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The Eye Opener

ALAMEDA CONTRA COSTA COUNTIES OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SHELLEY M. WU, O.D., F.A.A.O.

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Are you saturated by the presidential election frenzies yet? Change seems to be in everyone's mind these days. Change is inevitable in ACCCOS also. As my term as the president of this great organization getting close to the end, change of the board is on our minds, and hopefully on yours also.

It's truly an honor to serve on ACCCOS board. We are not only the largest optometric society in California, dare I say we also are the finest. We once again won the Society of the Year, 2nd year in a row! Applause goes to all of you who contributed and participated in society events, and our dedicated board members. In addition, our Newsletter Editor, Dr. Michel Nadel, won the Bulletin of the Year honor (she accomplished this while she was pregnant, had a beautiful baby, and endured through sleep deprivation). Furthermore, our very own Dr. Page Yarwood was re-elected as COA Board of Trustee by a landslide in COA House of Delegate meeting in February. Congratulations to all!

We are blessed to have a talented membership body, and I strongly encourage all of you to consider serving your colleagues as a board member at least once in your career. Such hands-on experience not only fastens the sense of ownership, also understanding the governing process of this great society. I hope the society will continue to grow upon its excellent heritage by incorporating changes and new ideas from the great minds of our members. We need your enthusiasm and great ideas! Please ask any of our current board members if you are interested in sharing your energy as a new board member.

Part of the ACCCOS success has been providing affordable CE dinner meetings for our members. Thus, a great effort has been placed on recruiting sponsors to finance the meeting costs. Please remember to show your appreciation to our sponsors of their generosity next time when you see them in our meetings! A greeting and perhaps inquiries about their products and services are greatly received by the representatives.

Another successful COA House of Delegate Meeting was held on February 8-9 in Sacramento. Our society was represented by Dr. Yuka Akera, Dr. Paula Asmus, Dr. Richard Baker, Dr. Kristine Eng, Dr. Weylin Eng, Dr. Jeanette Hochstatter, Dr. Pia Hoenig, Dr. Scott Kamena, Dr. Sue Lin, Dr. Eileen Linder, Dr. Tania Mantua, Dr. John Neishi, Dr. Mika Moy, Dr. Jennifer Ong, Dr. Kelly Shintani, Dr. Bev Smith, Dr. Larry Thal, Dr. Gary Yacoub, Dr. Page Yarwood, Dr. Stephanie Yoshimura, Dr. Gloria Waite, Dr. Meredith Whiteside, Dr. Frank Zisman, and led by Dr. Karen Kopiko. A resolution, written by our society Drs. Hoenig, Linder, Ong and Akera, was adopted by COA to help encouraging societies to provide hands on infant examination courses. Many important issues that affect your daily practice were discussed during House of Delegate meeting, please see summary report from the meeting in newsletter.

One of the issues discussed in the House of Delegate Meeting was the scope of practice expansion. As a legislated profession, our scope of practice is determined by your elected officials. One important effort organized by COA to advocate our profession to the legislative body is meeting with your legislators! Who can be a better lobbyist for Optometry than an Optometrist? April 15th is the Keyperson Day. Our energetic Keyperson coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Ong (jong69@yahoo.com), has done a tremendous work and will be excited to arrange a meeting for you with your legislator to discuss our profession, and why we are vital to provide quality and accessible eye care to our population. Please contact Dr. Ong if you are interested, or check out more information on COA website (coavision.org).

A strong membership strengthens our legislation representation. We need you to invite your non-member colleagues to join us. Don't forget the ACCCOS Membership Incentive Program. Any current ACCCOS member in good standing who brings in the most new members in the year of 2008 will receive a year of free CEs in 2009. Remember to discuss the importance and benefits of joining COA and ACCCOS with your non-member colleagues!

Lastly, April Installation Meeting is just around the corner. Dr. Karen Kopiko has done a tremendous job in organizing this event with the help from Dr. Bev Smith for locating financial sponsors. I suspect it will be a highly demanded ticket at the Blackhawk Country Club, please keep your eyes and ears open to secure your ticket when they become available. We look forward to seeing all of you in the future events, and always looking forward to hearing from you.

