Going Back to Bulls’ Country!

Keep a look-out in your mail box...the 27th Annual OPS Educational Program is on its way to you, and its chock full of information about the next meeting coming up October 26-30, 1996 in the heart of Chicago. With Rosario Bate chairing the Educational Program this year, you can expect some dynamic new courses, great instructors and the full spectrum of up-to-date ophthalmic photography information—not to mention an organized and well-run meeting by the ample hands (and magical wand) of Bill Anderson, our General Chairman.

Bill and Rosario could use your help! From classroom monitoring to equipment set-up and audio visual tech heads and hands, the success of each meeting depends in large part on the volunteers who spend an hour or two helping out. It’s the best way to meet people, learn a lot of tricks of the trade, and most importantly, to have fun!

So check out your schedule, and if there’s an open slot consider it a window of opportunity. Call Angela West for room monitoring, or contact Pat Fopsema if you’re interested in “manning” the OPS Scientific Exhibit Booth over at the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Volunteers Needed:

We are extremely excited here in Chicago being host to the OPS 27th Annual Meeting. Chicago is truly one of the most beautiful and entertaining cities in our nation.

You’ll soon be hearing about all the great courses and workshops being offered from our educational committee, and your help is needed.

We need enthusiastic, personable people to monitor these courses. This is a great opportunity to obtain CEC’s as well as meet some of your professional colleagues.

Your help is greatly needed and always appreciated. Anyone willing and able to help, please contact either one of us:

For classroom monitoring contact:

**Cindy Ramsey**
(708) 424-8855
(708) 460-6671

**Angela West, CRA**
(708) 895-6161
(219) 931-9465

For Scientific Exhibit monitoring contact:

**Pat Fopsema, CRA**
(317) 423-6269

Roommate Connection:

Anyone looking for a roommate for the Chicago ‘96 Meeting is invited to list their name with Cindy Skattebo.

Please fax or mail your name, address and room availability or requirements along with arrival/departures dates. You will be mailed a list of possible “roomies” to contact.

Cindy Skattebo, COA
North Iowa Eye Clinic
Hwy 18 West
PO Box 1877
Mason City, IA 50401
Fax: (515) 423-0727
It may well be a coincidence that an “inSAINE” person would choose to live in a MADison city, but Pat Saine swears that you’d be crazy to live anywhere else but Madison, Wisconsin. He and his wife Debbie (his high school sweetheart and soul mate for the past 16 years) and two lovely daughters—Beth and Julie, have made this town their home for the past 10 years. It figures that a collegiate town would catch their attention, Pat’s been busy racking up degrees since the late 70’s; his most recent acquisition being a Masters in Educational Technology from the University of Toledo in 1986. Debbie is a Pharmacist, and no doubt Beth and Julie are on their way to becoming the next generation of rocket scientists as well. I’ve had the personal pleasure of being bested in a heated game of trivial pursuit by these two smarts!

Pat became involved in ophthalmic photography in 1981 and obtained his CRA in 1983. In addition to being our past President, he has had an extensive career lecturing and publishing in both ophthalmic photography and general photography. The author of this little biography darn near got a hernia just picking up Pat’s C.V. (Whose real love, by the way, is in fine art photography.) Take a peak in his subterranean library and you’ll find an impressive collection of over 700 books! I guess we all know what Pat’s been doing lurking around the used book stores across the country.

Not to be outdone by other published photography authors, Pat’s in the midst of co-editing a book on ophthalmic photography with Marshall Tyler, CRA, FOPS. The book “Ophthalmic Photography: Fundus Photography, Angiography and Electronic Imaging” will be published this fall. Look for the paperback edition at your grocery store soon! (ha ha)

Pat was recently heard on National Public Radio during the program “Wadda Yu Know?” By virtue of being the only ophthalmic photographer in the audience, he was chosen to claim his 15 minutes of fame by enchanting listeners about the world of ophthalmic photography. Those of you lucky enough to catch this Saturday morning show were probably very surprised to hear Pat’s voice coming over the waves!

So, what does this passionate ophthalmic imager REALLY fantasize about? Pat’s dream is to cross the Atlantic on the Queen Elizabeth II on route to a summer romp through Europe—in a black and white film noir version no doubt. Knowing Pat’s tenacity for life, I’m sure we’ll be receiving postcards from Berlin soon!

