As he accepted the 1993 Nobel Peace Prize, South African statesman Nelson Mandela said, “A man does not become a freedom fighter in the hope of winning awards…” Similarly, this year’s awards recipients at the American Academy of Optometry have remained steadfast in their pursuit of excellence in optometric education, research in all aspects of vision science, and translating the results into clinical practice. The 2010 Awards recipients will be recognized at this year’s Awards Ceremony, Friday, November 19, 8:00-10:00 AM, in Room 3008 of Moscone Center West.

Charles F. Prentice Medal and Lecture
The Charles F. Prentice Medal is the Academy’s top Award and Lecture at the Annual Meeting, and is presented to an individual who has made a significant contribution to the advancement of knowledge through research in the visual sciences.

The recipient of this year’s Prentice Medal is Earl L. Smith, III, OD, PhD, FAAO. Dr. Smith is the Greeman-Petty Professor of Vision Development and the Dean of the University of Houston, College of Optometry. He is an outstanding scientist who has contributed significantly to the advancement of knowledge in the visual sciences, with a record of exceptional service to the profession. Notably, his seminal findings on the mechanisms of refractive error development in primate eyes have had a substantial influence in the field of refractive-error research.

The Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture
The Glenn A. Fry Award and Lecture is sponsored by the American Optometric Foundation and recognizes a distinguished scientist or clinician for his or her current research contributions.

Nathan Efron, BScOptom, PhD, DSc, FAAO, is the recipient of the 2010 Fry Award for the seminal research he has undertaken in the field of corneal confocal microscopy. Professor Efron’s long and distinguished record of optometric research has been published in 162 refereed scientific articles.

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papers. In addition, his research has focused most on the application of corneal confocal microscopy to the diagnosis and monitoring of diabetic retinopathy.

**Irvin M. and Beatrice Borish Award**

The Borish Award recognizes an outstanding young researcher who has shown exceptional promise to conduct independent optometric research directly related to etiology, prevention, detection, diagnosis or management of clinical eye disorders.

Alex R. Bowers, PhD, FAAO, MCOptom, is the recipient of the Borish Award for her research in the evaluation of mobility with tunnel vision and night blindness, developing novel ways to evaluate mobility of low vision pedestrians, as well as for her continuing work on driving with vision loss.

**AAO-Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry**

The International Award recognizes an individual(s) or organization whose direct efforts and contributions have resulted in unquestionable significant and extraordinary advances in optometry and eye care internationally.

This year’s International Award recipient is Kovin S. Naidoo, OD, MPH, PhD, FAAO, an outstanding academic, researcher, educator, and public health innovator who has been revolutionizing access and delivery to eye care in Africa and for the poor and disadvantaged throughout the world. A powerful public health advocate, he is now working on reducing avoidable blindness and vision impairment.

**William Feinbloom Award**

The William Feinbloom Award is presented to an individual who, through discovery and innovation, has made a distinguished and significant contribution to the advancement of clinical practice, and thus to the visual enhancement of the public.

This year’s Feinbloom awardee is Joan A. Stelmack, OD, MPH, FAAO. Dr. Stelmack has long been recognized and highly respected for her clinical research and professional leadership, which has advanced the practice of low vision rehabilitation. Her most significant contribution to date, which already has had a major impact on the profession and the field of low vision, is the Low Vision Intervention Trial (LOVIT), the first high quality randomized controlled trial demonstrating the effectiveness of outpatient low vision rehabilitation using the team approach.

**Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal**

The Carel C. Koch Memorial Medal is awarded to a person who has made outstanding contributions to the enhancement and development of relationships between optometry and other professions.

A pioneer in fostering the relationship between optometry and ophthalmology, Thomas F. Freddo, OD, PhD, FAAO, is this year’s Koch Medal recipient. Dr. Freddo was the first optometrist to become Vice Chair of a department of ophthalmology, the first optometrist to serve as a regular member of the National Eye Institute’s anterior segment disease (Vis-A) study section, and the first optometrist to be elected President of the International Society for Eye Research.

**Garland W. Clay Award**

The Garland Clay Award is presented to the authors of the manuscript published in *Optometry and Vision Science* that has been most widely cited in the world research literature in the preceding five years and has the vote of the *Optometry and Vision Science* Editorial Board.

This year’s article is:

"Repeatability and Reproducibility of Central Corneal Thickness Measurement with Pentacam, Orbescan, and Ultrasound"

Birgit Lackner, MD, Gerald Schmidinger, MD, Stefan Pieh, MD, Martin A. Funovics, MD, Christian Skorpik, MD

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**Michael G. Harris Award for Excellence in Optometric Education**

Presented by the American Optometric Foundation, the Harris Award recognizes an optometric educator who has demonstrated ongoing and consistent excellence in education of optometry students and/or advancement of optometric education.

