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Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice[®]



Richard E. Weisbarth, OD, FAAO
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Dear Colleagues,

It's been a very successful year for the Academy!

The annual meeting is the event of the year for the Academy. And Academy 2008 Anaheim set new records for both the highest attendance ever with 4,875 attendees and the largest number of students – more than 700! At the meeting you were introduced to the new Academy logo, you donated more than \$17,000 at the American Optometric Foundation silent auction, you chose from nearly 270 hours of continuing education and you viewed the showcases of more than 190 exhibitors.

There was non-stop action throughout the entire meeting. The education received outstanding evaluations, exhibits were filled with vendors with the latest optometric products and technologies, and more than 50 affiliate groups held their meetings and events in conjunction with the Academy's program. The meeting ended on a high note with the induction of 151 new Fellows and 6 new diplomates.

Throughout the meeting there was evidence of the importance of our vision statement, "Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice[®]" and the dedication of our attendees to our mission, "Promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning."

In 2008 the Academy leadership re-affirmed both the vision and mission in its review and update of the strategic plan. And looking ahead, the leadership set the following goals for the near future:

- Be the premier provider of post graduate education in optometry
- Define the Academy's role in optometric certification
- Increase the number of members while maintaining our standards
- Evaluate the Academy's structure of specialty areas
- Develop a plan to promote the Academy to various audiences
- Encourage the discovery of new knowledge in vision science and increase the resources to support it



The Academy is fortunate to have wonderfully dedicated volunteers. Our members give their time, energy and expertise to continually advance the Academy and the profession.

Our journal *Optometry & Vision Science (OVS)* continues to rank among the highest of all eye and vision care scientific journals, as determined by Impact Factor. This year saw two feature issues; Glaucoma: Research Spotlight on Patient Care, and Dry Eye: Clinical and Research Challenges. In addition, OVS held its third annual continuing education course at the Academy's annual meeting.

The American Optometric Foundation, the Academy's philanthropic arm providing financial support for optometric research and education, provided over \$400,000 in scholarships, fellowships, and research grants. The Foundation's assets grew to \$3 million this year, up from \$1 million just five years ago. This included an outstanding gift of \$200,000 from the estate of Jill Mertz, the widow of the late Dr. George Mertz.

This Annual Report highlights the activities and accomplishments of the Academy throughout the year. But we can't look back for long...Academy 2009 Orlando is right around the corner! We hope to see you there.



AAO Board of Directors (l-r, seated) Barbara Caffery, Mark Eger, Rick Weisbarth, Karla Zadnik (l-r, standing) Joe Shovlin, Brett G. Bence, Bernie Dolan, Joe Yager



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Academy 2008 Anaheim Highlights Today's Research, Tomorrow's Practice®: How Does the Future Affect Today?

Academy 2008 Anaheim was an excellent opportunity for those in optometry and vision science to learn about the latest research and network with their colleagues. With 4,875 attendees this year, it was the highest attended conference in Academy history. There were nearly 270 hours of cutting edge lectures and workshops, 15 section symposia and hundreds of scientific papers and posters.

The Plenary Session this year, “How Does the Future Affect Today?” focused on the future in the profession of optometry. Ed Barlow, MA, a noted futurist, provided insight on the future of optometry and health care delivery in a changing world. Kay Dickersin, PhD, shared information about The Cochrane Project, an international non-profit that produces and disseminates systematic reviews of healthcare information and promotes the search for evidence in the form of clinical trials and other studies. She presented ways that practitioners can benefit from research results and contribute to data collection. Donald O. Mutti, OD, PhD, FAAO, ended the session giving the audience examples of ways The Cochrane Project will bring today's research into tomorrow's practice, specifically in his area of expertise, the study of myopia.

This year's meeting launched an exciting joint program of the Academy and the Optometric Glaucoma Society (OGSs) during which some of the world's premier glaucoma specialists presented “Pathogenic Mechanisms of Glaucoma: Basic Science and Clinical Implications.” Featured speakers included Douglas Anderson, MD; Claude Burgoyne, MD; Jack Cioffi, MD; and John Morrison, MD. Attendees learned more about retinal ganglion cell axonal flow, the biomechanical aspects of glaucoma, and influences on glaucomatous optic neuropathy.

The Academy's Sections presented the latest research in each topic area and provided a forum to discuss divergent viewpoints. The ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium topic, “Assessing the Structure and Function of the Visual System

Using Novel Imaging Technologies” was sponsored by the Vision Science Section. This symposium brought together leaders in the area of biomedical imaging of the visual system to present the latest developments in the field. Topics ranged from imaging the anterior segment to mapping the visual cortex. The Binocular Vision, Perception, & Pediatric Optometry section presented “Case Management of Refractive Error in Preschool Children: Can We Agree?” where presenters from both optometry and ophthalmology defended their opinions on the best refractive practices for preschool children. The Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses presented “Beyond Oxygen - the Future of Contact Lenses” that addressed important issues limiting contact lens wear and the causes of complications for wearers, namely: contact lens induced discomfort and dryness, corneal inflammation and infection.



