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Dear Colleagues,

2009 has been an outstanding year for the Academy!

Academy 2009 Orlando was the meeting of the year! 4,513 attendees, including 700 students, made this the third mostly highly attended meeting in Academy history. Attendees could choose from more than 300 hours of continuing education and explore a busy exhibit hall with approximately 300 booths.

The outstanding camaraderie and education attested to the success of the meeting. This meeting solidified our mission to “Promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning” by providing outstanding unparalleled education.

Thanks to Essilor’s significant matching challenge, attendees’ considerable support, and the excitement of the Silent Auction, the American Optometric Foundation raised close to $120,000, a new record, at the annual meeting.

The meeting was filled with many exciting events. Attendees gave the education the highest marks, exhibitors included vendors with cutting edge products and technologies, and more than 60 affiliate groups held their meetings and events in conjunction with the Academy’s program. The meeting closed on a high note with the induction of 164 new Fellows and 8 new Diplomates.

Several significant issues facing the Academy and the profession were discussed during the Business Meeting. Fellows voted unanimously to adopt the proposed Bylaws changes to
allow implementation of a Maintenance of Fellowship program. Bylaws changes were also adopted to allow the creation of Special Interest Groups. Board Certification was discussed, and the membership voted to affirm the Board of Directors’ earlier support of the creation of the American Board of Optometry.

In 2009 the Academy leadership maintained their commitment to both the vision and mission of the strategic plan. The following are some of the goals the leadership has been focused on:

• Be the premier provider of post graduate education in optometry
• Define the Academy’s role in optometric education
• Increase the number of members while maintaining our standards
• Evaluate the Academy’s structure of specialty areas
• Develop a plan to promote the Academy to various audiences
• Encourage the discovery of new knowledge in vision science and increase the resources to support it

Our journal, *Optometry and Vision Science (OVS)*, continues to be the top optometry journal in the world, as determined by the number of citations. The journal published two feature issues: Myopia, and Vision Research: Present Status and Future Directions. At the annual meeting, *OVS* held its fourth annual CE course. In addition, *OVS* initiated an entirely new production platform that personalizes and expands features for readers, including E-publications ahead of print issue and supplementary movie materials online.

We would like to give our thanks and appreciation to the over two hundred Academy volunteers who developed various parts of the annual meeting program, and to our staff who work so very hard to make every day a “great Academy day”! Your efforts made our meeting a huge success.

The purpose of this Annual Report is to look back on the activities and achievements for the Academy in 2009. We can’t look back for too long…Academy 2010 San Francisco is almost here! We hope to see you there.
As President Mark Eger wrote in his December President’s Calling, it’s hard to say what made Academy 2009 Orlando such a great meeting: “The work of everyone collectively created a highly energetic meeting with an outstanding education program. Perhaps this was a great meeting because most of us were all housed under one roof. Perhaps this was a great meeting because our Lectures and Workshops Committee and our Scientific Program Committee were able to blend the latest of scientific discoveries with traditional CE. Perhaps it was the combined OGS/AAO meeting Wednesday morning that exposed our attendees to world-renowned speakers they could only hear at an Academy meeting. Perhaps it was the stimulating Plenary Session with Mike May and Ione Fine; they captivated the audience with Mike’s philosophy of life and Ione’s explanation of what it took for Mike to learn to see after so many years of sight deprivation. Perhaps it was the prestigious Awards program, or the terrific exhibit hall, or the alumni receptions. Or perhaps, it was all of these things and much more.”

The third largest meeting in Academy history, Academy 2009 Orlando welcomed 4,513 optometrists, vision scientists, residents, students, and others in the optometric field to the Orlando World Center Marriott November 11-14, 2009. The latest and very best of new discoveries and developments in optometry were presented in over 200 education sessions, and in the Exhibit Hall that encompassed 300 booth spaces. 164 new Fellows and 8 new Section Diplomates were inducted at the annual banquet. The collaborative work of the various education committees, the Membership Committee and the Admittance Committee are responsible for these successes. For example, in 2009 more than 370 applications for membership were submitted; previous years’ figures topped out just above 300.

