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Dear Colleagues,

The Academy truly continues to experience growth in nearly every aspect of our organization, including annual meeting attendance, number of members, number of Diplomates, and manuscript submissions to *Optometry and Vision Science*.

While Academy 2017 Chicago presented a number of logistical challenges, it was by all accounts another astounding success. With a total of 7,692 in attendance, including 4,799 optometrists and vision scientists and 1,206 students, this was the largest meeting in Academy history. Attendees chose from over 340 hours of continuing education and 502 Scientific Program presentations, explored more than 150 booths in the exhibit hall, and attended several unforgettable social events.

We admitted 256 new Fellows into our Academy at the Fellowship Banquet. In addition, 10 individuals were awarded Diplomate status by Academy Sections. We also received a record 337 new Candidate for Fellowship applications at the annual meeting. The Student Fellowship program admitted a total of 355 new Student Fellows in 2017.

Given the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in Puerto Rico, the Academy was pleased to secure funding from sponsors and individuals to provide financial assistance to the students from the Inter American University of Puerto Rico to help them attend Academy 2017 Chicago. The Academy also provided full refunds to all attendees from Puerto Rico, whether or not they were able to attend the meeting.

The Academy is extremely grateful for the support of our corporate sponsors and exhibiting companies. This funding truly makes the annual meeting possible. Our attendees receive world class educational opportunities, and our sponsors get the opportunity to showcase their new technologies to the best and brightest in optometry. It’s a relationship that demonstrates our mutual commitment to advancing the profession.

Our American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF) distributed over $450,000 in grants, fellowships and awards this year and received over $255,000 in donations and new commitments at the annual meeting. Additionally, the AAOF would like to thank the Alcon Foundation for their donation in the amount of $25,000, triggered by participants who cycled for a cumulative 2,020 minutes in the exhibit hall as part of the 20/20 Cycle for Sight event in recognition of World Sight Day.

We deeply appreciate the Academy volunteers who continuously work to ensure the success of the Academy, and our hard-working staff who work year-round to make it all happen. We are grateful to you for making our Academy a truly special organization.

This annual report highlights our Academy’s work and accomplishments in 2017. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to continuing to share the Academy’s achievements with you for years to come.

We hope to see you in San Antonio in 2018!

Joseph P. Shovlin, OD, FAAO
President

Lois Schoenbrun, CAE, FAAO
Executive Director
2017 Board of Directors (l to r): Carl Spear, Barbara Caffery (President-Elect), Joseph Shovlin (President), Tim McMahon (Secretary-Treasurer), Pete Kollbaum, Sue Cotter, Jeff Walline, and Brett Bence (Immediate Past President).

2017 Career Development Award

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 to aid against this funding obstacle that young optometric researchers often face.

The 2017 Career Development Award was awarded to Dr. Fuensanta A. Vera-Diaz, OD, PhD, FAAO, of the New England College of Optometry. The funding helped her support her hypothesis-based, yet clinically-focused research that emphasizes optometric procedures and therapies related to preventing and treating refractive error and amblyopia.
While the Chicago Cubs didn’t advance to the 2017 World Series, the advancement of the optometric profession certainly moved ahead as evidenced by the level of learning and collaboration that took place in Chicago, October 11-14, 2017! The Academy’s 96th annual meeting attracted a record 7,692 attendees for four days of superior continuing education, networking and camaraderie, and clinically relevant scientific presentations.

During this year’s Plenary Session, “The Eye as a Mirror of the Brain,” featured experts Drs. Robert Sergott, Christopher Hudson, and Marina Bedny discussed the role of the retina in brain diseases such as Parkinson’s, Alzheimer’s, and multiple sclerosis.


The annual Fellowship Banquet concluded the annual meeting by recognizing and honoring 256 new Fellows and 10 new Diplomates.

### Annual Meeting Registrants

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Annual meeting attendance has grown 28% over the last 5 years.
Congratulations to the new Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO) Class of 2017!