The Harris Award recipient this year is Richard E. Meetz, OD, MS, FAAO, of the Indiana University School of Optometry. Within a profession that has many extremely talented and dedicated educators, and within a school with some very talented instructors, Dr. Meetz stands out as an educator of the very highest caliber. His level of dedication and enthusiasm (unfaltering after more than 30 years) meld with his ability to cultivate and demand the highest levels of learning in the students at Indiana University.

**Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Awards**

These awards will be presented at the Section Awards Ceremony and Max Schapero Lecture, Friday, November 19, 5-6 pm, in Room 2004 of Moscone Center West.

We look forward to seeing you at these Awards Ceremonies to honor these distinguished individuals, acknowledging the countless contributions they have made in advancing our profession.

**Schapero Memorial Award**

Recipient: Joseph T. Barr, OD, MS, FAAO

The Schapero Award is given to a clinician, researcher, or scholar who has made a significant contribution to the cornea and contact lens field by virtue of his/her publications, lectures or research efforts.

Barr is the past Editor of Contact Lens Spectrum, the Co-Primary Investigator of the Collaborative Longitudinal Evaluation of Keratoconus multi-center study, has been widely published and, according to see AWARDS, p.7
Today’s Research will Inform Tomorrow’s Practice at Academy 2010 San Francisco

Ruth Manny, OD, PhD, FAAO
Chair, Scientific Program Committee

Thanks to the Scientific Program Committee members who just completed the review of more than 700 abstracts submitted for consideration as poster or paper presentations at the 2010 meeting in San Francisco, 2010 ranks just behind San Diego (2005) and Denver (2006) in overall submissions. Science is alive and thriving at the Academy!

What better way to learn about the latest discoveries before they appear in the journals than to hear about them directly from the researchers. Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice® represents one of the unique aspects of the annual Academy meeting; presentations of the scientific discovery, and direct applications to clinical practice.

Posters will be displayed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday on the third floor of Moscone Center West. Earn two hours of CE credit each day by viewing posters, when the authors are present! Obtain high quality CE with one on one interaction with the researchers.

CE credit is also available for the paper sessions. Attend 50 minutes of paper presentations to earn one hour of CE credit. Two paper sessions feature diabetes and traumatic brain injury to bring scientists and clinicians together that share these common interests. There are also a plethora of papers on all the latest contact lens issues and ocular surface concerns. Sessions on driving and reading, glaucoma, optometric education, public health, low vision, binocular vision, optics and refraction, myopia and posterior segment disease. Something for everyone, All CE, All the Time®. Get ready for new discoveries and a chance to recharge in San Francisco!

Plan your Academy On-line!

The Personal Program Planner (PPP for short) is a tool for creating as detailed an agenda as you need for attending Academy 2010 San Francisco. By pre-selecting and printing an agenda with dates, times and locations of scheduled lectures, workshops, papers, posters, you will not forget to attend an event important to you. The ability to print and/or email your personal agenda to yourself makes this tool one of the best ways to plan your time at Academy 2010 San Francisco. To start using these great features, create a login account using your email address at: http://www.aaopt.org/meetings/academy2010/PPP.

While You’re at it... Update your Academy Profile Online!

Members, please help us stay in touch with you. Please take the time to tell us more about yourself so we can plan even better educational offerings to meet your needs and interests. You can update your contact information by using the profile update tool when you log in at the Academy website.

Fellows, any updates to your information will update your listing in the online directory, as well. You can also choose which information from your record to show in the online directory. Are you aware that aaopt.org gets the most hits by patients clicking through from allaboutvision.com to find an eye doctor?

New this year, you must be logged in to access emails on the Fellow Directory. Due to issues with spammers taking advantage of our directory, we decided to share your emails only with other members.

Still Need Help?

You can always contact the Academy staff for help, but if you want more in-depth information, join Helen Viksins, Director of Education & Member Relations for WK-16 Thursday, November 18, “Getting to Know the Academy Online.”

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# Lectures Offered as CEE at Academy 2010 San Francisco

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### Stop by the Information Desk!

The Academy will have a general information desk at Academy 2010 San Francisco with information on membership, happenings at the meetings and excitement around the city! It will be located near the registration desk.

"A synonym for San Francisco: Inspiration. What ever one's field of study - arts, humanities, science - SF is a microsphere of everything inspiring to the human spirit."

-Denise, SF native

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Cross the bridge to lifelong learning with the American Academy of Optometry!
In Case You Missed the June and July President’s Calling

Results of the Membership and Meeting Surveys

We summarized the results from the Academy 2009 Orlando and Membership Benchmarking surveys in the June and July President’s Calling.

