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Dear Colleagues,

2016 was evidence that the Academy continues its growth trajectory and success! The Academy has continued to expand in many vital areas, including annual meeting attendance, number of members, number of Diplomates, and manuscript submissions to *Optometry and Vision Science*.

Academy 2016 Anaheim was another astonishing success. With a total of 7,611 in attendance, including 4,176 optometrists and vision scientists and 1,618 students, this was the largest meeting in Academy history. Attendees chose from 366 hours of continuing education and 553 Scientific Program presentations, explored more than 150 booths in the exhibit hall, and attended several unforgettable social events.

We admitted a record 267 new Fellows into our Academy at the Fellowship Banquet. In addition, five individuals were awarded Diplomate status by Academy Sections. We also received more than 290 new candidate applications at the annual meeting. To top it off, the Student Fellowship program admitted a record total of 510 new Student Fellows in 2016.

Our American Optometric Foundation (AOF) distributed more than $400,000 in grants, fellowships and awards this year, received over $220,000 in donations and new commitments at the annual meeting and welcomed six new Presidents Circle members. Additionally, a big round of thanks to the Alcon Foundation for hosting a fundraiser that provided 2,020 attendees with a downloaded free copy of the Howard and the Amazing Eye Exam children’s book. This initiative resulted in a $25,000 donation to the AOF to support pediatric optometric research.

*Optometry and Vision Science (OVS)* had yet another remarkable year with record manuscript submissions and high-ranking international impact factor.

We profoundly appreciate the countless Academy volunteers who continuously work to ensure the success of the Academy, and our hard-working staff who work year-round to make sure everything looks effortless. We are grateful to you for making our Academy a truly special organization.

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Research is fundamental in enabling innovation and advances in the profession. In many cases, engaging in research at the capacity needed to make new strides in the field requires a great deal of financial support. Unfortunately for young investigators, federal research funding leans in favor of more seasoned optometric investigators, with the mean age of first time National Institutes of Health (NIH) grantees over 40 years of age. The Academy launched the Career Development Award in 2015 to aid against this funding obstacle that young optometric researchers often face.

The Career Development Award was renewed in 2016 for the inaugural recipient, Dr. Dean VanNasdale. Prior to receiving the Career Development Award, Dr. VanNasdale was establishing a retinal imaging lab at Ohio State University, working on constructing and refining systems that would allow for the study of complementary aspects of retinal diseases through high resolution imaging, polarization sensitive imaging, functional testing, and clinical instrumentation. After receiving this award, Dr. VanNasdale is currently in the midst of his second year of research, exploring various aspects of diagnosing and treating diabetic eye disease.

“We now have collaborations and instrumentation that allow us to study retinal function on a level we would not have been able to achieve otherwise.”

Dean VanNasdale

“The Career Development Award has allowed me to further develop the systems we have been building in the lab and look at different techniques to better study normal retinal structure and differentiate those changes from pathological processes. It has allowed me to establish collaborative relationships with individuals in other departments with clinical expertise in retinal disease, as well as expertise in optical engineering, and electrodagnostic testing,” Dr. VanNasdale explained. “We now have collaborations and instrumentation that allow us to study retinal function on a level we would not have been able to achieve otherwise.”
Attendees showed off their shades and soaked up the sun in between sessions in Anaheim the week of November 9-12, 2016! The Academy’s 95th annual meeting attracted a record 7,611 attendees for four days of superior continuing education, networking and camaraderie, and clinically relevant scientific presentations.

During this year’s Plenary Session on “Current State of Health Care and Research,” world-renowned author and speaker Malcolm Gladwell spoke about the changing nature of health care for practitioners in the 21st century.

The annual Awards Ceremony drew a substantial crowd as distinguished vision scientists were recognized for their cutting-edge work in the field. The Charles F. Prentice Medal recipient, Dr. Martin S. Banks, lectured on “Natural Disparity and Blur.” The American Optometric Foundation’s Glenn A. Fry Award recipient, Dr. Erica Fletcher, presented “Mechanisms and Potential Treatment of Early Age Related Macular Degeneration.”