**Australia**
Alex A. Black
Andrew Carkeet
Ciruos Dehghani
Adnan Khan
Vincent Khou
Angelia Ly
Anthony Tran
Elizabeth Yanting Wong

**Canada**
Negar Babaei Omali
Jaya Dantam
May Jarkas
Riyad Khamis
Tammy Labreche
Sophia Leung
Diana Mae Monea
Alan Ng
Nicole Catherine Stout

**China**
Zhi Lin

**Germany**
Stephanie Barbara Bandelow
Amanda Kanwischer
Gutierrez

**Ghana**
Stephen Ocansey

**Greece**
Costas Katsoulas

**Hong Kong**
Ying Hon

**Iran**
Reza Gharebaghi
Fatemeh Heidary

**Italy**
Antonella Vecchies

**Singapore**
Bee Fang Saoirse Ng
Li Li Tan

**United States**
APO
Joshua Israel Keil
Amasa Mechem
Toan Minh Trinh

**Alabama**
Ayesha Kidd
Iris Miao
Megan Taylor
William Lee Thibodeaux

**Arizona**
Nicole West Anderson
M. Brayden Lundquist
Matthew Roe
Michael J. Schumacher
Kelly Varney

**Arkansas**
Hannah L. Holtorf

**California**
Desireh Akhamzadeh
Melissa Joyce Anstett
David Au
O. Vanessa Avery
Amanda E. Beaudry
Daphne Wai Ping Chan
Jasmine Huang
Chung T. To

**Georgia**
Shantise M. Story

**Hawaii**
Ashley R.P. Luke

**Idaho**
Matthew Polster

**Illinois**
Ansu Abraham
Kayla E. Akers
Angelina Bonner
Adrienne Caitlyn Chan
Jacqueline A. Crow
Daniel Deligio
Amber Egbert
Jessica Jose
Alan Labrum
Albert Simon Licup
Michelle K. Man
Jaymeni Patel
Steven Charles Quan

**Indiana**
Michael DeWit
Eve Nicole Grele
Zachary Olsen
Ravisa Patel
Viswanathan
Ramasubramanian
Kelly Christine Summers
Jennifer Sutter
Kimberly Warner

**Iowa**
Alison K. Bozung

**Kansas**
Carl E. Kramer

**Kentucky**
Bibifatemeh Roya
Attarhosseini
Meredith B. Lanham
Michael C. Martorana
Steven L. Plaxco
Anthony Swanholm

**Louisiana**
Breanne Beatrice McGhee

**Maine**
Amy K. Burke
Luke Gregory Cyr
Holly Knight McCarthy

**Maryland**
Nathan Lee Anderson
Ashley Deemer
Laura DiMeglio
Brian Douglas Engesser
Jin Ha
Melissa Smith
Nurit Ariel Wilkins

**Massachusetts**
Anita Gulmire
Kristen L. Kerber
Crystal Lewandowski
Neli Z. Marcheva
Nicole Pogue
Alina Reznik

**Michigan**
Emily J. Aslakson
Debby Feinberg
Jamie Kuzniar
Megan Patterson
Donald Joseph Pole
Mark S. Rosner
Jennifer Gail Schad

**Minnesota**
Trevor J. Fooss
Paul Hammond
Jenna Kay Nelson

**Missouri**
Utham P. Balachandran
Casey Michelle Hamm
Marie Elizabeth Wehner

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New Fellows show off their yellow ribbons at the Academy’s membership booth in the exhibit hall.
New Fellow Grace Liao poses with her name on the "New Fellow Walk of Fame" at Academy 2017 Chicago.

Montana
Shannon Currier

Nevada
Sandra Vidacic

New Hampshire
Christie Krolczyk

New Mexico
Jason Koschmeder
Lynh Nguyen

New Jersey
Rajni Kumari Acharya
Tobin Ansel
Stacey M. Keppol
Christopher Lee
Ashley Kay Maglione
Jill Saxon

New York
Mirjeta Abazaga
Rima Gopal Bakhrui
Carol Antzy Chang
Rebecca Charlop
Danielle Crane
Daniel Epstein
Michael Ferri
Irene Frantis
Laura Ann Goldberg
Mandip Kaur
Francesca Kim
Yocheved Shira Kresch
Gauri Mehta
Sylvia Panora
Yasmine Lian Pilz
Wenny Tan
Eva C. Tsui

North Carolina
Emily Ann Burgon
David James Holler
Sandra Kou
Cassandra Warr
Ting Zhang

Ohio
Michelle J. Buckland
Rachael Canania
Jansi Damarla
Katherine R. Hastings Zajac
Megan Holmes
Ann M. Morrison
Carl Nealon
Meggie Nguyen

Oklahoma
Emily M. Thompson

Oregon
Richard T. Clai borne
Lauren Renee Hunt
Jenna Koskey
Shun-nan Yang

Pennsylvania
Kriti Bhagat
Kathryn Elizabeth Clare
Jamie Ellsworth-Neiman
Nicholas Gidosh
Abigail Gillogly Harsch
Kathryn Hannis
Laine S. Higa
Byung Josh Kim
Megan Lynott
Lauren Kay Matthews
Andrew Lee Meagher
Siva Mesyppen
Harpreet K. Minhas
Kelsey Leigh Moody
Eric Noll
Maryjo Ann Thomas

