

AAO Delegate Report  
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This year in San Francisco the AAO House of Delegates covered many topics of direct importance to the practice of orthodontics on both a regional and national level. Many of the decisions this year have direct monetary implications for the association and should have benefits for all members. These topics are in no particular order of importance.

**Diversity of Delegations** - A resolution was adopted that encouraged constituent organizations to assemble delegations to the house of delegates that reflect the diversity of the members of that geographic area.

**Constituent Boundaries** - A plan to review the geographic boundaries and make-up of the constituent components was once again proposed and defeated. This is a recurrent topic that typically does not move past the discussion phase because of the complexity of modifying the existing structure.

**International Membership** - At the time of application for international membership the individual must be a member of the WFO. This affiliation can be dropped after the first year of membership with the AAO and does not need to be reinstated.

**Involvement of International members** - A task force of two trustees, two AAO International members and three at large Delegates is being developed to establish the level of involvement that international members may have in the AAO.

**Matching Grant Program for the CAP** - The AAO will develop a matching program which would support component societies to actively promote the AAO Consumer Awareness Program or CAP. The main function would be to expand the AAO's brand locally. Three million dollars would be available over the next three years for component use.

**Component Legal Support Fund** - A fund with a value of one million dollars will be set aside to aid component societies faced with potential legislative or regulatory challenges that would directly effect the practice of orthodontics in their areas of operation.

**Annual Dues** - Dues remain unchanged at 793.00 annually with an 800.00 assessment planned for the next 3 years to continue support of the CAP program.

Many other important issues were reviewed, discussed and acted on. The AAO member web site has many detailed discussions of the resolutions that were put forward this year in the House of Delegates and the surrounding information related to these resolutions. It has been a pleasure serving as the KAO's delegate to the AAO House of Delegates over the past two years. I sincerely appreciate this opportunity and hope to continue in this capacity in the future.

Sincerely,

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