Meeting Survey
1,254 attendees from Academy 2009 Orlando responded to the meeting survey, more than three times the response and more than a third of those surveyed. Here are highlights of the data from this survey:

Demographics
• 57% were under the age of 44
• 25% are not members (yet!)

Primary Reasons to Attend our Meetings
• Networking
• Earn CE
• High quality speakers

Satisfaction Level is “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied”
• Registration – 96%
• Speakers in the Lectures & Workshops program – 90%
• Venue (the convention center) – 77%
• Location (resort) – 64%

Participation
• Half of attendees did not go to the Scientific Program – either paper sessions (46%) or posters (53%)
• Exhibit Hall – 24% visited it EVERY DAY. 9% did not visit the exhibit hall at all during the meeting.

We heard you LOUD AND CLEAR!
• Many said they felt trapped and isolated, like they “couldn’t get off the island”
• We cancelled our contracted Orlando meeting at the same location in 2014, and are moving it to Denver.
• We learned that most had favorable things to say about the low-tech barcode system for tracking CE credits. It worked. The system will remain the same for 2010.
• Respondents expressed frustration with aspects of our corporate events. As a result, we have changed how they will be managed. The biggest change, a result of your comments, is that registration for the events is now part of the on-line meeting registration. Sign up when you register, and you will receive your breakfast or lunch ticket(s) with your badge.
• And finally, respondents said BRING BACK THE AUSTRALIA PARTY, so we did! The Australia Party is back in its proper place and time – Friday, November 19, at Moscone Center West.

We are very pleased that 84% of respondents plan to attend Academy 2010 San Francisco! We look forward to seeing everyone November 17-20!

Membership Survey
The Academy has not conducted a general membership survey in nearly ten (10) years. This makes comparative data unfortunately not available, but we do plan to conduct annual surveys in the future.

3,824 invitations were sent to Fellows and Candidates. A total of 1,331 members completed the survey – more than a third! This is a terrific response rate. Below is some data from the survey.

Demographics
• Fellows for more than 20 years – 30%
• Male – 63%, (71% of Fellows are male)
• Over 55 years of age – 34%

About the Meeting
• Academy 2009 Orlando – 41% of respondents said they did not attend
• Academy 2010 San Francisco – 79% said they do plan to attend Academy 2010 San Francisco.
• Improvements Needed
  o Bring back the Australia Party (It’s Back!)
  o Education
  o Logistics of our meeting
  o Time
    • Less overlap of good classes
    • More time to communicate with colleagues
    • More time for the Exhibit Hall
    • More time for special events for Diplomates
  o Main reason for attending the meeting – the education!
  o Barriers for attendance
    o Cost – We take very seriously the need to keep costs down as much as possible. But to give you a frame of reference: at Moscone Center West, one gallon of coffee costs $92, about $6 per cup! The nearby hotels, where we are holding some events, are even higher, at about $120/gallon, or $8 per cup! Our Executive Director likes to remind folks, just half-joking, that “Two gallons of coffee equal one computer!”
    o Family obligations
    o Health issues
    o Location
    o Scheduling conflicts

Our meetings are costly to produce, and we try our best to keep those costs down, so that registration fees can remain reasonable. Why not then hold our meeting in a lower cost city? First, they are not large enough to accommodate our meeting. And second, because you have told us with high registration numbers that you like certain cities. The trade-off is higher cost.

We negotiate outstanding hotel rates. Yet we hear complaints every year that we’re not doing our jobs, because you found a better rate online, or paid less at the same property for another meeting. Yes, both are entirely possible, yet not a reflection on how well we negotiate. “Revenue management” is the term that hotels use for determining when and at what rate hotel rooms will be advertised and sold. In this on-line world, some sleeping rooms will always be available online at a cost lower than what we can negotiate. And hotel rates vary greatly by time of year, day of the week, and any number of other factors. We know that you want the best rates you can possibly get. Please remember, though, that if the Academy does not fill its room block (the minimum required in our contracts), we pay hefty attrition penalties. Your stay at a contracted hotel makes a real difference in keeping our costs down.

Satisfaction Level is “Satisfied” or “Very Satisfied”
• Recognition associated with being a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry – 93%
• Service provided by Academy staff – 96%. It’s always gratifying to hear appreciation of the staff!

We asked what services could be provided to improve membership benefits. 411 people made suggestions. Many members want on-line resources, and some want regional meetings.

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**PRESIDENT'S CALLING from p.6**

Not surprising, we also got an earful about Board Certification—both pro and con. And generally most who commented about Maintenance of Fellowship were positive.

Thank you again for responding to the surveys. We are always here and eager to know your thoughts. We recognize that membership in the American Academy of Optometry is a matter of pride, and want the Academy’s annual meeting to reflect the excellence that our members bring to their practices and other professional roles.