South Carolina
Tara Leigh Engstrom
Baley Petersen
Dianne Louise Williams

Tennessee
Dara Auyeung
Feyi Aworunse
Morgan Christopher Ollinger
Aaron Peterson
Paige Thompson

Texas
Justine Nicole Butler
Bobbie Jo Casey
Hyewon Lee Chang
Tiffany Chen
Naomi Chun
Jamie Dale Cornett
Marisol Nabil Gomez
Dieu-Hong Ho
Kevin Q Hoang
Anju Kanikunnel
Bryan Lallathin
Anna-Kaye Logan
Thien Huong K. Nguyen
Cindy Easheen Pouw
Matthew Rosner
Roberto Saenz
Michael Wayne Smith
Brandi E. Stewart
Marsha Ann Thomas
Celina Villanueva
Veronica Gee Wong

Virginia
Suzanne Kim
Christopher Kruthoff
Mashael Nameha

Washington
Jeffrey Binstock
Kathryn Dailey
William Eade Garrison
Emily Korszen
Brandon McFadden

West Virginia
Alison Hixenbaugh

Wisconsin
Justin Atherton
Jamie Weiser

Admittance Committee
Megan Hunter, National Chair
Nancy Wong, National Vice Chair

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Jason Fliegel
Jennifer Harthan

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Diana Mah, Vice Chair
Michelle Chen
Maryke Neiberg

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Christina Esposito
Jennifer Prunty

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William J. Denton
Katie Greiner

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Amy Dinardo, Chair
Patti L. Fries
Greg R. Waldorf

Subcommittee 2B - Clinical Candidates
Sara Weidmayer, Vice Chair
Angela M. Chen
Katherine Portugal

Subcommittee 2C - Clinical Candidates
Randall McPherran, Vice Chair
Kyle Smith
Lee Quin Vien

Subcommittee 2D - Clinical Candidates
Aaron Case, Vice Chair
Kristin Anderson
Jennifer Brown

Subcommittee 3A - Clinical Candidates
Traci Seng, Chair
Sarah Emmett Bortz
Jennifer Idoni

Subcommittee 3B - Clinical Candidates
James Hoekel, Vice Chair
Rodel Divina
Joy A. Kerns

Subcommittee 3C - Clinical Candidates
Stacy Hinkemeyer, Vice Chair
Victoria Butcko
Jessica Potter

Subcommittee 3D - Clinical Candidates
Tawna Roberts, Chair
Nicholas Chan
Anthony Van Alstine

Subcommittee 4A - Clinical Candidates
Juan Viñuela
Joseph Mittelman

Subcommittee 4B - Clinical Candidates
Claudia Ruegg, Vice Chair
Marjean Kulp

Subcommittee 4C - Clinical Candidates
Stacy Hinkemeyer, Vice Chair

Subcommittee 5 - International Candidates
Nicholas Rumney, Chair
Michael Wyss, Vice Chair
Nicole Leong
Derek MacDonald
Joseph Mittelman
Juan Viñuela

Subcommittee 6 - Special Category Candidates
Christopher Lievens, Chair
Kathrine Osborn Lorenz, Vice Chair
Christopher Putnam

Subcommittee 7 - Scientific Candidates
Carol Westall, Chair
Stephen Burns, Vice Chair
Marjean Kulp
Manoj Venkteshwar

2017 Annual Report
Awards

ACADEMY AWARDS

Charles F. Prentice Lecture
Eli Peli, MSc, OD, FAAO
Peripheral Prisms for Visual Field Expansion: A Translational Journey

Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award
Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD, FAAO

AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Optometry
Luigi Bilotto, MS, OD, FAAO

Brien Holden Humanitarian Award
C. Ellis Potter, OD, FAAO

Carel C. Koch Memorial Award
Joseph Fontenot, MD, CLVT

Vincent Ellerbrock Clinician Educator Award
Richard Madonna, MA, OD, FAAO

Eminent Service Award
Harue J. Marsden, OD, MS, FAAO (posthumous)

Life Fellow Award
Bert C. Corwin, OD, FAAO
Avrum Richler, OD, PhD, FAAO

Garland W. Clay Award
Jeffrey J. Walline, OD, PhD, FAAO
Katie L. Greiner, OD, MS, FAAO
Mary Elizabeth McVey, OD, MS
Lisa A. Jones-Jordan, PhD, FAAO

