

## **Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM)**

The Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM) held its annual meeting on January 24, 2019, in Marco Island, Florida, as part of the AAO's Midwinter Meeting. In addition to reviewing the past year's activities and setting the agenda for the coming year, we also took part in the Leadership Development Conference, which ran concurrently with the CONYM meeting. Drs. **Tristy Felty** and **Daniel Keith** gave a presentation to the LDC attendees entitled *Intergenerational Leadership*. Following this, CONYM members served as roundtable moderators for further AAO discussion and interaction with our future association leaders. Plans for future involvement of CONYM at the LDC are currently underway.

At this year's Annual Session in Los Angeles, CONYM hosted the New Orthodontist & Resident Conference, which was followed up by the "Lunch with Leaders" in which residents and new and younger members were treated to a luncheon and positioned at tables with CONYM and BOT members to discuss the AAO, future involvement and relevant NYM issues. This was our most successful event to-date as we had a very large turnout to hear Dr. **Anil Idiculla** and Dr. **Neal Kravitz** speak on practice life, balance and pearls. These lectures were met with great enthusiasm and set the tone for a well-attended luncheon with the entirety of the AAO's Board of Trustees.

CONYM received high praise from members of the Board of Trustees regarding our liaison's interaction and involvement with the Board and we look forward to continued participation with the Board. Additionally, CONYM begins our third year as liaisons to the other councils and committees within the association and we look forward to collaborating and contributing.

Additional areas CONYM will be involved in during the upcoming AAO year include continued assessment and refinement of the mentorship program, non-renewal outreach on behalf of the AAO's membership department, and article publishing within the *e-Bulletin*.

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