**Education at the Academy Meeting**

Nearly 300 hours of education were available at Academy 2009 Orlando. The annual Plenary Session, “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: Long-term Deprivation and Perception,” featured Mike May, who gained sight after undergoing a corneal epithelial stem cell transplant and a corneal transplant. May gave attendees a glimpse into his journey. Ione Fine, PhD, of the Vision & Cognition Group at the University of Washington, shared the results of her work with May to learn more about his newfound sight and the way his brain perceives the objects around him. Complementing the Plenary, the Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium, “Teaching the Brain New Tricks,” brought together world
leaders in the visual system’s response to deprivation who examine ways that vision adapts to various changes in visual and auditory input.

This year’s Lectures & Workshops Program featured more than 75% new lectures and the evaluations of the program were more positive than the previous year. Some courses that received top evaluations and standing-room-only audiences were Thomas Freddo’s course on conjunctival lumps, bumps and spots; Leonid Skorin’s discussion of extreme dermatology; Melton & Thomas’ Clinical Grand Rounds, and Sherry Bass’ course on functional vs. pathological vision loss. Several of the 15 workshops sold out early in the registration cycle and instructors received excellent marks for their hands-on presentations. The Scientific Program consisted of fifteen paper sessions spread throughout the four days of the meeting, and three days of poster sessions where nearly 450 presenters defended their research or clinical cases. The committees that create both the Lectures & Workshops and the Scientific Program work hard for each year’s Academy meeting, and the results are obvious!

The annual Awards Ceremony featured lectures by the Charles F. Prentice and the Glenn A. Fry awardees, Jacob Sivak, LScO, MS, PhD, OD, FRSC, FAAO, and Austin Roorda, PhD, respectively. Dr. Sivak spoke about serendipity in scientific research by demonstrating how new basic knowledge resulted from work he had done on a variety of vertebrate species. Dr. Roorda’s lecture, entitled: “What is the Fovea?” not only described anatomical and functional properties of the fovea discovered in his lab, but also showed how adaptive optics were used to isolate foveal cells to learn more about their function.

The Academy Sections are another example of groups of volunteers working towards a common goal. One of the Sections’ goals is to add relevant and interesting symposia in their area of focus to the education program at the Academy.

Each year, one Section Symposium is chosen to be the ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium. This year’s offering was developed by the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies, “Ocular Genetics: Focus on Anterior Segment Disorders.” The Section also had a symposium on FDA actions as a result of contact lens solution efficacy issues in the past, as well as its annual Schapero and Founders Awards ceremony.

The Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section presented a symposium on differential diagnosis and sequential management of intermittent exotropia, while the Optometric Education Section shared information about working with challenging students, with an emphasis on attention deficit disorder.

Two Sections also presented symposia Wednesday evening. The Disease Section offered attendees the chance to work through virtual cases in the evening, and also presented a daytime symposium on the latest in glaucoma research. The Low Vision Section’s daytime symposium focused on “Visual Field Loss in Low Vision: Measurement, Clinical Implications & Interventions,” while the evening symposium presented “Nyctalopia: Finally Hope!” with amazing advances in medical, surgical and genetic treatments.

The Primary Care Section used relevant evidence in the field to present “Evidence Based Medicine – Applications for Early Diagnosis and Treatment.” The Public Health & Environmental Optometry and Primary Care Sections teamed up to present “Taking a Look at Domestic Violence,” which gave attendees an effective approach to information gathering about the various types of abuse and referral criteria for primary care providers. Finally, the Vision Science Section gave an overview of “Neural Plasticity: Can Vision be Improved Beyond the Sensitive Period for Visual Development,” a great follow-up to the information presented during the Plenary and the Hirsch Symposium.

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Student & Resident Travel Fellowships

About 700 students attended Academy 2009 Orlando. The Academy held a successful Student & Residents Networking Luncheon sponsored by VISTAKON®. And in its second year, Residents Day provided an opportunity for current residents to showcase their work.

