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HAPPY 19TH YEAR OPS

The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society has made tremendous strides since the initial inspiration that began the Society nineteen years ago. Congratulations to every individual who has contributed their time to OPS within the past year or nineteen years!

Too often we dismiss the progress that is possible through an organized effort. The following is a memoir to remind us of the progress and success we have experienced from 1969-1988. I am sure you will agree after reading this report of the first informal meeting of the "proposed Ophthalmic Photographers' Society" held in 1969.

On October 15, 1969 an informal meeting of the proposed Ophthalmic Photographers' Society convened at the Palmer House in Chicago at about 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Lee Allen and Ogden Frazier from the University of Iowa, Don Wong from Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York City, Roger Lancaster from the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Yvonne Magli from the University of Wisconsin Medical Center, Terry Tomer from the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Earl Choromokos from Northwestern University in Chicago, Bill Stenstrom from Dallas, Texas, Mary Manella from the Pittsburgh Eye and Ear Hospital in Pennsylvania, Anna Wiley from Houston, Texas and Johnny Justice, Jr. from the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida.

Mr. Justice opened the meeting by telling how enthusiastic the reception had been from people in the field of ophthalmic photography, and from ophthalmologists as well, towards the conception of such an organization and its future instrumentation in the field of ophthalmology. He further informed the group of his brief inquiry into procedures for chartering the proposed organization: (1) the charter would have to be obtained from one state, (2) a non-profit organization is less costly to charter than a profit-making organization and, in some instances, it requires the services of a good lawyer to expedite it, and (3) the Constitution and/or By-Laws need not be written at the time of the chartering procedures. (After further investigating this matter, it was found that the cost of chartering this organization will be approximately $350.00 and that it is possible that an organization such as this could be chartered in a relatively short period of time.)

Mr. Don Wong then mentioned his experience in attempting to set up a Photographic Society in New York. The organization of such a society was impossible because another photographic society felt that the new group would be encroaching in its territory.

Mr. Terry Tomer recently attended the Retina Society meeting in Atlantic City where the possibility of supporting the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society was discussed, but nothing definite was decided upon at that time.

It was decidedly unanimous that the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society should be affiliated with groups that are related to ophthalmology, more specifically, that this Society should not be affiliated with other photographic organizations. It was further mentioned that to be accepted by the AAOS may require the backing of a group such as the Retina Society.

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Mr. William Stenstrom suggested that the Society be formed but to delay the chartering procedures until the organization shows more solidarity. There were arguments in favor of this by Yvonne Magli and arguments against this by Don Wong.

The group then agreed that the Society should attempt to have a program at the AAOO meeting next year in Las Vegas. The question of availability of space for this program was raised and Lee Allen suggested that Yvonne Magli get in touch with Dr. Beseler in regard. However, Lee Allen later took this responsibility upon himself.

At this point, Lee Allen was nominated and unanimously elected Interim President of the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society. It was felt that Mr. Allen would be the ideal man for this position because of his international recognition in ophthalmic photography. The President then appointed Johnny Justice, Jr. to act as Interim Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chairman until the Society has its first formal election of officers.

It was suggested that the attending group send a token of $5.00 to the Secretary-Treasurer to cover the mailing costs for the next year.

After some discussion it was proposed that the name for this organization be the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society. This will carry in motion until the first regular meeting of the formally organized Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society convenes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon and most of the members of the group had lunch together.

Johnny Justice, Jr.
Ophthalmic Photographer
Acting Interim Secretary-Treasurer and Program Chairman

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**OPS ISSUES**

Congratulations to the following people who represented superior quality photography with the submission of their slides or prints at the Academy exhibit in Dallas:

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2nd Kimberly Brown, CRA
HM Walt Wipplinger, RBP

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2nd Thomas Link
HM Jay Rostvold

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1st Dennis Cain, CRA
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HM John Bishop, Jr. CRA

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2nd Peter B. Hay, CRA
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1st Dennis Cain, CRA
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2nd Ruth Schirmer, CRA
HM James Gilman, CRA

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1st Michael Geoghegan
2nd No Name
HM Dennis Cain, CRA

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2nd Michael Geoghegan
HM Dennis Cain, CRA

SURGICAL
HM Henry A. Kachadoorian, CRA
GONIO
1st Jay Rostvold
2nd Adele Susan Lillienfield, CRA
HM Rhonda Curtis
BOARD OF CERTIFICATION REPORT

Two meetings were held in 1987, (Park City in July and Dallas in November). Ken Christopherson was elected secretary and Jerry Hoover treasurer.

