The Final and Finer Details

Last Call: Papers for Scientific Session
The OPS Scientific Session is one of the most dynamic programs of the educational forum. If you would like to contribute to this noteworthy discussion, we need to hear from you now! Contact:
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An Invitation
Members interested in running for election for the OPS Board of Directors should start thinking now about summer 1996 elections. Contact:
  Peter Buch, CRA
  Tel: (716) 898-3943
  Fax: (716) 898-3343

A Message from the Board of Directors and Treasurer’s Office

Many things have changed in 1995. This message is to announce another change. Starting now, the OPS can accept Visa, Master Card, and American Express for all Educational Programs Fees. On this year’s form to register and sign up for courses at the Educational Program in Atlanta you can feel free to charge it.

While dues (new and renewal) can be paid on the registration form this year, the 1996 dues notice should also provide you the opportunity to pay by credit cards. It has also been discussed that next year the Board of Certification (BOC) and recertification fees can also be put on Visa, MC and AMEX. This is a little more difficult to coordinate since the main OPS treasury and the BOC treasury are required by National Organization of Certifying Agencies to be separate. But, be aware that it’s being pursued. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call or write to me.

  Jeff Sobel
  Treasurer OPS
  Tel: (313) 577-6908
  Fax (313) 577-5482
Message from the President

Being a new mother I couldn’t resist this opportunity to introduce you all to my son, Thor. Having a child has enlightened me as to how much in life we take for granted. Perhaps this is true in our organization as well. Those of us who are involved in committee planning teams or serving on boards may sometimes assume that our membership knows what goes on behind the scenes at those busy academy meetings. It’s easy to feel left out of the loop. It’s my intent to keep everyone informed, and to remind you that all it takes to become part of the process is to express your thoughts or ideas to any of the committee chairpersons or board members.

Nineteen-ninety-five has been a busy year. The Board of Education (BOE) met in March to finalize the Digital Imaging and St. Louis courses and to plan the educational component of the 26th Annual Education Program. They also continued work on their efforts to standardize the CE process for educational programs. New projects include a collaborative effort with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) to produce a CD ROM of prize winning images created by OPS members, and the formation of a Curriculum Committee that can serve as a resource for all OPS members. They will meet in Atlanta to conduct scheduled business and to begin initial planning for a proposed research oriented symposium as part of their long-range planning. The 1996 education program on Electronic Imaging, to be held in Rochester, NY at the RIT School of Photographic Arts and Sciences computer lab, will be finalized as well.

The Board of Certification (BOC) met in April to review progress on the ongoing National Organization of Certifying Agencies (NOCA) certification process. Plans were made to develop a Job Survey Analysis in keeping with Phase I of this project. They will use their time in Atlanta to decide the dates and sites for upcoming certification exams—this information must be ready in time for announcement at the Business Meeting. They will be dealing with ongoing standing committee reports and will establish new tasks for the following year. Financial statistics for the NOCA project will be discussed in preparation of defining a budget for 1996. A report on the status of the Job Survey results from Applied Measurement Services will be presented. One of the larger issues to be dealt with is the review of alternatives to work experience for application to the CRA exam.

The Board of Directors (BOD) met in January to hash out the OPS operating budget for 1995. We also used this time together to plan our committee “To Do” lists for the year—work on these projects will be evaluated in Atlanta.

All three boards will be conducting extensive meetings in Atlanta. The BOD will meet two full days and BOE/BOC each one half day. The BOD will be continuing decisions on: the joint AAO/OPS CD ROM project; the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research grant; writing a mission statement for the society per the Joint Commission of Allied Health Professions in Ophthalmology provisional membership request; completion of the BOD Standing Rules and Operational Procedures; addressing special memberships for students and retired OPS members; development of the International Federation of International Imaging Societies; ICOP 1998; our participation as task force members (Clinical Practice Expert Panels) for Health Care Financing Administration in dealing with issues of reimbursement and coding for ophthalmic imaging; and possible participation in the International Symposium on Fluorescence Angiography in Switzerland next year.