Students and Residents also had the opportunity to attend any of the outstanding education at the meeting. A total of 133 students and residents were awarded a $750 travel fellowship to help defray the costs of attending Academy 2009 Orlando.

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The exhibit hall at Academy 2009 Orlando was a huge success. Attendees could see the latest optometric technology and learn about cutting-edge products, while catching up with old friends and colleagues.

An exhibit hall is a critical aspect to the success of a meeting. It gives attendees the opportunity to see the latest in optometric trends, and provides significant financial support to the Academy. Thank you to all the exhibitors for their support!

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Awards

The Academy membership continues to become more diverse. In 1996, 11% of the Fellows were female; now women represent 29% of the entire membership.

2009 Award Recipients

Former Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award recipients with Dr. Irvin Borish (center) and 2009 recipient, Dr. Kelly Nichols (left, front row)

Academy Awards

Charles F. Prentice Lecture
Jacob G. Sivak, LScO, MS, PhD, OD, FRSC, FAAO
Serendipity in Scientific Research: Examples from Basic and Applied Ocular Lens Research

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award
Kelly K. Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO, Diplomate, Public Health

William Feinbloom Award
Eli Peli, MSc, OD, FAAO

Carol C. Koch Memorial Award
James F. Saviola, OD, FAAO

Eminent Service Award
Joan Exford, OD, FAAO
Donald R. Korb, OD, FAAO

Honorary Fellowship Award
Philip R. Keefer

Garland W. Clay Award
Konrad Pesudos, BScOptom, PhD,
PGDipAdvClinOptom, FVCO, FAAO, FCLSA
Estibaliz Garamendi, PhD
David B. Elliott, PhD, MCOptom, FAAO

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry
Gullapalli N. Rao, MD

American Optometric Foundation Awards

Glenn A. Fry Lecture
Austin Roorda, PhD
What is the Fovea?

The Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Gunilla Haegerström-Portnoy, OD, PhD, FAAO

Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards

Founder’s Award
John deCarle

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
Karla Zadnik, OD, PhD, FAAO
The Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus (CLEK) Study: It Took a Village

Membership Categories by Gender

The chart shows the distribution of membership by gender across three categories: Fellows, Candidates, and Students. The percentages for each category are as follows:

- Fellows: Male 30%, Female 70%
- Candidates: Male 50%, Female 50%
- Students: Male 40%, Female 60%

The chart illustrates the gender distribution among different membership categories.
More than any other educational venue in optometry, the American Academy of Optometry’s Annual Meeting offers a diverse and distinctive blend of clinically pertinent continuing education courses and leading research in the clinical and vision sciences. Attendees at Academy 2009 Orlando were invited to interact and rediscover their academic curiosity as they received the scientific and vision research offerings.

Each year the Scientific Program Committee identifies a few of the paper and poster submissions to be presented at the Press Conference, selected for the studies’ timeliness and pertinent results. This year’s selection included:

- Ocular Blood Flow Correlates with Structural Changes in Glaucoma Patients: The Indianapolis Glaucoma Progression Study
- Personality and Tolerance of Blur
- Risk Factors for Contact Lens Case Contamination
- Reductions in Compliance Over 1 Month of Daily Wear
- Correction of Hyperopia in Children Study (CHICS) Pilot
- Utility of a Contact Lens Case Pulsator to Aid Lysozyme Removal from Etafilcon A Hydrogel Lenses Soaked in a No Rub MPS Regimen
- The Educational Impact of Mandatory Preschool Eye Exams
- Emotional Well-Being and LASIK
- Association of Contact Lens Bioburden to Corneal Inflammatory Events During Continuous Wear
The rest of the educational program at the meeting also included panel-based courses that updated attendees on research results of previously conducted work. “Myopia: OVS PRESENTS Discovery to Eye Care” covered issues of myopia from the Academy’s journal Optometry and Vision Science with four leading clinical researchers presenting their work and then debating the implications for clinical care. Similarly, “Ezell Fellows Present: Developments in Refractive Error Research” included three past Ezell Fellows presenting the latest in their research with an emphasis on developments in refractive error research.