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPTOMETRY FOUNDATION AWARDS

Glenn A. Fry Invited Lecture
Mitchell Scheiman, OD, PhD, FAAO
Evidence for Effectiveness of Therapy: Past, Present, and Future

Michael G. Harris Family Award for Excellence in Optometric Education
Lorraine Lombardi, PhD

Julius F. Neumueller Award in Optics
Laura A. Goldberg, OD, MS
Celia R Gong, OD

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL VISION SECTION AWARD
Administered by the American Academy of Optometry Foundation

Henry B. Peters Memorial Award in Public Health and Environmental Vision
Melvin D. Shipp, OD, DrPH, FAAO
Public Health; Optometry; 2020

SECTION ON CORNEA, CONTACT LENSES & REFRACTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AWARDS

Max Schapero Memorial Lecture Award
Suzanne M.J. Fleiszig, OD, PhD, FAAO
The Pathogenesis of Contact Lens-Related Infectious Keratitis

Founders’ Award
Lynette Johns, OD, FAAO, FSLS
A total of 1,206 students attended the meeting in Chicago. Over 550 participated in the Student Fellowship program and 355 fulfilled the requirements.

Part of this year’s 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. (When an entire class of optometry students become student members, they receive a discounted fee.) In 2017, 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 Montreal, School 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

Student membership increased by 12% in 2017

2017 Student Fellows

Ferris State University, Michigan College of Optometry

Kristina Aikens
LeAnne Barstow
Ashley Bauman
Jesse Birsching
Lindsay Buurma
Abigail Contreras
Carrie DeWolfe
Alyssa Drew
Scott Habermann
Mia Hill
Matthew Huberty
Amanda Kruse
Bryn Leslee Langenderfer

Peter Lawrence
Kevin Leahy
Brendon Manns
Joellen Maurer
Joshua Rabideau
Jeffrey Reardon
Stephanie Slifka
Micah Timmermans
Daniel Van Elk
Carmen Zender

Illinois College of Optometry

Alin Augustine
Nina Ballew
Zefanne Bergado
Andrea Betrus

Marisa Brown
Alicia Bulsma
Jessica Capri
Nicole Carbonaro
Pei Chain
Megan Chee
Yen-Chu Chen
Katie Cwikla
Tamiko Escalante
Mariana Ferraz
Alice Han
Bradley Hiatt
Tekarra Humphreys
Addison James
Kelsey Jennings
Tatjana Karovic
Maryam Khan
Amina Khan
Sara Kloft

Agnieszka Krol
Nora Kuby
Lauren Kunkel
Katie Kwan
Lhamo Kyi
Brian Li
Lu Li
Winnie Li
Michelle Lynch
Suet Mei Mak
Haley Mathews
Jackie Ngo
Vivian Nguyen
Kavita Patel
Jay Patel
Kimly Pham
Lisa Pham
Thu Phan
Riya Philip
Carmen Rad
Rabab Rafique
Joseph Ridenour
Amelia Rohan
Leah Ruhland
Abigail Schraunagel
Bharti Sethi
Amy Shah
Jasmine Spencer
Rebecca Stein
Bazla Sukhera
Khánh-Ngọc Tran
Zachary Walburg
Andrew Worb
Elisa Xiao
Andrea Yee
Brandon Zeeben

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Jennifer Peterson
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Levi Ridgeway
Nicole Schmiedt

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Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
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Hyder Almosawy
Melissa Atencio
Bryanna Caron
Maciel Cruz
Dellana Curtis
Jacob Diedrich
Michael Everson

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Meital Shachaf
Riley Sutherlin
Jessica Wharran

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Hyder Almosawy
Melissa Atencio
Bryanna Caron
Maciel Cruz
Dellana Curtis
Jacob Diedrich
Michael Everson

Midwestern University, Arizona College of Optometry
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Brett Christensen
Amber Delly
Brittany Doss
An Hoang
Kevin Nguyen
Clarissa Orzell

New England College of Optometry
Julie Alejandro
Olivia Bass
Nicole Broden
Lilly Chang
Fareem Jivraj
Arianna Jordan
Tina Khieu
Kaitlin Koo
Tiffany Lu
Brenda Luu
Xue Mei
Lori Shin
Jessica Tran

Northeastern State University, Oklahoma College of Optometry
William Colton Cheek
Wamika Kumar
Caitlyn Mefford
Devyn Moran
Kevin Stieb

NOVA Southeastern University, College of Optometry
Gerald Choi
Lianne Chuck
Guillermo Del Campo
Diane Nguyen
Alexandra Rawls
Samantha Zehnle