The annual Fellowship Banquet concluded the annual meeting as a record 267 new Fellows and five new Diplomates were recognized as they crossed the stage.

**Annual Meeting Registrants**

Malcolm Gladwell (center) pictured with the “An Hour With Malcolm Gladwell” panel participants (left to right): Dr. Howard Purcell, Herm Cukier, Robert Warner, and Dr. Karla Zadnik.

![Annual Meeting Registrants Chart](chart.png)

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“Becoming a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry is a high point in what has been a very gratifying career in optometry. The Fellowship process provided an opportunity for me to combine science with clinical experience and industry exposure. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to continuing to serve my profession.”

Prof. Millicent Knight, OD, FAARM, FAAO

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**Charles F. Prentice Lecture**
Martin S. Banks, MA, PhD
*Natural Disparity and Blur*

**Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award**
Nimesh Patel, OD, PhD, FAAO

**William Feinbloom Award**
Rachel “Stacey” Coulter, OD, FAAO

**AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry**
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**SECTION ON CORNEA, CONTACT LENSES & REFRACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS**

**Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award**
Perry Rosenthal, MD
*My Path to This Podium*

**Founder’s Award**
Alan Tomlinson, MSc, PhD, DSc

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**AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC FOUNDATION AWARDS**

**Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture**
Erica Fletcher, OD, PhD, FAAO
*Mechanisms and Potential Treatments of Early Age-Related Macular Degeneration*

**Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education**
Timothy B. Edrington, OD, MS, FAAO

**Julius F. Neumuller Award in Optics**
Kelly Moore, OD, MS

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**PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL VISION SECTION AWARD**

**Henry B. Peters Memorial Award in Public Health and Environmental Vision**
Kovin Naidoo, OD, PhD, FAAO
*Myopia: Responding to a Global Public Health Crisis in Waiting*

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“I am deeply humbled and very grateful for the recognition that the Academy and American Optometric Foundation have bestowed on me with the awarding of the Glenn A. Fry Award. To now be included amongst this list of influential vision scientists means a great deal to me, and I am thankful for this award.”

— Erica L. Fletcher, MscOptom, PhD, FAAO
Student Membership Growth

Academy 2016 Anaheim saw a record number of students participating in the Student Fellowship program with over 800 participating and 510 fulfilling the requirements. A total of 1,618 students attended the meeting – a 15% increase over 2015.

Student Membership in the Academy continued to grow steadily in 2016, marking a 24% increase in student membership over 2015. Part of this growth can be attributed to the involvement of many schools and colleges of optometry in the Academy’s 100% class enrollment discount program that offers a reduced membership fee. In 2016, 14 schools participated in the program:

- University of Alabama Birmingham, School of Optometry
- University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry
- University of Houston, College of Optometry
- University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry
- Indiana University, School of Optometry
- Inter American University of Puerto Rico, School of Optometry
- Marshall B. Ketchum University, Southern California College of Optometry
- University of Missouri St. Louis, College of Optometry
- New England College of Optometry
- Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry
- NOVA Southeastern University, College of Optometry
- The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
- Pacific University, College of Optometry
- Southern College of Optometry

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The Academy’s journal, *Optometry and Vision Science (OVS)*, embarked on a new era in 2016 that included:

- The creation of a new vision statement for the journal: *Optometry and Vision Science* — Advancing eye care and vision science by providing a global forum for ideas, discoveries, and clinical evidence.
- Dr. Michael D. Twa, became Editor-in-Chief.
- Dr. Donald Mutti was named the new Associate Editor.
- Dr. Andrew Mick was named the new Clinical Editor.
- The journal went to an online-only format in January 2016.
- Manuscript submissions continued to grow and the proportion of articles accepted for publication was 30% in 2016.
- The journal’s impact factor was 1.44 — the average number of times articles from the journal published in the past two years have been cited, according to *Journal Citation Reports*.
- The journal published three feature issues, including “Innovative New Uses for Contact Lenses,” “Contact Lens Discomfort,” and “International Myopia Conference 2015.”
- A new Clinical Trial Article type was instituted.
- The journal implemented new plagiarism detection software for submissions.
- The journal has a renewed presence on social media through Facebook and Twitter.

