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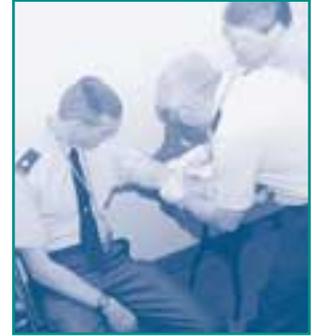
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Robert D. Newcomb, OD, MPH, FAAO



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In his 1927 address to the Academy membership, Chairman Eugene Wiseman said:

It is expected that the American Academy of Optometry will constitute essentially a study group and a mutually helpful group, and that it will gladly pass on the results of its investigations to the entire optometric profession.

Dear Colleagues:

In 2002, those founding principles were evident in a variety of ways, both domestically as well as internationally.

Shortly after a very successful 2001 annual meeting in Philadelphia, Academy staff and volunteers initiated a planning process that would lead to changes in the 2002 annual meeting... A meeting of four days rather than five, while preserving all of the component parts of our meeting that make it so unique. Integration of the programmatic elements of the Ellerbrock Memorial Continuing Education program with the papers, posters, and section symposia of the Scientific Program, to allow both clinicians and vision scientists to be “mutually helpful” to each other. And the crowning achievement of Academy 2002 San Diego was seeing 183 new Fellows proudly walk across the stage and be welcomed into Fellowship.

2002 was also highlighted by a very successful international meeting, “Optometry in the Alps,” in April. Thanks to the wonderful cooperation of our friends in the Schweizer Optikverband (SOV) in Switzerland, and the Vereinigung Deutscher Contactlinsenspezialisten e.V. (VDC) in Germany, many parts of our traditional domestic meeting were included in the outstanding education programs presented for the European optometric community.

Another highlight for the Academy came in August, when our journal, *Optometry and Vision Science*, received its highest impact factor rating ever! This recognition is further evidence that our organization “gladly passes on the results of our investigations to the entire optometric profession,” and in fact, to the entire scientific community.

Your American Academy of Optometry now has over 5,000 members from 47

leadership & vision

different countries. We have established strong working relationships with many other organizations, such as the World Council of Optometry, the National Eye Institute, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and the World Health Organization, just to name a few. We have the premiere scientific and clinical educational meeting in optometry. 97% of our Fellows renew their membership every year. Surely we have the most loyal members of any non-profit, volunteer professional organization in the world. And through our rigorous Fellowship and Diplomate programs, we continue to have the organizational expertise to promote the art and science of vision care.

We think Dr. Wiseman would be pleased to see what he and the other visionary leaders of the Academy began in the early part of the last century. And we thank you for the opportunity to lead this unique optometric organization during the past year.

Robert D. Newcomb, OD, MPH, FAAO
President, 2001 & 2002

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2001 & 2002 Board of Directors (from left): Drs. Rick Weisbarth, Mark Eger, Joe Yager, Sarita Soni, Bob Newcomb, Karla Zadnik, Tony Adams, Thom Freddo, and Tom Lewis.



ACADEMY IN THE ALPS 2002

Over 1,000 participants from around the globe participated in Academy in the Alps 2002 from April 12-15. Co-sponsored by the Academy, the Schweizer Optikverband and the Vereinigung Deutscher Contactlinsenspezialisten e.V., the meeting included more than 100 courses, papers and workshops. The program began with a pre-meeting in Interlaken, Switzerland. After a visit to the Haasg-Streit manufacturing plant and a lecture at the famed

Goldmann Clinic, the meeting continued in Munich, Germany. The Munich banquet included the induction of 13 new Fellows.

Academy in the Alps 2002 was the Academy at its best, presenting high quality continuing education, giving optometric professionals from around the world the opportunity to share research and ideas, and promoting Fellowship among Academy members outside North America.

ACADEMY 2002 SAN DIEGO: CARING FOR PATIENTS WITH DIABETES

On December 12-15, over 4,400 optometrists, vision scientists, optometric students and professionals met for Academy 2002 San Diego in San Diego, California. For the first time the annual meeting was reduced from five days to four. Although the meeting was a day shorter, there was no decrease in the number of classes or lectures from previous years. Attendees could choose from over 300 hours of the high quality courses, symposia and scientific presentations for which the Academy is known. From start to finish, Academy 2002 San Diego had something for everyone.