Dr. Clifton Schor receives the Charles F. Prentice Medal Award from Academy President Dr. Rick Weisbarth.





“Contemporary Disease Management – Point/Counter Point” presented by the Disease Section was the popular Wednesday evening symposium where diplomates discussed interesting ocular disease cases on the ocular manifestations of both systemic and neurologic disease. The Section’s second symposium was “The Clinical Applicability of Selected NEI Trials” which highlighted reviews of NEI trials that the average practitioner can utilize in daily practice. The Low Vision section presented “Low Vision of Special Needs Populations,” a discussion about the vision care of individuals with disabilities, infants/toddlers and those with severe brain injury; and “Perspectives on a Low Vision Research Agenda,” an overview of low vision needs from a historical perspective, around the globe and in the military.



Practical experience in the workshops

The Optometric Education Section presented “Developing a Career Path for Optometric Faculty” which encouraged optometrists interested in pursuing a career in academics. The Primary Care presentation “Primary Eye Care: Today and Tomorrow” discussed primary care practices that will improve patient management and clinical care, and to prepare primary care optometry for upcoming changes in the health care field. The Public Health and Environmental Optometry and Optometric Education Sections jointly presented “Electronic Health Records (EHR) in Eye Care – The Great Leap Forward.” The Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section also presented “Eye Injury Prevention – Strategies for Success,” which was a forum for experts to provide successful strategies for eye safety in various hazardous environments.

The sunny weather in Southern California was ideal for the Academy meeting, and attendees found time for networking and social events, too. The student networking lunch was a forum to recognize students who have displayed exceptional leadership and it provided an opportunity for students to network and learn more about residency programs. Although the luncheon was targeted for students, many residents came to benefit from the networking opportunity. The Australia Party was a big hit living up to the tradition of great music, lots of dancing and late night pizza.

The President’s Roundtable Banquet concluded the meeting with the induction of 151 Fellows into the class of 2008, plus six new diplomates. The Roundtable Banquet ended with the live auction of an original piece of art, painted and donated by Dr. Irv Borish, that provided \$2,500 of the more than \$17,000 raised at the conference for the American Optometric Foundation.

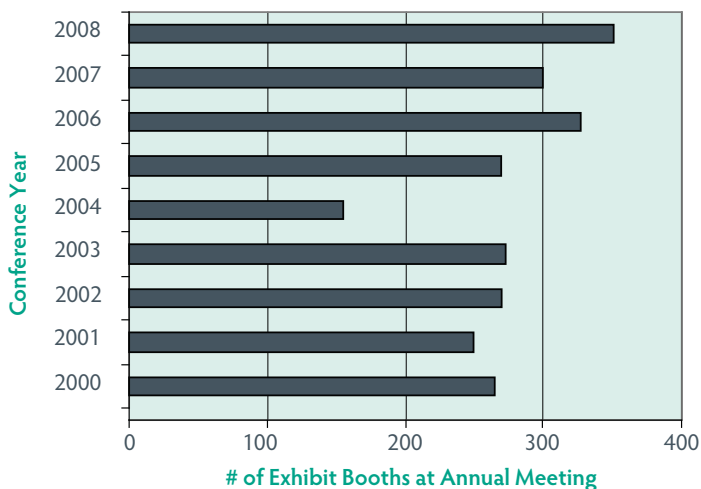
A highlight of the conference was the introduction of the new Academy logo at the meeting. The work of focus groups held at Academy 2007 Tampa showed that the shield that the Academy had used in its logo for so many years not only represented the past, but to many was not memorable. There was a desire to find a logo to exemplify the Academy’s commitment to excellence and the passion for the future that is the Academy. The new logo will take the Academy into an era with a renewed focus and meaning. The letters “AAO” have been transformed into an eye shape, and the organization’s name is aligned alongside in a forward-looking yet traditional font.

Academy 2008 Anaheim was a great success! With the introduction of the new AAO logo, the excellent education, and the highest attendance in all of Academy history, this meeting was the place to be for the optometry profession.





Annual Meeting Exhibits



Annual Meeting Registrants



Student & Resident Travel Fellowships



Cornea & Contact Lens Residency Travel Fellowship Recipients

More than 700 students attended Academy 2008 Anaheim. The Academy had two successful student-only events, a Student Welcome Reception Sponsored by VISTAKON® and a Student Networking Luncheon sponsored by CooperVision. In addition, Allergan sponsored the highly successful Residents Day, a day of papers and posters presented by residents, and capped off with a well-attended reception.

