NEWSLETTERS SHOULD BE NEWSWORTHY COMMUNICATIONS

The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society Newsletter has been criticized in the past as not being extremely informative to its members. As one individual who has been given the responsibility to produce this edition of the Newsletter, I would like to take this opportunity to make a few comments regarding the problems I have encountered and I feel have to be overcome to establish a newsworthy communication.
First of all, there has to be more communication from the members to those who are coordinating the Newsletter. The OPS is not a large organization that can afford reporters to go out and collect news and information from its members for the Newsletter so articles have to be submitted to the editor for publication. Members have been urged in the past to write comments, articles, ads, etc. to be printed in the Newsletter but very few have taken the time to do so and it has made it extremely difficult to publicize or inform members of what others are doing with this lack of interest.
Secondly, the Newsletter is published on a time schedule to the best of its ability and very often there is a lack of preparedness on the part of the contributor. There must be an open line established among members and the Newsletter. If you have been working with new techniques that you feel would aid other ophthalmic photographers and would like to have it printed, submit it. One thing we should always keep in mind is that we are all working together to better our professions and most importantly aid the ophthalmologist in serving his patients. Without necessary feedback from OPS members it is impossible to inform them. Enthusiasm is another important ingredient in making a newsletter relative and interesting to its readers. We are involved in an area of extreme importance and the more we realize this the better. Ophthalmic photography is so much more than snapping off a series of photographs on a patient. It is often times the beginning of determining the proper and necessary treatment on an eye which until ophthalmic photography was performed, was possibly thought to be untreatable and destined to be sightless. The ophthalmic photographer's enthusiasm in acquiring the best possible photographs on each and everyone of his patients is his major responsibility and the techniques or methods he utilizes to obtain these photographs should be available to his colleagues. One way for others to be informed of specific techniques etc., is to read about them in the Newsletter.
In summary, all of us should communicate openly throughout the year and contribute to the Newsletter often. We cannot expect or rely upon one major meeting during the year at the time of the AAOO to create continual interest in our roles as ophthalmic photographers and the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society.
Ophthalmic Photographers' Society Board of Directors Meeting, April 29, 1974

Members present at the April Board of Directors meeting in Sarasota, Florida were: Don Wong, President of the Society, Tom Van Cader, Secretary of the Society, Alan Mandell, M.D., member of the Board of Directors, John Johnson, member of the Board of Directors, Gerald Hoover, representing Mr. William Cox, member of the Board of Directors. Dr. Mandell also carried with him the proxy votes for Miss Alonda Reinhart, also a member of the Board of Directors. In attendance was Mr. Jim Ferguson, not a member of the Board, who participated in the discussion but did not register votes.

Topics of Discussion

The first topic of discussion was the presentation of Honorary Membership to two members as nominated by a Society member. A discussion ensued regarding the contributions of the nominees to the field of ophthalmic photography, and it was decided that there were others who have contributed greater amounts of support and information and, therefore, these persons should be selected first. A vote among the members of the Board was taken and a negative vote was registered that an Honorary Membership certificate be administered to these nominees at this time. Don Wong placed a nomination for an Honorary Membership certificate for Dr. Donaldson. Dr. Donaldson's contribution to the field of ophthalmic photography was discussed, and it was voted among the members of the Board of Directors that Dr. Donaldson be presented with an Honorary Membership certificate. Following this vote, it was discussed that some change should be made in the naming of the Honorary Membership award. Many suggestions were put forth, and it was proposed that the Honorary Membership be changed to Outstanding Contribution Award and be presented by the Society at the annual business meeting each year to one member of the ophthalmic field who has performed an outstanding deed toward the field of ophthalmic photography. A vote was taken among the members of the Board and was passed unanimously that this be the official title of the award and that the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the Society shall draw up the necessary amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws to have this instilled into the O.P.S. Constitution and By-Laws.

The next order of business was to discuss the Ophthalmic Photographers Society relinquishing funds to the regional chapters for holding regional meetings. The parliamentarian of this Society, William Bell, recommended to the President, Don Wong, that this can be handled as a Board of Directors recommendation and approval, that it would not be necessary for the membership at large to vote upon this matter. A recommended fund of $150.00 should be allocated. This was supported by the entire Board of Directors, and it was recommended by the Board of Directors that a Continuing Education Screening Committee be established and that this should be a standing committee in the O.P.S. As this will require a proposed amendment for the Constitution and By-Laws, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee of the Society shall draw up the proposed amendment and present it to the membership at large.

The next order of business undertaken was the Standards and Certification Committee's reports regarding the past correspondence and meetings which the president of the Society held with the joint commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology. Don Wong mentioned his welcomed reception and presentation at the JCAHPO meeting in February, that good response was enjoyed at this meeting, but that since then the correspondence has given a less than optimistic outlook for the O.P.S. entering into the JCAHPO as a group. Therefore, discussion was entered into regarding the possibility of the O.P.S. performing its own certification training and evaluation program. It was agreed that the Standards and Certification Committees shall continue to work in this endeavor, and that various avenues be investigated toward establishing an O.P.S. training program, evaluation program, and certification program which will be compatible with the aims of this Society as stated in the Constitution.
The next order of business was for the Standards Committee to poll the members of the Society regarding the extent of ophthalmic photography performed by each member as related to type of institution, range of equipment used, salary of the employed individual, if employed as a full-time or part-time ophthalmic photographer, and various other aspects of the profession of ophthalmic photography. This study is to be a masked study so that no identification is attached to each survey sheet.

The next order of business was to outline the advanced public relations material to be sent out regarding the upcoming annual O.P.S. meeting. It was reported by this committee that the first mailing will go out within two weeks and will be sent to approximately 1,000 members, departments, hospitals and private organizations involved in ophthalmic photography as a profession.