Pacific University, College of Optometry
Muteb Alanazi

Salus University, Pennsylvania College of Optometry
Katherine Anderson
Karishma Arora
Peiling Chen
Shruti Desai
Alexander Jobe
Bushra Khawar
Mohammad Mukhtarzada
Jennifer Oh
Emilie Seitz
Mathivadana Selvamani
Matthew Steller
Lauren White

Southern College of Optometry
Parth Amin
Heather Ashley
Heather Bae
Sneha Bagavandoss
Rusha Barua
Christianne Belair
Brooke Blankenship
Laila Brown Aijala
Mary Chivetta
Kara Clark
Cassandra Croy
Catherine Danko
Elizabeth Davis
Sagar Desai
Jennifer Eng
Julie Ervin
Lindsay Estel
Jared Freedman
Torrie Garner
Zachary German
Kamil Hill
Jessica Jankiewicz
Lauren Johnson
Cori Jones
Jolie LeGate
Katelyn McGee
Blake Elizabeth Means
Meagan Miles
Christopher Muegge
Madelyn Mullally
Kelsey Newcome
Annie Nguyen
Leon Nguyen
Minh Nguyen
Vishal Patel
Alexandria Perry
Luke Ploessl
Jennifer Rider
Shriya Ruparel
Monique Smyth
Victoria Stewart
Steven Su
Mallory Troyer
Haley Vasilko
Jessica Vickery
Nicolas Vu
Andrea Wester
Kelsey Whitcomb
Kelsey White

State University of New York, College of Optometry
Abigail Cash
The Ohio State University, College of Optometry
Noor Abushagur
Jessica Bodamer
Taylor Brack
Ryan Bretz
Jennifer Conn
Hannah Davidson
Kayli Davis
Erin Filbrandt
Leslie Gibson
Justin Gillette
Derek Heimlich
Megan Hurley
Paulette Kelbley
Keyana Kelley
Kaitlyn McBride
Joshua Morris
Gabrielle Nivar
Dalya Qaisi
Emily Rausch
Erin Ross
Alexandra Rudinoff
Danielle Sabeli
Paige Scott
Adam Smith
Aimee Violette
Sloane Weed
Brennen Yaquinto

University of Alabama
Birmingham, School of Optometry
Zaid Aljabi
Kyley Campbell
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Student and Resident Travel Fellowships

Students and residents had the opportunity to attend any of the educational offerings and events at Academy 2017 Chicago. A total of 145 students and residents received a $750 travel fellowship to help defray the cost of attending the meeting to present their paper or poster. Six students and residents also received a travel fellowship to attend the 2017 ARVO meeting in Baltimore, MD.

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331 Academy Fellows served as volunteers on a committee or as Section/SIG leadership in 2017
One of the highlights of Academy 2017 Chicago was the expansive exhibit hall, featuring over 150 companies sharing the latest in technology and services with meeting attendees.

Not only does the exhibit hall give meeting attendees access to the newest products and services, it also significantly contributes to the financial health of the Academy. Thank you to all Academy 2017 Chicago sponsors and exhibitors for their generous support.

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The Academy’s journal, Optometry and Vision Science (OVS), made a number of significant changes in 2017 that are summarized below.

- A new Associate Editor and 7 new Editorial Board Members were added in 2017.
- The journal published no feature issues in 2017; two are scheduled for 2018 on topics related to Glaucoma and Low Vision.
- The proportion of manuscript submissions that were accepted in 2017 was 27%. This is a record low and a sign that the journal (i.e. the Editors and Editorial Board) is being more selective about the content accepted for publication.
- Despite a reduction in the total number of articles published, the number of citations to the journal increased over the previous two years.
- OVS is the only optometry journal listed in the top 20 Optometry/Ophthalmology journals indexed by Google Scholar.
- The journal’s impact factor was 1.41 in 2016 – this value represents the average number of citations to articles published in the past two years according to Journal Citation Reports.
- A new journal style template was instituted and the rollout is now complete. This style targets improvements that range from technical facilitation of online publication to promotion of ethical conduct of research.
  - Greater clarity in the definitions and transparency in the process for declaring potential conflicts of interest.
  - The citation style guidelines from 2009 were updated.
  - Instructions for Authors were extensively revised and updated.
  - Abstracts now include a statement of significance and title page images.
- The journal website was revised to a new mobile-friendly format.
- The journal has a renewed presence on social media through Facebook and Twitter.

