FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the OPS took place during the week of Sept. 17-Sept. 21, 1973 in Dallas, Texas, and reflected the fruits of hard work by many members.

The two major functions this year were a full day's Course of Instruction and a Technical Session of oral papers.

The Instruction Course, very ably coordinated by Mr. Terry Tomer, took place on Wednesday, Sept. 19th in the Sheraton Dallas Hotel. This marked the first official society sponsored function designed to provide an opportunity for continued education and self-improvement of the ophthalmic photographer. Beginning at 9AM, and running through to 5PM, six Instructors presented material covering all basic techniques of ophthalmic photography, principles of fluorescein angiography, anatomy of the eye, and lab techniques. Sixty two persons attended the course, a number that far exceeded our expectations, and serves to demonstrate the great demand on the part of the new member for this type of activity. Additionally, many of those in attendance were non-members, physicians and ophthalmic assistants who also feel the need for such instruction. The quality of instruction was felt to be quite high; the program was moderated very well by Terry, and ran generally on time. Congratulations, Terry, for a job well done!

The Technical Session was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 21st, and began at 10:30AM. Ten guest speakers presented excellent papers on a wide range of subjects. This proved to be a truly excellent program, which obligates us to Mr. Earl Choromokos.

BUSINESS MEETINGS

The First Business Meeting of the week was called to order by Mr. Ogden Frazier on Wednesday afternoon. Immediately following the Instruction, a tallying Committee was appointed to count the ballots for the election of Officers. The results of the election are as follows:

President: Mr. Don Wong
Vice-President: Miss Yvonne Magli
Secretary: Mr. Tom VanCader
Treasurer: Mr. Bill Ludwick

Mr. Frazier announced that a Special Election will have to be called for, in order to elect four new Directors to replace those leaving office, as this was not done in our regular election. The ballot for this Special election shall be mailed to the membership-at-large in the near future.

The Second Business Meeting was called to order on Friday, Sept. 21st at 3:30PM, in the Austin Room of the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel, and lasted approximately two hours at which time it was cut short in order to allow the cocktail party to begin.

Vigorous discussion concerning the effect of the "Duffy Bill" on the ophthalmic photographer's position in ophthalmology was led by Dr. Lester Stein. He, as well as other members, felt that this Bill, if passed, represents a serious threat to the photographer. It is urged that each of us try to obtain as much information as we can about this measure, and how it will be applied in our respective communities, and to write to Mr. Tom VanCader giving
him our respective views on the matter. Tom is the Chairman of the Standards Committee, whose function it is to determine the desired role of the ophthalmic photographer, as well as exploring possibilities of attaining due professional recognition.

Certification of the ophthalmic photographer was also discussed. Initial discussions took place with representatives of the Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology to explore all facets of this agency undertaking the role of Certifying agency. Mr. Tom Vancader, along with Mr. Don Wong, Chairman of the Education and Certification Committee will be following up in these matters with the Joint Commission.

JOINT COMMISSION
COURSE OF INSTRUCTION

The Joint Commission was established in 1969 to improve both the quality and quantity of American Eye Care by:

1. encouraging the establishment of medically oriented programs for training allied health personnel in ophthalmology.
2. developing standards of education and training for them.
3. examining, certifying and recertifying them.
4. encouraging their continuing occupational development.

Members of the society were contacted by the Commission to explore the possibility of having a member of the OPS present instruction to the Commission's group in the basic techniques of ophthalmic photography.

Mr. Don Wong accepted the invitation and presented a six hour course of instruction to their group, discussing in detail the basics of external eye photography, slit-lamp photography, fundus photography, and fluorescein angiography. This instruction was very well received, and may be repeated next year.

SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

Once again, the Scientific Exhibits area was one which drew wide attention and still remains one of the valued features at the Annual Meeting. The OPS had a booth in this area for the first time, and indeed was one for the membership to be proud of. The exhibit described the nature, make-up and aims of the OPS most graphically, and consisted of several beautiful prints mounted on the front panel, rear projection of 35mm color transparencies, and a number of stereo viewers. The material shown were submissions from the membership-at-large. Thanks, and Congratulations must go to Mr. Johnny Justice and Mr. Lee Allen, for their joint efforts in pulling this display together.