Written by

Denice Barsness, CRA ,COMT

Call the Central Office for OPS Membership, course registration, Journal of Ophthalmic Photography subscription or just to catch up with Barb McCalley, the heartbeat of the Society.

1-800-403-1677 or E-mail: OPSmember@aol.com
BOD Meeting  
Friday, February 2, 1996 • San Francisco, California

I Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.
II President’s Report: Danice reviewed with the board letters that had been sent out and received. These included:
Letters discussing CD-ROM project, HICFA task force and the St. Gallen meeting were discussed.
III To Do’s: The To Do Lists of all BOD members as well as Terry Tomer (BOC) and Paula Morris (BOE) were reviewed and updated.
IV Vice President’s Report: Bill reviewed the successful Atlanta meeting and discussed plans for the 1997 Educational Meeting in Chicago. The budget for Chicago was proposed at $26,000 which breaks down to $6,000 for A.V. support, $13,000 for the banquet and $7,000 to be spent on breaks. An attempt will be made to find a sponsor to help defray some of the food costs.
V Adjournment at 7:20 pm

BOD Meeting  
February 3, 1996 • San Francisco, California

I Meeting called to order at 9:12 am
II Vice President’s Report: Bill Anderson
27th Annual Education Program will take place at the Sheraton City Front Center in Chicago. Rosario Bate is the Educational Chairperson, the Vice President elect will be the Co-Chairperson. AV coordinator will be Randy Verdick. Better workshop attendance is one goal for 1996.
III Secretary’s Report: Peter Buch
Editorial Committee will edit publications sent to OPS members by the local chapters. The committee feels that an outside editor is not worth the added expense and is not necessary. The Nominating Committee presented a list of candidates to run for offices of the BOD.
IV Treasurer’s Report: Jeff Sobel
Jeff reviewed General Society Funding. Individual Line items were reviewed line by line. Jeff stressed that an effort was made to achieve a zero based budget. Copies of the report are available to the OPS membership upon request. The board moved to establish a second years reserve fund.
V Committee Reports
The Johnny Justice Junior Award, Recognition and By Laws Committees all presented changes for the upcoming year. The JJJ award is planning its first scholarship. The Recognition Committee hopes to have its certificates ready by Chicago. The By Law committee hopes to have several By Law changes presented to the membership for vote this summer.
VI Adjournment at 5:30 pm.

BOD Meeting  
February 4, 1996 • San Francisco, California

I Meeting Called to Order at 8:12
II By Law Changes: Mark Crosswell
Student Membership: The board accepted a proposal to have a separate student membership class. The cost would be $40 per year and would be limited to four consecutive years.
Retired Members Membership: The board accepted a retired members membership class. The cost would be $40 per year and is open to retired individuals who have been OPS members for at least 10 consecutive years and are retired.
Bonding Issue: The board accepted a motion to suggest removal of sections of the By Laws requiring bonding of the President and Treasurer.
BOC Mission Statement: Article X describing the mission of the BOC will be re-written to state the BOC’s independance within the OPS. This statement will help keep the BOC operating within NOCA guidelines.
All By Law changes will be presented to the OPS membership for approval or disapproval in the upcoming ballot this summer.
III Regional Chapters: The board directs the Regional Chapter committee to work with the BOD to figure out solutions to money issues, tax ID, meetings, etc. The idea is to nurture the relationship between the OPS and the regional chapters.
IV Central Office: The board approves the Central Office to take care of registration of all BOE meetings. The board also officially appreciates all of Barb McCalley’s great efforts in running the Central Office.
V ICOP ‘98: Not really feasible to discuss at this meeting without Larry present. Danice will E-mail Larry and state the BOD’s support and backing for ICOP ‘98.
VI Long Range Planning: Danice was directed by the board to find out and share with the board the final price for writing up a proposal for the ACHPR grant.
VII Scientific Exhibit: This committee will investigate the cost of scanning the scientific exhibit and report these costs to the board.
VIII Membership Dues: Pat Saine: The finance committee will review dues structure every year and make recommendations to the board. The board instituted a registration price of $45 for the Annual Education Meeting registration with a discount of $10 for OPS members.
IX Membership Recruitment: Laurie Conway
Membership recruitment cards will be designed. Bids for production and, definition of potential markets will be researched. Funding requirements will be forwarded to the finance committee.

X St. Gallen Meeting: Jim Gilman
Lecturers from the OPS at this international meeting will include: Kirby Miller, Tracy Nichols, Dennis Otock and Jim Gilman. A report will be presented in Chicago about the meeting.

