OPS ANNUAL MEETING

The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society held its Annual Educational Meeting in conjunction with the meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 9-12, 1988 at the Riviera Hotel. Another tremendous success was entered into the history books of the OPS!!! Courses in ophthalmic photography

Mark Maio, newly elected OPS President, addresses members at the Awards Banquet.

The "Outstanding Contributions to Ophthalmic Photography" Award presented to Paul Montague.

OPS Instructor teaching students in workshop.

Ken Timby, 1988 fellow, is congratulated by OPS fellows.

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Enclosed in this issue is a supplement which was available at the National Meeting: and minutes from the board of directors' and business meetings held in Las Vegas.
and subjects relating to the field were given for every level of photographer.

New and interesting topics included "How To Get Involved In Your Professional Society" and "Stress And The Ophthalmic Photographer." This new flavor of classes was welcomed by an extremely interested group of participants. Once again the faculty consisted of our own members who provided excellent lectures and workshops. Every participant was given individual attention by instructors in the workshops along with the opportunity to present their own work for evaluation. The faculty and other volunteers who devoted many long hours to the organization of the meeting deserve a **THANK YOU** from all.

**"THANK YOU"**

A special **THANK YOU** goes to R. Mackenzie Timby, Jr., who orchestrated the entire meeting. Only those who have organized a program like this can imagine the amount of energy that is required to plan and execute such a wonderful meeting on a large scale.

The annual awards dinner was held in the penthouse at the Riviera Hotel. R. Mackenzie Timby, Jr. was presented with the Fellow of the Year award. Csaba Martonyi presented Paul Montague with the Outstanding Contributions to Ophthalmic Photography award. Ken and Paul deserve this recognition for the wealth of their contributions to the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society. (Complete story on page 3)

The final note regarding the National Meeting is the actual representation of our work. The scientific exhibit mirrored the high quality of work we strive to achieve in this society. Many positive comments were made regarding the artistic and documentary value of the photography displayed in the exhibit. The individuals listed below are the first, second and third place winners in the print and stereo slide divisions.

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**Mary Ellen Nauertz**, CRA  
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**Dennis R. Cain**, CRA  
**Ingrid M. Merrin**, RBP  
**Robert J. Hammond**, RBP  
**Walter Wippinger**, RBP  
**Tom Monego**, CRA  
**Walter Wippinger**, RBP  
**Mike Florio**, COT  
**James P. Gilman**, CRA  
**Jay Alan Forman**, CRA  
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**Chris Barry**, CRA  
**Karen Lenz**, CRA  
**Robert J. Hammond**, CRA  
**Harry A. Kachadoorian**, CRA  
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**Bernard R. Robin**, CRA  
**Daniel Mawson**, CRA  
**William R. Butz, Jr., CRA**  
**Jay Alan Forman**, CRA  
**Catherine Taylor Findley**, CRA

**"IN MATTERS OF PRINCIPLE, STAND LIKE A ROCK, IN MATTERS OF TASTE, SWIM WITH THE CURRENT."** Thomas Jefferson
"OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY"

The award for "Outstanding Contributions to Ophthalmic Photography" is the Society's highest praise of an individual's accomplishments; it was presented to Paul R. Montague, C.R.A., F.O.P.S., at the recent National Meeting in Las Vegas.

This most prestigious recognition is bestowed upon an individual in recognition of truly significant contributions to Ophthalmic Photography. While exceptional service to the Society is generally a common element in such an individual's overall efforts, this award can only be earned by improving the profession of Ophthalmic Photography itself. Only a handful of individuals have been so honored.

Paul Montague is a singularly appropriate addition to that select group. His contributions affect an impressive range of disciplines. From the design of programs for computer-aided vision tests in Ophthalmology to the development of a unique apparatus for compositing ocular motility slides; from the formulation of photographic protocol for the C.O.M.S. study to the development of a comprehensive computer filing and retrieval system of diagnostic information contained in photographic records. Unquestionably, he has made significant contributions to the literature.

