

Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM)

The Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM) is preparing for its Annual Meeting to take place in Austin, Texas, as part of the AAO's 2020 Midwinter Meeting. In addition to our Council meeting, CONYM members will be partaking in the roundtable discussions within the Leadership Development Conference (LDC) that is taking place concurrently with our Council meeting. During these roundtables, CONYM members will be educating fellow leaders about the direction of our Council and encouraging further involvement from new leaders. Additionally, Council members Drs. **Trista Felta**, **Daniel Keith**, and **Mariela Anderson** will be serving on a leadership panel as part of the LDC to discuss pathways to leadership.

At the 2020 Annual Session in Atlanta, CONYM again will be hosting the New Orthodontist & Resident Conference, which will be followed by the "Lunch with Leaders" in which residents and new and younger members will be treated to a luncheon and positioned at tables with CONYM and BOT members to discuss the AAO, future involvement, and relevant NYM issues. Currently, CONYM is in discussions with a number of high-profile speakers and the theme will be "Winning Consultation Strategies."

Additional areas CONYM continues to be involved in include continued assessment and refinement of the mentorship program. Current numbers within this program are 208 users, including 78 mentors and 131 mentees. **Lauren Carr** from the Member Careers Programs' department has taken over this program and is continually working to maximize its effectiveness. Additionally, CONYM is involved in ongoing discussions with the BOT regarding NYM involvement within the AAO and the BOT itself (our Council currently has a liaison at each BOT meeting), non-renewal outreach on behalf of the AAO's membership department, and article publishing within the *e-Bulletin*.

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