### 2017 Outlook

For 2017 the journal will be getting a new look as we update the style and layout of the journal pages that should be helpful for online reading. The instructions for authors will be revised to include new guidance on the format for case reports. Other 2017 priorities include:

- More responsive author services (reduced review and publication timelines);
- Increased emphasis on evidence-based clinical practice;
- Improved impact, transparency, and scientific rigor through adoption of standardized reporting; guidelines, revised graphical standards, and additional technical requirements;
- Increased global reach through traditional and new media distribution channels;
- Cultivation of our global community of authors through education, targeted outreach, and editorial board representation.

### 2016 OVS Editorial Board

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Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®, the Academy’s theme, was abundantly on display at Academy 2016 Anaheim. This year’s meeting continued to provide attendees with numerous informative symposia, ground-breaking paper presentations, and energetic poster sessions that make the Academy meeting unique.

The Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium on Thursday morning, planned by the Academy’s Research Committee, was titled, “The Distressed Eye: Ocular Pain.” The session gave attendees a closer look at the mechanics of ocular pain, methods of measuring it, and how it impacts patients with dry eye. Speakers at the symposium included Drs. Carlos Belmonte, Trefford Simpson, and Nancy McNamara.

Concurrent to the Hirsch Symposium, the Scientific Program Committee highlighted research in four “Hot Topic” paper sessions. These one-hour programs addressed the latest experimental discoveries in the areas of anterior segment, binocular vision, glaucoma and imaging. These were just four of the 23 total scientific paper sessions available to attendees during the meeting. This year’s program also featured a hybrid “Super Session” that combined paper and poster presentations on the topic of glaucoma. Authors had the opportunity to give one to three minute summaries of their posters after the paper sessions ended. The Scientific Program paper sessions also featured two keynote addresses from topic experts Dr. Gerald McGwin (Driving Mobility and Vision) and Dr. Machelle Pardue (Animal Models for Glaucoma and Myopia Research).
The ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium, co-sponsored by the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies, on Wednesday morning focused on imposing myopic defocus to slow the progression in myopia, new genetic approaches to control myopia, spectacle correction, and atropine for myopia control. Drs. Jeffrey Walline, Earl Smith III, Padmaja Sankaridurg, David Berntsen, and Terri Young were featured.

On Friday the “Ezell Fellows Present: The Future of Optical Interventions is Now” featured prior American Optometric Foundation Ezell Fellowship recipients sharing their research on the topic of contact lenses. Dr. Ray Applegate discussed the state of wavefront-guided scleral contact lenses for minimizing visual problems, as well as the advantages and limitations of such corrections. Dr. Jeffrey Walline followed with the science behind myopia control using contact lenses, specifically in a pediatric population. Dr. Ravi Bakaraju addressed recent lens design developments for presbyopia and myopia control.

Another aspect of the Scientific Program at the annual meeting is the poster sessions. Authors had the opportunity to interact with attendees on two days, including the popular Thursday evening session. On Friday the poster hall was again accessible for the entire day allowing a second set of authors to present their work to an interested audience. Over the course of two days, over 400 posters were presented. Continuing education credit was issued in convenient fifteen-minute increments.

The Academy remains dedicated to its support of research, facilitating collaboration, and providing a mechanism for the sharing of knowledge between clinicians and researchers.

The Academy Board of Directors and the Scientific Program Committee gave special recognition to Amber Mathias and Kaleb Abbott, students at The Ohio State University and the University of Houston respectively. Ms. Mathias’ paper titled, “Lane Position, Steering, and Velocity Control in Bioptic Drivers” and Mr. Abbott’s paper titled “Relationship between Intrinsically Photosensitive Retinal Ganglion Cells and Refractive Error, Light Exposure, and Melatonin” were identified as the best student presentations of the 2016 Scientific Program.
Membership

The American Academy of Optometry has long been dedicated to the advancement of the profession through education, professional development, and setting high standards. Interest in the Academy as reflected in both annual meeting attendance and the benefits of Fellowship to those in the profession continue to grow. Over the last 5 years, Fellowship in the Academy has grown by 3.5% per year. The Membership Committee continues its efforts to promote the FAAO distinction and to recruit new Candidates for Fellowship to not only benefit those who complete the rigorous process, but also to make the Academy stronger by bringing in new ideas, passion and involvement.