Students had the opportunity to attend all of the outstanding continuing education and fun social events at the meeting. A total of 127 students and residents were awarded a \$750 travel fellowship to help defray the costs of attending Academy 2008 Anaheim.



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The exhibit hall at Academy 2008 Anaheim was a huge success. Meeting attendees were able to learn about the most cutting-edge optometric technologies, try out the latest products and discuss optometric trends with their colleagues.

A successful exhibit hall is important to a great meeting. It provides attendees an opportunity to access information about the latest in optometry trends. The exhibit hall is also a source of financial support for the Academy. We would like to extend a warm thank you and heartfelt appreciation to the exhibitors for their support!



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Ho Wai Patrick Chu

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Janene Sims

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Danielle L. Weiler
Amanda E. Mendez
Roberts
Angelica Salamanca
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Randall McClellan

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Georgia Patsiopoulos

Tennessee

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Sarah Miller Watkins
Daniel Arnett Taylor

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Darren P. Rhoton

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Scott C. Martin
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Heather Anne Anderson
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John J. Kim
Robert Patrick Senko
Adreain Maurice Henry



2008 Award Recipients



Former Glenn A. Fry Lecture Award recipients celebrating at the Banquet with Dr. Laura Frishman (center) the 2008 recipient of the Fry Award.

Charles F. Prentice Lecture

Clifton M. Schor, OD, PhD, FAAO

Surgical Correction of Presbyopia with Intraocular Lenses that can Accommodate

Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture*

Laura Frishman, PhD, MSc, FAAO

Non-Invasive In Vivo Assessment of Retinal Ganglion Cell Function Using the Electroretinogram

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award

Konrad Pesudovs, BScOptom, PhD, DipAdvClinOptom, FCLSA, FAAO, FVCO

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry

Feike Grit, BSc, DSc, FAAO

William Feinbloom Award

Henry A. Greene, OD, FAAO

Garland W. Clay Award

Raymond A. Applegate, OD, PhD, FAAO, Charles Ballentine, BA, Hillery Gross, BA, Edwin J. Sarver, PhD, Charlene A. Sarver, BS

Carel C. Koch Memorial Award

Brien Holden, BAppSc, PhD, DSc, OAM, FAAO

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education*

Charles Wormington, OD, PhD, FAAO

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics*

Bret Lehman, BS

Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses Awards

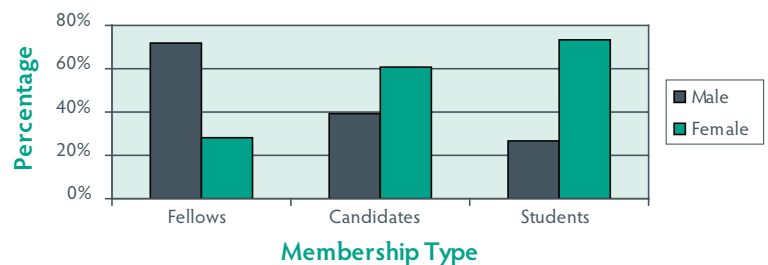
Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award

Noel Brennan, OD, PhD, FAAO

Corneal Oxygenation with Contact Lens Wear

*Administered by the American Optometric Foundation

Membership Categories by Gender



The Academy membership continues to become more diverse. In 1996, 11 percent of the Fellows were female; now women represent 28 percent.



Vision Research Exploration at the Academy 2008 Anaheim



Residents Day



Dr. Hom lectures on latest procedures

Academy 2008 Anaheim showcased cutting edge research in optometry and vision science. As is the Academy's hallmark, research results and their translational applications were presented in various formats: Lectures and Workshops, Residents Day, symposia, poster presentations and scientific papers, and at the press conference.

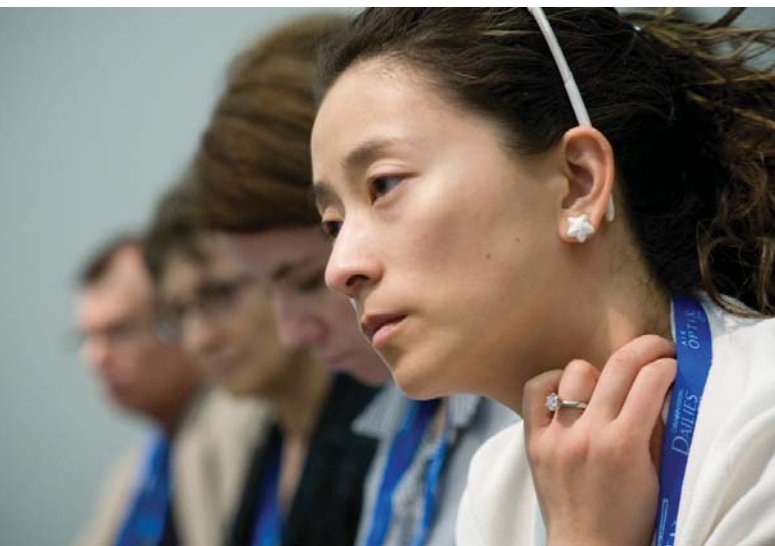
As described in a report of the 1925 annual meeting of the Academy in Buffalo, NY: "While the discussion sometimes became rather heated, it was the fire generated by opinion conflicting with reference to scientific procedure and interpretations."

