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HIGHLAND OPTOMETRIST RE-ELECTED TRUSTEE OF STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION

Sacramento, CA, February 12, 2010 – **Jan L. Cooper, OD, FAAO**, a Highland optometrist, was re-elected as trustee of the California Optometric Association's (COA) Board of Trustees during its annual House of Delegates meeting in Ontario, California, January 29-30, 2010.

"It is an honor and a privilege to represent my profession, and I find it fulfilling to work with such an excellent group of colleagues and staff in support of the California Optometric Association," Dr. Cooper says. "To serve my profession in this capacity is one of the greatest highlights of my professional career, and I see my service as another opportunity to support my profession, reach out to the community, build collaborative relationships, and assist in bridging gaps in healthcare delivery in service to the public."

A member of COA since joining the Association in 2003, Dr. Cooper has been a very active member of her local society, the Inland Empire Optometric Society, as Almost Free CE Committee chair advisor, is a past president, and holds the title as "president emeritus" for the society. In addition to her trustee role, at COA Dr. Cooper also sits on the California Vision Foundation's Fund Development Committee and Nominating Committee as a board liaison. In 2007, she was appointed to the American Optometric Association (AOA) Community Health Center Committee, and will become chair of the committee in March 2010. She also serves on the Advocacy Committee for the California State Rural Health Association, the Dean's Advisory Council for Western University of Health Sciences, College of Optometry in Pomona, CA, and holds a seat with the National Committee USA for Optometry Giving Sight.

Elected in November 2009 as co-chair of the National Academy of Practices for Optometry, Dr. Cooper serves on the National Council for the National Academy of Practices. Last March she received the honor of Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academy of Practices. Additionally, Dr. Cooper is an active member of the community, and has participated in vision screenings for the Sathya Sai Baba Medical Camp in Corona, CA; eye examinations for both the homeless veterans with Angels for Sight in Compton, CA and for the underserved at Eagles Community Church in Perris, CA; as Sunday School program director of the Unity Church in Riverside, CA; and as president and founder of the charitable organization The Hummingbird Tea Society. The American Heart Association's Riverside Chapter recently appointed her to chair the Healthcare Provider Subcommittee for a newly developed fundraising event.

Dr. Cooper has been practicing optometry in the Inland Empire for over 20 years, and currently practices at the practice of Dr. James Espinosa in Highland, California. She developed the optometry departments at both the Inland Empire Community Health Center in Bloomington, CA and the Arlanza Family Health Center in Riverside, CA. Teaching is also one of Dr. Cooper's professional interests, and she has served as adjunct clinical instructor at Loma Linda University School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology teaching optics to the residents since early 2003.

Dr. Cooper received her Doctorate in Optometry in 1987 from the Southern California College of Optometry, and graduated in 1982 from the University of California at Irvine where she earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in biological sciences. Currently, she resides in Highland, CA, with her husband, Reverend Thomas Hagman.

The California Optometric Association was established in 1899, and is California's oldest organized community for optometrists. Representing more than 2,700 optometrists, COA is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of health care for the public through the advancement of optometry.