CONGRATULATIONS, ACCCOS!

FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW, YOU ARE COA'S SOCIETY OF THE YEAR! 2008

HOUSE OF DELEGATES SUMMARY REPORT BY KAREN KOPIKO, O.D.

Elections/ Officers:

President: Dr. David Redman
 President-Elect: Dr. Hillary Hawthorne
 Trustees: Re-elected - Drs. Page Yarwood and Movses D' Janbatian
 Newly elected - Dr. Jan Cooper
 Continuing their term - Drs. Harue Marsden, Jennifer Ong, Sasha Penn
 Secretary/ Treasurer: Dr. Jim Dallas
 Immediate Past President - Dr. Bob Theaker
 Speaker of the House - Dr. Ken Lawenda

Resolutions:

1-review of earlier resolutions; adopted with recommendations from the Reference Committee (past resolutions that required status confirmation deleted as completed)

2-Leg Fund Assessment; Group discussion - basically a continuation of a previous passed resolution; Adopted

3- Dues increase 2009-2011; measure to increase dues by a maximum of \$60 per year for the next 3 years to prevent future monetary loss due to rising cost/inflation, etc. there has not been a dues increase since 1994 - this was highly debated in the reference committees and on the floor - Adopted

(Membership Committee will keep HOD updated about attrition patterns)

4. Support of any willing provider legislation - measure to have COA aggressively initiate legislation to keep insurance panels from discriminating OD's from their panels - Health Care Delivery Systems Committee at COA to continue current grassroots efforts to assist doctors for insurance panels; Legislation and Regulation Committee to carefully evaluate resources and priorities for this costly and difficult to pass bill

5&6 - basically the same resolution - elimination of restrictions on branch office licenses for OD's; 5 asks COA to pursue it legislatively and 6 asks for it to be considered./ issue with those in rural areas not being able to compete with OMD's that have multiple locations/ Legislation and Regulations Committee at COA to review the effects on public health and current regulations on multiple office locations

7 -new medicaid law - measure to ask COA to introduce legislation to have Medicaid pay Optometrist equally as they do other services, would ask that we be termed "Optometric Physicians" -

This duplicates the current HR 1983 bill from AOA in Congress; ask your Senator or Representative to co-author this bill

8 - AOA political fund - measure to ask COA to encourage membership to contribute to AOA PAC at a greater level and to solicit and spend AOAPAC funds for respective federal Congresspersons - Referred to COA Board of Trustees

9 - Low Vision Rehab Section - measure to ask COA to establish a low Vision section ; COA Board and staff working with author to create the new section following guidelines for creating a section on the bylaws

10- Past Policy Resolutions - those resolutions that are external policy statements or those intended to provide guidance to member OD's remain active for a 5 year period and automatically repeal thereafter unless readopted: Adopted with modification

11- COA to recognize and support Optometry Giving Sight -Referred to COA Board

12- COA to help encourage societies to provide hands on infant examination courses - (this was worked on by Drs. Pia Hoenig, Eileen Linder, Jennifer Ong and Yuka Akera) Adopted

Scope of Licensure and Access:

As we go to expand our scope of practice, it is imperative that you talk to your legislators. You have to make it personal, make what you do relevant. You can provide patient examples. The best lobbyist does not have as much pull as a constituent. Educate patients on what you can do and what you can't do, but are trained to do. If you have problems getting on an insurance panel



President-Elect, Yuka Akera, marches in the Parade of Presidents



Drs. Page Yarwood and Ed Hernandez



Drs. Page Yarwood and Jennifer Ong being installed as COA Board of Trustee Members

HOUSE OF DELEGATES (CONT.)

or with billing coding, call the COA's Sean South ssouth@coavision.org 1-800-877-5738. The COA trustees appreciate our desire to get onto managed care panels but also see that MD's are trying to get off them as managed care can restrict how you practice. Therefore, the COA Trustees will balance the approach to access so gain without losing.

