Rhonda Curtis sharing her expertise at a lecture.

Holly Harwood-Skolkin creating silhouettes at the cocktail party.

Don Wong and Anna Wiley.

Photographs of Annual Meeting by Holly Harwood-Skolkin.

Students in Slit Lamp Photography Workshop.

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OPS Issues

Adieu to Mark Maio

This past November, the four year Presidency of Mark Maio concluded. During his two terms as OPS President, Mark led the OPS through significant growth and change. The more prominent issues were:

1. The institution of an annual budget and the activation of the Finance Committee with Paul Montague as Chairperson to direct and review prospective expenditures. In the past four years the annual budget has doubled. Proper management of the funds has financed the separate fiscal identity of the Board of Certification, provided funds for validation of certification, purchased computers, audiovisual equipment and other capital items for ongoing Society functions. A financial cushion has been provided to expand the types of educational programs offered to the members.

2. An atmosphere for effective interaction between the new Board of Education and Certification was created as the function of conducting educational programs was separated from the certifying function of the BOC. This Board of Education opened more positions for involvement by members in the varied business of our Society. The Board of Certification created a second level of certification during the past four years, while the new Board of Certification conducted numerous educational programs.

3. The Johnny Justice Scholarship Fund as an endowment for future ophthalmic photographic education was established. Currently this fund contains $12,600.00.

4. Mark expanded communication with other organizations in the medical and scientific imaging fields. Through the second international meeting which was held in Singapore and with the assistance of Larry Merin and Ben Szirth, solid bridges now exist between the British Ophthalmic Photographers Association, The Japanese Ophthalmic Photographers Society and the OPS. The 1994 International Meeting in Toronto will continue this interaction. Other organizations that Mark established communication with were The Biological Photographers Association and the European Federation for Medical/Scientific Imaging. He attended a meeting in Berlin last year as our OPS representative to expand the channels of communication.

Mark sacrificed countless hours of his time each day to professionally represent our Society while conducting business with both OPS members and others seeking information or services from the OPS. To further enhance the OPS presence and identity, Mark has been a strong proponent in establishing a central office for the Society to benefit and serve our members.

For all these and more, Mark deserves the thanks of every member for the significant contribution to our evolving Society. Good luck and enjoy the freedom and time that passing on the office of President will afford you!

Written by J. Michael Coppinger
OPS Issues continued

OPS Membership Directory
The next OPS Membership Directory will be sent to the printer on January 15, 1993. Please check your mailing address on the label affixed to this newsletter. There have been many telephone area code changes during 1992. Be sure that you have notified the OPS if your phone number(s) have changed. Fax numbers and E-mail addresses will now be published. Please send these with other changes to:

Jim Stoutenburg, MS
3632 Blaine Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63110

Congratulations!
A new Board of Directors has been elected in one of the closest races in OPS history. Our new President is Patrick Saine. Our Vice-President is Denice Barsness. Our Treasurer is Paul Montague and Sheila Smith-Brewer is our Secretary. The new At-Large members are Larry Merin, George Weir and Holly Harwood-Skolkin. The three incumbent At-Large members are Rosario Bate, Colleen Fardley Mulder, and Don Wong. Mark Maio will of course be serving as our Past President.

Much thanks and appreciation goes to all the candidates who were willing to commit and be involved in the future of OPS.

Much thanks also to the Ballot Committee, chaired by Nancy Brown, who spent considerable time counting and recounting the ballots.

Regrettably, Article XV, allowing us the ability to amend our By-Laws and Articles of Amendments, did not pass due to an inadequate number of our eligible members voting.

Congratulations again to all our new Board members. Hopefully, your wisdom, innovativeness, empathy and dedication will allow the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society to grow and prosper.

Sheila Smith-Brewer CRA, COMT
Secretary, OPS

Houston Meeting Review

It was an enthusiastic gathering for the one day "Techniques for Photographing the Lens" Ophthalmic Photographers' Society Regional Educational Program held Friday, September 11, in Houston, Texas.

The audience was treated to guest speaker, Richard A. Lewis, M.D., who helped unravel the mysteries of cataract description and classification. Dr. Lewis always keeps them enthralled (even at 8:30 a.m.) and the home court advantage was definitely his.