Over the last several years the Membership Committee has focused on encouraging current residents to see that Fellowship is an extension of their learning and career development, and inviting those non-Fellows who regularly attend the annual meeting to also consider Fellowship. The Membership Committee will continue to focus on recruiting these groups as they are the future leaders of our profession and belong in the Academy.

Another goal of the Membership Committee, in partnership with other Academy committees, is to take advantage of the astronomical growth in involvement among optometry students to ensure they maintain Academy membership through graduation. In addition, the Membership Committee also aims to focus on attracting international members into Fellowship as an opportunity to add diversity and a world-wide perspective to the Academy’s programs.

Fellowship Growth

- 2003: 3850
- 2004: 3875
- 2005: 3905
- 2006: 3910
- 2007: 3910
- 2008: 3950
- 2009: 4010
- 2010: 4050
- 2011: 4250
- 2012: 4381
- 2013: 4778
- 2014: 4886
- 2015: 5087

American Academy of Optometry
Active Fellows by State and Country (as of December 31, 2016)

Alabama ............ 75
Alaska ............... 13
Arizona ............. 115
Arkansas ............. 15
California ........... 645
Colorado ............. 92
Connecticut .......... 35
Delaware ............. 12
Florida .............. 340
Georgia ............. 73
Guam ................... 1
Hawaii ............... 26
Idaho .................. 21
Illinois .............. 210
Indiana ............... 94
Iowa ................... 33
Kansas ............... 37
Kentucky ............. 34
Louisiana ............ 16
Maine .................. 19
Maryland ............. 92
Massachusetts ....... 166
Michigan ............. 130
Minnesota ............ 74
Mississippi .......... 13
Missouri ............. 76
Montana ............. 11
Nebraska ............. 26
Nevada .............. 32
New Hampshire ....... 23
New Jersey ........... 93
New Mexico .......... 35
New York ............ 293
North Carolina ...... 121
North Dakota ......... 6
Ohio ................... 205
Oklahoma ............ 78
Oregon ................ 80
Pennsylvania ......... 167
Puerto Rico ........... 8
Rhode Island ........ 19
South Carolina ...... 35
South Dakota ......... 14
Tennessee ........... 98
Texas ................. 332
US Military .......... 26
Utah ................... 21
Vermont ............... 9
Virginia .............. 96
Washington .......... 8
Washington DC ........ 8
West Virginia ......... 16
Wisconsin ............ 47
Wyoming ............. 10

United States ...... 4482
Other Countries ..... 605
GRAND TOTAL 5087

Geographic Distribution of Fellows

District of Columbia

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Fellows must 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. 267 Fellows inducted in 2016 included representatives from 14 countries and 42 U.S. states.

**Member Categories**

- **50%** Students, 5,638
- **45%** Fellows, 5,087
- **5%** Candidates for Fellowship, 541

**Geographic Distribution of Fellows**

- 88% United States, 4,482
- 2% Australia / New Zealand, 100
- 4% Canada, 206
- 3% Europe, 164
- 1% Asia, 57
- 1% Africa, 33
- 1% Other, 45

**Fellows’ Professional Settings**

- Corporate/Private Optometric Practice, 2,015
  - 41%
- Federal Service, 743
  - 15%
- Multi-Disciplinary, 567
  - 12%
- Optometric Educator, 764
  - 15%
- Scientist/ Researcher, 221
  - 4%
- Retired, 255
  - 5%
- Other, 373
  - 8%

**Fellows Who See Patients**

- Yes, 4,445
  - 87%
- No, 642
  - 13%
Arizona Chapter

In 2016, the Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry had two successful meetings hosted by Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry which provided a total of 12 hours of COPE approved CE, with the Spring meeting being sponsored in part by an unrestricted educational grant from Alcon.