XI BOE Report: Paula Morris
There will be six positions open on the BOE this year. Updated version of the curriculum for the RIT Electronics Course was reviewed. The BOE business meeting is slated for March 15-17 in St. Louis. The BOD passed a motion to allow the BOE to establish its own review procedures for their publications.

XII BOC Report: Terry Tumer
The NOCA Job Analysis Report proved to very successful, almost 45% responded. The CRA certification application should be ready for review by the end of the year. BOC's grievance issue was discussed at length. The BOC grievance policy is in place and will be further reviewed.

XIII Outstanding Contributions Award: The board passed a motion to make the Outstanding Contribution Award not limited to members of the OPS.

XIV Mission Statement & Policy Statement
The Mission Statement chosen by the board: The aims & objectives of this society shall be in accordance with Article II of our Bylaws: encourage and maintain the highest levels of quality in ophthalmic photography. Stimulate development of new and improved techniques and equipment. Provide continuing education and technical information. Establish and maintain a well coordinated group to represent the profession of ophthalmic photography. Provide a common meeting place for persons interested in ophthalmic photography. The Policy Statement chosen by the board: The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society does not exclude members on the basis of color, handicapped, marital status, national origin, race, religious preference, sex or sexual preference.

XV International Federation Ophthalmic Imaging Society (IFOIS): Paul Montague
This will eventually be an independent organization. The IFOIS will be an organization of international ophthalmic imaging organizations.

XVI AAO/OPS CD-ROM: Target is to have CD-ROM ready by April 1996.

XVII New Business:
OPS Travel: The idea was proposed that all boards would have meeting expenses paid for at educational meetings. The board would like to see financial consideration for the next board that is elected to office.
Newsletter: John DuBois was instructed to keep to the publication schedule and return to the original paper stock used in the past. The board also compliments John on the fine content of the Newsletter. The Newsletter will also publish summaries of all board meetings (BOC, BOD & BOD).
World Wide Web Page: An official committee has been formed with Paul Montague and Joe Warnicki as co chairs. The goal would be to have a viable active page.
XVIII Adjournment at 8:00 pm.
BOD Meeting

Friday October 27, 1995 • Atlanta, Georgia

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am.

Updates From The President

1) International Symposium of Fluorescence Angiography was discussed and updated.
2) JCAHPO requests. To be discussed later.
3) Midyear meeting site
4) Northern California Chapter has become inactive.
5) AHPCR research grant: to be discussed during BOE report.

To Do's: All To Do List's of BOD, Terry Tomer and Paula Morris were reviewed. The To Do List's were assigned during the mid year BOE meeting in San Francisco, January, 1995.

Vice President's Report: Bill Anderson
Welcome letters from Georgia and Mayor of Atlanta. Room changes were presented. Olympic construction delays were explained. Next year's educational meeting will be held at the Sheraton of Downtown Chicago.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Sobel
OPS Expenses, BOE, Central Office and General Fund all running on budget. $21,000 of $71,000 brought in for Annual Educational Meeting done so with credit card use. JOP is over budget by $2,000. Interest earned = $5,000. Investments are in no risk federally insured accounts.

Secretary's Report: Peter Buch
The Mid Year BOD Meeting (January, 1995) minutes were discussed, edited and accepted. The Nominating Committee will be activated as of this meeting. The committee will actively pursue members to run for BOD spots open in 1996. These include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and three At Large members.

Bonding Issue: Jeff presented things to think about. Main issue is high cost of yearly audit in order to remain bonded.

BOC Report: Terry Tomer
BOC Finances were discussed for the upcoming year. All of 1996 will be used to prepare the application to NOCA for certification. NOCA rules state that the BOC must be independent in all matters of certification. A grievance issue that took place in 1995 was discussed. Terry feels that the grievance policy already in place is quite adequate. The board agreed. The BOC Report was accepted unanimously.

Technology Committee Report: Jim Gilman
Optimal now has 130 members internationally. It has grown into a nice discussion group. The OPS Web site is much more than a discussion group. It provides access to images, text and commercial activity. It is important to note that Optimal is not an OPS service. The OPS cannot control it. Jim has been asked by the board to write informational pieces for the Newsletter on how to get their computers to more user friendly.