A select number of the most remarkable studies were presented at the annual press conference. These included such topics as:

- the treatments for symptomatic convergence insufficiency in children,
- the relationship between the tear film lipid layer and the minimizing of tear film thinning in contact lens wearers,
- changes to orthokeratology epithelial due to cessation of lens wear,
- microorganisms in the lids of children that wear contact lenses,

- the viewing distance compared to visual discomfort while using handheld displays,
- the effects of simulated altitude on color discrimination using the Farnsworth D-15 and Lanthony desaturated D-15 tests,
- multivariate analysis of factors associated with discontinuation from silicone hydrogel contact lens daily, and
- outputs of compact fluorescent lamps consistent with the claims made.

The focus of the annual Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium was generative diseases of the retina that presently have no cure. Two such diseases, retinitis pigmentosa (RP) and age-related macular degeneration (AMD), both leading causes of blindness, initially affect photoreceptors or retinal pigment epithelial cells in the outer retina. Joseph Rizzo, MD, co-founder and director of the Boston Retinal Implant Project, spoke about the progress in the development and use of microelectronic prostheses in human patients. Gislin Dagnelie, PhD, FAAO, an expert on testing vision in patients with advanced eye disease, presented the challenges involved in testing the limited vision of patients



with prosthetic implants in their retinas. John Flannery, PhD, a leader in developing and applying genetic approaches for preventing blindness that results from retinal diseases, described recent advances including improvements in gene therapy and use of gene-based delivery systems to protect and manipulate the retina. These speakers led a discussion on emerging approaches for restoring vision and improving quality of life in those suffering from retinal degenerative diseases that lead to blindness.

The Awards Lecture provided an opportunity for attendees to share in two groundbreaking research projects that are advancing the field of optometry. Clifton M. Schor, OD, PhD, FAAO, recipient of the Charles F. Prentice Award, presented “Surgical Correction of Presbyopia with Intraocular Lenses That Can Accommodate.” The results of his research show that the accommodative system is capable of adapting to optimize neuro-muscular control of accommodating intra-ocular lenses (A-IOLs) that are designed to change dioptric power of the presbyopic eye. This ability is augmented by optical factors that extend the depth of focus including the natural aberrations of the cornea, multifocal lenses, and monovision corrections. Laura Frishman, PhD, MSc, FAAO, recipient of the Glenn A. Fry Award, presented “Non-Invasive In Vivo Assessment of Retinal Ganglion Cell Function Using the Electroretinogram.” Her research showed signals from the various reti-

nal cell types can be recorded noninvasively from the cornea using a flash, or multifocal electroretinogram (ERG). The elements of the ERG that originate from retinal ganglion cells are affected early in eyes with glaucoma and other optic neuropathies, suggesting that the ERG may have utility for early detection of functional changes in these diseases.

The Scientific Program included 26 hours of paper sessions, including research results on ocular surface, corneal and refractive surgery, visual and low performance, posterior segment, glaucoma and retina, epidemiology, public health and optometric education, binocular vision and pediatrics, image quality, ocular disease and contact lens, and refractive error and peripheral refraction. The posters were defended by their respective authors throughout three days of the meeting. The wide variety of poster topics included viewing distance compared to visual discomfort of using handheld displays, student loan debt after optometry school, global efforts to eliminate blindness, and low vision and the health and safety of children wearing contacts. Attendees also heard current residents present case reports in both paper and poster presentations during Residents Day, in its second year.

The Academy is a unique forum for vision science professionals to communicate innovative research and new methods for advancement of eye care that can be used in daily practice. What we invest today in optometric research and education will affect the future, as is expressed in the Academy’s mission: “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®!”





American Optometric Foundation

Funding The Future Of Optometry

The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy's philanthropic arm. While the Annual Meeting provides a forum for presentation of research, and *Optometry and Vision Science* promotes the publication of new research, it is the Foundation that directly supports research. By funding the future of optometry through its scholarship and awards programs, the Foundation gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward. The Foundation also administers the Glenn Fry Lecture Award, the Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education, and the Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics. These are listed elsewhere in this Annual Report.

