AAO ANNUAL MEETING
DALLAS, TX NOV. 7-12, 1987

The annual Academy meeting was held this year in Dallas, TX on November seventh through the twelfth. The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society held their 18th meeting and educational program at the Dallas Loews Anatole Hotel. JCAHPO/AACAHPO held their programs in the same hotel. This was a first in the history of JCAHPO/AACAHPO and OPS.

As expected, the educational program of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society was a tremendous success. Basic, intermediate and advanced level courses were offered to all participants. Workshops and lectures included all aspects of Ophthalmic imaging. With the large number of qualified photographers/instructors, each participant was given many opportunities to advance their knowledge and skills.

The superb organization of the entire meeting was obviously the result of long hours and much effort on the part of many OPS members. It is the time and energy of these people that makes OPS a professional society of success!

If you were unable to attend the meeting this year, please mark your calendars for October 9-12, 1988. The site of the Academy for 1988 is Las Vegas, Nevada.

I wish to thank everyone who committed their time to the organization and instruction for the 1987 Academy meeting.

R. MacKenzie Timby, Jr., CRA

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OPS ISSUES

OPS thanks the Lions Club of Dallas for allowing us to photograph their volunteer members in the workshops during the educational program. The following letter was received by Paul Montague from A.H. Snyder, the Executive Vice President of Lions Sight and Tissue Foundation, following the Academy:

"We are very appreciative of the opportunity of helping you during the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting in Dallas for your November 9 and 10 workshops and for the $1,000.00 contribution which is going for the mini-van that is urgently needed by our Transplant Center…"

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY

March 12-15, 1990 Singapore

Following approval by the O.P.S. Board of Directors, work has started on the International Conference on Ophthalmic Photography, an official satellite meeting of the International Congress of Ophthalmology.
The four day meeting will be comprised of an educational module, scientific program, technical exhibit featuring a wide variety of products and services, an international forum featuring photographers from around the world, a program for spouses, a social program, and many opportunities to meet colleagues for informal discussions and problem-solving. For the first time, this meeting will represent a collaboration with the other two ophthalmic photography societies: the British Ophthalmic Photographic Association (BOPA) and the Japanese Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society (JOPS).

For more information, please contact:
Lawrence M. Merin, R.B.P.
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IN MEMORIAM

Ms. Candace Collins, C.R.A., of Manteca, California was involved in a fatal automobile accident on October 23, 1987.
Ms. Collins was senior staff photographer for the Retinal Consultants of Sacramento. Her reputation as an outstanding clinical photographer, along with her unique bedside manner, provided an inspiration to her fellow employees. Her professional achievements included multiple photographic awards, including recognition as providing the highest consistent quality of fundus photography in a recent national study. Her professional associations included Dameron Hospital in Stockton, California and the Devers Eye Clinic in Portland, Oregon. Ms. Collins is survived by her husband, David, and two children, Ryan and Travis. The death of Ms. Collins is a most devastating and tragic loss to her family, patients, profession, and co-workers. She will be dearly missed.
Contributions in memory of Candace Collins may be made to: Candace Neves-Collins Fellowship Fund, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Linden, California 95236.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING PHOTOGRAPHERS WHO WERE CERTIFIED AS RETINAL ANGIOGRAPHERS IN 1987:

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DEVINE, Thomas J.
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HUSTON, Gary D.
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JOHNSON, Janet, A.R.P.S., A.I.M.B.
KLIMA, Karen Ann
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OEINCK, Robert
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C.R.A. EXAMINATION FOR 1988

If you are interested in certification, the C.R.A. Examination will be offered twice during 1988:
April 16, 1988 at Bascom Palmer in Miami, Florida
August 6, 1988 at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

The cost this year will be $200.00; this represents $100.00 for the practical examination and $100.00 for the written examination.

Applicants who meet the minimum requirements and feel they are prepared to take the C.R.A. examination should request an application from the Chairman of the C.R.A. Committee. A specific testing date and location must be requested when applying, and the application may only be used for that date and location. Failure to use an application for the specified testing date will nullify the existing application and the applicant will be required to reapply. Each completed application must be received by the Chairman no later than two (2) weeks prior to the specified testing date. Facility and time considerations will limit the number of applicants accepted for a specific testing date.

If you have any questions, please contact
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*Correction
George Weir was inadvertently titled as a C.R.A. in the last issue of the newsletter under OPS ISSUES.
MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 7, 1987 MINUTES

Ophthalmic Photographers' Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Dallas, Texas
November 7, 1987

1. President Montague called the meeting to order at 1:21 pm. Present were Csaba Martonyi, Marsha Wright, Sheila Smith-Brewer, Michael Coppinger, Jim Stoutenberg, Ken Timby, Denise Bartlett, and Bruce Morris. Mark Maio and Bonnie Carlstrom were absent.
Invited guests: Earl Choromokos, Bruce Busse, Larry Merin and Terry Tomer.