BOE Report: Paula Morris
The Mid Year BOD Meeting was reviewed and discussed. Both were very successful and profitable. The St Louis course received excellent reviews. Monitor requirements were presented, discussed and reviewed. The BOE raised concerns over lack of specific protocols for local chapters. More specifics on this meeting to be presented at next BOD meeting.

ICOP Committee: Larry Martin
Site has been changed to Edinburgh, Scotland in August of 1998. Meeting chair will be Angela Ellingford, MBA who happens to be president of the BOPA. 100 - 110 delegates are expected to attend. This meeting will be a collaborative effort with BOPA.

Adjournment at 10:00 am.

BOD Meeting

Saturday October 28, 1995 • Atlanta, Georgia

Meeting called to order at 8:10 am.

Central Office Report: Barb McCalley
847 calls have come into central office. New member total is 128. Current membership including sustaining members is 1,110. Income for Atlanta meeting so far is $27,000.

OPS Special Recognition Awards
Honorary Life Membership has been awarded to Richard Lewis, MD. Outstanding Contribution has been awarded to Joe Warnicki and Paul Rehkopf.

AAO CD-ROM
Board discussed pros and cons of producing CD-ROM with the AAO. Scott Berg from the AAO presented the AAO's thoughts and ideas. The BOE also attended this portion of the meeting.

AAO Calendar
Mary Beth Whitmore and Laurie McKinstry from the AAO presented the board samples of the calendar that will be sold at the Academy. TheOPS will receive 40 percent of the profits. This will bring in an estimated $2,000 per calendar sale. The board passed a motion allowing BOE president Denice Barense to sign off on the agreement concerning the AAO calendar.

Committee Reports

Ethics: Alan Frohlichstein: The board adopted a modified code of ethics developed by Alan and his committee. The injection issue was raised as an ethics committee item. The board had mixed feelings about this issue. Some wanted to discuss this as an ethics issue, others felt very strongly that this was a legal issue to be dealt with on a state by state basis.

Publications: Peter Buch: Newsletter and Journal very good and open working relationship with publications committee. The BOE's relationship is somewhat strained while other groups not sending published items to committee for review. These issues will be discussed at the Publications committee meeting.

Gift: Holly Harwood-Sklokin: Holly would like to change the name to Recognition Committee. The board approved. A formalized report on certificates will be presented to the board at the mid year meeting. It is hoped that the Central Office will eventually be able to print all certificates needed during the year.

Grievance: Holly Harwood-Sklokin: Grievance Committee seemed to be the only one not to get Mark Maio's grievance letter. Holly did receive one grievance in reference to a distraught CRA examinee.

Adjournment at 1:00 pm.
Meeting called to order at 11:30 am

BOD officers report

Vice President: Bill Anderson Welcomed everyone to Atlanta. Apologized for the "Olympic" inconvenience. The 1996 Annual Educational Meeting will be held at the Chicago Sheraton.

Treasurer: Jeff Sobel: OPS monetary figures are available to the membership upon request. Funds in the treasury will increase this year. Reserve funds have been invested in low risk interest bearing accounts.

Secretary: Peter Buch: Minutes from last year's Business Meeting were accepted. An appeal was made to encourage members to run for office on the board of directors.

President: Denise Barsness: 1996 projects that have been accomplished or are being worked on: Central Office initiated, AAO/OPS Calendar & CD-ROM production, ICOP '98 and NIH grant of up to $50,000.

BOC Report: Terry Tomer: Two certification exams were successful. 23 new CRA's for a total of 472. Terry outlined 1996 BOC issues. The CRA NOCA certification process is currently the most important issue.

BOE Report: Paula Morris: A complete written report on BOE activities in 1995 is available for the OPS membership to review. New tighter rules for obtaining CEC's were presented. "Electronics in Ophthalmic Imaging" will be held in Rochester, NY on June 7-10, 1996.

Committee Reports:

A Booklet of 30 Committee Reports was passed around for the membership to review. Highlights included:

ICOP '98: Will take place Labor Day weekend in Edinburgh, Scotland. It will be a collaborative effort with BOPA, JOPS, and OPS.

Central Office: 371 participants at this year's educational meeting. The toll free number worked very well and was very much appreciated by the membership.

Newsletter Report: John DuBois would like to increase quality.

New Business

Injection Policy was discussed at length. Injections are being performed by non-MD photographers and this has raised the concerns of many OPS members. The board tried to stress that this issue should be dealt with on a state by state basis.