COMMERCIAL EXHIBITS

This year's Commercial Exhibits area was one which included quite a number of new ophthalmic photographic instruments as well as a wide array of well known, established pieces.

The most radical new piece that I saw was a 100° fundus camera by Clinitex. This is a most interesting concept, and you would have to believe that their booth was kept pretty busy. The Mamiya company displayed two models in their fundus camera line, thus experiencing their first American exposure. Zeiss demonstrated a new closed circuit video-tape camera, attached to their standard fundus camera; Topcon showed a new slit-camera which appears to have great promise; Ehrenreich Photo-Optical offered a very impressive electronic flash power pack and illuminating system for anterior segment photography and angiography. International Micro-Optics, Inc. showed their Retinophot fundus camera with their most recent model computer bank power transformer.

In summary, the AAOS convention is the stage on which all new photographic instrumentation is displayed and is a must for the photographer.
The first OPS Scientific Exhibit, produced by Johnny Justice, and Lee Allen.

Johnny Justice devoting many hours manning the booth to answer the many questions asked about the society.

OPS members at the Smith, Miller and Patch cocktail party given for the society.
The newly elected officers of the society; 1973-1974.

President: Mr. Don Wong
Secretary: Mr. Tom VanCader
Treasurer: Mr. Bill Ludwick

Vice President: Miss Yvonne Magli. Miss Magli was not present at this year's meeting.

Coffee break time provides a good opportunity for informal discussion between members. (Left to Right:) Mr. Ken Julian, Miss Allonda Rinehart, Mrs. Myrtle Fleischer, Mr. Gerald Hoover and Mrs. Dorothy Taft.

Mr. Lee Allen holds the attention of Mr. Don Wong, and Mr. George Zondiros.
Mr. Terry Tomer, Coordinator of the OPS Course of Instruction.
Mr. Paul Castellon(c.) joins two newcomers, Mr. Dick Sherman(l) and Mr. Gerry Wilson(r.).

Mr. Bruce Morris(left) and Mr. Patrick McGean(Rt)

Mr. Oden Frazier
AAOO COURSES OF INSTRUCTION

Once again, a number of our members participated in courses of instruction sponsored by the AA00. Lee Allen, our most esteemed member participated in four courses, "Glaucoma", "Fundus Lesions Diagnosis with the Slit-Lamp", "Ophthalmic Photography", and "Gonioscopy and Fundoscopy".

Earl Choromokos participated in two courses, "Ophthalmic Photography" and "Clinical Fundus Diagnosis".

Ogden Frazier took part in a course entitled "Fundus Lesions, Fluorescein and Laser Coagulation".

Johnny Justice gave a course in "Ophthalmic Photography" and was co-instructor in a course entitled "Stereophotography and Fluorescein Angiography in the Differential Diagnosis and Management of Intraocular Tumors".

Bill Ludwick assisted in the instruction of "Ophthalmic Photography".

Observing this annual activity on the part of our photographic personnel in the AA00's instruction confirms the value of attendance of these meetings.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A wonderful cocktail evening was sponsored for the OPS by the Smith, Miller & Patch Company on Thursday, Sept. 20th. This gave the new members a great opportunity to mingle and meet the others. Thanks very much, SMP!

Alcon hosted another gigantic bar-b-cue, which was enjoyed by all who attended.

The Codman Mentor Company very generously printed another supply of membership application forms for the society.