**AWARDS from p.2**

to the results of a nationwide survey, he has had more influence on global contact lens education than anyone else. After holding the position of Associate Dean for Clinical Services and Professional Programs at The Ohio State University College of Optometry, he is currently Vice President, Clinical and Medical Affairs, and Professional Services Global Vision Care for Bausch + Lomb.

**Founders' Award**

Recipient: Nick Stoyan, NCLC

This award is presented to an individual, group, or company who has made an outstanding contribution to the clinical aspect of the art or science of contact lens fitting.

Stoyan is the President of Contex, Inc. After beginning his career in the 1950s working in research and development for Wesley-Jessen, Stoyan founded Contex, Inc. in Van Nuys, CA. He is one of the contact lens industry's foremost innovators as he has been very active in contact lens design and polymer formulation and holds numerous patents for his inventions. He is the individual credited with initiating “accelerated orthokeratology” via the introduction of his "OK" series of reverse geometry lenses for use in orthokeratology. Schapero Lecture, Friday, November 19, 5-6 pm, in Room 2004 of Moscone Center West.

**Academy Commemorates Anniversary**

**Milestones for Fellows**

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Dr. George S. Kornfeld of Rochester, NY  
Dr. Peter A. Lalle of Baltimore, MD  
Dr. Gary A. Lesher of Chicago, IL  
Dr. Lisa A. Lex of Columbus, OH  
Dr. Joseph C. Mallinger of Escondido, CA  
Dr. Glen L. McCormack of Boston, MA  
Dr. Mark E. McLain of Portland, OR  
Dr. John A. Mountford of Brisbane, QLD, Australia  
Dr. John J. Offerle of South Bend, IN  
Dr. Charles J. Patorgis of Alpharetta, GA  
Dr. Amy M. Postma of University Place, WA  
Dr. Joel T. Postma of University Place, WA  
Dr. Carey G. Prater of Tyler, TX  
Dr. Ward R. Ransdell of Lexington, KY  
Dr. Marc W. Robboy of Olney, MD  
Dr. Wendy S. Rothman of Rockville, MD  
Dr. David M. Savage of Seattle, WA  
Dr. Willard N. Shepherd of Rocky Mount, NC  
Dr. Frederick E. Soto of Sarasota, FL  
Dr. Gene Stollman of Jerusalem Israel  
Dr. Barry M. Tannen of Hamilton Square, NJ  
Dr. Michael R. Vandeven of Battle Creek, MI  
Dr. Fred Wallace of Bessemer, AL  
Dr. Mark E. Wilkinson of Iowa City, IA  
Dr. Dave A. Ziegler of Milwaukee, WI  
Dr. Wayne W. Zimmerman of Felton, CA
The American Academy of Optometry is an exciting organization that can help you expand your knowledge of optometry and your practice throughout your career. The Academy will push you to become a lifelong learner, better clinician, and better leader. This organization is NOT just for educators and researchers! In fact, approximately half of the Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO), a distinction given to members who have completed a rigorous postgraduate self-learning program, are in private practice. Fellows want to be up-to-date with their current scope of practice and want to bring their patients the latest and greatest treatments available.

Becoming part of this tradition as a student member is now easier than ever. Starting this year, students will only need to pay a one-time $30 membership fee that includes their entire student career and year of residency. Fourth year optometry students who submit their Candidacy for Fellowship applications the year of graduation will have their application fee and membership dues waived for the first year. Membership will entitle you to Academy publications like *Optometry and Vision Science* (the Academy’s official peer reviewed scientific journal), the AAO Newsletter, Eye-Mail® Monthly, and extremely reasonable student member rates for the annual meeting ($50 for student members and $100 for non-members when registering before September 14th).

The annual meeting of the Academy is quickly approaching, and it is never too soon to register for this career-enhancing event! You can register at www.aaopt.org. Academy 2010 San Francisco will be held at San Francisco’s Moscone Center West from November 17–20, 2010. The Academy has contracted excellent student housing near the convention center at the Handlery Union Square Hotel for $155 per night. When this cost is split among four of your closest colleagues, it is hard to find a better deal in the vibrant, multicultural center of San Francisco! While at the meeting, be sure to attend the following events in order to get the most out of your trip.

### Plenary Session:
**Wednesday, November 17, Noon – 2:00 PM**
Hear a thought provoking discussion by Barbara A. Brenner, JD and Susan Wood, PhD called “Today’s Research, Tomorrow’s Practice®: Policy, Advocacy and Science in Women’s Health.”

### Monroe J. Hirsch Research Symposium:
**Thursday, November 18, 8:00 – 10:00 AM**
This event honors Past Academy President and former Dean of UC-Berkeley College of Optometry Monroe J. Hirsch. This year’s symposium keynote speakers are Brian Brooks, MD, PhD; Richard Lewis, MD, MS; and Rodney Nowakowski, OD, PhD, FAAO, and they will present a lecture titled “Ocular Genetics: From Laboratory to Clinical Practice and Back Again.”