George and Jill Mertz

The Foundation received a donation of \$200,000 from the estate of Jill Mertz, the widow of former Foundation President George Mertz. Friends and family gathered in October to share memories of Jill and George and to scatter their ashes in the San Francisco Bay. In recognition of this extraordinary donation, the Foundation Board renamed the George Mertz Scholarship Fund, the George and Jill Mertz Scholarship Fund.

Celebration Luncheon

The Foundation's Celebration Luncheon was attended by a record 250 supporters and honorees. Six individuals or couples were welcomed into the Foundation's Presidents Circle in recognition of gifts or pledges of \$10,000 or more. In a special presentation, VISTAKON® was recognized for \$1 million of support of the Foundation. The brief program highlighted the many individuals impacted by VISTAKON's longstanding vision and leadership.

Thank You to Donors

The Foundation enjoyed a successful meeting in Anaheim with Academy Fellows and other registrants contributing over \$56,000. Meeting attendees donated \$6,935 with their Annual Meeting registration. \$15,896 was received in donations at the Foundation Booth in the Exhibit Hall. More than 20 lecturers donated their honoraria to the Foundation for a total of \$8,165. \$7,795 was contributed with RSVPs for the Foundation Luncheon. The Silent Auction at the Celebration Luncheon plus the live auction at the Banquet raised \$17,570. This includes more than \$6,000 for four paintings donated by Dr. Irv Borish.

2008 RESEARCH GRANTS

2008 VSP Seed Grant

Nathan Efron, BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FFAO
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2008 VISTAKON® Research Grants

Danielle M. Robertson, OD, PhD, FFAO

UT Southwestern Medical Center

Lyndon Jones, PhD, FFAO

University of Waterloo

2008 EZELL FELLOWS

The William C. Ezell Fellowships were established to provide financial support to postgraduate students who plan to pursue an academic career in optometry and vision science. 2008 was a special year in that it marked the awarding of the first Optometric Glaucoma Society-Ezell Fellowship.

Essilor Ezell Fellow

Bradley Dougherty, OD, MS

The Ohio State University

George Mertz Ezell Fellow

Wendy Harrison, OD, MS

University of California, Berkeley

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellow

Jessica Mathew, OD

University of Houston

CIBA Vision Ezell Fellow

Tracy Nguyen, OD, FFAO

Indiana University

CIBA Vision Ezell Fellow

Zan Pan, MS, MD

SUNY College of Optometry

VISTAKON® Ezell Fellow

Joe Phillips, BS

University of Houston

American Optometric Foundation Presidents Circle Ezell Fellow

Rachel Redfern, OD

University of Houston



American Optometric Foundation Presidents Circle Ezell Fellow

Kathryn Richdale, OD, MS, FAAO

The Ohio State University

American Academy of Optometry Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses Ezell Fellow

Eric Ritchey, OD, MS, FAAO

The Ohio State University

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow

Patrick Scott, OD, MS

Boston University

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellow

James Su, MEng

University of California, Berkeley

VISTAKON® Ezell Fellow

Lakshman Subbaraman, BSOptom, MS, FAAO

University of Waterloo

Borish Ezell Fellow

Dean VanNasdale, OD

Indiana University

Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow

Joe Wheat, OD

University of Houston

2008 VISTAKON® RESIDENCY AWARDS

2008 George Mertz Contact Lens Residency Awards

Catherine Pannebaker, OD

The Ohio State University

John Laurent, OD, PhD, FAAO

University of Alabama at Birmingham



2008 Carl Zeiss Fellowship recipients

2008 Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards

Neeta Chhabra, OD, MS, FAAO

NOVA Southeastern University

Trevor Irish, OD

Northeastern State University

2008 Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Awards

Megan Allen, OD

Illinois College of Optometry

Emma Vicuna, OD

University of Houston

2008 CARL ZEISS VISION FELLOWS

The second class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows—a student from every school and college of optometry in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico – was honored at Academy 2008 Anaheim. These outstanding individuals represent the future of our profession and each received a \$5,000 fellowship and a travel award to attend our next meeting in Anaheim, and will be sponsored to attend Academy 2009 in Orlando where they will help welcome the third class of Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows.