The Scientific Exhibit and the AAO's rights to images produced by OPS members was discussed. Marshall Tyler wanted to be clear that no one is discouraged from entering the Scientific Exhibit. Alan Frohlichstein assured Marshall that the Scientific Committee is addressing this issue.

Adjournment at 1:30 pm.

BOD Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, 1995 • Atlanta, Georgia

Meeting called to order at 8:37 am.

OPS Mailing Lists: Lists will be sold for $100. Lost lists will cost members $10 to replace.

Regional Chapters

Bob Cavicci is new chairman of the regional chapter committee. The committee met in Atlanta. The committee report will be sent to the BOE. Items discussed at the Regional Chapter Committee meeting included: Editing of written materials will be done by the Publications Committee. The BOD needs to inform local chapters what is expected of them. Local chapters will become inactive if no meeting takes place within the year. The BOE, BOD and the Regional Chapter Committee will work together to make a report for the February BOD meeting.

JJS Scholarship Award: Pat Sain

The board approved Tim Steffans to run the JJS Committee

Long Range Planning Committee: Denise Barsness

Michael Coppening was approved as chairman of the Long Range Planning Committee.

Publications: Richard Hackel;

During publications meeting in Atlanta, it was concluded that a professional editor does not need to be hired. The committee consists of professional people who are capable of editing OPS publications. The index of the JOP is now on line. The board would like Richard to look into becoming a Medline subscriber.

By Laws: Mark Croswell:

An impeachment clause was approved by the BOD. This statement will go into the standing rules. Student Membership proposal was discussed. This level of membership would have to be added to the By Laws. The bonding issue should be dropped from the By Laws and added to the standing rules if needed. By Law changes when approved by the board have to be voted on by the OPS membership for final approval. Publications committee will be called the Editorial Committee as stated in the By Laws.

Honorary Life Membership & Outstanding Contribution Committee: Dr. Richard Lewis will receive the Honorary Life Membership award and Joe Wornick will receive the Outstanding Contribution Award.

Sustaining Members: Kaiser Corporation was accepted as a Sustaining Member of the OPS.

Other Items of New Business

RIT Electronic Imaging Course: Paula Morris: "Electronic Imaging in Ophthalmic Photography" will provide hands on experience using computers. The cost of the course will be $375 for a two and a half day program. The board gave its approval to the way the BOE is proceeding with the Electronics course. Michael Perez was approved as the backup chair for the RIT course.

International Symposium on Fluorescence Angiography: Denise opened the floor for discussion on this prestigious meeting. Jim Gilman presented the protocols for the meeting. Jim was appointed committee chair to help develop a module for the OPS's involvement in this symposium.

Formation of Ohio regional chapter: The board approved the application for the formation of the Ohio regional chapter of the OPS.

Adjournment at 12:25 pm.

These minute summaries are respectfully submitted,
Peter Buch, Secretary, BOD
"What Do I Do Now?"
- Chapter Two -

You've got your personal account and you are dialing your providers’ access number.
This is cool you think as your modem connects to your provider server and you log in for the first time. Let's go explore the great wide world of information. But just as your adventure is beginning, an immovable barrier appears before you and everything comes to a halt. Where is the friendly interface you ask? Where is the menu? Where are your instructions? What am I suppose to do now? This barrier is a Unix prompt, the most daunting element in the computing universe for the new Internet user. It looks simple enough but that simplicity is what makes it a problem. There is no menu, no directions, no manual, no nothing. My advice to you; read a book. Read lots of them.

Navigating the Internet begins with the Internet address. These addresses are like coordinates through the Internet universe. They get you where you need to go. All users, Internet servers and host computers have an address, no matter whether they are sending mail, logging onto a system or retrieving a file.

The typical Internet address consists of a user name and a domain name. It reads something like this: user@domain.name. The first part of the address is the user name. This is used for sending mail or chatting with other users on the network. The names following the ampersands sign are the domain name of the host computer where the user is located. The last part of the name usually designates the type of service provider involved.
.edu - is an educational/university system provider
.com - is a commercial provider
.gov - is as government agency provider

This domain name is also used by itself as the address for logging onto remote computer systems. Internet service companies such as CompuServe, America-On-Line or Procomm usually provide software for the user to use a Windows-like interface while going onto the network. If however, you are on an university system, and you haven’t purchased or downloaded a network graphical user interface (GUI), you will have to confront the Unix interface in order to navigate on the Internet.