For the spring meeting the keynote speaker and chapter co-founder, Dr. Tina Porzukowiak, delivered a two-hour lecture entitled “Transient Visual Loss” which provided a comprehensive review of neuro-ophthalmic and vascular disease. Other lectures included Dr. Alyon Wasik presenting on “Anticoagulation and the Eye,” and Dr. Len Koh speaking about “Adverse Drug Reactions in Eyecare”. The CE program also included an Anterior Segment-themed Grand Rounds presentation featuring case reports from new Fellows Drs. Jamie Kuhn, Brianna Ryff, Kyle Ryff, Florencia Yeh and Brandon Runyon.

The fall meeting featured chapter co-founder Dr. Gregory Wolfe who delivered a two-hour lecture entitled “Management of Orbital Disease to the Exam Room and Beyond,” which explored the intersection of ocular disease and public health. Other one-hour lectures included Drs. Alyon Wasik and Laura Addy presenting “Not Your Average Red Eye – Beyond the Conjunctiva,” and Dr. Wendy Harrison speaking about the “Update on Plaquenil Testing 2016 Guidelines”. The CE program also included a Grand Rounds presentation featuring case reports from Fellows on staff at the Midwestern University Eye Institute: Drs. Tina Porzukowiak, Kaila Osmotherly, Brianne Hobbs, and Alicia Feis.

The Chapter provided two travel grants in 2016: one to a 4th year Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry student and one to an optometrist enrolled in a residency program in the state of Arizona, in order to help defray the cost of traveling to Academy 2016 Anaheim. This year’s student winner was Dianne Settlage and the resident winner was Dr. Catherine Dee, who practices at the Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System.

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Quebec
South Africa

United States Chapters
Arizona
California
Florida
Hawaii
Heart of America
Illinois
Indiana
Minnesota
New England
New Jersey
New York
North Carolina
Northeastern Ohio
Oklahoma
Pennsylvania
South Carolina
Tennessee
Virginia

Student Chapters
Illinois College of Optometry
Indiana University School of Optometry
Inter-American University of Puerto Rico
MCPHS University
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State
Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry
New England College of Optometry
Northeastern State University College of Optometry
Nova Southeastern College of Optometry
Ohio State University College of Optometry
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University of Alabama School of Optometry
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University of Houston College of Optometry
University of Illinois College of Optometry
University of Missouri – St. Louis, College of Optometry
University of Montreal
Western University of Health Sciences College of Optometry

Pacific University College of Optometry
Tennessee Chapter
The Tennessee Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry provided four travel grants of $150 each to students at Southern College of Optometry, to help them attend Academy 2016 Anaheim. Additionally, the Chapter made strides in reaching out to optometrists statewide, and helped Tennessee optometrists prepare for and earn their Academy Fellowship.

North Carolina Chapter
In May 2016 the Chapter held its 4th Annual Roger Cummings Resident Symposium in Salisbury, NC. There were a total of 9 resident speakers from: the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center in Salisbury, NC, the Womack Army Medical Center in Fort Bragg, NC, the Greenville VA Outpatient Clinic in Greenville, SC and the Dorn VA Medical Center in Columbia, SC. This year’s winner of the “Red Eye” Award for best presentation was Dr. Brittany McNeely from the Dorn VA, with a presentation on Hypertensive Emergency.

In September 2016 the Chapter held its Summer CE Symposium in Charlotte, NC, where Dr. Douglas Benoit lectured on “Multifocal Gas Permeable Lenses for Post-surgical Eyes” and “Corneal Complications of Contact Lens Wear”. Dr. Laurie Hoffman lectured on “Acquired Monocular Blindness - Low Vision or Not?” In December 2016 the chapter held its Winter CE Symposium in Kernersville, NC. Dr. Susan Gromacki lectured on “The Optometrist’s Guide to CXL (Corneal Collagen Crosslinking)” and “Scleral Contact Lenses: Strategies for Success,” and Dr. Moshe Schwartz lectured on “The Trials and Tribulations of Fitting the Irregular Corneas” and “Treating Ocular Surface Disorders with Amniotic Membranes”.

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Sections & Special Interest Groups

The Sections and Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are groups of Fellows who wish to gather and communicate about specific areas of interest within optometry and vision science.