Aarlan Aceto

New England College of Optometry

Rachel Brackley

Salus University

Michelle Calder Cardwell

Michigan College of Optometry

Elissa Dornbach

University of Houston

Eric Gengenbach

Southern College of Optometry

Scott Noal Gunderson

University of California, Berkeley

L'Erin Harmon

Indiana University School of Optometry

James Freddie Hill III

University of Alabama at Birmingham

Gelea Ice

Nova Southeastern University

Nathan Lighthizer

Pacific University

Debbie Luk

University of Waterloo

Teresa Mathew

University of Missouri-St. Louis

David Meyer

Southern California College of Optometry

Billi Jayne Prinzen

Illinois College of Optometry

Stephane Rivard

Université de Montréal

Ashley Scantling

Northeastern State University

Susana Toledo

Inter-American University of Puerto Rico

Lynn Trieu

SUNY State College of Optometry

Jennifer Truong

The Ohio State University



Academy Membership

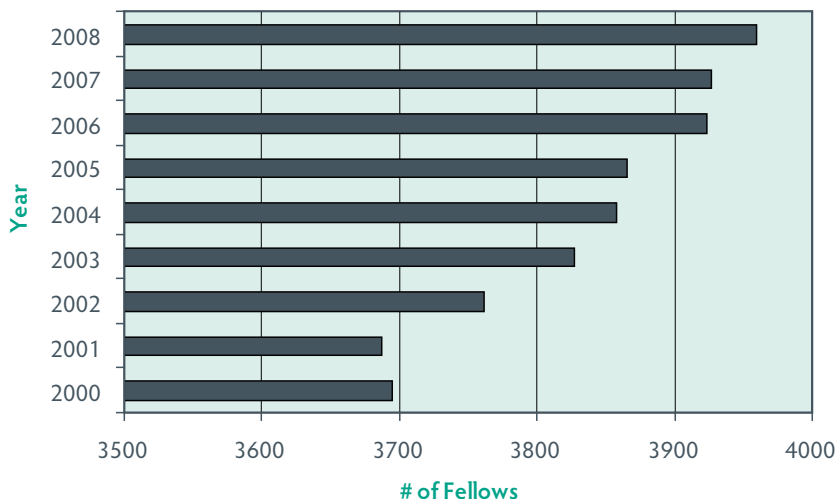
The Academy was founded in 1922. Its mission to promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning includes:

- Sponsoring educational programs that provide practitioners current information about all aspects of clinical practice
- Disseminating current knowledge that allows an understanding of new products and technology
- Initiating and supporting research programs in optometry and related sciences
- Creating opportunities for sharing results of research in vision
- Encouraging reporting of exceptional and instructive conditions encountered in practice
- Disseminating knowledge through *Optometry and Vision Science*, the official journal of the American Academy of Optometry
- Promoting the highest ethical and professional standards in practice.



Participants discuss the various events at the meeting.

Fellowship Growth



The recruitment of high quality candidates for Fellowship is one of the Academy's highest priorities and is vital to our future.

The Academy has three categories of membership: Fellow, candidate for Fellowship and student.

Membership Type	Total	Percentage	Male	Female
Fellows	3942	75%	2836 72%	1106 28%
Candidates	431	8%	168 39%	263 61%
Students	915	17%	243 27%	672 73%

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Chapters

The Academy has 21 chapters, including seven student chapters. They were established as a membership catalyst and serve to provide the continuous exchange of ideas in promoting the mission of the Academy.



Geographic: 21

- **European** (Continental)
- **Great Britain**
- **Quebec** (Canada)
- **South Africa**
- **US:** California, Florida, Hawaii, Heart Of America, Illinois, Indiana, New England, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Northeastern Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin

Student: 7

- **ICO** Illinois College of Optometry
- **NECO** New England College of Optometry
- **NOVA** Southeastern College of Optometry
- **SU** Salus University (Formerly PCO)
- **SCCO** Southern California College of Optometry
- **SUNY** State University of New York
- **UCBSO** University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Highlights of activities conducted by some of the chapters during 2008:

California

The California Chapter provided 8 students with optometric project funds, sponsored one hotel room and 20 registration fees for students attending Academy 2008 Anaheim. The chapter created a newsletter with information on funded student projects and recruited 56 members at a membership drive.

New Jersey

The New Jersey Chapter held a Summer Seminar offering seven credits of continuing education with 195 attendees. The chapter also held its NJAO Golf Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC offering 16 credits in continuing education with 50 attendees. A donation of \$10,000 from the seminar proceeds was made to Pennsylvania College of Optometry to provide travel fellowships to New Jersey students attending the Academy annual meeting.

Florida

The Florida Chapter held a meeting May 2-3, 2008 in Howey-In-The-Hills, FL with 67 attendees with Fellows Tammy Than, OD, and Immediate-Past Academy President Jack Yager, OD as speakers. They also sponsored two student travel grants for students to attend Academy 2008 Anaheim.

Great Britain

The Great Britain Chapter charged its executive committee with 1) revitalizing the Chapter by developing a vision for optometry, and 2) being a resource for optometrists. The chapter created the Accessing Advanced Optometry program that focuses on specialized skills such as advanced contact lens practice, therapeutics, co-management, low vision and pediatrics.