Jay Foreman, Bill Anderson, Holly Harwood-Skolkin, Susie Rigler and Dan McCarthy had a tough act to follow but each held their own on topics such as "Use of the Fundus Camera for Documenting the Anterior Segment", "Slit Lamp Photography", "35MM and Video Surgical Photography" and "Documenting the Postoperative Eye". Dan came all the way from Boston to give an overview of the specialized systems used in cataract research.

The meeting was concluded with a robust exchange between the registrants and speakers, as well as a wind down snack session in the nearby cafe. Everyone agreed that a one day meeting was just as demanding as a one week event, but as much fun as well!

A special thank you to my co-chairman, Larry Merin, for his invaluable on-site legwork and support!

Denice Barsness, CRA, COT
Program Chairman - Houston '92

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Letter from the President

Dear Member:

You can feel it in the air. The New Year always brings it. The Washington inauguration and the new OPS officers and board members are good examples of it. What am I talking about? A necessity of life: change. And what does change mean? Change means opportunity. Continue reading to find a wealth of professional opportunities...

First though, I would like to thank Mark Maio, FOPS for being a fine President the last four years. Mark has helped bring about many positive changes in the structure of the OPS. Bruce Morris, FOPS and Ben Szirth, PAV are departing BOD members who deserve a round of applause for the time and effort they have given the Society. And a hearty thanks to every member on last year’s ballot, your support of the Society is admirable. I hope your commitment never changes.

The OPS is a volunteer organization. It lives and dies by the quantity and caliber of people who volunteer their time and energy. The OPS needs you to give of yourself to the Society. We need your help.

Even though you are reading this a full month after it has been written, I am pretty sure that I know what is going through many of your minds. Volunteer for the Society? There’s nothing for me to do! (Read on!) I tried to teach something once but my idea got turned down! (There’ve been some changes!) The elections are over and I didn’t run/win. (Try something else!) Even if I volunteer, nobody will want me. (Not!) I don’t know what to do. (Ask!) Does any of this sound familiar? Well, right now is the time to change your attitude.

I challenge you to take the opportunity presented by a new BOD and a New Year to become more involved in your Society. Our newly elected Vice President, Denice Barsness, will be in charge of the next two Annual Educational Programs. Take a moment, right now, to think of how you can help with next year’s meeting and contact her. Write Rhonda Curtis with course suggestions for next year in Chicago (soon - the program gets finalized very early in the year!). Contact Richard Hackel concerning ideas for the Journal. Look over the list of committees elsewhere in this newsletter - contact a committee chair - find your niche - BE ACTIVE!

Become part of the effort to change the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society into a more member responsive, proactive organization. This change will only happen if you - YOU - make it happen.

Pat Saine
President

On With The Show!

The Historical Committee is developing an expanded multimedia presentation for the 1994 25th Silver Anniversary Gala.

Any individuals who have slides or negatives pertaining to board activities, banquet, social events, etc. for the period of 1989 - 1992 are urged to consider loaning these to the committee for inclusion in the show. All originals will be returned on request.

Please! The success of this project depends on your generosity and attention.

Denice Barsness, CRA, COT
Historical Committee Chairman

Thanks to the Contributing Editors in this issue of the newsletter:

Denice Barsness
Sheila Smith-Brewer
J. Michael Coppinger
Paul Montague
Patrick Saine
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OPS Issues continued

JCAHPO Report
At the direction of President Mark Maio and as a representative of the OPS, Michael Coppinger attended the annual meeting of the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology on November 6 in Dallas.

The OPS was invited by JCAHPO to observe their business meeting as a guest. Michael was directed by Mark to take notes, ask relevant questions if allowed and then report to the OPS Board of Directors the same day. Michael’s report will be part of the minutes of that BOD meeting. The BOD is now considering OPS affiliation with JCAHPO and plans to use the Newsletter and other forums to provide information and seek member input before undertaking any such affiliation.

JCAHPO would certainly welcome OPS as provisional members but all efforts at affiliation must come from the OPS for consideration. Look for further information in the Newsletter and minutes of the BOD meeting as well as minutes of the Annual Business Meeting. If you have something to say about this question, please write to the Board of Directors.