His efforts on behalf of the Society have served to influence a growing sense of professionalism in Ophthalmic Photography. As Treasurer, he enabled the Society to gain a firm foothold in the 20th century with the design of a computerized method of financial bookkeeping. As President, Paul's intelligent and sensitive leadership has guided the Society through four years of exceptional growth and maturation. His lengthy tenure, the longest in Society history, is a tribute to his exceptional leadership qualities.

As an educator, Paul has given unselfishly of his time and energy to motivate the pursuit of excellence in our chosen field; a patient teacher who always found time for the individual.

We are fortunate to have him as a colleague. We are delighted to have him as a friend.

"F.O.P.S."

A Fellow of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society is an individual with a minimum of ten years experience in Ophthalmic Photography and a minimum of five years as an O.P.S. member.

He is much more...

Beyond the minimum qualifications, a Fellow is someone who has made the Society a better institution. Someone who has worked for years, often without praise, toward Societal goals. It is often an individual who is little known to most members during his initial years of service. It is always someone who continues to give of his time and energy in behalf of the membership.

A fellow is elected by the Fellowship Committee; a committee made up exclusively of Fellows.

Fellowship is the highest form of recognition for service to the Society.

At the last National Meeting in Las Vegas, R. MacKenzie Timby, Jr., C.R.A., was elected as the 27th Fellow of this august group.

This gentleman is known to all of you for his highly productive term as Vice President. Chief among the many duties of that office is the responsibility for the planning, organization and execution of the National Meeting. Once again, Ken has acquitted himself well.

His meticulous planning and constant vigilance was apparent throughout.

This most recent, highly successful meeting, is merely the culmination (to date) of an illustrious record of service to our Society.

We owe him our thanks, and consider ourselves fortunate to have such an outstanding member among our ranks.

OPS ISSUES

Congratulations to the following individuals who have earned the distinction of Certified Retinal Angiographer in 1988:

1) Aguado, Hank
2) Arrington, Steve
3) Bezaire, Denis
4) Biedenbach, Michael
5) Bono, C.O.T. Michael
6) Burris, C.O.T. Russell
7) Campbell, Alan
8) Chapman, B.A. Dale
9) Cubillas, Antonio
10) Davis, C.O.T. Rodney
11) Goren, Nedim
12) Grierson, Jan
13) Henke, C.O.T. Lisa Kay
14) Herendeen, Darlene
15) Hess, Dite
16) Huber, Linda
17) Ihnat, Paula
18) Kimm, Glennelle
19) Knight, Nancy
20) Lambert, Richard
21) Locke, C.O.A. Kirsten
22) Marthaler, Allen
23) Miller, Jan
24) Montesclaros, C.O.T. Chris
25) Moore, C.O.A. Jay
26) Mullenix, John
27) Osguthorpe, B.S. Richard
28) Ostroska, Phyllis
29) Padgett, Deborah
30) Pierce, Bruce
31) Sparks, C.O.T. Ken
32) Swaner, James
33) Taylor-Findlay, Catherine
34) Thurston, C.O.A. Deborah
35) Tomas, Soraya

CRA examinations will be held on the following dates in 1989:
- Miami, Florida - April 15, 1989
- Philadelphia, Pennsylvania - August 12, 1989

Any inquiries regarding the CRA exam should be directed to:

Terrance L. Tomer, FOPS, COPRA, BCE
Wills Eye Hospital
9th and Walnut
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107
(215) 928-3405

MEET YOUR NEW OFFICERS

The mechanism used for the selection of a Director when there is a vacant Board position is to elect the candidate with the next highest number of votes in the election. Congratulations to Colleen Eardley who has filled the vacant Board seat which was left after Mark Maio was elected President of the OPS.
Call to Orders: President Mantegazza called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. 49 members were present at the start of the meeting.

Officers' Report:
President Mantegazza introduced a motion to accept the Dallas Business Meeting Minutes. Minutes were accepted without reading. A Board of Directors meeting was held on 10/7/68, to conclude business at the Midland. Minutes from Dallas and Park City were not read.