### Awards Program & Lectures:
**Friday, November 19, 8:00-10:00 AM**
This event honors distinguished optometrists who have advanced our profession. The Academy’s prestigious Glenn A. Fry Award and Charles F. Prentice Award recipients will give lectures summarizing some of their breakthrough findings.

### The Australia Party:
**Friday, November 19, 9:00 PM**
It would not be a real meeting without a little fun, so please join us at the new Australia Party for a night of entertainment and socializing. Entertainment will be provided by the Lucas Cates Band!

In addition to the annual meeting and all of the other wonderful benefits previously mentioned, the American Optometric Foundation (AOF), the Academy’s philanthropic organization, is a strong supporter of optometry and vision science students. For example, the AOF offered many fellowships to last year’s annual meeting; nineteen $5,000 Carl Zeiss Vision Fellowships, an award recognizing 3rd year optometry students who have achieved high academic and leadership success; and twelve $8,000 William C. Ezell Fellowships, which support up-and-coming vision science students during their graduate research programs. You can find additional scholarship information on the Academy’s website as well as updates and deadlines related to these prestigious awards.

If you ever have any additional questions about the Academy, please feel free to contact me at apucker@optometry.osu.edu. Also, make sure you become a Facebook fan of the Academy in order to receive the most recent updates about the organization. I hope to see you all in San Francisco!
Members can take advantage of exciting new features introduced to the Optometry & Vision Science website—www.optiversci.com. New ways to access the journal and alerts for updated content make it even easier for you to stay informed of the latest research.

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"San Francisco is 49 square miles surrounded by reality"
-Paul Kantner rock band
Jefferson Airplane
Student Travel Fellowship Recipients from ARVO 2010

2009 Ezell Award Winners at ARVO 2010:
(Front, L to R): Maria Markoulli, McOptom - University of New South Wales; Nicole Putnam, MS - School of Optometry, University of California at Berkeley; Johanna Tukler-Henriksson - University of Houston, College of Optometry; Vidhyapriya Sreenivasan, BSoptom, MS - University of Waterloo, School of Optometry; Tihomira Petkova - University of Houston, College of Optometry; Aleksandra Polosukhina - School of Optometry, University of California at Berkeley

(Back row, L to R): Tony Adams, OD, PhD, FAAO, AOF President; Ravi Bakaraju, BSoptom - University of New South Wales; Yang (Kaccie) Li - School of Optometry, University of California at Berkeley; Bradley Dougherty, OD, MS - The Ohio State University, College of Optometry; Eric Ritchey, OD, MS, FAAO - The Ohio State University, College of Optometry; Patrick Scott, OD - Boston University School of Medicine; Dean VanNasdale, OD - Indiana University-Bloomington, School of Optometry

"I'm so happy & honored to receive this STF this year. It is indeed a great motivation. I sincerely thank the Academy and VISTAKON® for its encouragement to the budding scientists."

-Preethi Thiagarajan, MSc

ARVO STF Recipients 2010:
(Front, L to R): Preethi Thiagarajan, MSc, Jessica Mathew, OD, Jing Wang, MD, Danielle Teel, OD, FAAO, Qiong Liu, MD, Wendy Harrison, OD, MS, FAAO

(Back, L to R): Andrew Pucker, Zhangyi Zhong, Joshua Pratt, Nimesh Patel, OD, FAAO, Karla Zadnik OD, PhD, FAAO, AAO President-Elect

"I had a wonderful experience at ARVO and was able to meet and become acquainted with many of the researchers in my field. I am further motivated from this experience to continue research in low vision and collaborate with others in our efforts to improve patient care. Thanks again for your help."

-Joshua Pratt

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Reminisce-IN of the Optometric Historical Society

The Reminisce-IN of the Optometric Historical Society will take place Friday, November 19, immediately following the Annual Awards Ceremony. This meeting of optometric historical buffs is open to anyone interested in gathering, reading or discussing the beginning days of the profession. The meeting held at the Academy meeting last year attracted a capacity audience and the featured talk dealt with “The La Guardia Meeting – the Meeting that Changed the Profession.” The theme of this year’s session will be the broad subject of “The Ups and Downs of Optometry’s Relationships with Organized Medicine and With Organized Ophthalmology.” Academy Member and OHS Board Member Alden N. Haffner, OD, PhD, will lead and moderate the discussion. Those planning to attend this meeting or who have ideas on the subject matter are urged to e-mail Irving Bennett, OHS, OD, FAAO, President, at irvbennett23@gmail.com.
Chapters

Heart of America Chapter
It is a great time to jump in with the Heart of America Chapter! In addition to their annual meeting at the Heart of America Contact Lens Society meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, things are under way to present a top notch CE program sponsored by the chapter in the St. Louis area. This quality CE meeting will be deeply discounted for Academy members or for those who join the American Academy of Optometry at this meeting. There have been previous discussions of closing this chapter due to inactivity and expense, but hopefully more interest and more activity may keep our chapter going into the next decade. For more information, contact James Hoekel, OD, FAAO (hoekel@vision.wustl.edu).