The Annual Educational Program is your opportunity to become involved in the decision making process of this society. Our Annual Business Meeting will be held Monday, October 30. A report on old business concluded throughout the year, discussion of new business and solicitation of items for discussion from the floor will take place. This meeting is open to all dues paid OPS members and I urge everyone to attend. It is at this meeting that the various boards receive their guidance as to the issues that the membership deem important. You will have the opportunity to have your voice heard during the latter portion of the business meeting. Remember—think globally and act locally!

If you have a particular item of business that you wish to have placed on the BOD’s Agenda, please send me a brief note. I will accept all agenda items up to October 1, 1995. Just a reminder, all board meetings are open to all society members in accordance with our Bylaws.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta!

Denise Barsness, CRA, COMA
OPS President
OPS Educational Opportunity in Electronic Imaging
or How to Become a Compu-Nerd in One Easy Weekend!

Do you use a computer daily, but still still feel that you are only scratching the surface? When you hear other photographers talking about networking, remote sites, retrieval resolution, and compression — do you get the feeling that they are talking about military weather stations, and not about ophthalmic imaging? After you have captured electronic images, do you ever wonder what else you could do with them? And even if you have knowledge about electronic imaging, do you ever wish you were in a situation where you had the time and direction to just explore all the latest gimmicks, gadgets and possibilities?

If so, the Board of Education has an opportunity for you! In June 1996, we will be holding a weekend educational program which will cover both the clinical and desktop aspects of electronic imaging. The curriculum will include the latest in clinical imaging, and information on image transport, storage, manipulation, output and publishing. Current information about networking, image manipulation, and final production will be offered by experts in our field.

The OPS course will take place at Rochester Institute of Technology where participants will have the unique opportunity to use the equipment in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences computer labs, under the guidance of OPS faculty.

Watch for more information about this new program at the Annual meeting in Atlanta, and in upcoming newsletters. And, plan on joining us June 7th-8th for an exciting adventure in electronic imaging.

The Historical Committee Contribution Drive

Dear Members:

My last notice in the newsletter reaped an amazing response. Thank you everyone! who responded with donations to the archives. We were especially blessed with contributions to the Newsletter collection. However, keep those donations coming! We still need the following items:

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Again, may I request that in your enthusiasm to donate that you ONLY send the particular items listed above.

Thanks--

Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT
OPS Historian

Enclosed you will find the OPS Bylaws for your future reference. Feel free to call me if you would like to suggest changes or additions to the Bylaws. These must be voted on by the membership.

Mark Croswell,
Chairperson- ByLaws/
Operational Procedures Committee
(313) 876-3250
Dr. Gass Retires from BPEI

After 32 years of remarkable academic accomplishments, Dr. J. Donald M. Gass has retired from the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (BPEI), Miami, Florida.

When Dr. Gass first appeared in my angiography lab in mid 1963, he asked to review some of the fluorescein studies that our chief, Dr. Edward W.D. Norton, had been bragging about. Shortly after he began looking at the studies, he exclaimed that “this is what Dr. A. Edward Maumenee had seen while looking at fluorescence through a cobalt filter in his indirect ophthalmoscope during an examination of a patient with “central serous retinopathy.” He was referring to the “hot spot” now commonly demonstrated in this condition.

I will never forget the excitement that Dr. Gass demonstrated that day. Shortly thereafter, Dr. Gass, Dr. Raymond J. Sever and I arranged the first Tuesday night fluorescein conference. Every Tuesday night, Dr. Gass and the other faculty members met with the residents and fellows to review my angiograms. I was indeed fortunate to be able to sit in on these wonderful sessions while they were unraveling the complexities of retinal and choroidal diseases. Thirty-two years later, these teaching sessions continue at the BPEI.

It is safe to say that Dr. Gass has published more ophthalmic images than anyone else in history. He always had time to spend with the photographic staff and had a gentle albeit effective technique when offering constructive criticisms. I am sure that Dixie Sparks Gilbert, Earl Choromokos, the late Joe Goren, Barbara French, Ditte Jacobsen Hess and the other photographers would agree with me that it was a distinct pleasure and honor to work with this extraordinary physician.