REPORTS:

AOA

63 % of all optometrists nationwide are AOA members. This is better than the state average from most industrialized states including California. The goal is 65% in 2008. There is a daily briefing on optometry issues called "AOA- First Look" this is a daily email by US News and World Reports. Please make sure your email account does not consider this as spam. A public affairs video was shown. This very well made video depicting the optometrist's role can be obtained from the AOA. Board Certification is being re-explored. "Board Certification would be a measure of advanced clinical competence for optometrists and the certification process would serve as "proof of quality care" for the general public and for managed care organizations. Encouragement for each of us to become an Infant-See ambassador. A celebrity spokesperson is needed as a young mother would be better at reaching the target audience.

Membership

We need to retain members and recruit more. The most effective way to get non-members to join is to have their respected colleagues and friends invite them. Programs to encourage societies to put on meet and greets as a way to recruit more members has been effective as well. Other ways to keep dues down – Attend Optowest and the Monterey Symposium! Our own Dr. Meredith Whiteside was the Committee Chair for membership.

Legislative Report

Optometry is a legislative profession. Each of us really needs to meet our legislators. This is what to say: Who you are, What you do, What you can't do, but are trained to do. You serve their constituency. The majority of medi-cal patients are seen by OD's; there is also no parity in payment with Ophthalmology, many of whom do not treat this needy population of their constituency. Dr. Ed Hernandez gave a rallying speech. Dr. Scott Kamena also gave a speech

AOA-PAC, COA-PAC, LSCOA-PAC

These arms of the respective associations are looking out for your right to practice and to keep your livelihood viable. Encouragement for members that opt out of contributing to now contribute. Key person's Day is April 15th. Contributions for Dr. Scott Kamena's run for office were encouraged.

State Board:

Fictitious names must include either "Optometry" or "optometric" in the name and must be as presented to the public. All branch offices must be registered and the owner optometrist must be there at least 50% of the time the office is open for optometric care.

President's Message- Dr. Redman (a few points).

When you go home, you need to call your legislators. Make an appointment to visit them. Sign up for VOCUS. Open your emails from the COA. Register to vote if you haven't already. Update COA with your current information so they can get a hold of you. Invite non-members to join. Don't take no for an answer. COA protects our right to practice regardless of what setting. Tell them how optometry would look like without the COA. If not me, then who, if not now, when? Let the Board of Trustees know how it is doing – call, email, etc. The Board of Trustees works for you.

Sensitive Issues:

Other issues concerning legislation, future of optometry and scope of practice that are not appropriate to divulge in a mass mailing such as this can be discussed by contacting Karen Kopiko, Page Yarwood or Jennifer Ong. Furthermore, I'm sure most of the delegates would be happy to answer any questions you have.

We would like to encourage your participation at future House of Delegates Meetings.

Optometry's battles are hard fought. Please do your part to ensure the future of the profession for ourselves and for those to follow.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Kopiko



Drs. Page Yarwood and Pia Hoenig



ACCCOS Delegates



Drs. Page Yarwood and Maziar Haririfar,
with first year student Lernick Mespian



Drs. Page Yarwood and Phil Ong

The Alameda/Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society Presents:

Tuesday, March 18, 2008

Michael Gagnon, M.D.

Endothelial Keratoplasty

And

Ocular Surface Disease and Treatments

Applied 2 hours of C.E. credit, approval pending

Scott's Seafood Restaurant

**1333 N California Blvd
Walnut Creek, CA 94596
(925) 934-1300**

6:30 p.m. no-host bar (come early & mingle!)

7:00 p.m. dinner and lecture

Choice of Chicken & Salmon Duet or Vegetarian Wellington

\$10 ACCCOS members whose RSVPs with payment are received by Thurs. March 13th

\$25 COA Members (non-ACCCOS)

\$50 Non-Members & Late RSVPs (Space is Limited)

Students Free (Limited to 10)

RSVP with name and check payable to ACCCOS to:

Selin Khayatan, OD

RSVP Deadline: Thursday, March 13, 2008

Questions? E-mail: skhayatan@gmail.com

Payment is required in advance to obtain the reduced fee.