The current Sections include:

• Anterior Segment (AS)
• Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry (BVPPO)
• Comprehensive Eye Care (CEC)
• Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies (CCLRT)
• Glaucoma (GL)
• Low Vision (LV)
• Optometric Education (OE)
• Public Health & Environmental Vision (PHEV)
• Vision Science

The current SIGs include:

• Academic Medical Center Optometrists (AMCO)
• Fellows Doing Research
• Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry
• Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Wellness
• Retina
• Vision in Aging

2016 Annual Meeting Symposia

One of the primary goals of the Sections and SIGS is to create programs for the annual meeting.

The Academic Medical Center Optometrists SIG presented “Expanding the Field of Optometry in Academic Medical Centers: Research and Residencies.”

The Anterior Segment Section presented “The Missing Link? Corneal Crosslinking and Keratoectasia: A Call to Action.”

The ARVO/AAO Joint Symposium sponsored by the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies was titled “Expanding the Field of Optometry in Academic Medical Centers: Research and Residencies.”

The Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry Section presented “Dealing with Today’s Visual Demands.”

The Comprehensive Eye Care Section presented “Finding Zen: Evidence-Based Wellness in Eye Care.”

The Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Symposium, “Myopia Control Utilizing Contact Lenses.”

The Glaucoma Section presented “Identifying Glaucomatous Progression in Primary Eye Care: A Case-Based Approach.”

The Low Vision Section presented “Treating Retinal Degenerations Today and Tomorrow: How Close Are We to Curing Genetic Eye Disease?”

The Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG presented the 2016 Lawrence G. Gray Memorial Symposium titled, “Neuro-ophthalmic and Binocular Vision Disorders from Kids to Adults.”

The Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Wellness SIG presented two symposia titled “The Gut-Brain Axis: A Paradigm Shift in Health Care” and “Macular Pigment Optical Density (MPOD): A Biomarker from AMD to Cognition.”

The Optometric Education Section presented “Remediation of the Struggling Student Clinician: Theory and Practice.”

The Public Health & Environmental Vision Section presented “Eye Health Promotion and Vision Impairment Reduction: Results of a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Study.”

The Retina SIG presented “Retinal Diseases for the Primary Care Optometrist: Diagnosis, Management and Referral.”

The Vision in Aging SIG presented “Presbyopia: Contemporary Options for the Modern Patient.”

The Vision Science Section partnered with the Binocular Vision, Perception and Pediatric Optometry Section to present “Restoring Impaired Binocular Vision Function.”
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2016 New Diplomates

Comprehensive Eye Care
Len V. Koh of Columbia, MD

Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies
Randy Charrier of Spring, TX
Susan Kovacich of Bloomington, IN
Aaron B. Zimmerman of Columbus, OH

Low Vision
Marlena A. Chu of El Cerrito, CA

“When I began my membership in the Academy, I realized the reason I became a Fellow was to hopefully one day become a Low Vision Diplomate. The Low Vision Section and its members have been encouraging and supportive and challenged my clinical thinking each step of the way. I enjoyed every aspect of the Diplomate process, and am so excited to continue teaching and learning about low vision.”

Dr. Marlena Chu

324 Fellows, approximately 6.4% of Academy Fellows, have attained the distinction of being a Diplomate. Some of the benefits of becoming a Diplomate of a Section are:

- Professional growth and goal achievement
- Recognition of extensive skill in their research or practice area
- Participation in a referral network of highly qualified colleagues
- Camaraderie and fellowship with leaders in the field
The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) is the Academy’s philanthropic arm. By funding the future of optometry through its fellowships, scholarships, and awards, the AOF gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward. The annual Academy meeting provides the AOF with a forum in which the AOF Board, staff, and award recipients can connect with donors on a personal level. It is the focal point for the largest fundraising drive of the year. With your support, the AOF received more than $220,000 in contributions and pledges at Academy 2016 Anaheim.

With assets nearly $6 million and an endowment of $3.9 million, the AOF hopes to provide more than $450,000 in fellowships, scholarships and grants in 2017. The American Optometric Foundation is advancing optometry’s future.