I am happy to say that Dr. Gass has not retired from ophthalmology. He joined the full-time faculty at Vanderbilt University in Nashville on August 1 this year. The BPEI’s loss is Vanderbilt’s gain! We in Tennessee are delighted with Don and Margie Ann’s choice to move back to their beloved home state.

Addendum to Vanderbilt CRAs, Tony Adkins and Patricia Charlet—get your fundus cameras ready!!

Johnny Justice, Jr.
The Angiogram Reading Center

“I really believe there are things nobody would see if I didn’t photograph them.”

Diane Arbus, 1972
ARTICLE I: NAME
The name of the society is OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY, INC. (OPS).

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the OPS shall be:
SECTION 1: Encourage and maintain the highest levels of quality in ophthalmic photography.
SECTION 2: Stimulate development of new and improved techniques and equipment.
SECTION 3: Provide continuing education and technical information.
SECTION 4: Establish and maintain a well coordinated group to represent the profession of ophthalmic photography.
SECTION 5: Provide a common meeting place for persons interested in ophthalmic photography.

ARTICLE III: MEMBERS
The membership shall consist of the following:
SECTION 1: Active Members: Any person interested in promoting the objectives of the OPS shall be considered for active membership upon submission of an appropriate application to the chairperson of the Membership Committee.
SECTION 2: Charter Members: Any active member whose application for membership was made on or before December 31, 1970, is declared a Charter Member.
SECTION 3: Fellow Members: Any active member who has maintained active membership for five (5) consecutive years and has completed ten (10) consecutive years in ophthalmic photography may be eligible for consideration as a Fellow Member.
SECTION 4: Sustaining Members: Any organization or person active in ophthalmology or ophthalmic photography for commercial, professional or charitable purposes shall be considered for sustaining membership, provided that the organization or person submits an appropriate petition for membership to the chairperson of the Board of Directors (BOD). Sustaining members shall have all the privileges of membership, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, voting and holding office.
SECTION 5: Honorary Life Membership: Any person who has made an outstanding contribution to the field of ophthalmic photography shall be eligible for consideration for Honorary Life Membership upon submission of an appropriate petition to the chairperson of the Honorary Life Membership Committee. Honorary Life Members shall have none of the obligations of the membership, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges except those of making motions, voting and holding office.

ARTICLE IV: DUES AND ASSESSMENTS
SECTION 1: The annual dues of each classification of membership shall be established by the BOD.
SECTION 2: Assessments of members for emergency and extraordinary expenses of the OPS shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the BOD.
SECTION 3: The treasurer shall notify the membership of the annual dues and fees on or before January 31. Annual dues shall be considered delinquent after June 1. Assessments shall be considered delinquent sixty (60) days after the membership has been notified. Delinquency in payment of dues, fees and assessments shall result in suspension of all rights of membership. Failure to pay all dues and assessments by the end of the fiscal year shall result in automatic termination of membership in the OPS.
SECTION 4: No member shall be entitled to a refund of any portion of dues or assessments upon termination of membership.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SECTION 1: The OPS shall be governed by the BOD.
SECTION 2: The BOD shall consist of eleven (11) members: the four (4) elected officers of the OPS, the most immediate past president, and five (5) members at large.
SECTION 3: Three (3) members at large shall be elected by secret mail ballot every two (2) years for a four (4) year term to begin at the close of the first session of the annual business meeting following the election. The three (3) candidates with the most votes shall be elected.
SECTION 4: Members of the BOD, committee chairpersons or a group of five (5) active members may present matters to the BOD for action. All matters presented must be acted upon within sixty (60) days.
SECTION 5: The BOD shall appoint chairpersons members to the Bylaws, Editorial and Nominating Committees.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS
SECTION 1: The four (4) elected officers of the OPS shall be: president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer.
SECTION 2: No member shall hold more than one (1) elected office concurrently or serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office.
SECTION 3: Each officer shall be elected by secret mail ballot to serve two (2) years. The term of office shall begin at the close of the first session of the annual business meeting following the election.
SECTION 4: A candidate for the office of president shall have been an active member for at least five (5) consecutive years prior to assuming office. The other three (3) officers shall have been active members for at least six (6) consecutive years prior to assuming office.
SECTION 5: A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the vice-president. A vacancy in any other office shall be filled by a majority vote of the BOD.

