Public Health and Environmental Vision Section
Business Meeting
October 26, 2012


1. Call to Order

2. Section Chair Good reported that Environmental Vision Diplomate Dr. Donald Pitts has passed away over the past year. Dr. Pitts was very active in the section and has been a leader in Environmental Vision for many decades. His book on Environmental Vision co-authored with Dr. Robert Kleinstein was used for many years by almost all schools and colleges of optometry.

Dr. Robert Newcomb made a motion for the section to accept the following acknowledgement of his works:

Whereas Dr. Don Pitts was an environmental vision pioneer and prominent member of the PHEV Section, and
Whereas he was a Fry Lecturer, Feinbloom Award winner, and recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the American Academy of Optometry,

The Public Health and Environmental Vision Section hereby expresses heartfelt sympathy to the Donald Pitts family on his passing on June 12, 2012.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Chair Good reported on the new diplomate renewal point system soon to be accepted by the AAO Board. All sections will use the same basic point system with some discretion by sections to recognize special section activities. The Academy leadership has also acknowledged that it is appropriate for sections to phase-in the new point system.

4. Diplomate Chair Harrington reported the section has renewed diplomate status for Drs. Ed Marshal, Elizabeth Hoppe, Robert Kleinstein, Howard McAlister, Norman Bailey, Norman Haffner, and Michael Mittelman. Also, Dr. Harrington reported we now have 5 new diplomates and 1 new candidate who passed their appropriate paper defenses/testing during this meeting in Phoenix. The new diplomates are: CDR Andrew Archila from Yuma, Arizona, Dr. Stephen Dain from Sydney, Australia, Dr. Lori Grover from Scottsdale, Arizona, Dr. Sandra Wang-Harris from Dili, Timor Leste, and Dr. Patrick Yoshinaga from Fullerton, California. Also, LTCDR Ryan Manning successfully completed his written and oral examinations to become a candidate for diplomate status.
5. Chair Good reported that $4900 has been raised to date for the Henry Peters Lecture Fund. As $25,000 is required to present the lecture award, more work is required. The American Optometric Foundation is now overseeing the fundraising which should help us reach our goal.

6. Chair Good reported that this year’s Section Symposium, “Sustainable Efforts in International Eye Care,” drew a large attendance as lecturers discussed their individual humanitarian experiences. Chair Good congratulated Drs. Jackson and Hettler for their efforts in organizing this outstanding presentation.

A discussion of next year’s possible symposium topics was held. Program Chair Hettler reported that she is looking for other sections for co-sponsorship. Possible symposium topics which were discussed included: a) mandatory child eye examinations, b) Healthy People 2020, c) 3D Displays, d) Traumatic Brain Injury, e) Energy Efficient Lighting, f) Optometric Training in Developing Countries, g) Adaptive Technologies for Aging to maintain independence, h) Population Medicine, and i) EHR now and in the future.

Dr. Hettler reported that she will continue discussions with PHEV section members and those from other sections to develop an exciting PHEV symposium in Seattle in 2013.

7. A discussion was next held concerning a different schedule for the Section Reception and Business Meeting. A recommendation was made to have both activities on a single evening early in the meeting week. In addition to obtaining a greater attendance at these sessions with a new schedule, funds for food and drinks to support these meetings could be combined. General agreement was found for this schedule. Drs. Harrington and Jackson will discuss this possibility with Academy leadership and try to implement the new schedule in Seattle in 2013.

8. There was no new business brought up from the meeting attendees; however, Dr. Kevin Jackson thanked outgoing section chair Dr. Greg Good for his service over the last 6 years.

9. The meeting was adjourned.