California Chapter
The California Chapter sponsored hotel rooms for SCCO and UCBSO students at the Academy’s annual meeting. The OD project grants funded 4 student research projects from SCCO and UCBSO totaling $1500. An e-Newsletter was sent in the fall to begin the annual membership drive: president’s message, treasurer’s report, student projects funded & biographies. The membership drive has 91 members paying $30 membership dues.

The Chapter got a yearbook page at SCCO and UCBSO and WUHCO, and had a poster at the annual Academy meeting to promote membership. They had one teleconference meeting to discuss membership, newsletters & awarding of grants.

North Carolina Chapter
The North Carolina Chapter held its spring semi-annual meeting and continuing education seminar on April 13, 2010 at the Hawthorne Conference Center in Winston Salem, North Carolina. Jeffrey Joy, OD, FAAO, was the keynote speaker and presented a series of cases relating ocular clues to systemic disease.

The North Carolina Chapter encourages Fellows, or those interested in becoming a Fellow, to attend its semi-annual meetings and help foster excellence in optometric education and practice. In addition, search North Carolina Chapter of American Academy of Optometry on Facebook where you can stay connected with other North Carolina Fellows and follow chapter news.

Quebec Chapter
They had their first official meeting on May 23, 2010 since they have been officially recognized the Academy in June 2009. During the Chapter’s first official meeting on May 23, 2010, the new Class of 2009 Fellows were welcomed: Peter Karwatsky, OD, MSc, FAAO and Valerie Lefebvre, OD, FAAO.

The goals for the next year are
• to increase the visibility of the Chapter among Quebec practitioners,
• to recruit new candidates for Fellowship and
• to organize a mentor list available to Candidates for Fellows.

The Chapter also wants to promote the San Francisco meeting and to continue to introduce Montreal École D’optométrie students to the Academy.

"Somehow the great cities of America have taken their places in a mythology that shapes their destiny: Money lives in New York. Power sits in Washington. Freedom sips Cappuccino in a sidewalk cafe in San Francisco." - Joe Flower
Media Release:
Eye Care Leaders Awarded at World Economic Forum

**Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, 5 May 2010:**
Two visionary eye care leaders from Australia and South Africa, Academy Fellows Professor Brien Holden and Professor Kovin Naidoo, have been jointly awarded the Schwab Social Entrepreneur Award for Africa 2010, at the regional World Economic Forum in Tanzania today.

In 2004, Professor Holden was the recipient of the AAO - Essilor Award for Outstanding International Contributions to Optometry. Professor Naidoo is the recipient of this prestigious award this year.

Through their work with the International Centre for Eyecare Education (ICEE), the two have been key figures in efforts to tackle avoidable blindness and vision impairment on the African continent. The award was presented by Professor and Mrs Schwab during the Opening Plenary of the World Economic Forum on Africa in front of the continent's business and government leaders.

The Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship acknowledges outstanding leaders or visionaries who pursue poverty alleviation with entrepreneurial zeal and whose efforts are characterised by innovation, sustainability, reach and social impact. It also recognizes their efforts in building strong and sustainable organizations, which are either set up as not-for-profit or for-profit companies. Winners are invited to attend regional World Economic Forums.

Professor Holden paid special tribute to the efforts of ICEE and Professor Naidoo.

"To have been considered to have done something useful for the people of Africa is a great honour, one that is rightly deserved by the people from ICEE (and from optometry around the world who support them), who make a difference to vision care, blindness prevention and new opportunities for so many."

ICEE was established by Professor Holden and colleagues in 1998 to address the need of 670 million people worldwide with uncorrected refractive error and consequently blind or vision impaired because they don’t have access to an eye examination and a pair of glasses. By engaging with local governments and communities, providing training programs and helping with infrastructure development and ensuring a reliable and affordable supply of equipment, ICEE builds sustainable eye care systems in communities in need. Professor Naidoo established the first African office in Durban, South Africa. It now has offices in South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Nigeria and implements its programs in 10 African countries.

For more information about ICEE go to: www.icee.org
2010 Molinari Scholarship Announced

Established to assist an exceptional student who has extraordinary financial needs, the $6,000 Antoinette Molinari Memorial Scholarship goes to University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry student Betty Wang. The Molinari family and AOF believe that, given her leadership skills, academic excellence and drive to provide compassionate care to both local and global communities, she will go far in optometry.