ARTICLE VII: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS
SECTION 1: Duties of the president
A. The president shall preside at all business meetings of the OPS.
B. The president shall function as chairperson of the BOD and vote only in case of a tie.
C. The president shall, with approval of the BOD, appoint chairpersons of the standing committees and shall be an ex officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
D. The president shall appoint special committees as deemed necessary.
E. The president and secretary shall sign all official documents and instruments of contract as authorized by the BOD.
F. The president shall be bonded at the expense of the OPS.

SECTION 2: Duties of the vice-president
A. The vice-president shall act as President Pro Tempore.
B. The vice-president shall become president in the event of the incumbent's resignation, death, or deposition.
C. The vice-president shall serve as chairperson of the Program Committee.

SECTION 3: Duties of the secretary
A. The secretary shall record the minutes of all business meetings and meetings of the BOD.
B. The secretary shall maintain a file of all committee reports and shall have all records available for inspection upon request.
C. The secretary shall maintain a list of all existing committees and their members and furnish whatever documents are required for the performance of their duties.
D. The secretary shall sign all acts, orders and proceedings when necessary.
E. The secretary shall send and receive all official ballots.
F. The secretary shall be a member of the Nominating and Membership Committees.
G. The secretary shall, in the absence of the president and vice-president, act as President Pro Tempore.
ARTICLE VIII: MEETINGS

SECTION 1: The annual business meeting shall be held during the annual OPS meeting. The purpose of the meeting shall be to conduct business, receive reports from officers and committees, administer the oath to new officers and consider other new business.

SECTION 2: Twenty (20) active members of the OPS shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: The Membership Committee shall be composed of the secretary, treasurer, and others at the discretion of the president. It shall be the duty of this committee to receive all applications for active membership and to accept all qualified applicants.

SECTION 2: The Fellowship Committee shall be composed of all past-presidents and all fellows. It shall be the duty of this committee to elect fellows.

SECTION 3: The Program Committee shall be composed of the vice-president and other members appointed by the president. It shall be the duty of this committee to plan, organize and make arrangements for the annual meeting of the OPS.

SECTION 4: The Bylaws Committee shall be composed of members appointed by the BOD for a term of three (3) years. No member shall serve more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare revisions of, and amendments to, the Bylaws, the Articles of Incorporation and the adopted Standing Rules of Order in the absence of the parliamentarian.

SECTION 5: The Finance Committee shall be composed of the treasurer and two other members appointed by the president. It shall be the duty of this committee to prepare the budget for the next fiscal year and submit it to the BOD within sixty (60) days following the annual business meeting.

SECTION 6: The Auditing Committee shall be appointed by the president. It shall be the duty of this committee to audit the treasurer's accounts at the close of the fiscal year and report to the membership at the annual meeting.

SECTION 7: The Research and Development Committee shall act to stimulate interest in the development of new and improved techniques of ophthalmic photography.

SECTION 8: The Balloting Committee shall be appointed by the president. It shall be the duty of this committee to act as tellers of the official ballots.

SECTION 9: The Editorial Committee shall be appointed by the BOD and shall act in an advisory capacity to the editors of the OPS publications and advise the appropriate editor or BOD as to the need for any revision in their style or content.

SECTION 10: The Nominating Committee shall consist of the secretary and other members appointed by the BOD and shall be activated no later than one (1) year prior to the induction of new officers. It shall be the duty of this committee to interview and nominate candidates for each office to be filled. The Nominating Committee shall submit the names of the candidates to the BOD no later than January 15 of the election year. The secretary shall report the names of the candidates to the active membership no later than March 15 of the election year. Additional nominations shall be accepted from members by appropriate petition to the secretary no later than April 15 of the election year. Petitions shall be signed by four (4) active members.