APPOINTMENTS

Due to the abrupt adjournment of the OPS Business meeting to allow the cocktail party to begin, appointments made by the President were not announced at that time. The following are the appointments:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:
Mr. Tom Merrill
Department of Ophthalmology
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
Fifth Avenue & 100th Street
New York, N.Y. 10029

PUBLICITY
Mr. John Johnson
Retina Service
William Beaumont Hospital
3601 W. 13 Mile Road
Royal Oak, Michigan 48072

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION COORDINATOR
Mr. Terry Tomer
Retina Service
Wills Eye Hospital
1601 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19130

LOCAL (DALLAS) ARRANGEMENTS
Miss Anna Wiley
c/o Bruce Taylor, M.D.
2811 Lemmon Avenue East
Dallas, Texas 75204

SOCIETY PARLIAMENTARIAN
Mr. William Bell
Glaucoma Clinic
Wills Eye Hospital
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Philadelphia, Pa. 19130

SOCIETY HISTORIAN
Mr. John Johnson
Retina Service
William Beaumont Hospital
3601 W. 13 Mile Road
Royal Oak, Michigan 48072

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER
Mr. Jim Ferguson
Department of Ophthalmology
University of Nebraska
Medical Center
42nd & Dewey Streets
Omaha, Nebraska 68105

EDITORIAL BOARD

For the past several years, discussion took place at each Business meeting re the possibility and desirability of the establishment of a society Journal. This was felt to be a very important function of the society for its membership, yet the matter never got past the discussion stage.
President Ogden Frazier, with unanimous approval of the members present, appointed Mr. Don Wong Chairman of the Editorial Board, as well as continuing Editor of the Newsletter.

The primary function of the Editorial Board at this time is to explore avenues of best approach for the society to take in the matter of establishing a professional Journal.

The first order of business will be to re-open discussions with an established ophthalmological journal to determine whether or not the OPS may publish articles in that journal. As soon as tangible developments come along, a CALL FOR PAPERS shall be issued in the Newsletter, at which time members shall be expected to contribute material for publication.

Mr. Roger Lancaster and Mr. John Johnson were invited to lend their enthusiasm and talents on this most important committee. Both accepted.

INTERNATIONAL OPS MEETING

Paris, France will be the site of an International Congress of Ophthalmology, to be held sometime next May. Dr. Pierre Amalric has extended an invitation to the OPS to hold an International OPS Meeting just prior to that Congress, so as to permit discussion between the European ophthalmic photographer with others in this country.

Mr. Lee Allen has accepted the President's invitation to be General Chairman of the meeting. The society took on an international complexion at a very tender age, an accomplishment which, until now was relatively meaningless, since very few ophthalmic photographers outside of the U.S.-Canadian borders were able to attend any of the meetings. This is our first attempt to organize an international meeting, and we are fortunate in having someone of Lee's caliber to coordinate it. Let us all pitch in, and help!

VOLUNTEER WANTED!!

The exhibit that was produced by Johnny Justice for this year's meeting actually belongs to the Baylor Medical College, and is not available for our use next year. This exhibit is a good feature for the society to continue with. If anyone wishes to work on the exhibit for the next meeting, please submit your name, along with a preliminary sketch of your display to the society Secretary, Mr. Tom VanCader
Department of Ophthalmology
University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida 33620

NEWS OF OUR MEMBERS

Steve Huelsman writes to inform us that he is no longer at the U. of Louisville, but is now working at the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond.

Muriel Laban, of the Columbus Hospital in New York City took her second high award in as many years at this year's BPA Annual Meeting. Murie won the FIRST PRIZE for a Special Display entitled "Angiography".

Csaba Martonyi of the University of Michigan Medical Center will be holding a workshop course of instruction on the Basics of Fundus Photography and Fluorescein Angiography sometime in November or December. For those of you who are in that area, and are interested, contact Mr. Csaba Martonyi
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1000 Wall Street
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Tom Wentlandt, and (B.M.) Ron Kacizak, two of the society's most faithful critics(!) have decided to do something about the need for professional activities in their area. They are collaborating to organize a Chapter in their area. Tom is a new member, having joined our profession very recently, but is taking a very serious, professional view of our activities. His voice was heard throughout the week in Dallas. (!) Join the club, Tom, you've just been mentioned in our gossip column.