Please note that a penalty fee of \$25 will be incurred for those who RSVP and do not attend the meeting. Cancellations are requested at least 48 hours in advance.

We would like to give a special "thank you" to Allergan for their sponsorship of this meeting.

The Alameda/Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society Presents
OUR

ANNUAL INSTALLATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH 2008

**Mark Sawamura, O.D., F.A.A.O &
Judy Tong, O.D., F.A.A.O.**

Pupils: What You May Have Forgotten And

Don't Bug Me: New Thoughts on Ocular Anti-biosis

Applied 4 hours of C.E. credit

**Blackhawk Country Club
Lakeside Ballroom**

**599 Blackhawk Club Drive
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925-736-6500**

Attire: Business Casual- Please, No Denim

8:00 a.m. – 1:30 pm

Continental Breakfast and Luncheon Provided

**Choice of Chicken Breast Paillarde with Lemon Caper Butter Sauce or
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No Charge to ACCCOS members whose RSVPs are received by April 15th

(Please note: Space is limited- Rsvps will be confirmed)

\$50 COA Members (non-ACCCOS)

\$150 Non-Members & Late RSVPs

Students Free (Limited to 10)

RSVP with name, contact information and Luncheon Choice to:

Karen Kopiko, O.D.

145 Pleasant Valley Drive

Walnut Creek, CA 94597 or

kkopiko@yahoo.com

RSVP Deadline: April 15th

Questions? E-mail: kkopiko@yahoo.com

Please note that a penalty fee of \$50 will be incurred for those ACCCOS members who RSVP and do not attend the meeting. Cancellations are requested at least 72 hours in advance.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ACCCOS!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO
SHELLEY WU, O.D., F.A.A.O.
COA'S YOUNG O.D. OF THE YEAR
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YOU CAN HELP KEEP YOUR DUES LOW!

Have you ever wondered about what you can do to help keep your dues from increasing? Good news! At the last House of Delegates, February 8-9th in Sacramento, one of the resolutions passed was to approve an increase in COA dues, only in order to balance the budget. The approved amount was a MAXIMUM of \$60 per year, but only if the budget was running in a deficit. You as members of COA are able to help balance this budget now! By attending COA sponsored CE events, such as Optowest in March, and Monterey Symposium in November, you are helping balance the COA budget, as well as receiving some of the best continuing education available. Additionally, using the COA sponsored insurance services for all your insurance needs helps the COA. These things do not require any additional time or monetary commitment on your part. As we all have to attend CE and have insurance, please consider these avenues of support for COA. Thank you!



A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR 2008 ACCCOS DELEGATES

Thank you to our delegates for taking time from your busy lives to discuss, formulate and debate the future of our profession.

Our delegates include: Drs. Yuka Akera, Richard Baker, Pia Hoenig, Jeanette Hochstatter, Karen Kopiko, Tania Mantua, Kristine Eng, Weylin Eng, John Neishi, Jennifer Ong, Larry Thal, Meredith Whiteside, Page Yarwood, Frank Zisman, Beverly Jue-Smith, Gary Yacoub, Eileen Linder, Stephanie Kashiwada, Gloria Waite, Sue Lin, Mika Moy, Scott Kamena and Kelly Shintani.

Our gratitude to you for your involvement in protecting our ability to serve the interest of our patients and to secure the continued future of optometry.

ACCCOS 2007 PROJECT OF THE YEAR BY PAGE YARWOOD, O.D.

