

2011 AAO Delegate Report

The following notable officers were inducted by the AAO for 2011-2012:

Dr. Michael Rogers - Augusta, GA (SAO) – President

Dr. DeWayne McCamish - Chattanooga, TN (SAO) – AAO Trustee

Make plans now to join us in Hawaii in May 2012 for the 112th Annual Session and help make this annual session one of the best ever with the leadership and direction from Dr. Michael Rogers (SAO) and his planning committee.

You'll experience a world-class scientific and educational program, and enjoy the breathtaking view of the blue Pacific while attending events and learning with colleagues. The island of Oahu, the exciting city of Honolulu and the sugary white beaches of Waikiki will serve as the backdrop as the AAO goes Hawaiian. **Early registration begins Monday, October 3 on aaortho.org website.**

The 2011 AAO Annual Session, held May 13-17 in Chicago was a great success with a record number, 6,763 orthodontists from throughout the world in attendance. At this session the House of Delegates (HOD) passed a budget of \$20.4 million for the AAO 2011-2012 fiscal year and also approved a new logo for the AAO.



Incorporating the New AAO Logo into your Practice

Members are asked to begin **using the new logo in practice materials (login required)** immediately, but **the existing logo can be used until May 10, 2013** so that members can use materials currently in stock. The logo is available at AAOinfo.org in varying degrees of resolution. The high-resolution version is recommended for printed materials, while the low-resolution version is best used on orthodontic practice Web sites.

Listing and details of all resolutions are listed on the [AAO website](#) but some notable resolutions adopted by the 2010 House of Delegates include:

12-11 H: Appointment of a House of Delegates task force to engage in an AAO governance restructure study including geographic configuration, structure and governance. The resolution explained the need for the study as reflecting the AAO's need to be "positioned to maintain relevance with the changing demographics and lifestyles of our volunteer base."

32-11 H: Levying of a \$650 membership assessment for active and affiliate U.S. and Canadian members for FY 2011-12 and FY 2012-13, to continue the AAO Consumer Awareness Program. The Consumer Awareness Program, which began in 2006, informs and motivates the consumer to choose an orthodontist for orthodontic treatment.

2-11 H: Bylaws Amendment, Article III – Membership, D. Dues and Assessments, 2. Dues. Dues amended from \$779 to \$788; Affiliate dues \$763.

9-11 H: Consumer Awareness Program (CAP) Reporting Requirement. An annual report must be prepared and submitted for review with sufficient time for review prior to the annual session.

29-11 H: Development of an AAO statement on training required to practice comprehensive orthodontics. The resolution calls for the AAO Task Force on Relationships with General Dentists to develop a contemporary position statement indicating that an orthodontic specialist who has completed a 2-3-year postdoctoral accredited orthodontic educational program. This program also will qualify graduates for membership in the AAO or an AAO-affiliated organization, is the most educationally qualified professional to provide comprehensive orthodontic treatment. The Board of Trustees is to report back to the 2012 House of Delegates.

31-11 H: Formation of and acceptance of proposed governing guidelines for a Society of Orthodontic Educators (SOE). The SOE will be a committee of the AAO Council on Orthodontic Education.

16-11 H: Funding of the AAO Donated Orthodontic Services program. The AAO will provide funding of up to \$50,000 to its Donated Orthodontic Services program in Fiscal Year 2011-12, with the funds to be distributed among the five original pilot states (Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, New Jersey and Rhode Island). A business plan addressing how the DOS program can be self-funded beginning in FY 2012-13 is to be developed. The AAO Access to Care Task Force is to submit an interim report on the plan to the AAO Board of Trustees.

[Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Delegate to the AAO. If you have any comments or concerns feel free to contact me.](#)

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