And the Growth Continues

The AOF Board of Directors during their meeting in May, established a new fund in 2010 that will honor one of the Foundation’s first Ezell Fellows, Alfred A. Rosenbloom, MA, OD, DOS. The Alfred A. Rosenbloom Fund will provide a Fellowship in the area of low vision. It will highlight Dr. Rosenbloom’s extensive career that is marked by stellar accomplishments as a teacher, writer, lecturer and administrator for years to come. Annual Meeting attendees are encouraged to make a donation at the Essilor or Foundation Booths.

Henry B. Peters Lecture Fund

There are many giants in optometry, many who have served as the Academy’s President and in other leadership roles. Though it is difficult to recognize all the great leaders, there are some who truly have advanced the profession and the health of the public. Dr. Henry B. Peters is one whose contributions and legacy deserve to be honored now and into the future.

In 2008, former Academy President Dr. Robert Newcomb and UAB Professor Dr. Robert Kleinstein initiated the idea of an annual lecture to recognize Dr. Peters’ many accomplishments to the Academy and the profession. Two years later, with the support of the Public Health and Environmental Vision Section members and the approval of both the American Academy of Optometry and American Optometric Foundation Board of Directors, we are proud to announce the creation of the Henry B. Peters Lecture Fund. The lecture will become a part of the Academy’s Annual Meeting. In order to fund a nationally or internationally known speaker, the AAO, AOF and the Academy’s Public Health and Environmental Optometry Section encourage donations to raise the $25,000 endowment.

Please give generously by making a pledge to the fund. Pledge forms can be downloaded from the AOF website at: www.aaopt.org/aof/contribute/Peters/

Essilor Technology Grants

During the Celebration Luncheon at Academy 2009 Orlando, The American Optometric Foundation (AOF) and Essilor announced recipients of the Essilor Optical Technology Grants program, now in its eighth year. These highly contested $20,000 grants are awarded annually to three selected optometry schools for projects that intend to elevate the standard and visibility of ophthalmic dispensing to students and patients in the training environment. This program is part of a continued commitment by the Foundation and Essilor to develop the next generation of eye care professionals.

University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry
Computer Environment Simulator and Mobile Visual Workstation Evaluation Toolkit

The Ohio State University College of Optometry
Ophthalmic Lens Patient Education Center

Southern College of Optometry
See Better, Look Better, Feel Better

This year’s grantees will be announced at the AOF Celebration Luncheon in San Francisco.
### The Challenge Goes Out!

Essilor has once again teamed up with the AOF to offer a $25,000 Matching Challenge in the Exhibit Hall. The bar is set and the challenge is out for members who will attend Academy 2010 San Francisco. With your help, last year in Orlando the Foundation raised over $100,000 to help fund optometric research, education, and leadership. It’s not too late to donate items for the AOF- Silent Auction. So far, two Apple iPads®, several bottles of wine, and even more jewelry will be featured along with a number of diverse and eclectic items for bid. You can help. Contact Tracy Kitts, Foundation Coordinator, 301-984-4734. Continue the trend toward excellence in giving, donate and watch your funds grow. Items can be viewed at: www.aaopt.org/aof/meeting/2010/.

### Link to Planned Giving

You have the power to make a lasting impact on the profession of optometry and its practitioners through a planned gift. These types of charitable arrangements let you work toward the improved visual welfare of the public for years to come, while also providing tax and other benefits to you. The AOF is pleased to direct your attention to the new AOF planned giving webpage: www.aaopt.org/aof/contribute/plannedgiving/

Visit and learn more about building a strategic philanthropic plan that empowers you, your family, and AOF.

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### AOF Announces the 4th Class of Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows

The American Optometric Foundation is pleased to present the 2010 class of AOF-Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows. The class consists of 19 optometry students, one selected from every college of optometry in Canada, Puerto Rico and the U.S., that have third year students enrolled.

The Fellowships honor outstanding achievement by third-year optometry students. Each Fellowship includes a $5,000 award made directly to the financial aid office at the student’s college to offset the fourth year of optometric education and includes a $750 travel fellowship to attend Academy 2010 San Francisco, as well as the same amount to attend Academy 2011 Boston.

