1. PH/EV Diplomate Prep Course: Many thanks to the various speakers but especially Debbie Hettler our Diplomate Chair.

2. A call was put out to draft a new Program Chair which would be voted on by the end of the meeting. The new Program Chair will “apprentice” for a year with current Program Chair Jeff Weaver and then rotate into his position. They will then for each of two years in the roles of Program Chair, Diplomate Chair, and then Section Chair as proscribed in our charter.

3. Diplomate Chair’s Report
   a. The Diplomate Chair discussed the tremendous efforts of many of our Diplomates in contributing to the inaugural PH/EV Diplomate Course that was attended by four candidates and many current diplomates. Feedback on the course was good and success on the written exam of the four candidates indicated that the course was successful. It was noted that the course should not spoon feed our candidates with a matched test so as to diminish the meaning of passing a written test in the area of PH and EV. The section is best served when our diplomates have a true understanding of PH and EV concepts that sustains beyond a 24 hour period. However, the fee for attending the course includes the opportunity to sit for the test during that annual meeting, providing a new opportunity to expand the section membership. Demonstration of understanding of concepts will be expected to be demonstrated in the project work.
   b. The Diplomate Chair announced the success of project defense and the approval for awarding of Diplomate status to candidate Karl Citek. Karl submitted a chapter he wrote on the Electromagnetic Spectrum which the committee agreed was original work that moved understanding forward and would be a valuable tool in educating future generations in environmental vision.
   c. With the results of written exams the Section has at least 7 current candidates who have passed the written examination with most deemed eligible to work on their project. Submission of project ideas and assignment of mentors will begin in earnest this Fall.

4. The Section Chair expressed concern that the Duties of the Diplomate Chair have increased significantly during the last year. Prominent duties include (red = new or greatly expanded):
   a. Recruiting
   b. Examination creation and logistics
   c. Preparation of the PH/EV Diplomate Prep Class
   d. Diplomate Renewal

Immediate Past Chair Kent Harrington proposed creating a new role within the leadership that would take over item c. This individual would have a title consistent with the Academy’s definition that is attached to the benefit registration fee relief. We believe this title is Vice Chair of Education – duration of the position will be 2 years with a potential for renewal. This position will not be in the normal stepwise progression to become Chair. If this individual would like to move into one of these roles they would step down and hope to be elected Program Chair. This
position would be open immediately for fill this meeting. This proposal was accepted by a unanimous vote of diplomates present. This position will be written into the by-laws.

5. Diplomate Renewal
   a. The Section Chair briefed all present on the new rules (see handout). The Academy has moved to a system of renewing all Diplomates on a five year cycle. The first renewal year will be 2015 for the period from 1 Jan 2011 to 31 Dec 2015. In future years the process will be automated using a web tool available on the Academy’s website but for this cycle this tool was not ready so we are gathering points through self reporting to the Program Chair (who volunteered to assist the Diplomate Chair in this process). Diplomates that are life or emeritus status do not need to renew. Also those who achieved diplomate status since 1 Jan 2011 do not need to participate in the 2015 cycle (they will need to renew in the 2020 cycle). All those who do not have sufficient points will be reviewed by the Section Chair and the Diplomate Committee. Their status will be discussed with the Academy to determine further action.
   b. Each Section has an opportunity to award points specific to their section (up to 5 of the required 25 points). The draft provided (see attached) has the current proposed points specific to our Section. We will finalize this point proposal based upon feedback from membership when we send in the Section’s diplomate renewals by the proposed date of 31 October. Yes, that means all Diplomates that will renew in this cycle will need to submit points and feedback prior to that date!

6. Peters Award Lecture
   a. The 2nd Annual Peters Award Lecture was awarded to the incomparable Les Caplan. Les rewarded his audience with a fascinating walk through both his 66 year career in optometry and a play by play on the evolution of optometry during this career. The talk was sprinkled with humor and was very well received by an audience of 56.
   b. Peters Award Committee Chair Bob Newcomb noted that the nomination pool for this year’s award was quite rich and these nominees will be considered for future years.
   c. The AOF’s fund for the Peters Award is still accepting donations.

7. Program Chair Report on this year’s symposium(s)
   a. At the time of the meeting one of the two PH/EV Section Symposia had occurred. The Global Health and Emerging Diseases panel hosted by Program Chair Jeff Weaver joined by three expert faculty members from the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, Drs. Bucken, Mason, and McLellan was well received by an enthusiastic audience. Attendee numbers were in the high fifties.
   b. Several ideas were entertained for next year’s symposium(s). Program Chair Jeff Weaver took notes and will bring ideas forward to the Sunday meeting. These include a proposal to look at HA/DR optometry, and a report out on the National Academy of Medicine (nee Institute of Medicine) report delivered in Summer 2016 with American Academy of Optometry sponsorship Public Health Approaches to Reduce Vision Impairment and Promote Eye Health. It was also suggested to Academy leadership that this might make a good plenary session.
8. Nominations were taken for the two positions available to be filled in the Section.
   a. A call to the floor for nominations for the Program Chair position netted one nominee –
      Fred Soto. All present concurred on the nomination including Dr. Soto and no other
      nominations were introduced. Fred Soto will be the Section’s next Program Chair.
   b. Similarly the new position (tentatively named Vice Chair for Education) was put out for
      nominations. Diplomate Chair Debbie Hettler nominated our new Diplomate Karl Citek
      for this role. Again there was consensus that this was a good choice and no other
      nominations were forwarded. Karl Citek will assume responsibility for the Diplomate
      Prep Course for the Anaheim Meeting in 2016.

9. Meeting was adjourned.