The theme of the meeting, "Caring for Patients with Diabetes," inspired the speakers and excited the attendees. Knowledge of diabetes and how it should be managed has become vital to the field of optometry. It is estimated that more than 16 million Americans have diabetes, but only half have been diagnosed. More than 1,200 attended the plenary luncheon the first day of the meeting. Keynote speaker Dr. Frank Vinicor, Director of the Division of Diabetes Translation at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Director of the World Health Organization's Collaborating Center on Diabetes Mellitus, gave an update of the diabetes epidemic. A track of continuing education courses focusing on diabetes ran throughout the meeting.

The theme also inspired the Academy's first community event. Working with local organizations, outreach efforts were made toward populations with high incidences of diabetes, particularly the Philippine and Hispanic communities. The event offered information and education about diabetes to individuals and families. It also included a health fair with representatives from local health and service organizations.

education & networking

Academy 2002 San Diego laid a strong Academy foundation for the record 606 student registrants. Student attendees had full access to all Academy events. The two student-only events, the Student Welcome Reception sponsored by Vistakon and the Student Networking Luncheon sponsored by CooperVision, were well attended. More than 50 students were awarded travel fellowships to help defray the cost of attending and a block of rooms was set aside for students at a reduced rate.

The high registration numbers also helped increase the number of student members to near record numbers. Student members are the number one source of new candidates for Fellowship. The Academy is also pleased to announce that new student chapters were formed at NOVA Southeastern College of Optometry and the New England College of Optometry. Thank you to the Faculty Liaisons and Student Liaisons at each school and college of optometry for all their work.



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This year 180 exhibitors in 270 booths made the Academy 2002 San Diego exhibit hall the largest and most successful in Academy history. A successful exhibit hall is vital for a successful meeting. Not only does it give attendees outstanding opportunities and access to technology, the exhibit hall is a major source of financial support to the Academy. Thank you, exhibitors, for your support!

The exhibit hall gave attendees hands-on experience with the latest in ophthalmic technology and products. The exhibit hall also included several firsts, including an amphitheater used for continuing education, a golf challenge for those who wanted to prove their skills on the driving range and artisans from San Diego displaying their work. There was also a “Grand Avenue” through the center of the exhibit hall. The avenue, complete with benches and streetlamps, crossed the center of the hall and gave attendees easy access to all the exhibitors.



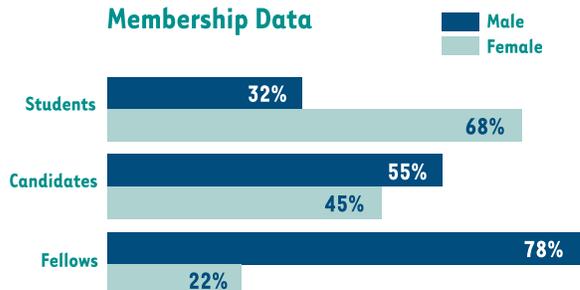
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MEMBERSHIP

197 new Fellows were inducted in 2002, 14 at Academy in the Alps 2002 and 183 at Academy 2002 San Diego. The Academy membership continues to become more diverse. The class of 2002 includes representatives from 16 countries and 36 states. In 1996, 11% of the Fellows were female; today the percentage is 22%. 68% of Academy student members are female.

The recruitment of high quality candidates for Fellowship is one of the Academy's highest priorities. Bringing in new members is vital to the future of the Academy. Over 200 optometrists and vision scientists applied for Fellowship in 2002. The largest proportion of new candidates were student members of the Academy transferring directly into candidacy. Significant numbers also applied at the annual meeting, at other meetings where the Academy had an exhibit booth and from the Academy website. A growing number were recruited by current Fellows of the Academy through the "Old Friends, New Fellows" membership campaign.

