



2022 American Academy of Optometry

Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses, and Refractive Technologies

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Details: Friday, October 28, 2022 12:00pm — 1:30pm PDT
Location: Hilton Bayfront San Diego – Sapphire

1. Call to Order, Introductions, and Welcome—Jeffrey Krohn, OD, FAAO, Section Chair at 12:10 pm
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. Approval of the 2021 Section Business Meeting Minutes
4. Chair's Report
 - a. *In Memoriam*
 - i. DIPLOMATE Robert Crowe, OD, FAAO – California
 - ii. DIPLOMATE Akira Tajiri, OD, FAAO - California
 - iii. DIPLOMATE William O Willis III, OD, FAAO – Virginia
 - iv. William “Joe” Benjamin, OD, MS, PhD, FAAO – Alabama
 - v. John de Carle – England
 - vi. Art Eptstein, OD, FAAO - Arizona
 - b. Modernization Task Force – Rick Weisbarth, OD, FAAO – Facilitator
 - c. Summit on Optometric Sub-Specialization in Jan. 2024– David Heath, OD, EdM, FAAO
 - i. Training committee formed with ASCO, AAO, ABO, ARVO, AOA
 - ii. Goal: take what is already existing. In every profession except ours, sub-specialties are well-defined
 - d. Alliance of Contact Lens Specialty Organizations – Clarke Newman, OD, FAAO (agreed to chair this group)
 - i. Goal: present consensus on clinical issues, media reports, etc.
 - ii. GPLI (Ed Bennett’s brainstorm), AAO CCLRT, AOA CL Section, American Academy of Ortho K, CL Society of America, NKCF, SLES, IKA
5. Secretary-Treasurer's Report—Susan Gromacki, OD, MS, FAAO
 - a. Thank you to all sponsors, everyone on the Communications Committee, and everyone who helped out with sponsorship
 - b. Fund amounts as of 9/30/22: \$495,842.45+ Speakers Bureau \$7143.01+Chapter SB \$5967.52=\$508,952.98
 - c. Communication Initiatives: Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram (Melanie Frogozo, Ryan McKinnis)
 - d. Diplomate Renewal—Randy Charrier, OD, FAAO
 - e. Mertz Scholarship – Loretta Szczołka-Flynn, OD, PhD, FAAO
6. Program Chair's Report—Rob Davis, OD, FAAO
 - a. Report on SOAR and other educational projects during the year
 - b. “Amniotic Membrane and Drug Infused Contact Lenses Evolving Technologies: How Will These Change the Future of Vision Care?” – to follow this meeting
7. Diplomate Award Chair's Report—Karen Yeung, OD, MS, FAAO, FSLs

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- a. Diplomate Candidates; 9 new in 2022, 25 active clinical, 7 active research
 - b. Introduced 3 new Diplomates
8. Past-Chair's Report—Cristina Schnider, OD, MBA, FAAO
- a. Max Schapero Memorial Lecture— Robin Chalmers, OD, FAAO
 - b. Founders Award – William “Bill” Carter
 - c. Presentation of the Nominating Committee’s Slate of Officers and Election
 - i. Assumed without vote:
 - 1. Past-Chair – Jeffrey Krohn, OD, FAAO
 - 2. Chair – Louise Sclafani, OD, FAAO
 - ii. Presented to the Section for approval, pending new nominations from the floor:
 - 1. Vice-Chair – Rick Weisbarth, OD, FAAO
 - 2. Secretary-Treasurer- Karen Yeung, OD, FAAO
 - 3. Program Chair- Susan Gromacki, OD, MS, FAAO
 - 4. Diplomate Award Committee Chair- Renée Reeder, OD, FAAO
 - d. Presentation of the proposed ByLaws Change and Vote
 - i. The Section Leadership believes that it is in the best interest of the Section to change the composition of the nominating committee. This would increase the influence and participation of the Vice-Chair in selecting qualified and willing Diplomates to present for election to the Executive Committee. The composition of the Nominating Committee would consist of the Past-Chair, The Chair and the Vice-Chair if this amendment is accepted/passed.
 - ii. Proposed Change- underlined = new text, Strike-out = deleted text:
 - 1. **IX.D.1—Nominations Committee—There shall be a Nominations Committee consisting of the Vice-Chair (VI.B.2), the Chair (VI.B.1) and ~~the past two Immediate Past Chairs~~. ~~The most Immediate Past Chair shall chair the Nominations Committee~~.**
 - 2. Vote: approved
 - iii. Presented to the Section for approval, pending new nominations from the floor: all approved
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9. Passing of the Gavel:
- a. Line-up of Past-Chairs
 - b. Vice-Chair's Report—Louise Sclafani, OD, FAAO
 - i. 2022 AAO Academy Meeting Events Report
 - c. Address of the New Chair – Louise Sclafani, OD, FAAO
 - i. Move to different technology; we are 3: CCLRT (disease is part of our agenda); grow new residents and the profession; Residents Case Report Challenge: show 6 throughout the week, including 2 right now; recognized all residents who participated (16)
10. Good of the order- please send your thoughts and prayers to Don Korb
11. Adjournment Sine Die. Adjourned at 1:11 pm.

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