assessment this year, due to COVID-related financial hardships that are being experienced by many of our members. Another resolution was also passed that provides a tiered dues structure for international members.

A resolution to update the Clinical Practice Guidelines was adopted.

Another GLAO contribution to the House this year, thanks to Dr. Richard Marcus, there will be a committee appointed to review predatory publishing in orthodontic journals.

The last resolution brought to the House by the GLAO was a courtesy resolution honoring Dr. Chris Roberts for his excellent leadership!

Members can view the Summary of the final actions of the 2021 AAO House of Delegates [HERE](#).

Lastly... I want to thank our Executive Director, Debbie Nunner, and Executive Assistant, Karla Dunbar for all of their help throughout the entire year. Their dedication to excellence is remarkable!

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