Submitted by J. Michael Coppinger

1993 OPS
Mid Year Meeting

Comprehensive Courses

May 15 - 18, 1993

Held in Miami, Florida at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Double Tree Hotel of Coconut Grove.
Obituaries

Paul Castellon
With deep regret we must inform the membership of the recent death of Paul Castellon.

Paul joined the OPS in the mid 1970's while working as an ophthalmic photographer in New York City. In 1978 he moved to San Francisco to work in a large specialty practice. In 1981 he moved to Spain with his wife, and became an ophthalmic photographer/gener
gal photographer pursuing his concept of photography as art. He returned to New York in 1989 accepting a job as Director of Ophthalmic Photography at New York Eye and Ear Infirmary, where he worked until his death.

As an OPS member Paul presented papers, taught in workshops and published articles for the Journal. Of particular interest was a two part article about film making.

He is survived by a young son. Contributions in his memory to the Johnny Justice Fund would do much to honor the memory of our friend and colleague.

Daphne Sheets
The recent announcement of the death of Daphne Sheets in the Newsletter requires some amplification.

Daphne's death was the result of a violent act suffered while she travelled home from the 1991 Annual Meeting in Anaheim. Daphne's body was found in her camper home at a rest area on US Highway 5 by the California Highway Patrol. During the past year an alleged suspect has been apprehended and is now on trial for her murder.

Daphne Sheets, to all who knew her was a sweet, open, caring-trusting person. How and why this happened to her is impossible to explain. Her memory, however, requires that every one of us be aware of this senseless tragedy and direct our feelings to her surviving relatives to express our profound sorrow at her death.

Daphne worked in Northern California first at UC Berkeley then at Concord Hospital in the East Bay as an ophthalmic photographer. As an OPS member, she served on the Ballot Committee and frequently served as a Volunteer at Annual Meetings. She should be remembered in this positive light.

EYESPY

Talk on the street is that Montreal's harsh winters became too much for Rosario Bate and she headed south for the tropical climates of Ontario. Actually, the challenge of developing and directing the new Ottawa Eye Institute at the University of Ottawa provided the career warmth. These days her heart is warmed by a special someone currently filming in Paris...

Hurricane Andrew may have knocked Miami off its feet but not Ditte Hess. Not only did Ditte hold her family together, huddled in the bathroom of her home, she also came through winds of 165 mph with nary a photo from the scientific exhibit even water damaged! Guess we can cancel that new division for "Best Photograph Viewed Under Water"...

Larry Merin was conspicuously absent from both the Board of Directors meeting and the annual cocktail reception. The former we could forgive, but the cocktail reception? He didn't have a note of excuse but asked that little David Alexander Merin, born none too soon (ask Becky!) on November 10, suffice. Well...ok...

Let's face it. Academy week can be pretty exhausting. However, when push comes to shove it's the ladies who shop who make the marines. A number of notorious BOE/BOE and BOD ladies were seen sneaking out on Thursday to hit the "MONSTER DISCOUNT SHOE BARN" across from the Anatoile. I mean, tired's tired, but we're talking designer shoes for $10.95 here! EYESPY's not naming names but Colleen, Sheila, Paula, Jamie, Holly and Denice were all spotted dragging heavy bags and lighter wallets across the interchange...

Calling Dr. Ben Szirth, calling Dr. Ben Szirth! No, that's not echoes from the children's hospital you hear, simply the graduation ceremony from CALTECH. So you think you want to go to college at night? How about starting with something light like a doctorate in biomedical engineering from one of this country's leading high-tech graduate schools. Gosh, and EYESPY thought that Saturday "Master your Microwave" course was tough...

News has it that the EYESPY has been seen somewhere in Europe hiding under his black umbrella. Going through Amsterdam, EYESPY has found on the inter-city train an OPS directory and decided to visit the very first OPS member of the book: Aan De Kerk, FOPS, Albert that lives in Nijmegen, Holland. To his great surprise he found out that Albert and his wife Cokie are now proud Grand Parents. Keeping with the Christmas spirit we can now see them preparing for the 1992 festivities. Congratulations to the Aan De Kerk's.
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Professional Opportunities

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