### 2018 Outlook

For 2018 OVS will complete rollout of its new look and we are developing a new journal logo. The new guidelines for clinical case reports will debut in 2018. Other 2018 priorities include:

- More responsive author services with an emphasis on reduced time for review and publication.
- Progress towards easier access to the journal for members through Single Sign On; expected delivery in 2018.
- The journal will continue to emphasize evidence-based clinical practice:
  - Revised case report guidelines will debut.
  - A new topical editor appointee is in place with expertise in systematic review and meta-analysis methodology from the Cochrane Eyes and Vision initiative.
- Improving content accessibility especially for mobile devices (i.e. phones and tablets) through website revisions and revised keyword indexing.
- Administering Member/Reader/Author/Reviewer surveys to assess the current practices and priorities of the community. These will be used for setting priorities for the next several years.
- The development and rollout of a rewards program for top Authors and Reviewers.
- The creation of a structured training program to help with the development of new reviewers, topical editors, and editorial board members.
- Greater engagement with the leadership of AAO Sections and SIGs (i.e. diplomate reviewers and research chairs) to promote the journal, scholarship and academic publishing.

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Today's Research, Tomorrow’s Practice® was once again a central theme of Academy 2017 Chicago. This year’s meeting gave attendees access to several enlightening symposia, innovative paper presentations, and exciting poster sessions, making the Academy meeting unique in the profession.

The Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium on Thursday morning, planned by the Academy’s Research Committee, was titled, “Precision Medicine and the Future of Eye Care.” The session explored how treatment would change if doctors had better and more specific information about an individual's risk for disease. Speakers included Drs. Michael Twa, Bruce Korf, Tom May, and Dara Richardson-Heron.

Concurrent to the Hirsch Symposium, the Scientific Program Committee highlighted research in three “Hot Topic” paper sessions. These one-hour programs addressed the latest experimental discoveries in the areas of novel treatments, glaucoma and OCT-angiography. These were just three of the 20 total scientific paper sessions available to attendees during the meeting. This year’s program also featured
two hybrid “Super Sessions” that combined paper and poster presentations on the topics of scleral lenses and glaucoma. Authors had the opportunity to give one to three minute summaries of their posters after the paper sessions ended. In addition, one session was organized as a current Ezell Fellows showcase. The Scientific Program paper session on spatial vision also featured a keynote address by John Robson, ScD.

On Friday the “Ezell Fellows Present: Managing the Consequences of Abnormal Visual Development” featured prior American Academy of Optometry Foundation Ezell Fellowship recipients sharing their research on the topic of pediatric visual impairment. Dr. T. Rowan Candy gave an in-depth look at recent research on binocular function developments in infants and young children. Next, Dr. Susan Cotter presented on amblyopia and the implications of the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG) randomized clinical trial results. Lastly, Dr. Heather Anderson discussed treating specialty populations such as children with Down syndrome.

Another aspect of the Scientific Program at the annual meeting is the poster sessions. Authors had the opportunity to interact with attendees on two separate 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, nearly 400 posters were presented. Continuing education credit was issued in convenient fifteen-minute increments.

The Academy remains unwavering in its support of research, facilitating collaboration, and providing a venue for the sharing of ideas among practitioners and researchers.
Membership

Interest in becoming a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry continued its upward trajectory in 2017. 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 process, but also to drive the profession forward and make the Academy stronger by bringing in new ideas, diversity 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. In 2017, the Membership Committee also focused on recruiting past lectures and workshops presenters, past scientific program presenters, and graduate students.

Another goal of the Membership Committee is to develop strategies to keep optometry students interested and involved in the Academy throughout their academic career and after graduation. Overall, the committee will continue to work with other committees to stimulate involvement among optometry students to ensure they maintain Academy membership through graduation.

Fellowship Growth

Over the last 5 years, Fellowship in the Academy has grown by an average of nearly 4% per year.
Geographic Distribution of Fellows

Active Fellows by State and Country (as of December 31, 2017)


United States ...... 4,665  Other Countries ..... 621  Grand Total ..5,286
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. The 256 Fellows inducted in 2017 included representatives from 11 countries and 41 U.S. states.
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Arizona Chapter

The Arizona 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 fall meeting being sponsored in part by an unrestricted educational grant from Optovue. The business meeting was held in conjunction with the spring meeting where 9 new 2016 Arizona Fellows were recognized, and new officers were elected: President, Pierce Kenworthy, OD, FAAO; Vice President, Florencia Yeh, OD, FAAO; Secretary, Breanne Flores, OD, FAAO; Treasurer, Matthew Rhodes, OD, FAAO; Immediate Past President, Carla Engelke, OD, FAAO

The Chapter provided $750 student travel fellowships – 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 travelling to Academy 2017 Chicago. This year’s student winner was Devany Dougherty and the resident winner was Dr. Emily Stephey, who practices at the Hu Hu Kam Memorial Hospital in Sacaton, AZ.