2. A preliminary outline for the Singapore 1990 meeting was presented by Larry Merin. The structure of the program, budgetary concerns, and long range planning goals were discussed. Larry was asked to prepare a comprehensive budget outlining the Society funds to be expected to be generated and spent.
The Singapore meeting, to be held March 12-15, 1990 is currently on line in the developmental stage. The BOD and invited guests expressed a high level of confidence in the general chairman and the quality of program expected to be presented. The BOD looks to this meeting to be a truly international one, comprised of members of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society, the British Ophthalmic Photographic Association (BOPA) and the Japanese Ophthalmic Photographers' Association (JOPA).

3. Means of developing an improved interaction between the BOD and BOC discussed in length at the BOD meeting in September 1987 and again at the BOC meeting on November 7, 1987, were discussed among the board members and invited guests. A sound method of interaction has been approved by both boards. Earl Choromokos presented a detailed report to the BOD on recent BOC agenda items. The BOC has recognized the importance of continuing development of the COP and investigation into the issue of validating the CRA by an outside certifying agency. President Montague directed Earl to prepare a written report to be presented to the BOD outlining the timeline and estimated expense to the Society to do so. A deadline of February 1988 was felt to be reasonable in order that the BOD may review this report at the next board meeting.

4. The issue of developing a society policy regarding donations to and/or the development of a scholarship fund for deceased society members was debated. This issue comes before the board upon learning of the death of Candace Collins, a long time society member. Several OPS members have questioned the appropriateness of such a recognition. It was decided by the board that President Montague should send a letter of condolence to the family on behalf of the Society and the issue of developing a scholarship fund should be tabled at this time.

5. RIT has set a projected date of mid-April 1988 to begin their three day course on ophthalmic photography. Mark Maio and Michael Coppinger have been working with RIT in developing this course, choosing instructors, and soliciting equipment.

6. The Rome issue of the Journal of Ophthalmic Photography (Vol 9 #1) was reviewed by Csaba Martonyi, acting as liaison between the Journal staff and the BOD. The decision to proceed with the Rome issue was decided primarily on the factors: a.) had it been disregarded due to budget overruns it would have cost the society $8,000 - 9,000 in funds already spent; b.) The material was felt to be very worthwhile for the general membership; c.) It was felt to be advantageous to have a completed issue at the Dallas meeting. At this time there are two outstanding issues of the Journal to be completed for 1987. The current Journal fund does not have sufficient funds to complete these issues. Ways and means of accomplishing production goals without incurring similar budget overruns was discussed at length. It was decided that more complete information was needed prior to making final decision. Members of the BOD are to meet with members of the Journal staff on 11-10-87 and will present their findings to the Board on 11-10-87.

7. Move for adjournment was made. Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Denise Bartlett, Secretary
NOVEMBER 10, 1987

Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Dallas, Texas
November 10, 1987
SUMMARY AS PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY

1. President Montague called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Present were Csaba Martonyi, Michael Coppinger, Ken Timby, Mark Maio, Bruce Morris, Sheila Smith-Brewer, and Marsha Wright. Members absent were Denice Bartlett, Bonnie Carlstrom, and Jim Stoutenberg.

2. President Montague reported that earlier today a three hour meeting was held between himself, Don Wong, Marlene Fishman, Csaba Martonyi, Bruce Morris, Colleen Eardley, Larry Merin, and Ken Fong. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Journal Committee and the status of the Journal of Ophthalmic Photography.

3. The structure of the Journal Committee was outlined. Csaba Martonyi will act as liaison between the Journal Committee and the BOD.

4. The Society is currently two issues behind for 1987. The Light Toxicity issue must be published to fulfill criteria of receiving a $4500 grant. President Montague proposed combining the two outstanding 1987 issues. This combined issue could contain the Light Toxicity material and other miscellaneous articles already approved. Csaba was asked to review the budget needed to produce a special combined issue.

5. President Montague stated that it is the Board of Director’s responsibility and intent to establish fiscal accountability within the Journal structure. The BOD has required that an annual budget be submitted for approval prior to any expenditures.
   Current General Fund $38,000.00
   Current Journal Fund $12,284.81

   It was estimated that $8000 in society funds would be needed to complete the combined 1987 issue. President Montague was directed to determine if society funds are available.

   It was the opinion of the board that it has a responsibility to the Society to complete the Journal issues as scheduled. The quality and amount of material to be presented to the general membership via this periodical was deemed appropriate for the amount of money spent.

6. President Montague was directed to inform the production team of the Journal and the Editorial Committee of these decisions. In addition, he will convey the intent of the board to see that the budget is adhered to.