ARTICLE X: BOARD OF CERTIFICATION

The Board of Certification shall have responsibility for:
1. Creating all levels of certification.
2. Conducting examinations to determine proficiency in theoretical and practical applications.
3. Issuing certificates to those who fulfill the requirements.
4. Re-certifying.

ARTICLE XI: JOURNAL OF OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHY

SECTION 1: The editor of The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography shall be appointed by the BOD and shall be fully responsible for the production of The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography. The editor shall serve as an ex officio member of the Editorial Committee and is responsible directly to the BOD.

SECTION 2: The editor shall appoint an editorial staff whose function shall be to assist in all matters related to the production of The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography.

ARTICLE XII: OPS NEWSLETTER

SECTION 1: The editor of the OPS newsletter shall be appointed by the BOD and shall be fully responsible for the production of the OPS newsletter. The editor shall serve as an ex officio member of the Editorial Committee and shall be responsible directly to the BOD.

SECTION 2: The editor may appoint an editorial staff whose function shall be to assist in all matters related to the production of the OPS newsletter.

ARTICLE XIII: CONSTITUENT CHAPTERS

SECTION 1: Constituent chapters of the OPS may be formed on a local, state or regional level at the discretion of the BOD. Three (3) or more members residing in the area may submit an appropriate petition for formation of a constituent chapter to the BOD. The BOD shall act upon each petition.

SECTION 2: Each constituent chapter shall assemble at least annually.

SECTION 3: Each constituent chapter shall keep a record of its proceedings and annually submit a copy of the record to the secretary of the OPS.

SECTION 4: The BOD reserves the right to dissolve any constituent chapter.

ARTICLE XIV: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall guide the OPS in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, or any special rules of order the OPS shall adopt.

ARTICLE XV: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS AND ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation may be amended by fulfilling the following criteria:
1. Participation by a minimum of thirty-three (33) percent of the eligible membership.
2. Two-thirds (2/3) majority of the ballots cast.

ARTICLE XVI: BOARD OF EDUCATION

Establishing the Board of Education with the vice-president as a permanent member. The Board of Education shall have the responsibility of producing and providing all OPS educational programs.

ARTICLE XVII: SIMULTANEOUS BOARD MEMBERSHIP

No member of the Board of Education shall simultaneously be a member of the Board of Certification.
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

New OPS Members since August 15, 1995:
Jane G. Barnes, Melbourne, Australia
Terry J. Barrett, Bala Cynwyd, PA
Michael K. Betzen, Albuquerque, NM
Jana S. Brochu, Haslett, MI
Robin D. Carbaugh, Tulsa, OK
Mark E. Clark, Birmingham, AL
Elizabeth A. Cogan, Woburn, MA
Tracy M. Everson, Davenport, IA
William E. Goggans, Jr., Pinson, AL
Margaret D. Graham, Somerville, MA
Monica T. Gries, Albuquerque, NM
Cheryl M. Hankins, Louisville, KY
Ronald W. Heath, Wichita, KS
Laura Ikle, Albuquerque, NM
J.D. Jackson, CRA, Goodlettsville, TN
Shatara C. Johnson, Greenville, SC
Roslyn Katz, Columbia, MD
Cheryl A. Kiesel, Ft. Myers, FL
Jarmo Kiinunen, Helsinki, Finland
Debbie Lamb, Fargo, ND
Darrin A. Landry, Sanford, ME
Kevin R. Langton, Clifton, NJ
Sandra L. Lott, Lecanto, FL
Marchetta B. Manning, Ocean Springs, MS
Jay A. Martin, CRA, Virginia Beach, VA
Lisa M. Miller, Springfield, OH
Pippa M. Mitchell, Temecula, CA
Janie Morales, Odessa, TX
Randie G. Murdock, Victor, NY
Rick L. Murphy, CRA, Santa Barbara, CA
Brenda L. Murray, Ft. Myers, FL
James D. Myer, CRA, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
Dixie Lynn Newhohn, Ft. Myers, FL
Lisa J. O’Bryan, Ft. Myers, FL
Rebecca C. Ostrowsky, Ft. Myers, FL
Sylvia L. Perez, La Quinta, CA
David Peterson, CRA, Belmont, NC
Toni J. Pichette, Green Bay, WI
Mary L. Raddatz, Milwaukee, WI
Jill F. Reynolds, Narberth, PA
Paul Romero, Albuquerque, NM
Julie C. Roof, Roanoke, Rapids, NC
Jay Sands, CRA, Santa Monica, CA
Beverly A. Sessanna, Eden, NY
LuAnn Smart, Greenville, SC
Nancy A. Spafford, Somerville, MA
Sheila D. Sundbye-Bousson, Tallahassee, FL
Mark Thomas, Santa Ana, CA
Pamela J. Vargo, Lakewood, CA
Martina M. Verbeet-Ellis, Kranenburg, Germany
Ann L. Wason, Lykens, PA
Jamie L. Webb, Cincinnati, OH
Tarrie Weisenthon, Albuquerque, NM
Tina L. Wood, Dillsburg, PA
Karen L. Yarger, Springfield, OH
Lori A. Zahnd, Greenville, SC
Jeffrey P. Zeigler, Concord, NH