University of Montreal Student Chapter

At Academy 2017 Chicago, the University of Montreal (UM) Chapter had a representation of 52 students, of which 19 completed the student fellowship program. Over 80 alumni were present including 20 Academy Fellows. University faculty and students presented a total of 15 poster presentations, 4 education sessions, 4 papers and 1 workshop. UM is proud of clinical faculty Luigi Bilotto, OD, MSc FAAO, who received the AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry, and to Associate Professor Etty Bitton, OD, MSc, FAAO, who received the Dr. Mae Booth-Jones Award for Mentorship by Women in Optometry. A combined Canadian Alumni reception with the University of Waterloo was held on Friday, which was a great opportunity for both schools to showcase the past year’s accomplishments at both institutions.
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 SIGs include:

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

**2017 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 a session on mentorship for optometrists in academic medical centers, and board certification.

The **Anterior Segment Section** presented “New Perspectives in Dry Eye Neuropathic Corneal Pain.”

The **Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies** presented a session titled “Ocular Surface Disease and Irregular Cornea Grand Rounds: A Multidisciplinary Approach.”

The **Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section** partnered with the **Low Vision Section** to present “Cortical/Cerebral Vision Impairment (CVI): An Overview of the Attributes, Range of Clinical Presentation, Research Findings, and Challenges to Rehabilitate and Educate this Burgeoning Population.”

The **Comprehensive Eye Care Section** partnered with the **Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Wellness SIG** to present, “Nutritional Influences on Eye Health.”

The **Glaucoma Section** presented “MIGS: Emerging Technologies in Glaucoma Surgery.”

The **Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry SIG** presented the 2017 Lawrence G. Gray Memorial Symposium titled, “Neuro-ophthalmic Top 10 Lists.”

The **Nutrition, Disease Prevention and Wellness SIG** also partnered with the **Vision in Aging SIG** to present “Aging and Nutrition in Modern Eye Care.”

The **Optometric Education Section** presented “Assessment Techniques In and Out of the Clinic.”

The **Public Health & Environmental Vision Section** presented “The Politics, Challenges, Innovations and Opportunities of Healthcare Reform.”

The **Retina SIG** presented “Posterior Segment Inflammatory Diseases and Malignancies.”

The **Vision Science SIG** presented “Blood Flow in Retinal Disease and Glaucoma Measurement, Understanding Tissue Oxygenation, and Clinical Applications.”

*New Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Diplomates (from left to right) Dr. Graeme Young and Dr. Marsha Malooley pictured with Dr. Louise Sclafani, Diplomate Chair, and Dr. Clarke Newman, Section Chair.*
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Mark Kirstein, Vice Chair
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Tracy Matchinski, Diplomate Chair

**Optometric Education Section**
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Padmalaath Segu, Vice Chair

**Vision Science**
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2017 New Diplomates

**Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry**
Macarena Fernandez-Baca, Madrid, Spain (Clinical)
Cara Frasco, Dublin, Ohio (Clinical)
Erin Jenewein, Hatboro, Pennsylvania (Clinical)

**Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies**
Marsha Malooley, Elmhurst, Illinois (Clinical)
Graeme Young, Surrey, United Kingdom (Research)

**Low Vision**
Vijaya Gothwal, Hyderabad, India (Research)
Jonathan Jackson, Northern Ireland, United Kingdom (Research)

**Public Health & Environmental Vision**
Barbara Cohn, Billings, Montana (Clinical)
Richard Hom, San Mateo, California (Clinical)

320 Fellows, approximately 6.1% 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

6.1% of Fellows have become Diplomates
The American Academy of Optometry Foundation (AAOF) is the Academy’s philanthropic arm. By funding the future of optometry through its fellowships, scholarships, and awards, the AAOF gives exceptional students a chance to continue their education and propel the field of optometric science forward. The annual Academy meeting provides the AAOF with a forum in which the AAOF 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 AAOF received more than $255,000 in contributions and pledges at Academy 2017 Chicago.

With assets over $6.5 million and an endowment of over $4.9 million, the AAOF plans to provide more than $450,000 in fellowships, scholarships and grants in 2018. The American Academy of Optometry Foundation is advancing optometry’s future.

The Alcon Foundation
The Alcon Foundation has been a generous supporter of the AAOF, having given over $100,000 in recent years. At Academy 2017 Chicago, the Alcon Foundation partnered with the AAOF for the Cycle for Sight 20/20 Challenge. Meeting attendees stopped by the Alcon Foundation booth and cycled for a cumulative 2,020 minutes, resulting in a $25,000 donation from the Alcon Foundation for optometric research and education.