The 2009 Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium, “Teaching the Brain New Tricks,” focused on the cortex and how it responds to various forms of deprivation, including deafness and macular degeneration, particularly during adulthood. The symposium examined issues of cortical reorganization, recovery of function, blindsight, plasticity, effects of training on visual function, and rehabilitative technologies and strategies. The speakers were world leaders in advancing our understanding of the visual system’s response to deprivation and revealed fascinating insights into these phenomena.

All of these insights in discovery gave ample resources for attendees to use today’s research in tomorrow’s practice, just as the Academy’s mission statement encourages attendees to do.
HARRIS STEPS UP....AGAIN
The Foundation has received a $240,000 commitment to establish the Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellowship. This award will provide support for an optometrist pursuing graduate work in education, public policy, public health, or related areas. Harris has a history of leadership and philanthropy, further demonstrated by this magnificent gift. The Foundation will award the first Harris Ezell in 2010.

ESSILOR HONORS MIKE DALEY
Essilor honored long-time leader and industry stand-out Mike Daley by endowing an Ezell Fellowship. Daley was surprised at the Annual Meeting by his Essilor colleagues and recognized at the Silent Auction. The $240,000 pledge will be completed over four years with the first Fellowship to be awarded in 2011.

NEW ENDOWED FUNDS HONOR ACADEMY FELLOWS
The optometric community lost two generous contributors to the profession in 2009. Their contributions are too numerous to list, but they will be remembered most for the time they spent with us as family, friend, and mentor.

To honor Elmer H. Eger, practitioner, inventor, researcher, Fellow, and father of Academy President, Mark W. Eger, the Foundation has established the Elmer Eger Fund. The fund will sponsor an optometry student each year to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry. Over $15,000 has already been contributed including a generous lead gift from Elmer’s family.

To honor Rex Ghormley, Past-President of the American Academy of Optometry, clinical researcher, statesman, and practitioner, the Foundation has established the N. Rex Ghormley Fund. His passion was providing the best care and education to his patients. His legacy will live on through a request that charitable donations are to be given to the Foundation. The AOF is working with the Ghormley family to determine the best use of the $20,000 that has already been pledged or donated.

MANY, MANY MORE DONATE IN ORLANDO!
The Foundation enjoyed a successful meeting in Orlando with registrants contributing close to $120,000. Attendees made approximately $8,000 in donations with their Meeting Registration. Over $59,000 in donations were received at the Foundation Booth in the Exhibit Hall. This was bolstered by a $25,000 match from Essilor. More than 20 lecturers donated their honoraria thus raising another $12,500. The Foundation’s Celebration Luncheon was attended by 250 supporters and honorees. Five individuals or couples were recognized as new members of the Presidents Circle. Finally, with a diverse collection of donated items the Silent Auction raised $12,500.

2009 Essilor Optical Technology Grants ($20,000 Each)
University of California - Berkeley School of Optometry
The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Southern College of Optometry

2009 Vincent Salierno Scholarships
Adam T. Gorner
Pacific University College of Optometry
Mary Alice Saluke-Portillo
New England College of Optometry

2009 Antoinette Molinari Memorial Scholarship
Erin D. Hocking
Southern College of Optometry
2009 AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowships

Nicole A. Henriksen  
Illinois College of Optometry

Elizabeth J. Roush  
Indiana University  
School of Optometry

Danielle Gloster  
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry

Aaron Stewart  
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

Yos Priestley  
New England College of Optometry

Ryan C. Emrick  
Northeastern State University  
College of Optometry

Sara J. Henney  
NOVA Southeastern University  
College of Optometry

Kent Manville  
Pacific University  
College of Optometry

Timothy Brown  
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

Christopher Alferez  
Southern California  
College of Optometry

Jessica Hollman Ellis  
Southern College of Optometry

Marc Kenneth Lay  
State University of New York  
College of Optometry

Kara Williams  
The Ohio State University  
College of Optometry

Steven D. Bowser  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
School of Optometry