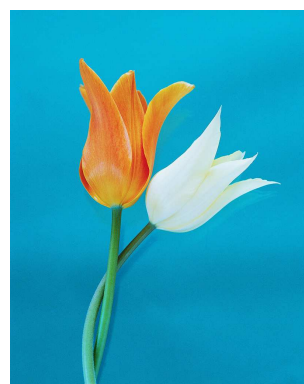
The Educational Program for School Nurses was held on Friday, October 12, 2007 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry. The program was a collaborative effort by members of the Alameda Contra Costa Optometric Society to expand the nurses' professional background. The program provided diagnostic informational skills which will enhance their ability to provide eye care services. There were no costs to the participants and four units of continuing education hours had been approved by the California State Board of Registered Nurses. Breakfast was hosted by the Alameda Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society and lunch by the California Optometric Association.

The program was organized by Dr. Page Yarwood along with the assistance of Dr. Meredith Whiteside. The distinguished panel of speakers for the program were staff from the Optometry School. Included were Drs. John Corzine, Maziar Haririfar, Deborah Orel-Bixler and Pia Hoenig. The educational conference centered on topics relating to contact lens wear and care, pediatric vision assessment, binocular vision status evaluation and ocular emergencies.

Additionally, Dr. Page Yarwood arranged for an open forum on current health care issues to include California State Assembly member Dr. Ed Hernandez. A former C.O.A. President, California State Board of Optometry President, he was eager to address the school nurses for 40 minutes on a variety of public health care issues and lend his support to the concerns expressed by the school nurses. In fact, Dr. Hernandez specifically traveled from Southern California to attend the program and returned that same day. Dr. Philip Ong, Vice-President of California Vision Foundation, presented the mission and vision of COA's charitable efforts. Emphasis was made on how the Foundation provides needed eye care to the underserved in California and promoted how health care educators in California may be active participants.

Approximately 40 registered nurses and allied health care providers were in attendance.

The Educational Program for School Nurses is a representation of how optometry sets the gold standard as leaders for collaboration and a change in the professional health care arena. The benefits of this program should ultimately prove to be numerous. Enhanced collaboration between healthcare providers will encourage and strengthen the development of alliances as the COA introduces new legislation relative to scope of care. Positive responses were received regarding this program that will enrich the nursing professions ability to align appropriately with eye and health care issues. This educational program expands the awareness of COA as an organization, dedicated to optometry as a profession, and the sophisticated levels of care provided by California optometrists. As the trends for universal health care are being developed, it is essential that optometry is recognized as the premier provider of eye and health care services. Collegial collaboration, enhanced professional awareness and expansion of scope are just a few strategies to ensure optometry inclusion. Programs as described are vehicles to exhibit or demonstrate that organized optometry is successful in achieving access to quality health care. Participants in this program serve as role models to the next generation of optometrists in developing stewardship, collaboration and collegial skills.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March:

3/3-3/5 24th Annual See & Ski Tahoe Education Conference

3/11 ACCCOS Board Meeting

3/13-3/16 OptoWest

3/18 ACCCOS General Meeting

April:

4/8 ACCCOS Board Meeting

4/15 ACCCOS General Membership Meeting

4/15 Keyperson Day

4/18-4/20 Annual Morgan/Sarver Symposium

4/27 Annual Instillation Meeting



Welcome New Member!

Jeffrey S. Ricks, O.D.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS!**SUBMITTED BY BEVERLY SMITH, O.D., M.B.A., ACCCOS SPONSORSHIP CHAIRPERSON**

For several years our society has been very fortunate to have generous corporate sponsors who have been willing to partner with us and support the values and purpose of our membership meetings. Through their generosity we have been able to offer 2 hours of quality continuing education as well as a full three course meal almost monthly for as little as \$10 per person! Many of you know CE usually will cost about \$30/hour and a three course meal may be \$40 or more.

Your society dues account for only a fraction of the cost of our society meetings. I am grateful for the willing support of our corporate sponsors and would hate to lose the benefits we reap from their generous funding. It has come to my attention from several of our sponsors that they feel neglected at our general membership meetings.

I am writing to encourage and enlighten society members to make a concerted effort to show appreciation to our sponsors. Please take a few minutes of your time to visit them at their sponsor tables and perhaps show some interest in their products and technology. Perhaps give them your business card so they can send you some information.

