

American Academy of Optometry  
Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry Section  
**Business Meeting-** McCormack Place, Chicago Room E264  
Thursday, October 12, 2017 12:00-1:00pm

In attendance: Drs. Catherine Heyman, John Tassinari, Marie Bodack, Ron Gall, Mitch Scheiman, Graham Erickson, Susan Cotter, Rachel “Stacey” Coulter, Eric Borsting, Silvia Han, Stan Hatch, Paula Luke, Doug Major, Dashaini Retnasothie, Kristine Huang, Debora Lee Chun, Ruth Shoge, Marianne Boltz, Doreen Carter, Maureen Plaumann, Carlee Young, Kelsie Morrison, Kathy Weise, Melissa Zarn Urankar, Ida Chung, Neera Kappor, Curt Baxstrom, Neil Renaud, Valerie Kattouf, Janice Sharre, Mohamed Moussa, Tawna Roberts, Pete Kollobum (AAO Liaison) - [33 attendees](#)

[2016 Section Meeting Minutes & Agenda for this meeting](#)

Motion for approval (Dr. Gall) and seconded (Dr. Borsting). Motion passed.

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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 (e.g. Blink, Revitalens, IOLs and Tear Science). Studies are finding that younger patients are having dry eye issues secondary to digital devices.

[Section Chair Report, Dr. Tassinari](#)

- The section has developed a new Clinical Diplomate Guide – there is now 1 track and a variety of case report options for candidates.
- The section has a new position, Diplomate Recruitment. This person will work on recruitment as well as staying in contact with mentors and prospective candidates. Interested persons should contact JT.
- At the next meeting, the Member Relations Committee will have a vacancy. This position can be filled by a non-diplomate. Any interested members should contact JT or Marie.
- The new by-laws were distributed and reviewed. The major changes are:
  - All section members (non just Fellows) can vote
  - Every 6 years a section must have 5 new diplomates.
  - Motion for approval (Dr. Gall) and seconded. Motion passed (1 abstention)
- Mitch Scheiman is receiving the Glen Frye award

[Research Diplomate Chair Report, Dr. M Rosnenfield](#)

Dr. Rosenfield is lecturing out of the country. There was no report on his behalf.

[Section Vice Chair Report, Dr. M. Bodack](#)

This year the Diplomate Prep course was held on Tuesday 10/10 at ICO. It was a ½ day program of workshops based on the practical (strabismus amblyopia testing, skills assessment, visual information processing). There were 9 attendees. Dr. Christine Allison and Dr. Kelly Frantz were instructors.

#### Symposium Chair Report, Dr. Tawna Roberts

The Symposium will be at 3pm today on Cortical Visual Impairment. It is a joint symposium with the Low Vision Section.

If anyone has ideas about future symposia topics, let Tawna know and she will present to leadership. Symposia can be joint with other sections. Currently there are no topics for next year. One suggestion was Visual Information Processing Assessment.

Pete (AAO Liaison) reported that the Board is changing how topics are chosen for symposia.

#### Clinical Diplomate Chair Report Dr. C. Allison

Dr. Tassinari gave the report as Dr. Allison was at the practical exam.

There are potentially 4 diplomates this year.

#### Diplomate Vice Chair Report, Dr C Chiarelli

Dr. Tassinari gave the report as Dr. Chiarelli was at the practical exam.

The practical was held at ICO this morning. 4 candidates took the exam.

#### Diplomate Case Report Chair Dr A Chen

No report

#### AAOF – Dr. Stacy Coulter

The AAOF funds money for post-doctoral research. The Ezell Fellowship is the flagship program. This year is the first BV Peds Fellowship, awarded to Ann Morrison at Ohio State. The award was funded through a donation made by the Bay Cross Foundation. To continue to make this award, we would like to make a section goal to raise money for the endowed fund.

\$277,500 is needed to endow an Ezell Fellowship for BV/Peds

\$93,000 has been raised to date, so we need approximately \$185,500.

The following have donated to the BV Peds Ezell Fellowship: Ruth Manny, Mary Lou French, Eric Richey, Moriah Chandler, Heather Anderson, Jeffry Walline, Karla Zadnik, Chris Johnson, Sherry Bass.

Dr. Coulter gave a special thanks to the most recent donor to join the President's Circle (a pledge of \$10,000 or more): Dr. Jeff Cooper.

A gift of \$10,000 can be paid over 10 years by monthly payments of \$83.33.

Dr. Cathie Heyman

Spoke about the Community Page for the BV section. News updates are posted. Some members reported not receiving emails. Pete reported that the website is being updated with the goal of improved communication.

The issue of attendance at the section meeting came up. Some suggestions:

Improve communication on the AAO Meeting App, better promotion of the meeting, stress that lunch is served, hold the meeting prior to the social/mixer, rename Section Meeting (remove Business)

The issue of no diplomate badges at this year's meeting came up. Sue noted that AAO reported 500 ribbons were printed and were present on Tuesday night. Apparently they were missing on Wednesday. Some thoughts were that other organization diplomates may have taken the ribbons.

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