

American Academy of Optometry
Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry Section
Meeting- **SanAntonio Convention Center Room 007**
Thursday, November 8, 2018 12:00-1:00pm

In attendance: Drs. Christine Allison, Catherine Heyman, John Tassinari, Marie Bodack, Ron Gall, Mitch Scheiman, Graham Erickson, Rachel "Stacey" Coulter, Silvia Han, Stan Hatch, Curt Baxstrom, Melissa Zarn, Valerie Kattouf, Tawna Roberts, Suraj Upadhyaya, Anderw Buzzelli, Bruce Moore, Deborah Orel Bixler, Stacy Lyons, Sarah Miller, Caitlin Miller, Kelly Frantz, Siva Mieyeppe, Erin Jenewein, Jenny Myung, Tina Aldana, Amy Aldrich, Aparna Raghuran, Carmen Barnhardt, Don W. Lyon, Allison Summers, Scott Cooper, Hannu Laukkanen, Tod Leurenz?, Angela Chen, Pete Kollobum (AAO Liasion) - **36 attendees**

2017 Section Meeting Minutes & Agenda for this meeting

Motion for approval (Cathie Heymen) and seconded. Motion passed.

Section Sponsors, Good Lite and Johnson and Johnson Vision

Dr Weslie Hamada spoke to the section. J & J is grateful to be a sponsor. Dr. Hamada provided information on the changing focus of J&J: expanding from CLs into eye health and mentioned their new photochromic CL in the exhibit hall. J&J also is involved in research and has a booklet of scientific posters at the AAO.

AAOF - Ezell BV Scholarship – Dr. Stacey Coulter

The Ezell Fellowship awards talented post-doctoral students. To endow this scholarship the BVPPPO section must raise money. Last year (2017) was the first year of the scholarship. The scholarship will not be awarded yearly until it is endowed. Doctors can donate honaria or make other contributions.

\$277,000 is needed to endow an Ezell Fellowship for BV/Peds

\$93,000 has been raised to date, so we need approximately \$184,000.

Symposium Chair Report, Dr. Tawna Roberts

The Symposium with the Vision Science SIG worked with the Lasher Foundation to fund speakers for this year's meeting. A possible topic for 2019 is concussion. If anyone has ideas for future symposia, let Tawna Roberts know. It is important to not discuss payments with potential speakers as the AAO has specific rules about payments.

Research Diplomate Chair Report, Dr. M Rosnenfield

The research diplomate section met with a candidate yesterday. There is one candidate in the process with others who have expressed interest. Dr. Rosenfield will be reaching out to those who have expressed interest.

Clinical Diplomate Chair Report Dr. C. Allison

Two candidates took and passed the practical. One will be taking the oral later today. Dr. Allison thanked Catherine Chiarelli who had served as diplomate vice chair, Dr. Cathie Heymen for help with the written exam, Dr. Mitch Scheiman for his help with the oral exam and Dr. Angela Chen for her work on

case reports. The Section will need a new person to take over the written exam. The new Case Reports Chair will be Cara Frasco.

Diplomate Case Report Chair Dr A Chen

Dr. Chen has developed a new manual for case reports. There are currently 5 candidates in the process.

Section Vice Chair Report, Dr. M. Bodack

Revisions were made to manuals to help streamline the process for candidates and examiners. In addition to the case report manual, the Oral Exam Task Force, Eric Borsting Chair, worked on revisions to the process.

We will have an informational poster and booth in the Exhibit Hall This year.

Election of Officers

A call for nominations from the floor was made and there were none. The following were elected to officers of the Section by voice vote. There were no “nay votes.”

Section Chair		Marie Bodack, OD, FAAO
Section Vice-Chair		Christine Allison, OD, FAAO
Diplomate Chair	BVPPO Diplomate	Angela Chen, OD, MS, FAAO
Diplomate Vice-Chair	BVPPO Diplomate	Ron Gall, OD, MSc, FAAO

Section Chair Report, Dr. Tassinari

- The position of Diplomate Recruitment, previously held by Ron, will be led by Stan and Erin.
- The position of Communications, previously held by Ron, will be led by Vivian Manh and Melissa Zarn.
- Dr. Tassinari recognized all that Mike Rouse did for the Section.
- The Diplomate Prep Course will be held during general education on Friday PM. The topic is advanced strabismus.
- Dr. Tassinari brought up changing the by-laws to have the Case Reports Chair as an Elected 2 year position. Historically, this position has been appointed. There was discussion regarding this topic. Issues brought up included: AAO restrictions on by-laws, loss of flexibility, considerations if person does not want to continue moving up in the section, the diplomate vice-chair may not have the experience of working with case reports and that knowledge may be helpful. **The vote did not pass.** There was general agreement in the discussion that a Case Report chair serving a 2 year term followed by running for Diplomate vice chair is optimal for the Diplomate process and Section leadership. While it is not optimal to mandate this change with a bylaws change, the sitting executive committee may encourage this sequence by informing the incoming case reports chair that the expectation is to run for Diplomate vice chair following 2 years as case reports chair.

Adjourn 1258pm