The BOC is reorganizing to allow for an eventual separation of education from the BOC. The reason this may become necessary is if the Society needs to certify the certification program. The BOC will go along with this separation as long as education will not become a political appointment and the continuity will be lost with each election. With this background the BOC has appointed Emery Billings as chairman of the Education Committee. Emery will serve in this capacity until a vote by the general membership endorses the separation.

Report from the CRA Committee. Terry Tomer reported that two certification testings were conducted in 1987 (Long Beach and Philadelphia). For 1987 two test sites were announced (Miami in April and Philadelphia in August). The CRA test has been further refined and an examiner will be monitoring the darkroom. It was also stressed that the candidate must know processing and printing — if not they will be failed.

Report from the Recertification Committee. Ken Timby reports that the recertification program is running on schedule and if members need recertification not to delay.

Education. Earl Choromokos reported that in 1987 two education programs were offered. Rochester (advanced course) and Dallas (entry level with an advanced time line), both courses were successful from an academic and financial standpoint. In 1988 two courses will be offered. Park City (comprehensive course with workshops on fundus, fluorescein, slit-lamp, endothelium cell photography, keratoscopic photography, external photography, computer generated slide making and darkroom). This course will be given in June. The second course will be at the Academy in October with our standard entry level course with an advanced time line.

Certified Ophthalmic Photograph (COP). The next level of certification is near completion. Hopefully, testing can be started in late 1988 or early 1989.

New Members of the BOC. Jamie Nicholl and Paula Morris were unanimously voted on the board. Anyone interested in joining the BOC please send CV to resume or Chairman Earl Choromokos.

*There was not a Treasurer's report under the meeting minutes in the last Newsletter due to the fact that a report was not presented at the meeting.
ATTENTION ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS

The Foveal Photocoagulation Study is still in progress. Patients presenting to your clinic with a subfoveal neovascular membrane or a recurrent neovascular membrane, that now involves the fovea, may be eligible for this study. Photographers are asked to remind their physicians that the FPS is still randomizing patients. The purpose of the study is to determine by means of a randomized controlled clinical trial, whether laser photocoagulation is of benefit in preventing further loss of visual acuity in eyes with a neovascular membrane which extends under the foveal avascular zone. There are sixteen clinics throughout the country involved in this study. For further information about the study or the clinics available please contact: Sheila Smith-Brewer at (216) 221-2878.

WHERE’S THE JOURNAL?

Several inquiries concerning the status of The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography have been made over the past year. If you haven’t attended the business meetings during the last two annual OPS meetings, you may not have heard about the problems our Journal has experienced over the last three years.


From 1979—1984 the Journal was published semi-annually. Over the past three years, however, this schedule has been disrupted, due to the lack of sufficient material. The Journal was not published between September 1985 and February 1987: only one issue (Volume 8, Number 1) was published during 1985; Volume 8, Number 2 was never published. In January of 1986, the OPS Board of Directors realized that the staff of the Journal needed some assistance. Since the inception of the Journal in 1978, the numerous responsibilities associated with manuscript collection and publication processes had fallen on the shoulders of just two fiercely dedicated OPS members, Don Wong and Ken Fong. The Board recognized that it was time to lend them a hand, if we were to sustain this critical medium for our continuing education, which had become regarded as the “flag” of our society.

Plans to expand the functional staff were proposed: included were new alternatives for improving the manuscript recruitment procedures, as well as other aspects of the publication process, and also the ambitious goal of publishing four issues within one year’s time, and thereby furnish the membership with the issues they’d missed. In June of 1986, a concentrated surge of activity on behalf of the Journal resulted in sufficient material to resume production. Regrettably, although all manuscripts for this issue were in-hand by August, the publication process for this material was not completed until January of 1987. Consequently, no issue of The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography was published during 1986.

Back-dating of issues

Prior to completion of this issue, the editorial staff was advised by experts in academic literature to make every effort to attempt to “catch up” with the publication’s numbering system, i.e., to avoid skipping the continuity of years or numbers in normal sequence, in the interests of the publication’s credibility. The editors also felt an obligation to the membership to try to supply them with the issues they had not received over the previous eighteen months. Absolute compliance with that recommendation, however, would have necessitated that the next issue (appearing in February of 1987) would be numbered Volume 8, Number 2, and back-dated to June, 1985. The editors felt that that degree of back-dating would cause too much confusion, so they opted to move on to the next sequential number and date. Hence, the issue that was distributed in February, 1987 (following the hiatus of September 1985 through 1986), was Volume 9, Number 1, but back-dated as September, 1986.

