

COUNCIL ON MEMBERSHIP, ETHICS AND JUDICIAL CONCERNS (COMEJC)

HOD Resolutions

- COMEJC is submitting resolutions to the 2020 AAO House of Delegates to:
 - Amend the AAO's policy on **membership reinstatement** to allow members to reinstate up to two times (rather than one) without incurring a reinstatement fee. For those who incur a fee, it would be reduced to 25% of the total dues and assessment for the most recent lapsed year (rather than up to three years).
 - Amend the AAO's policy on **dues waivers** to restrict non-members from applying and limit waivers to three years maximum covering a single event.
 - Amend AAO Bylaws to increase the minimum membership requirement for **Retired members** from ten to 15 years, as well as require applicants to be members in good standing at the time of retirement.
 - Offer **complimentary Student Membership** to students who have been accepted into, but not yet started, an accredited orthodontic program for the period of December 1 through May 31 immediately following acceptance into their programs. These Student members would receive online access to the *AJO-DO* during the complimentary period.
 - Establish a new member classification for **non-orthodontic educators** who teach or research full-time at an accredited orthodontic program. Eligibility requirements and dues would be similar to the existing academic (non-United States/Canada graduates) classification.
 - Amend AAO Financial Policy to move the **membership renewal deadline** from December 31st to October 31st.
 - Increase **International Member dues** from 50% to 60% of full dues.

Membership Trends

- COMEJC continues to monitor membership data and trends, including the 2019-20 membership renewal cycle that concluded on December 31, 2019. Highlights include:
 - Renewed 94.0% of U.S. Active members (compared to 94.5% in 2018-19) and 84.6% of Canadian Active members (compared to 84.9%).
 - Renewed 86.7% of U.S. Life Active members (compared to 88.7% in 2018-19).
 - Renewed 79.5% of International Members (compared to 77.9% in 2018-19). Of those renewed, 81.6% are current on their WFO memberships, with the remaining 18.4% at risk of being dropped for ineligibility if they do not reinstate with the WFO by May 31st.
 - 5.6% of members overall elected to use the new auto-renew feature, including 4.7% of U.S. Active members, 4.3% of Canadian Active members

and 10.5% of International Members. These members will be automatically renewed for the 2020-21 membership year in June 2020.

Membership Model

- COMEJC continues to study possible changes to the AAO membership model to address the evolving needs and demographics of AAO members.
- COMEJC is working with the Council on New and Younger Members (CONYM) on possible amendments to the current five-year tiered dues structure for recent graduates. CONYM will discuss during its February 2020 meeting.

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