7. Ken Timby moved for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

Denice Bartlett, Secretary
NOVEMBER 10, 1987 MINUTES

Ophthalmic Photographers' Society
Business Meeting
Loews Anatole Hotel
Dallas, Texas
November 10, 1987

SUMMARY AS PRESENTED BY THE SECRETARY

1. President Montague called the meeting to order at 7:25 pm. 87 people attended.

2. OFFICERS REPORTS

President’s Report - Paul Montague

Paul reported that the BOD met twice in 1987 - once in Denver, once in Winter Park, Colorado. Items of major discussion and decision were:

a. Discussion of JCAHPO affiliation.
b. Examination of the relationship between the BOD and BOC. As a result of these discussions an improved means of interaction has been implemented.
c. Examination of the need to separate the Board of Certification and Educational Committee in order to discuss it at this meeting and possibly include it on the July 1988 ballot.
d. Appointment of Colleen Eardley as the new editor of the newsletter. The board recognized the outstanding job done by Mark Maio and regretfully accepted his resignation promptly by a change in employment.
e. The BOD approved the Long Range Planning Committee’s recommendation to hold an OPS sponsored meeting at the International Congress of Ophthalmology in Singapore in 1990. Larry Merin has been nominated for General Chairman. The BOC has appointed Emery Billings the Educational Chairman.
f. The Standing Rules have been renamed The Operating Procedures of the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society.
g. Publishing of OPS exhibit photographs in the Archives was debated at length by the board. Unfortunately, the copyright restrictions required by Archives have prevented the board from accepting their proposal and President Montague regretfully declined OPS participation at this time.
h. Deep-Vue Corporation was accepted as a sustaining member.

i. The BOD issued an advisory to all OPS chairpersons and committee members that any surveys conducted in the name of the Society are to be cleared in advance by the board.
j. An OPS sponsored component in the Medical Photography program at RIT has been board approved, with the provision that the financial responsibility for that program not be borne by the society. Mark Maio will act as liaison to interact with RIT in the development and implementation of their program.

At the request of several of the members in the audience, President Montague expanded on the requirements of Archives regarding copyright release and first right of refusal. Martin Chrobak provided information on copyright release for the AAO exhibit. At this time, AAO/Ophthalmology has the first right of refusal. Several members gave various points of view on this issue. At this time the fundamental question of ownership of ophthalmic photographs has not been answered and it was felt that we as a society could not proceed without more information. A show of hands was in favor of publishing exhibit photographs if copyright could be established.

Pat Saine made the motion that the BOD informally contact the AAO/Ophthalmology regarding publishing of exhibit photographs and solicit their help in answering the copyright question. A copyright attorney should be engaged if further clarification is needed. The motion passed unanimously.

Secretary’s Report - Denice Bartlett

A Secretary’s Summary of the Business Meeting held in New Orleans was published in the newsletter. No amendments to the Secretary’s Summary were made. Status of pending business from that meeting was presented. Outstanding business items are pending a report to the President.

Vice-President’s Report - MacKenzie Timby

A status report was given on:
A. Dallas meeting.
B. Park City Meeting - to be held June 3-6, 1988 in Park City, Utah. Michael Coppinger has been appointed General Chairman.
C. Hotel for the Las Vegas meeting has not yet been assigned by the AAO. The Las Vegas meeting will be held October 8-12, 1988.

D. The next Rochester meeting will be held in 1989.

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Montague reported that the BOD has issued a new policy this year of furnishing a form to all committee chairpersons to be completed and forwarded to the president for presentation at the Business Meeting.

Fellowship Committee - Earl Choromokos

No action to be reported by this committee until 11-9-87. A report will be given at the banquet.

By-Laws Committee - Michael Coppinger

A. The procedures manual (officially named The Procedures of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society) has been completed. A similar manual is being developed with the BOC.

B. The possible separation of the BOC/Educational Committee would require a change in the Society's by-laws. The BOC is aware of the discussion involving this issue which is being considered for inclusion on the July 1988 ballot.

George Zondiros raised the question of who is requiring separation of the BOC/Educational Committee and voiced a strong opinion that this issue should not be discussed.

President Montague asserted that it is the position of this board that at this time the Society is not being forced to achieve this separation by anyone. We are simply suggesting that this issue needs to be examined. Our ultimate goal is to make the certification and education program that the Society offers beyond question by outside agencies. Separation of the BOC/Educational Committee is the mechanism to achieve that.

President Montague requested that the committee reports be completed prior to further discussion of this issue, which is directly related to the item of JCAHPO affiliation which will be entertained later in this meeting.

Grievance Committee - Jamie Nicholl

No grievances were filed.

Journal Committee - Marlene Fishman

Marlene read the Journal report. New features of the Journal were outlined. To date, 45 papers have been received and 25 have been reviewed. Marlene reported that with the new commitment of the Journal to restore and build the integrity and credibility of our society publication, together we can set the Journal back on course as the leading and respected periodical dedicated to ophthalmic photography.