Vice-President's Report: Tom Fidly
Mr. Fidly announced that the Advanced Course to be held in Rochester, New York, May 9-11, 1979, is currently on line. Singapore 1979 meeting also on schedule. Financial arrangements and scheduling for Singapore and Rochester are progressing nicely. Park City was a success educationally. Las Vegas appears to be a financial success.

Secretary's Report: Paul Clark for Norman C. Larsen
Balance Sheet, Combined GIS Funds: $38,621.29
Total Receipts: $39,245.23
Total Expenditures: $30,599.04
Ending Balance: $23,250.57
Paul clarified certain line items for the audience. Treasurer's report accepted.

Board Reports
Board of Certification: Earl Courson
Two certification examiners were given the following: 1979, 35 applicants were tested in Miami on April 14 and 15, and 35 in Philadelphia on April 15. 38 applicants passed. The NCC has asked for a retest in 1979 in Miami and the new exam. The next level of certification - ONPO - will be given to a select group for review in Las Vegas. The NCC anticipates offering the ONPO to 20 applicants on a first-come-first-served basis in 1979. Eligibility requirements include G.E.A. (Graduate in Electrical and Electronic), and acceptable performance in the ONPO examination and a certification on validation of your certification by an outside agency in the field.

Board of Education
Ezra Willing has been appointed Chairmen of the NCC. Members are: Earl Courson, Mark Noble, Michael Cranston, Kirby Miller, Marshall Cline, Dan Young, Paula Moore, Dan Denker, LarryMartin, and Michael Cranston. Dan Denker has been appointed Secretary. Two sub-committees were formed:

Curriculum: Ezra Willing (Chairman)

Finance Committee: Paul Clark

There were 12 entries to the exhibit this year, compared to 10 in 1978 and 7 in 1979. These awards were given in several categories. Martin reported that the overall quality of exhibits seems to be decreasing while the number of entries is not in decline. The Committee is reviewing options for expanding the exhibit to include photography and electronic imaging.

Board of Certification: Earl Courson

The BOE held a meeting on 10/6/88, to discuss the above actions and to elect the character and protocol for this new board. Minutes of the BOE will be submitted to the next meeting.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS
Audit Committee: Dan Elder
The following report was prepared by the Audit Committee:
Audit Committee:

1. Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 10/6/88, to discuss the above actions and to elect the character and protocol for this new board. Minutes of the BOE will be submitted to the next meeting.

5. OLD BUSINESS
The discussion on the possibility of reorganizing the Illuminate Journal was tabled at the Dallas Business Meeting. As per Society bylaws, President Mantegazza re-opened this issue for discussion at the meeting. Earl Courson mentioned that new information is otherwise absent of outside validation of our certification process cannot be obtained. Motion carried unanimously.

6. NEW BUSINESS
President Mantegazza announced the names of the new officers, Bob Tilly, with the oath of office, sworn in the new officers: Mark Noble - President, Michael Cranston - Vice-President, Denise Bartlett - Secretary, Donna Breyer - Treasurer.

At this point, the new officers are announced, the new officers are sworn in, and the business of the Society is transacted. The motion is seconded, and the motion is accepted.

Pat Sales requested assurance from the general membership in soliciting advertising for the Journal through their local representatives who deal with equipment purchases.

Earl Courson re-introduced the issue of the Audit Committee report and requested a declaration from the new board on its intent to follow through on the continual investigation of the issue in question. The Board recommended that they be determined to remain in the review process to whatever manner appropriate and would generate an expedient report following that Board meeting.

Regarding his dissatisfaction with the results of the internal audit, Earl Courson asked the board that the board members authorize a paid professional outside audit. Jack Blackwell seconded the motion.

Costs associated with the audit were brought to the attention of the board. Paul Mantegazza recommended the audit to be conducted by a firm recommended by the board. The motion was seconded, and the motion was adopted.

A vote of the membership on the issue of the Audit Committee report was taken. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made to refer the audit back to the audit committee for further review. Motion was accepted unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.