All matters of business before the Board of Directors having been resolved, the Board of Directors meeting was closed by President Don Wong and the members adjourned.

I would parenthetically like to add a note of thank you to Dr. Alan Mandell for the use of his room which provided an excellent surrounding for this Board of Directors meeting.
Nominating Committee Selects Proposed Slate of Candidates

The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society Nominating Committee, headed by Mr. Tom Merrill, has made the following list of candidates for offices in the Society. Since this is not the official ballot, membership is urged to write Mr. Merrill for additional proposed candidates if there is someone you feel should be nominated. Be sure your request is in the form of a letter and includes written permission from the person you are nominating and which office they are to be a candidate for. Your proposal should be sent within one week from receiving this notification.

Presidential Candidates:

Earl Choromokos
Northwestern University Medical School
Chicago, Illinois

Yvonne Magli
University of Wisconsin Hospital
Madison, Wisconsin

Terry Tomer
The Wills Eye Hospital
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Vice Presidential Candidates:

Terry George
The Wilmer Eye Institute
John Hopkins Hospital
Baltimore, Maryland

Csaba L. Martonyi
University of Michigan Medical College
University Hospital
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Secretary Candidate:

Tom Van Cader
University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

Treasurer Candidate:

William Ludwick
Los Angeles County/USC Medical Center
Los Angeles, California

Board of Director Candidates:

Paul Castellion
Brooklyn Eye & Ear Hospital
Brooklyn, New York

James D. Ferguson
University of Nebraska Med. Ctr.
Omaha, Nebraska

Gerald Hoover
Washington University
School of Medicine
St. Louis, Missouri

Muriel Laban
Columbus Hospital
New York, New York

Thomas Merrill
The Mount Sinai School of Med.
New York, New York

Anna Wiley
Dallas, Texas

Gerald Wilson
New York Eye & Ear Infirmary
New York, New York

Zoltan Yuhasz
Estelle Doheny Eye Foundation
Los Angeles, California

There had been an effort to include brief resumes on all candidates. Unfortunately not all candidates responded to this request and instead of printing the few that were received none will be printed. If you have any questions concerning these candidates it is suggested that you write to them for their qualifications.
Jim Ferguson Nebraska Press Photographer of the Year

Jim Ferguson, Ophthalmic Photographer for the University of Nebraska tied for title as Nebraska Press Photographer of the Year. In addition, at the April convention of the Nebraska Press Photographers Association, Jim won several prizes in various categories. He took second place in competition for the best news picture story with his photo essay on an eye surgery.

He got first place in portrait personality class with his picture of Dennis Banks, American Indian Movement leader, taken against a hazy background of an American Flag. That entry, and one that took first place in sports and another in uncontrolled color competition were taken on a free-lance basis for United Press International.

These pictures were on display in the Nebraska Press Photographers Association exhibit at the Omaha Press Club in May. Jim is a past president of the NPPA.

Jim also does free-lance work for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has just done a cover for Lippincott Publishers for a book about Caril Ann Fugate which will be coming out in the fall.

Csaba Martonyi  Co-Exhibitor of Gold Medal Scientific Exhibit at 1973 AAOO

Csaba Martonyi, Director of Ophthalmic Photography at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, received recognition from the Academy last year as contributing photographer for the first place exhibit "The Validity of Optic Disc Evaluation Using Polaroid and Stereo Photography". Unfortunately, this has not been mentioned in the past Newsletters. (My apologies Csaba.) Martonyi has been with the University of Michigan since 1967 when he began with the Photographic Services there and became Chief Photographer for that department. In March 1971 he started the Ophthalmic Photographic Unit. Since then he has been working closely on research projects and grants in addition to a regular schedule of University patients. At present he is involved with a study concerning optic disc contouring as an aid in detecting early disc-cup changes in glaucoma.

OPS Exhibit Seen in Paris, France

The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society scientific exhibit that was on display at last year's AAOO meeting was presented this past month at the International Congress of Ophthalmology. According to many ophthalmologists from the Detroit area that attended in Paris, the OPS exhibit was well received. Slides from various members of the OPS were used for the display.

Correction to Recent OPS 5th Annual Meeting

The registration fee mentioned in the recent OPS publicity flyer, you all should have received by now, is for the Instructional Session offered on the day following the business meeting. The fee will be $5.00 for non-members. The areas of instruction and lecturers will be announced at a later date.

Informal Session on Instrumentation

For all members and non-members interested in having an informal session on instrumentation during the week of the AAOO this year, contact Mr. Tom Van Cader now so a time and location can be arranged. Mr. Van Cader's address is Department of Ophthalmology, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida 33620.

Nikon Motor Drive for Zeiss Fundus Flash II

Anyone using a Nikon motor drive system for their Fundus Flash II is asked to contact Jim Ferguson at the University of Nebraska, Department of Ophthalmology, Omaha.
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WANTED: An experienced ophthalmic photographer that is willing to re-locate to the Detroit, Michigan area to work with an active retina practice. The applicant should be proficient in stereo photography, both color and fluorescein angiography. Salary is negotiable and commensurate with experience, background and education. Interested applicants should send resume and minimum salary requirement to Retina Service, 3601 W. 13 Mile Road, Royal Oak, Michigan 48072.

Reminder to Attend

Plan now to attend the 5th Annual OPS meeting in Dallas, Texas, October 5th and 6th. Make your hotel reservations early!! Bring slides and prints of anything that is giving you problems so they can be examined by others that may be able to help. PARTICIPATE.

Calendar of Events

October 7th-10th American Academy of Ophthalmology & Otolaryngology, Dallas, Texas
Nov. 14th-16th Combined Fluorescein Angiography Conference & Fundus Photography Workshop: St. Vincent's Hospital & Medical Center
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