Esther Nakagawa  
University of California - Berkeley  
School of Optometry

Brian Cox  
University of Houston  
College of Optometry

Whitney T. Coleman  
University of Missouri - St. Louis  
School of Optometry

Jean-Marie Hanssens  
Universite de Montreal  
School of Optometry

Alex Hui  
University of Waterloo  
School of Optometry

2009 VISTAKON® Research Grants

$25,000 Award
Frank Anastasopoulos, MSc and Carol Lakkis, BScOptom, PhD, FAAO  
Clinical Vision Research Australia, Victorian College of Optometry, Australia

$10,000 Award
Blanka Golebiowski, BOptom, PhD and Isabelle Jalbert, OD, PhD, FAAO  
School of Optometry and Vision Science, The University of New South Wales, Australia

2009 VISTAKON® Residency Awards

Dr. Terrance Ingraham Pediatric Optometry Residency Award
Catherine McDaniel, OD, MS  
University of Houston  
College of Optometry

Aparna Raghuram, OD, PhD  
New England College of Optometry

Dr. George W. Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award
Gloria Chiu, OD  
Southern California  
College of Optometry

Karen DeLoss, OD  
University of Houston  
College of Optometry

Dr. Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Award
Kristine Dalton, OD  
University of Waterloo  
School of Optometry

Emily Kachinsky, OD, MS  
New England College of Optometry

2009 William C. Ezell Fellowships:

Alcon Foundation Ezell Fellow
Aleksandra Polosukhina, BSc  
University of California - Berkeley  
School of Optometry

American Academy of Optometry  
Ezell Fellow
Dean VanNasdale, OD  
Indiana University  
School of Optometry

Bausch & Lomb Ezell Fellows
Yiang (Kaccie) Li, BSc  
University of California - Berkeley  
School of Optometry

Johanna Tukler Henriksson, BSOptom, MSc  
University of Houston  
College of Optometry

Irvin Borish Ezell Fellow
Tihomira Petkova  
University of Houston  
College of Optometry

CIBA Vision Ezell Fellows
Ravi Chandra Bakaraju, BS Optom  
University of New South Wales

Patrick Scott, OD, MS  
Boston University, School of Medicine

Essilor Ezell Fellow
Nicole Putnam, MS  
University of California - Berkeley  
School of Optometry

Merton Flom Ezell Fellow
Bradley Dougherty, OD, MS  
The Ohio State University  
College of Optometry

George and Jill Mertz Ezell Fellow
Maria Markoulli, MOptom, GradCertOcTher  
University of New South Wales

Vistakon Ezell Fellows
Eric Ritchey, OD, MS, FAAO  
The Ohio State University  
College of Optometry

Vidhyapriya Sreenivasan, BSOptom, MSc  
University of Waterloo  
School of Optometry
ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP

The Academy was founded in 1922. Its mission to promote the art and science of vision care through lifelong learning includes:

- Sponsoring educational programs that provide practitioners current information about all aspects of clinical practice
- Disseminating current knowledge that allows an understanding of new products and technology
- Initiating and supporting research programs in optometry and related sciences
- Creating opportunities for sharing results of research in vision
- Encouraging reporting of exceptional and instructive conditions encountered in practice
- Disseminating knowledge through *Optometry and Vision Science*, the official journal of the American Academy of Optometry
- Promoting the highest ethical and professional standards in practice.

The Academy has three categories of membership: Fellow, candidate for Fellowship and student.