Professional Opportunities


Position Available: Independent group of Ophthalmic Photographers and Technicians in the L.A./Orange County area are looking for assistance. Certification a must! (CRA and/or COA+). Duties include: fluorescein angiography, darkroom, A & B-Scan ultrasonography, Laser setup and assisting, lifting and moving equipment to various offices. Future considerations may include digital photography, ICG, corneal topography and other up-to-date testing depending on the clients’ demands. Salary will vary depending on experience and self motivation. Send resume to: Paul Paquette, CRA, COMT, Visual Eyes Ophthalmographics, 2359 Heather Ave., Long Beach, CA 90815.

Position available for a Ophthalmic Photographer at University of CA., Irvine. Substantial experience as an ophthalmic photographer required to perform the following: fundus, wide angle fundus, slit-lamp, external eye, operating room, and cine photography; fluorescein angiography; O.R. videography; processing B/W and color film and paper; maintaining accurate patient records or specimen photography, and specular microscopy. Desired candidates should also have the ability to suggest new procedures as needed, have a college degree in photographic discipline, be willing to become certified for National Institute of Health studies, and be available to work overtime, as needed. To apply, send UCI application available from the Human Resource Dept. (714) 824-4117 by mentioning Job #CP760. This position is funded until 6/30/96. Minimum salary $14.21/hour, casual atmosphere, full time.

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Busy solo retina practice looking for Ophthalmic Photographer/Office Assistant to replace long-term, valued photographer. 400+ angiograms per year. Darkroom skills, work ethic, cheerful approach with patients, reliability, and flexibility all needed. Very good work hours, work environment, compensation, advancement, job stability, and equipment offered. Columbia a university community rated at the very top nationally as a place to live. Contact: Timothy Holekamp, M.D., Columbia Retina Clinic, Ltd., 500 Keene street, Columbia, MO 65201. Attention: Jackie (314) 443-1474.

Ophthalmic Photographer/Technician for retina practice. Responsibilities include fundus photography and fluorescein angiography, all phases and maintenance of photography department, as well as some back office assisting. Please mail or fax resume to: Yossi Sidikaro, M.D., PhD., 435 N. Roxbury Drive, Suite 410, Beverly Hill, CA 90210 Fax: (310) 858-3922.

Ophthalmic Technician/Photographer: Knowledge equivalent to B.S. degree or at least 4 years experience in ophthalmic technology. Certification as ophthalmic photographer/retinal angiographer. Venipuncture experience preferred. Willing to make a minimum of 15 month commitment for epidemiologic study located in Barbados. Salary dependent on qualifications. Available immediately. Send resume to: Barbados Eye Study, Dept. of Preventive Medicine, HSC L2 154, SUNY @ Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY 11794-8275. Email: cleske@prevmed.som.sunysb.edu.