The recruitment of candidates for Fellowship is one of the responsibilities of being a Fellow. You can do your part by participating in the "Old Friends, New Fellows" campaign, speaking to optometric students about the Academy or volunteering in the Academy booth at various meetings. The future of the Academy depends upon each and every Fellow!

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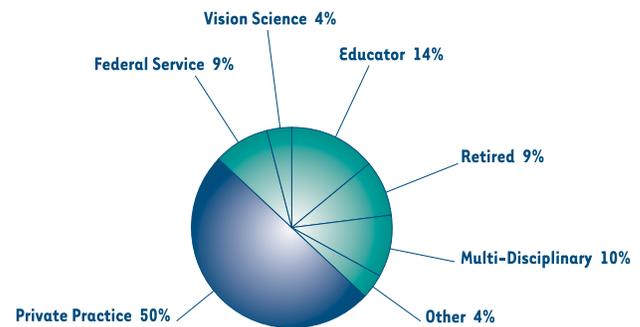
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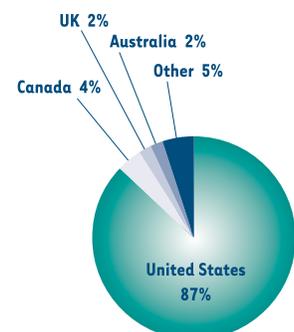
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For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenue, support and gains:				
Annual meeting	\$1,321,121			\$1,321,121
Membership	856,128			856,128
Contributions	3,600	\$292,280		295,880
In-kind contributions -				
International meeting	279,343			279,343
Investment earnings	(34,489)	(11,847)		(46,336)
Publications	54,895			54,895
Royalties	59,373			59,373
Sections	4,300			4,300
Other revenue	4,235			4,235
Net assets released from restrictions	176,253	(176,253)		
Total revenue, support and gains	2,724,759	104,180		2,828,939
Expenses:				
Program expenses:				
Annual meeting	1,363,697			1,363,697
Publications	365,091			365,091
Membership	188,778			188,778
Committees	136,632			136,632
International meeting	321,279			321,279
Sections	6,733			6,733
Scholarships, grants, awards and special funds	95,741			95,741
Contributions to other organizations	81,470			81,470
Total program expenses	2,559,421			2,559,421
Fundraising expenses	15,907			15,907
Management and general expenses:				
General and administrative	145,666			145,666
Executive council or governance	48,294			48,294
Total management and general expenses	193,960			193,960
Total expenses	2,769,288			2,769,288
Change in net assets	(44,529)	104,180		59,651
Net assets, July 1, 2001	604,780	307,446	\$107,000	1,019,226
Net assets, June 30, 2002	\$560,251	\$411,626	\$107,000	\$1,078,877

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION				CONSOLIDATED TOTALS				
Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Eliminations	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
					\$1,321,121			\$1,321,121
					856,128			856,128
\$86,222	\$228,797	\$4,817	\$319,836		89,822	\$521,077	\$4,817	615,716
63,060			63,060	\$(63,060)				
	(25,276)	(10,065)	90	(35,251)	279,343	(21,912)	90	279,343
					(59,765)			(81,587)
					54,895			54,895
					59,373			59,373
					4,300			4,300
					4,235			4,235
	218,594	(218,594)			394,847	(394,847)		
342,600	138	4,907	347,645	(63,060)	3,004,299	104,318	4,907	3,113,524
					1,363,697			1,363,697
					365,091			365,091
					188,778			188,778
					136,632			136,632
					321,279			321,279
					6,733			6,733
243,112			243,112		338,853			338,853
				(63,060)	18,410			18,410
243,112			243,112	(63,060)	2,739,473			2,739,473
91,676			91,676		107,583			107,583
55,240			55,240		200,906			200,906
					48,294			48,294
55,240			55,240		249,200			249,200
390,028			390,028	(63,060)	3,096,256			3,096,256
(47,428)	138	4,907	(42,383)		(91,957)	104,318	4,907	17,268
474,797	431,421	\$187,716	1,093,934		1,079,577	738,867	\$294,716	2,113,160
\$427,369	\$431,559	\$192,623	\$1,051,551		\$987,620	\$843,185	\$299,623	\$2,130,428

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