2016 Allergan Foundation Research Grant
The American Optometric Foundation, in partnership with the Allergan Foundation, awarded the 2016-2017 Allergan Research Grant to Stephen A. Burns, PhD, FAAO, professor at Indiana University School of Optometry. The highly competitive grant is awarded to a talented optometrist and/or vision scientist who is an Academy member and is currently undertaking cutting edge research in the areas of glaucoma and/or the anterior segment. Dr. Burns has been awarded a $60,000 grant for his project, “High Resolution, Adaptive Optics Imaging of the Trabecular Meshwork in Vivo.” Brett J. King, OD, FAAO, Clinical professor and Thomas J. Gast, MD, PhD, senior scientist at Indiana University, are co-investigators on this project.
VSP Global® and the AOF 2016 Practice Excellence Scholarships

VSP Global® and the AOF presented 46 recipients with this year’s Practice Excellence Scholarships; awarding $174,000 among top-performing fourth-year optometry students in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and Canada. The scholarships and travel grants to attend Academy 2016 Anaheim were funded through the VSP Global Eyes of Hope® Global Charitable Fund in collaboration with FYidoctors in Canada. Two students from each school or college of optometry were selected by nomination of their individual institutions to receive the scholarship.

Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc.
Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. has been a longstanding supporter of the AOF for the past 20 years, contributing a total of nearly $2 million. The Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care, J. Pat Cummings Scholarship, Innovation in Education Grants, and Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry, George Mertz and Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards were presented to 53 total recipients in 2016. Educational funding from Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. supports the AOF grants, educational support, and scholarship awards.

Essilor of America
Essilor of America has been a loyal contributor to the AOF for more than 15 years. Over $900,000 has been donated in support of optometric research. Essilor has endowed two Ezell Fellowships, the Irvin M. Borish Essilor Ezell and the Mike Daley Essilor Ezell. They have supported an additional Ezell Fellowship for the past ten years, as well as the Ezell Fellowship Dinner, the AOF Celebration Luncheon, Optical Technology Grants and two matching gift challenges.

2016-2017 William C. Ezell Fellowships

William C. Ezell Fellow sponsored by The Alcon Foundation
Jessica Wei, BS
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
Kristen Bowles, OD, MS
University of Houston College of Optometry

AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow
Cameron K. Postnikoff, MASc
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Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care, J. Pat Cummings Scholarship, Innovation in Education Grants, and Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry, George Mertz and Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards were presented to 53 total recipients in 2016. Educational funding from Johnson & Johnson Vision Care, Inc. supports the AOF grants, educational support, and scholarship awards.

Essilor of America
Essilor of America has been a loyal contributor to the AOF for more than 15 years. Over $900,000 has been donated in support of optometric research. Essilor has endowed two Ezell Fellowships, the Irvin M. Borish Essilor Ezell and the Mike Daley Essilor Ezell. They have supported an additional Ezell Fellowship for the past ten years, as well as the Ezell Fellowship Dinner, the AOF Celebration Luncheon, Optical Technology Grants and two matching gift challenges.

2016-2017 William C. Ezell Fellowships

William C. Ezell Fellow sponsored by The Alcon Foundation
Jessica Wei, BS
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
Kristen Bowles, OD, MS
University of Houston College of Optometry

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The AOF administered additional private endowment and industry-sponsored awards to an additional 135 deserving students, residents and faculty in 2016. For a complete list of recipients visit our website at: www.aaopt.org/AOF/Programs

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## REVENUE, SUPPORT, AND GAINS

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## EXPENSES

**Program Expenses:**

- Annual Meeting: $3,082,552
- Publications: $632,894
- Membership: $284,395
- Committees: $201,459
- Sections: $70,667
- Scholarships, Grants, Awards and Special Funds: $255,420
- Contributions to Other Organizations: $307,988

**Total Program Expenses:** $4,835,375

**Fundraising Expenses:**

- Management And General Expenses:
  - General and Administrative: $876,144
  - Board of Directors: $79,193

**Total Management and General Expenses:** $955,337

**Total Expenses:** $5,790,712

## CHANGE IN NET ASSETS

- Net Assets, Beginning of Year: $5,912,007
- 594,765
- 271,714
- 6,778,486

**NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR:**

- $6,132,229
- $596,461
- $273,265
- $7,001,955
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