Membership Committee - Jim Stoutenberg

931 dues paid, 167 dues outstanding, 11 sustaining members - dues paid, 2 sustaining members - dues outstanding. This represents a slight membership increase over last year. 3 sustaining members have been added since January 1987.

Board of Certification - Earl Choromokos

The BOC met on 11-8-87. The following topics were addressed:

A. Two CRA exams were held in 1987. This year the CRA had 49 new applicants and 24 for retesting. A failure rate of 45% was estimated. Two CRA exams will be held in 1988.
   1. Miami - April 16, 1988
   2. Philadelphia - August 6, 1988

B. The testing procedures for the CRA have been modified in a more objective manner. An increase in fees for the CRA has been approved to cover increased expenses. New fees will be $100 per segment for initial testing and $50 per segment for re-certification. The CRA study guide will be provided free of charge.

Re-Certification Committee - MacKenzie Timby

45 people are due to recertify in 1987. 21 still need to complete this process.

Education Committee - Emery Billings

Currently working on the Park City 1988 meeting which will prove to be a very comprehensive program aimed at those seeking CRA certification. Emery requested dedicated volunteers to serve on the Education Committee.

Exhibit Committee - Martin Chrobak

Martin reported that the Exhibit Committee is considering developing a video segment for the exhibit if funds can be approved. It is also considering re-
quiring all retinal angiography print entries be accompanied by color photographs.

This year 463 entries were received in the print division from 82 members. 200 slide entries were received of which 36 were accepted. No awards were given in the 1st and 2nd place for Anterior Segment Angiography, Surgical Photography, Special Effects, and Endothelial Photography.

Estimated expenses for the exhibit were $2387 which constitutes a one time annual expense.

Chicago OPS Regional Chapter - Alan Frohlichstein

A written report was given to the secretary for inclusion in the minutes.

Newsletter Report - Colleen Eardley

Colleen encouraged assistance, suggestion or comments on the newsletter.

4. OLD BUSINESS

Old business was covered in the Secretary's Summary.

5. NEW BUSINESS

JCAHPO/OPS Alliance

President Montague opened this discussion with the statement that the Board of Directors has considered an affiliation with JCAHPO at one level or another with varying enthusiasm and varying points of view for many years. He clarified that no action has been taken at this time and explained that the Board had investigated an association with JCAHPO to determine whether or not it should be brought before the general membership in some fashion. The BOD regards the association with JCAHPO with a great deal of respect, to the point of not making a decision within the ranks of the BOD or the BOC, but to open it for discussion from the floor. Depending upon the results of tonight's discussion it may be presented to the general membership by means of an election.

President Montague requested that those attending the meeting speak their mind from either an emotional or factual point of view. Following an open forum perhaps a course of action can be resolved.

Discussion from the floor:

George Zondiros stated that he was of the strong mind that the BOD had overstepped their authority by having such a discussion and admonished the BOD for having done so.

President Montague countered with the opinion that when asked by what authority the Board would investigate this issue we believed that when we were elected we were charged with the task of presenting to the membership those items which we consider to be of fundamental importance to the operation and execution of ophthalmic photography, and to act in a way that is going to represent the best interests of the Society. Everything that has been done to date has been from an information gathering perspective only. The BOD does not feel that it has acted inappropriately, rather, in direct accordance to its responsibilities.

The pros and cons of such an alliance were debated at length, often from a very emotional point of view. It became quite apparent that this is an issue that is nebulous and highly charged.

Don Wong stressed that the issue of joining JCAHPO or any other certifying body would not be so important if we did not have a certification program. We could organize a society merely for the sake of having one. When we begin to discuss certification we are claiming to be a certifying body and must justify that claim. The credentials that the CRA carries mean different things to different people. To some, it could be considered meaningless "self-certification". Now that we are certifying and we are interested in a certification program we need to insure our protection of that program and to provide credibility if future changes in requirements for performing angiography are made.

We need to seek an alliance with a group of professionals who are recognized as being above us in terms of our own abilities. These are the overwhelming reasons in favor of carefully scrutinizing our affiliation with another group.

Concern was expressed by George Zondiros, Terry Tomer, and others, that JCAHPO might assert ultimate control over the OPS by means of pressure on the three representatives who would attend the commission meetings. President Montague stated that the BOD recognized these fears as potentially valid which is precisely the reason that this issue is
being discussed tonight. The BOC has discussed this issue at length and is forming a committee to further investigate the various options.

Dennis Thayer requested that the membership at large receive more information on this issue and moved that the item be tabled until the next Business Meeting in Las Vegas. The motion passed in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 pm.

Denise Bartlett, Secretary

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