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<td>910</td>
<td>17%</td>
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Fellowship Growth

One of the Academy’s main priorities is recruiting high quality candidates for Fellowship; it is vital to our future.
Geographic Distribution of Fellows

ACTIVE FELLOWS BY STATE AND COUNTRY (AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2009)

Alabama AL 60
Alaska AK 11
Arizona AZ 81
Arkansas AR 10
California CA 497
Colorado CO 72
Connecticut CT 31
Delaware DE 7
Florida FL 288
Georgia GA 74
Hawaii HI 21
Idaho ID 17
Illinois IL 157
Indiana IN 95
Iowa IA 29
Kansas KS 34
Kentucky KY 20
Louisiana LA 12
Maine ME 16
Maryland MD 77
Massachusetts MA 125
Michigan MI 87
Minnesota MN 52
Mississippi MS 5
Missouri MO 61
Montana MT 15
Nebraska NE 19
Nevada NV 24
New Hampshire NH 17
New Jersey NJ 90
New Mexico NM 24
New York NY 245
North Carolina NC 104
North Dakota ND 11
Oregon OR 63
Pennsylvania PA 165
Puerto Rico PR 4
Rhode Island RI 20
South Carolina SC 18
South Dakota SD 11
Tennessee TN 65
Texas TX 215
Utah UT 20
Vermont VT 6
Virginia VA 76
Washington WA 85
Washington, DC DC 4
West Virginia WV 12
Wisconsin WI 43
Wyoming WY 11
Overseas Military APO 24
UNITED STATES 3550
Argentina 1
Australia 54
Austria 4
Bahamas 1
Belgium 1
Canada 149
China 1
Denmark 1
England 1
France 1
Germany 1
Guam 1
Guatemala 1
Honduras 1
Hungary 1
India 1
Iran, Islamic Republic Of 1
Ireland 3
Israel 3
Italy 3
Japan 5
Jerusalem 1
Korea, Republic Of 1
Lebanon 1
Malaysia 2
Mexico 1
Netherlands 15
New Zealand 8
Nigeria 13
Norway 3
Pakistan 3
Philippines 3
Portugal 1
Russian Federation 1
Saudi Arabia 1
Singapore 3
South Africa 10
Spain 20
Sweden 4
Switzerland 23
Thailand 2
United Kingdom 76
Other Countries 467
Grand Total 4017

ANNUAL REPORT 2009
Chapters

The Academy has 21 chapters, including seven student chapters. They were established as a membership catalyst and serve to provide the continuous exchange of ideas in promoting the mission of the Academy.

Geographic: 21

- European (Continental)
- Great Britain
- Quebec (Canada)
- South Africa

Student: 7

- Illinois College of Optometry
- New England College of Optometry
- NOVA Southeastern College of Optometry
- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- Southern California College of Optometry
- State University of New York
- University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Quebec

The Quebec Chapter was formerly a part of the Canada Chapter. It was established in June 2009 by the Academy Board of Directors. It will start activities in 2010, with an annual meeting in January and a social meeting in May to celebrate the centennial of the École d’optométrie – Université de Montréal. The chapter also helped two Candidates through the Fellowship process.

Florida

The Florida Chapter had their annual meeting May 1-2 at Mission Inn, Howey-In-The-Hills, FL; the meeting generated nearly $2,000. 103 optometrists attended the meeting. Lecturers included Leo Semes, OD, FAAO, Bob Easton, OD, FAAO and Past Academy President Jack Yager, OD, FAAO. The chapter provided two $750 travel grants for students to attend Academy 2009 Orlando.

New Jersey

In 2009, the New Jersey Chapter presented dinner meetings with two hours of continuing education lectures in March and May. At the March meeting, the Chapter sponsored a golf and continuing education conference in South Carolina. In August, over 150 optometrists attended the annual Summer Seminar. In November, a dinner lecture was sponsored by PCO; Linda Casser, OD, FAAO, Dean of PCO at Salus University lectured on anterior uveitis. At this meeting, Dr. Casser installed our officers and board for 2009 – 2010. The Chapter presented a grant of $10,000 to PCO to be used as scholarships for PCO students who are residents of NJ. Dr. Casser presented the Chapter with a Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Directors of PCO at Salus University for our work with NJ optometrists and their patients. Five travel scholarships were given to students and residents attending Academy 2009 Orlando.