The next publication of the Journal was a special issue, consisting of the proceedings of the OPS First International Meeting and Technical Workshop, which had been held in Rome during May of 1986. This issue, Volume 9, Number 2, was distributed in November of 1987, but was back-dated to November, 1986. Due to the unusual complexity of that issue, the objective of catching up with our numbering system was not achieved last year.

Resolution of missing issues

In Dallas, at our last annual meeting, the Journal editors became aware of two significant problems. First, the back-dating procedure was very confusing because the membership had not received any issues for over a year, and then received one dated the previous year (at the time of the annual meeting, the Rome issue had not
yet been distributed to the membership). This dilemma will be solved by the next publication of the Journal being numbered as a double issue, covering the entire subscription for 1987 (rather than two separate issues). The Journal staff is now prepared to additionally produce two issues for 1988, and thereby resume our regular schedule. However, although we now have sufficient material in-hand, limited financial resources may preclude these objectives. The Board of Directors will resolve this matter at their meeting in Denver during March.

The second problem that became evident during the Dallas meeting is currently somewhat mysterious. Several members reported that they had not received Volume 9, Number 1. We have subsequently learned that an unusual number of members did not receive Volume 9, Number 2 as well. Most of these members claim that they receive their Newsletters and OPS program announcements regularly, so the explanation for their missing journals cannot reside in the Society’s mechanism for generation of mailing labels. As of the writing of this report, we still have no explanation for the cause of these lost issues.

Notification of missing issues

We'd like to supply the missing Journal issues to whomever has not received them. Moreover, we are hopeful that if you report which issues you are missing, we may discover a pattern in the members' name or locations, and thereby correct whatever mailing problem we seem to be experiencing.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY
12-15 March 1990
Singapore

Committees are now forming for the next international meeting. Interested OPS members are invited to contact directly the following Committee Chairpersons for information on the functions of these meeting components:

EDUCATION
Emery E. Billings, CRA, FOPS
Department of Ophthalmology
University of Maryland Hospital
22 South Green Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

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and Rebecca R. Merin
6605 Ariel
Houston, TX 77074

Those who worked to produce the last international meeting found the experience to be very worthwhile. The Singapore conference is another fine opportunity for members to support the O.P.S. while meeting colleagues from around the world in a truly unique setting. Please join us!

Lawrence M. Merin, B.B.P.
Chairman, International Conference on Ophthalmic Photography

ACADEMY NEWS

The 19th Annual OPS Meeting will be held October 8-12, 1988 at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas. Program plans are being formed now.

Education Co-Chairman Emery Billings and Don Enkerud have announced the following coordinator appointments:

Fundus Workshop:
Gerard Tetreault, C.R.A.
Estelle Doheny Eye Institute
1355 San Pablo Street
Los Angeles, CA 90033
(213) 224-7731

Slit Lamp Workshop:
Stephen Blum, C.R.A.
Department of Ophthalmology
University of Maryland Hospital
22 South Green Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
(301) 328-2941

Endothelial Workshop:
Jamie Nicholl, C.R.A.
Glaucoma Service
Wills Eye Hospital
9th & Walnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 928-3405

We are in the process of selecting the faculty for our meeting. If you have ever wanted to participate in the annual meeting, please write to one of these coordinators to let us know how you wish to be involved in the program.

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Another area for volunteers is the Support Group, which monitors courses, aids registration, and collects evaluation forms for all courses. Please write to:

George Weir
104 Academy Street
Presque Isle, ME 04769
(207) 764-4042
The call for Scientific and Instrumentation papers and for photographs for the OPS Exhibit will be mailed to the general membership soon. Please look over these mailings carefully since the Academy is one month earlier this year and so are the cut-off dates for many submissions.

Hotel registration will be sent out after April first when the Housing Bureau is set up. More information will follow in future OPS Newsletters.

R. MacKenzie Timby, Jr.
Vice President & Program Chairman

SUPPORT GROUP VOLUNTEERS

If you are planning to attend the OPS Educational Program in Las Vegas this October, and would like to volunteer an hour or two working with other OPS members in the Support Group, please contact George Weir, Support Group Coordinator. Many of us who have attended past meetings and have been a Support Group member know the functions, duties and work assignments. It is this group of involved members that help monitor lecture rooms, collect evaluations, and this is a very good way to meet more and new OPS members and assist in the overall educational program.

If, by reading this, you feel it is a pitch for becoming a Support Group member, you're right! In order to make this 1988 OPS Program a success, your help is needed. Please contact George Weir so he can start to figure out the assignments for Las Vegas.

Please contact: Mr. George F. Weir
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