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LIFE OUTSIDE THE OPS

By Mark Maio, FOPS

In each newsletter, this space has been designated by editor, John DuBois, CRA, to feature another aspect of one of our members’ lives outside his or her work in ophthalmic photography or the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society. John has asked me to write about what I have been doing during the past two and a half years since I ended my tenure as President of the OPS. The By-laws of the Society call for the former president to serve on the Board of Directors for an additional two years, so I have not removed myself entirely from OPS activities. I attend board meetings, serve on several committees and help by providing a historical perspective regarding anything which occurred during my term as president.

The major change I noticed in my life after ending my presidency was the added amount of time I had to once again devote to my real job at the University of Buffalo. I can conservatively estimate that during my four years as president I spent at least half my time at work, in addition to many nights and weekends, on OPS related business. With the ongoing changes in the business of ophthalmology, I do not see how this freedom with my job could now be possible. I wonder how this will affect the future of our society as less and less people will have the flexibility in their positions to accept the responsibilities that come with all the volunteer and elected positions in the OPS. Fortunately, I had a chairman who understood the responsibilities associated with being president of the OPS, and he allowed me ample opportunity to work on the OPS activities on his time. I also worked with a supportive group of photographers who took the pressure off of me and made sure everything was taken care of when I was on the phone for two hours taking care of an OPS issue or away at a board meeting.

As a past OPS president and with all that extra time, I turned my attention to graduate school and obtaining my masters degree. I had been working on a personal documentary photographic project involving an Irish neighborhood in Buffalo, N.Y. since 1989. After a few years, I concluded that this project would make a dynamic basis for my masters thesis and expanded my photographs by researching and writing an in-depth story about the ethnic neighborhood that grew up in the shadows of Buffalo’s great grain industry. I attended graduate school part-time at the University of Buffalo in 1993 through the spring 1994. Gradually, my former OPS time was filled with school, but working full-time in ophthalmic photography kept me from fully applying myself to my class assignments.

I was able to arrange with my chairman to work part-time this past September while going to school full-time. A graduate assistantship with a salary stipend and tuition waiver, allowed me to complete my Masters of Arts in Humanities in May. I have been accepted into the Master of Fine Arts in photography program this fall and plan to continue working part-time to finish the photography on my documentary project, and complete writing the book I am planning as a result of all my combined work.

Having more free time has also allowed me to pursue getting my personal photography shown in galleries both locally and in New York City. This fall I have a show scheduled in the gallery at Rochester Institute of Technology and tentative dates for shows around the country in about a year.

Spending time in graduate school and on my personal photography has not taken me away from ophthalmic photography. In addition to managing the Ophthalmic Photography Bachelor of Science degree program at the University of Buffalo, I spent ten days in Bogota and Cartagena, Columbia as a guest of the Colombian Ophthalmological Society. I lectured at the University Hospital in Bogota and conducted a half day ophthalmic photography program during the Ophthalmological Society’s meeting in Cartagena, a mini version of our American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting. In November, I had the honor of being chosen as the Kodak Invited Lecturer at the annual meeting of the British Ophthalmic Photographers Association (BOPA). The meeting was held in Birmingham, England and it was a pleasant mixture of excellent scientific presentations and social activities. After the meeting, I spent a few days with Richard Hildred, BOPA Secretary, traveling around England, observing and meeting with different ophthalmic photographers.

With all the non-ophthalmic activities I have been pursuing over the last two years, a natural question I am continually being asked is if I am planning on leaving the field of ophthalmic photography. My career, to this point, has not followed any plan, and I do not foresee an exception to this. I will follow whatever path or opportunity presents itself, but I cannot see working without ophthalmic photography being a major component of my professional life. I have enjoyed all the time I spent working for the OPS, but at the same time I find the freedom I now have to pursue other areas of personal interest very exciting. The journey truly is the reward.

Editor’s Note: A reminder from the last issue to all OPS members about sending in something of a personal nature.
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