We want to encourage our corporate sponsors to continue to sponsor our society meetings and should give them the support that they deserve.

**Contact information for our sponsors****Diamond Sponsor****AMO**

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**ACCOS Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 9, 2007 7 pm
Casa Orinda, 20 Bryant Way, Orinda, CA**

Attending: Drs. Wu, Akera, Kopiko, Hochstatter, Mantua, Khayatan, Smith, Le, Haririfar, Ong, Ms. Mata and Student Representative: Mr. Baker **Trustee:** Dr. Yoshimura

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dr. Hochstatter

-September minutes approved with corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dr. Mantua

-Last month's treasurer's report approved as presented. Board approved automatic monthly payment to ACCCOS storage locker.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CHAIR: Dr. Khayatan

-November meeting will be at Spenger's Berkeley Marina. Donald Siegel OD will speak on Si. Hydrogels and Multifocals. Sponsored by Coopervision.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIR: Dr. Smith

-Firm sponsorship commitment has been received from Marchon for Bronze level sponsorship
-Vision West has contributed to Bronze Level sponsorship and will be approached regarding installation banquet
-Several other sponsorships are being pursued and are likely to come through in the new year.
-Again, the board discussed the possibility that sponsorships seem to work better for the companies from January to January, and our current spring to spring orientation may need to be modified.

MEMBERSHIP: Dr. Le

-Sept, Oct and Nov are COS Membership awareness months. Societies have access to membership awards.
-July/Aug membership report: 5 new members, 5 resigned or suspended members, 1 retired member
-Sept membership report: 5 new members, 5 retired members
-Dr. Hochstatter to draft a letter for Dr. Le to use for retiring members as well as to design a certificate for complimentary attendance to Installation banquet.

LEGISLATION CO-CHAIRS REPORT: Dr. Ong

-COA looking to implement a keyperson email list to replace legislative phone tree for notification of members when legislative action is needed.
-AOA and COA currently are working on legislation
AOA: HR 1983 and HR1884 COA: SB 120

VISION SCREENINGS DIRECTOR: Dr. Shipman (absent)

-No report

BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT: Dr. Nadel (absent)

-Nov. Dec. Issue deadline is 10/28/2007. Contributions are welcome.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR REPORT: Dr. Haririfar

-Dr. Haririfar will begin ACCCOS raffle at October General Mtg.
- Dr. Akera will write a summary of the raffle history for the bulletin.

HONORABLE STAFF: Ms. Mata

-ACCCOS website is finished, but not yet published. Board requested assessment of security for website information before publishing.
-Email of current bulletin is difficult due to "weight" of graphics- Ms. Mata is working to try to minimize this for better transmissions in the future.

UCBSO REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Baker

-Child Health and Diabetes Fair in September both had excellent turn-outs.
-Students are receiving their board scores from the last round of testing.

PAST PRESIDENT: Dr. Kopiko

-April 27, 2008 will be the date for installation.
-Board approved Black Hawk Country Club for the function, due to changes at Castlewood.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Dr. Akera

-Infant-See wet lab: November 5, 2007- UCBSO and Dr. Hoenig will be participating. Another to follow, possibly next spring

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Wu

-House of Delegates scheduled for Feb 8 and 9th, 2008. ACCCOS is looking for delegates to go to Sacramento Convention Center to represent our society.
-Requested Donation from UCBSO students for the Eye Ball tabled until another meeting.
-Board Phone conference meeting changed to January. Dr. Wu and Mr. Baker will confer on new internet conferencing technology as another option for these types of meetings.
-ACCCOS board thanked Dr. Wu for housing the UCBSO Bar BQ for new students. It was very well received.
-The board approved \$25.00/hr rate for Ms. Mata's work on implementing our website. This rate will be reviewed again in 6 months to establish affordability once the site is being maintained.
-Membership status applications reviewed

