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OSLHA convention was held March 17 -19<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Columbus Easton Towers. Bernard Henri Ph. D. and Patricia Fisher, M. A. hosted the non-profit and private practice caucus lunch session. Bernard reviewed the Advocacy Power Point presentation. Patty assisted the discussion by addressing spontaneous questions about advocacy and business management.

Bernard Henry clearly articulated the need for advocacy to influence public-policy and to influence how funding decisions within political, economic, and social systems are made. Advocacy includes many activities that a person or organization undertakes including media campaigns, public speaking, commissioning and publishing research. This is where OSLHA members are needed.

This caucus was well attended and the participants were dynamic in providing ideas as well as questions. The caucus feedback sheets indicated a need for more business management and development classes. This suggestion will be passed along to the convention committee.

On another note, The International Association of Orofacial Myologists (IAOM) will hold their international convention in Cincinnati, Ohio's River City in October. The IAOM is celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year and will welcome national and international membership from over 20 countries. "Bridging the Gap" is the theme and the event will be held at the Downtown Hyatt Regency October 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011. The goal is to bring a greater understanding of Orofacial Myology to health and dental healthcare practitioners.

Participants will be introduced to the newest advances in business development, orthodontic intervention and its relationship to the speech mechanism. Some classes will address the importance of measurements related to facial symmetry, occlusion, and a hands-on practicum will be offered. Nationally renowned speaker Bruce Christopher will also be there to address communication issues in everyday life and those used in working with patients.

We are fortunate to host this international event in Ohio so I hope to see many of you there. It is rare to have this opportunity so close to home. Please take advantage of this learning experience. ([www.iaom.com](http://www.iaom.com))

Have a great Summer!