North Carolina

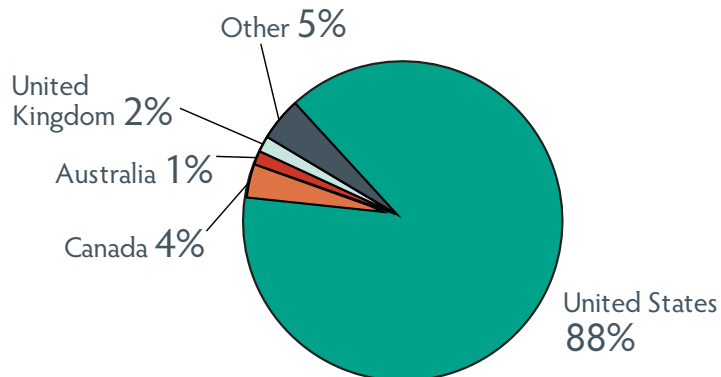
Twenty-eight attendees participated in the North Carolina Chapter meeting December 4, 2008 in Charlotte, NC on the evolving management of retinal disorders using injectable therapy.

Virginia

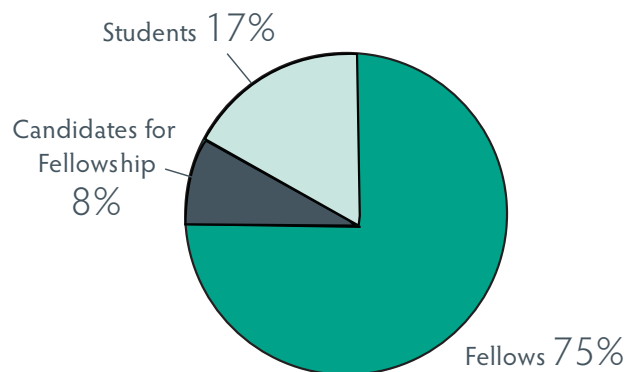
The Virginia Chapter continued their 10+ year program of monthly grand rounds. The program is open to all optometrists, students and residents. Typically, the meetings are held at the VA hospital eye clinic where participants have the opportunity to examine patients and have discussions. The chapter annual dues help subsidize residents' costs to attend the Academy annual meeting.



Geographic Distribution

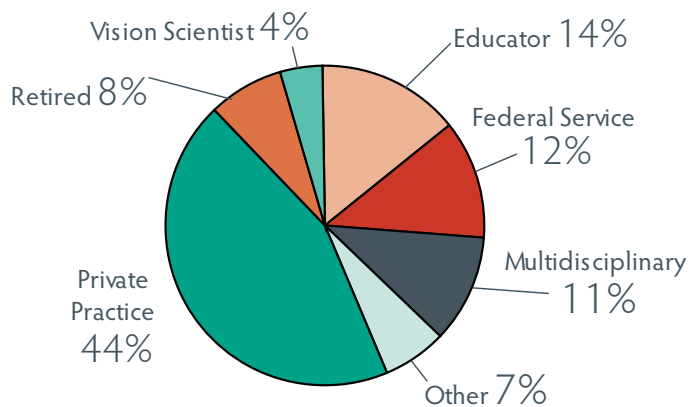


Member Categories

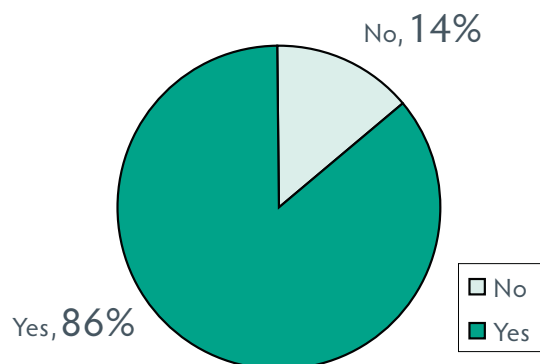


Fellows meet rigorous written requirements before taking and passing an oral examination to be a "Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)." Fellows are private practitioners, vision scientists, and educators in vision science; they work for the federal government and in other settings in an optometric capacity. 151 new Fellows were inducted in 2008. The Class of 2008 included representatives from 9 countries and 33 states.

Fellows Professional Setting



Fellows Who See Patients





Membership Sections

The Academy has eight areas of shared interest referred to as sections.

Each Academy section conducts and fosters clinical, educational, research or related activities, including outstanding programs for the annual meeting and diplomate programs.