MEETING ADJOURNED

ACCOS Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 8th, 2008 7 pm
Casa Orinda, 20 Bryant Way, Orinda, CA

Attending: Drs. Wu, Akera, Kopiko, Hochstatter, Mantua, Khayatan, Smith, Nadel, Haririfar, Ong, Ms. Mata and Student Representative: Mr. Baker

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dr. Hochstatter

- November minutes approved with corrections.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dr. Mantua

- Last month's treasurer's report approved as presented.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS CHAIR: Dr. Khayatan

- January meeting will be held at Scotts in Walnut Creek, Tim McCulley, MD will speak on Blepharoptosis

Sponsored by Hoya

- February meeting will be at Spenger's Berkeley Marina. Dave Kading, OD will speak on New and Innovative Uses for Contact lenses

Sponsored by Alcon

PUBLIC AFFAIRS CHAIR: Dr. Smith

- Hoya agreed to normal sponsorship speech time at January meeting
- Alcon contact person has changed, will contact them again regarding our February meeting
- Allergan contact has also changed. No new person known to date.
- Installation sponsors: HOYA, Ophthalmic Instruments, Transitions, Marchon, VSP, Concise Eyemaginations
- Potential new sponsors for 08-09: ProDesign, B&L, Optos, Kenmark, Safilo, Alcon, Allergan

MEMBERSHIP: Dr. Le, absent

- November and December reports: 2 member changed status to partial practice, 1 resigned, 1 suspended, no new members.
- Mr. Baker to try to collect graduation list for the last 5 yrs to compare to members list for new member possibilities
- State Board/COA to be contacted regarding non-members in our area, so that we can work to gain their membership
- Will work with Karen on retirees attending our upcoming installation banquet.

LEGISLATION CO-CHAIRS REPORT: Dr. Ong

-COA looking to implement a keyperson email list to replace legislative phone tree for notification of members when legislative action is needed for upcoming scope expansion bill

- Dr. Wu will announce legislative preparation for expansion bill at general meeting

VISION SCREENINGS DIRECTOR: Dr. Shipman (absent)

- No report

BULLETIN EDITOR REPORT: Dr. Nadel

- Jan Feb Bulletin mailed today
- Mar April deadline February 24, 2008, Contributions are welcome and helpful.

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR REPORT: Dr. Haririfar

- Dr. Haririfar is still gathering donations for upcoming scholarship raffle
- Students applying for this scholarship will have an application deadline of March 15, 2008.

HONORABLE STAFF: Ms. Mata

- ACCCOS website is finished. Suggestions for website are welcomed
- Bulletin emailing is becoming less memory intensive.

UCBSO REPRESENTATIVES: Mr. Baker

- Expand your Horizons upcoming in March.
- Mr. Baker inquired about ACCCOS help with Diabetes Expo in Santa Clara, board recommended contacting Santa Clara as that is closer to their territory.

PAST PRESIDENT: Dr. Kopiko

- April 27, 2008 will be the date for installation.
- Applied for J&J grant for speaker at installation.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Dr. Akera

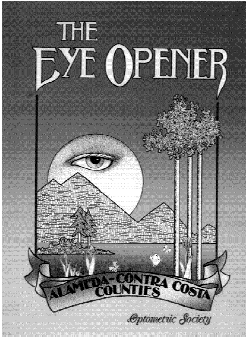
- Infant-See wet lab this week
- Dr. Akera will be working to find a TPA speaker for BAOC's Oct/Nov meeting

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dr. Wu

- House of Delegates scheduled for Feb 8 and 9th, 2008. Stipend for Doctors attending \$150 for one day, \$250 for 2 days
- Pre-HOD meeting Monday Feb 4 at 7pm at Casa Orinda.
- Next board meeting will be phone conference on Feb 12, 2008 at 7 pm. More info will be emailed to board prior to meeting
- Board member are asked to consider serving again next year on the 2008-2009 ACCCOS Board. Any new members are welcomed
- Membership status applications reviewed

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:02 PM

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