



ATTENTION AAOHN MEMBERS

Your Support is needed for Future AAOHN & OAOHN Growth

Dear Ohio State Members:

As an AAOHN member and current Ohio State Chapter President, I want to make you aware of an important initiative that is critical to the future of AAOHN and OAOHN. The AAOHN Chapter Challenges Taskforce and the Board of Directors are proposing a bylaws change that would allow for an Optional Chapter Membership Structure. This new model would allow for new and renewing members the option to join the state, local or regional chapter of their choosing, or no chapter at all, including the national chapter, depending on their needs. The Ohio Board of Directors feels that introducing this new model would only generate further challenges for our state and local chapters. The Ohio Board of Directors does not feel that there is enough supporting evidence or clear advantage to ensure positive changes and growth in membership.

AAOHN is promoting a decrease in National membership dues from \$185 to \$165 – to entice voting in their favor.

If you did not attend the live Town Hall on Thursday, December 6th you can access the recorded webinar and additional details about the Optional Chapter Membership Structure at:

<http://aaohn.org/page/optional-chapter-structure>

Voting for the bylaws change will open on January 4 and will close on February 4. I hope you will support the Ohio Board of Directors in this important decision that could impact AAOHN's and OAOHN's future growth by voting '**NO**'. Now is the time to let our voice be heard. The Ohio State Chapter, as well as many of the local chapters feel passionate about our future and would like to convey that we are a viable organization that is committed to moving our profession forward.

Loyally,

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