2017 Allergan Foundation Research Grant
The American Academy of Optometry Foundation, in partnership with the Allergan Foundation, awarded the 2017-2018 recipient of the Allergan Research Grant to Rose Y. Reins, PhD, Assistant Professor at The Ocular Surface Institute, University of Houston College of Optometry. She has been awarded a $60,000 grant for her project, “Evaluation of Vitamin D Treatment for Dry Eye-induced Ocular Surface Inflammation.” Rachel Redfern, OD, PhD, FAAO, Assistant Professor at The Ocular Surface Institute, University of Houston College of Optometry, is the co-investigator on this project. 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.
Essilor of America has been a loyal contributor to the AAOF for over 15 years. They have donated over $900,000 to the AAOF in support of optometric research. Essilor has endowed two Ezell Fellowships, the Irvin M. Borish Essilor Ezell and Mike Daley Essilor Ezell. In addition, they have supported an additional Ezell Fellowship for the past ten years, as well as the Ezell Fellowship Dinner, the AAOF Celebration Luncheon, Optical Technology Grants and two matching gift challenges.

American Academy of Optometry Ezell Fellow
Maria K. Walker, OD, MS, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

American Academy of Optometry Foundation Karla Zadnik Ezell Club Fellow
Katherine M. Bickle, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

AAO Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies Ezell Fellow
Erin Rueff, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Baycross Christian Family Foundation Binocular Vision and Pediatrics Ezell Fellow
Ann M. Morrison, OD, MS
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Irvin M. Borish - Essilor Ezell Fellow
Ian Erkelens, OD
University of Waterloo School of Optometry and Vision Science

Mike Daley - Essilor Ezell Fellow
Suraj Upadhyaya, OD, FAAO
University of Houston College of Optometry

Merton C. Fiom Leadership Ezell Fellow
Phillip Thomas Yuhas, OD, MS, FAAO
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Johnson & Johnson Vision
Johnson & Johnson Vision has been a longstanding supporter of the AAOF for over 20 years, contributing a total of nearly $2 million. The Award of Excellence in Contact Lens Patient Care, J. Pat Cummings Scholarship, Student Travel Fellowships, and Terrance N. Ingraham Pediatric Optometry, George Mertz and Sheldon Wechsler Contact Lens Residency Awards were presented to 58 total recipients in 2017. Educational funding from Johnson & Johnson Vision supports AAOF grants, educational support, and scholarship awards.

VSP Global® and the AAOF 2017 Practice Excellence Scholarships
VSP Global® and the AAOF 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 2017 Chicago 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. VSP Global® has been a generous partner having given nearly $600,000 in donations to the AAOF in recent years.

2017-2018 William C. Ezell Fellowships

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Michael G. Harris Ezell Fellow
Elise N. Harb, OD, MSc, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Optometric Glaucoma Society Ezell Fellow
Nevin W. El-Nimri, OD, MS, FAAO
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

John H. Schoen Ezell Fellow
Kevin Thomas Willeford, OD, MS, FAAO
State University of New York College of Optometry

Vision Impact Institute Ezell Fellow
Kaitlyn Anne Sapoznik, OD
Indiana University School of Optometry

The AAOF presented awards to a total 156 deserving students, residents and faculty in 2017. For a complete list of recipients visit our website at: www.aaopt.org/aaof.
## Consolidated Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

### Revenue, Support, and Gains

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### Expenses

**Program Expenses:**

- Annual Meeting: 3,580,318
- Publications: 583,996
- Membership: 270,590
- Committees: 234,195
- Sections: 52,202
- Scholarships, Grants, Awards and Special Funds: 317,627
- Contributions to Other Organizations: 260,568

**Total Program Expenses:** 5,299,496

**Fundraising Expenses:**

**Management and General Expenses:**

- General and Administrative: 547,055
- Board of Directors: 72,007

**Total Management and General Expenses:** 619,062

**Total Expenses:** 5,918,558

### Change in Net Assets

Net Assets, Beginning of Year: $6,132,229

**Change in Net Assets:** 1,396,274

Net Assets, End of Year: $7,528,503

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Synergeyes
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Dates and Locations

November 7-10, 2018
San Antonio, TX

October 23-26, 2019
Orlando, FL

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Nashville, TN

November 3-6, 2021
Boston, MA

October 26-29, 2022
San Diego, CA

October 11-14, 2023
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