North Carolina

The North Carolina Chapter held its spring semi-annual meeting and continuing education seminar in at the Carolina Club in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; there were 28 attendees. In addition, the chapter met for its winter semi-annual meeting in December at the Salisbury VA Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina; 21 optometrists, optometry residents and students were in attendance.

Illinois

The Illinois Chapter hosted Rosenbloom Rounds at ICO in January to encourage Academy Fellows, residents and students to present and discuss cases. It hosted another Rosenbloom Rounds at Loyola University Medical Center in May. The Chapter hosted a reception at Academy 2009 Orlando and awarded three students travel fellowships to attend the meeting. The Chapter maintains a website where cases that are presented are posted: http://illinoisaao.blogspot.com/.

California

The California Chapter sponsored hotel rooms for SCCO and UCBSO students at Academy 2009 Orlando. Optometry project grants funded four student research projects from SCCO and UCBSO totaling $1,500. The Chapter sent an e-newsletter in the fall that included their annual membership drive information. The membership drive resulted in 85 paying members ($30 annual membership dues). The Chapter also funded a page in the yearbooks of SCCO and UCBSO. The Chapter started a Facebook page (search: California Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry). The Chapter had a poster at Academy 2009 Orlando encouraging California optometrists to join. It also had one teleconference meeting to discuss membership, newsletters and grant administration.
Fellows successfully complete rigorous written requirements before they take and pass an oral examination to be a “Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO).” Fellows are practitioners, vision scientists, and educators in vision science; they work in various capacities including the federal government. 164 new Fellows were inducted in 2009. The class of 2009 included representatives from 12 countries and 36 states.

**Fellows Professional Setting**

- Private Practice: 44%
- Retired: 8%
- Vision Scientist: 4%
- Federal Service: 12%
- Educator: 14%
- Multidisciplinary: 11%
- Other: 7%

**Fellows Who See Patients**

- Yes: 86%
- No: 14%

**Geographic Distribution**

- United States & APO: 88%
- Canada: 4%
- United Kingdom: 2%
- Australia: 1%
- Other: 5%

**Member Categories**

- Fellows: 72%
- Candidates for Fellowship: 11%
- Students: 17%
- United States & APO: 88%

**Annual Meeting Exhibits**

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**Annual Meeting Registrants**

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**List of Diagrams**

1. Annual Meeting Exhibits
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Membership Sections

The Academy has eight areas of shared interest referred to as “Sections.” Each Academy Section conducts and fosters clinical, educational, research or related activities, including outstanding programs for the annual meeting, and most also have diplomate programs.*

- Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry*
- Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies*
- Ocular Disease*
- Low Vision*
- Optometric Education
- Primary Care*
- Public Health and Environmental Optometry*
- Vision Science*

New Diplomates
Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry
Marie Bodack – Cincinnati, OH
Kristine Hopkins – Birmingham, AL

Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies

Clinical
Peter Russo - Maywood, IL

Refractive Technologies
David Roncone - Canfield, OH

Research
Jeff Walline - Columbus, OH

Disease
Danica J. Marrelli - Houston, TX

Low Vision
Richard J. Jamara - Boston, MA

Primary Care
Michael Ohlson - West Union, IA

293 Fellows, about 7 percent of the Academy membership, have attained this distinction of being a Diplomate. Among the benefits becoming a Diplomate of a Section are:

- Professional growth and goal achievement
- Recognition of extensive skill in their research or practice area
- Participation in referral network of qualified colleagues
- Camaraderie and fellowship with leaders in the field
## Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2009

### REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS

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<td><strong>(13,997)</strong></td>
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### EXPENSES

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| Fundraising Expenses                        | -            |                        |                        | -       |
| Management And General Expenses             | -            |                        |                        | -       |
| General and Administrative                  | 327,710      |                        |                        | 327,710 |
| Executive Council or Governance             | 55,337       |                        |                        | 55,337 |
| **Total Management and General Expenses**   | **383,047**  | **-**                  | **-**                  | **383,047** |
| **Total Expenses**                          | **3,450,372** | **-**                  | **-**                  | **3,450,372** |

### CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

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### NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR

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