- Binocular Vision and Perception and Pediatric Optometry
- Cornea and Contact Lenses
- Ocular Disease
- Low Vision
- Optometric Education
- Primary Care
- Public Health and Environmental Optometry
- Vision Science

New Diplomates

Section on Cornea and Contact Lenses

Mr. William Long, Dacula, GA

Mr. Stefan Schwartz, Hildesheim, Germany

Dr. Colleen M. Riley, Jacksonville, FL

Dr. Peter A. Simmons, Irvine, CA

Low Vision Section

Dr. John Rundquist, Amherst, NY

Vision Science Section

Dr. Wayne A. Verdon, Berkeley, CA

Diplomate Programs

Seven of the eight sections administer diplomate programs, which offer opportunities for Fellows to demonstrate the highest level of expertise in a specialty area.

- Binocular Vision and Perception and Pediatric Optometry
- Cornea and Contact Lens
- Disease
- Low Vision
- Primary Care
- Public Health and Environmental Optometry
- Vision Science



303 Fellows, about 8 percent of the Academy membership, have attained this distinction of being a Diplomate. Among the benefits of becoming a Diplomate of a section are:

- Professional growth and goal achievement
- Recognition of expanded knowledge and skill in their research or practice area
- Participation in referral network of qualified colleagues
- Camaraderie and fellowship with leaders in the field



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Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS				
Annual Meeting	\$1,729,495	-	-	\$1,729,495
Membership	1,203,400	-	-	1,203,400
Contributions	24,400	423,169	-	447,569
In-Kind Contributions	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	(65,507)	(25,773)	-	(93,280)
Publications	18,210	-	-	18,210
Royalties	162,063	-	-	162,063
Sections	10,280	-	-	10,280
Other Revenue	6,198	-	-	6,198
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	462,338	(462,338)	-	-
Total Revenue, Support, and Gains	3,548,877	(64,942)	-	3,483,935
EXPENSES				
Program Expenses:				
Annual Meeting	1,804,370	-	-	1,804,370
Publications	458,227	-	-	458,227
Membership	249,420	-	-	249,420
Committees	121,668	-	-	121,668
Sections	40,703	-	-	40,703
Scholarships, Grants, Awards and Special Funds	156,692	-	-	156,692
Contributions to Other Organizations	158,922	-	-	158,922
Total Program Expenses	2,990,002	-	-	2,990,002
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES				
Management And General Expenses:				
General and Administrative	336,794	-	-	336,794
Executive Council or Governance	58,755	-	-	58,755
Total Management and General Expenses	395,549	-	-	395,549
Total Expenses	3,385,551	-	-	3,385,551
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	163,326	(64,942)	-	98,384
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	2,618,309	691,207	215,410	3,524,926
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$2,781,635	\$626,265	\$215,410	\$3,623,310



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Consolidated Totals

Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Eliminations	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
-	-	-	-	-	\$1,729,495	-	-	\$1,729,495
-	-	-	-	-	1,203,400	-	-	1,203,400
251,781	539,592	-	791,373	(8,775)	267,406	962,761	-	1,230,167
138,174	-	-	138,174	(138,174)	-	-	-	-
2,952	3,619	958	7,529	-	(64,555)	(22,154)	958	(85,751)
-	-	-	-	-	18,210	-	-	18,210
-	-	-	-	-	162,063	-	-	162,063
-	-	-	-	-	10,280	-	-	10,280
-	-	-	-	-	6,198	-	-	6,198
463,110	(463,110)	-	-	-	925,448	(925,448)	-	-
856,017	80,101	958	937,076	(146,949)	4,257,945	15,159	958	4,274,062
-	-	-	-	-	1,804,370	-	-	1,804,370
-	-	-	-	-	458,227	-	-	458,227
-	-	-	-	-	249,420	-	-	249,420
-	-	-	-	-	121,668	-	-	121,668
-	-	-	-	-	40,703	-	-	40,703
457,437	-	-	457,437	-	614,129	-	-	614,129
-	-	-	-	(146,949)	11,973	-	-	11,973
457,437	-	-	457,437	(146,949)	3,300,490	-	-	3,300,490
113,594	-	-	113,594	-	113,594	-	-	113,594
55,684	-	-	55,684	-	392,478	-	-	392,478
-	-	-	-	-	58,755	-	-	58,755
55,684	-	-	55,684	-	451,233	-	-	451,233
626,715	-	-	626,715	(146,949)	3,865,317	-	-	3,865,317
229,302	80,101	958	310,361	-	392,628	15,159	958	408,745
794,492	1,229,017	421,186	2,444,695	-	3,412,801	1,920,224	636,596	5,969,621
\$1,023,794	\$1,309,118	\$422,144	\$2,755,056	-	\$3,805,429	\$1,935,383	\$637,554	\$6,378,366



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Vision Service Plan (VSP)

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Haag Streit USA
LWW VisionCare Group/
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Lasik Plus
Medennium
Odyssey Medical
Optos
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