### The 2010-2011 AOF- Carl Zeiss Vision Fellows are:

- Cherie B. Nau, Illinois College of Optometry
- Anthony W. Van Alstine, Amy Buchanan, Indiana University at Bloomington School of Optometry
- Lyndsey Ferris, Inter-American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry
- Lee Johnson, Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University
- Christopher H. Tran, New England College of Optometry
- Vadim Guy, Northeastern State University of Oklahoma College of Optometry
- Michelle Burgard, Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry
- Lyndsey Ferris, Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University
- Andy Tak Cheng, Southern California College of Optometry
- Matthew L. Willis, Southern College of Optometry
- Nikki Yee, State University of New York College of Optometry
- Andrew David Pucker, The Ohio State University College of Optometry
- Laura Rayne, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
- Elizabeth M. Hunt, University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry
- Lauren Rinando Nelson, University of Houston College of Optometry
- Toniya Lyn Batts, University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry
- Joël Bainbridge Bérubé, University of Montreal School of Optometry
- Graham Berg, University of Waterloo School of Optometry
- Andrew David Pucker, The Ohio State University College of Optometry
- Laura Rayne, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry
- Elizabeth M. Hunt, University of California at Berkeley School of Optometry
- Lauren Rinando Nelson, University of Houston College of Optometry
- Toniya Lyn Batts, University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry
- Joël Bainbridge Bérubé, University of Montreal School of Optometry
- Graham Berg, University of Waterloo School of Optometry

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2010 Carl Zeiss Vision Recipient Amy Buchanan from Inter-American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry
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Charles Bailey, OD, FAAO, Associate Clinical Professor and Chief, Contact Lens Clinic from University of California Berkeley School of Optometry, presents the 2010 VISTAKON® Award of Excellence to recipient, Brandon Friedman, OD.

“AOF Announces 2010 VISTAKON® Award of Excellence Recipients

This award recognizes outstanding fourth-year student clinicians who have demonstrated excellent overall knowledge of the contact lens field plus skillful, considerate and professional care of contact lens patients during their optometric education. Each winner received a $1,000 award and a personalized plaque commemorating their accomplishment.

David Antymis
Illinois College of Optometry

Christen Kenrick
Indiana University School of Optometry

Mohammed Kassin Tarabey
Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry

Aaron David Stewart
Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University

Sarah M. Wade
Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry

Evan Brinton
Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry

Esther Lan
Pacific University College of Optometry

Ryan O. McKinnis
Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

Kimberly Phan
Southern California College of Optometry

Katie Carlo
Southern College of Optometry

Michelle Penshorn
State University of New York College of Optometry

Brittney Mazza
The New England College of Optometry

Alicia Wellman
The Ohio State University College of Optometry

Erin Raynaud Heckman
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry

Brandon J. Friedman
University of California Berkeley School of Optometry

Ashley Tucker
University of Houston College of Optometry

Derek Swader
University of Missouri at St. Louis College of Optometry

Aviva Masella
University of Montreal School of Optometry

Juliana Dragomir
University of Waterloo School of Optometry

“The ultimate [travel destination] for me would be one perfect day in San Francisco. It’s a perfect 72 degrees, clear, the sky bright blue. I’d start down at Fisherman’s Wharf with someone I really like and end with a romantic dinner and a ride over the Golden Gate Bridge. There’s no city like it anywhere. And, if I could be there with the girl of my dreams, that would be the ultimate!”

-Larry King, award-winning talk show host
VA Blind Rehabilitation Center Named for Academy Fellow

A bill was passed designating the Department of Veterans Affairs blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California, as the “Major Charles Robert Soltes, Jr., OD, FAAO, Department of Veterans Affairs Blind Rehabilitation Center.” In the words of Senator Daniel K. Akaka, Chairman, Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee:

“Major Soltes was truly an inspiration to all of us, and I am proud to support this legislation. Major Soltes deployed to Iraq in 2004, and paid the ultimate sacrifice for our great country after the vehicle in which he was traveling ran over an improvised explosive device. Throughout his career in the Army, he assumed many leadership positions, received numerous military decorations, and was instrumental in establishing a free medical clinic for the local population in Iraq.

It is particularly fitting that we are naming the VA blind rehabilitation center in Long Beach, California after Major Soltes. He was from Irvine, California, a graduate of the New England College of Optometry, and completed his residency at the prestigious Brooke Army Medical Center. He also served as the Director of the Optometry Residency Program at the U.S. Military Academy. In 1999 Major Soltes became the clinical director of Irvine Vision Institute, an optometry specialty center where served until his voluntary deployment to Iraq.

Major Soltes leaves behind his wife, Sally Dang, OD, and three young children. Dr. Dang is a low-vision optometrist who received her training at the West Haven VA Blind Rehabilitation Center after graduating from the New England College of Optometry. She has recently volunteered to provide low-vision services and care for blinded veterans to fulfill a promise she made to her husband before he deployed to Iraq.

Major Soltes was a dedicated Army officer, and an outstanding clinician, educator, and military optometrist and naming the Long Beach VA blind rehabilitation center in honor of him will be a fitting tribute to his lasting memory.”