Network GUIs are available in programs such as NetScape, Eudora, and Pegasus. I personally use the unix interface and a program called PINE to E-mail.
PINE contains a menu of items available to the user to work quite efficiently on the internet.

To get to the internet, I have the modem dial up the unix server at the university and it connects on to a computer that asks me for the service name in which my account has been assigned. After responding to this request, the unix computer then asks me to log in with my address name and then a password. The password being a unique set of letters and numbers that keeps my account private. If the log in sequence is accepted by the unix server,
Professional Opportunities (Continued):

Ophthalmic Photographer: The BioMedical Photographic Communications Department in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences at RIT seeks a full time faculty member for a tenure position. In addition to teaching existing courses in photography and graphics, this individual will create a forward looking curriculum inclusive of graphics, desk-top publishing and electronic photography. Prior teaching experience preferred. Masters degree required for tenure appointment. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal skills; command of technical/biomedical photography; design & graphics abilities; experience in computer graphics and electronic imaging; & a history of professional activity & growth. Will work with a number of students from the Institute’s deaf community & must exhibit a sensitivity to the deaf culture. The successful candidate would have the ability to contribute to the Institute’s commitment to cultural diversity & individual differences. Send application or resume & along five slide examples to: Michael Peres, RBP, FBPA; Chair, BioMedical Photographic Communications; Rochester Institute of Technology; School of Photographic Arts and Science; 70 Lomb Memorial Drive; Rochester, NY 14623-5604. Closing date for applications: Sept. 30, 1996.

Ophthalmic Photographer: Busy retina practice in Palm Springs seeks an experienced ophthalmic photographer with a minimum of two years experience with fluorescein angiography, fundus photography and darkroom work. Ophthalmic Tech a plus. Send resume to: Ophthalmic Position, P.O. Box 2467, Palm Springs, CA 92263 or contact: Richard Evans at (619) 327-6225.

Ophthalmic Photographer: Henry Ford Health System’s Eye Center Services Dept. has an immediate opening for a motivated ophthalmic photographer. We perform 11,000 annual photographic procedures of all types at six S.E. Michigan locations. Join a group that is strong and growing. Exceptional benefits package. Salary commensurate with experience. Contact: Mark Croswell, CRA, COA, (313) 876-3250 - Fax: (313) 876-1327.
“What Do I Do Now?”
Chapter Two - Continued -

I am then prompted to a menu of directions I can take.
1. Electronic Mail
2. USENET News
3. Emory World Wide Web
4. EUCLID - On-line library catalog
5. Learn Link
6. Connect to remote hosts - telnet FTP
7. Unix shell
8. Other resources campus programs,
   password, Gopher
9. Help

The first option is Electronic Mail. This selection leads to another menu of E-Mail options.
- ? Help - gives you a command for navigating in E-Mail
- C Compose message - starts making the letter heading so you can send messages
- I Folder Index - shows you the INBOX, Sent Messages and Saved Messages
- A Address book - keeps track of all important E-Mail addresses with nicknames
- S Setup - this allows you to tailor your E-mail options
- Q Quit - gets you back to the previous menu.

At this point I select “I” (Folder Index) and check what is in my mailbox which ranges from 5 to 85 messages. The INBOX is automatically set as the first folder to look at. The INBOX is set up with an index of messages that shows the message topic and the address of the sender. This is handy for quickly editing out any messages that might seem useless and can be quickly deleted before spending the time reading it. When the cursor is on a message, you just press enter to look at the message and it contains a header with the topic, the sender, the date and time and if there is another message attached to it. After reading the message you have the option to delete it, save it (and get it out of your INBOX and into a separate file of saved messages) or respond to it.

If you respond the the message, be careful. If you subscribe to a newsgroup like OPTIMAL, and you are responding to a posted message form OPTIMAL, you will be asked by the unix prompt if you want to send the message to the sender or the group-at-large. If you pick the group-at-large, then everyone subscribing to the newsgroup will receive your reply be it personal message or not. You can see the possibilities for an embarrassing situation to develop.

Let’s say you sent a great message full of information and addresses of cool FTP sites with astronomy pictures to a friend and another friend asks you “Hey, do you know any cool astronomy sites on the internet?” No problem. Just go into the folder Sent messages and forward the previously sent message to the second.

Optimal is a newsgroup created by Joe Warnicki at the University of Pittsburgh and is a conduit for ophthalmic photographers and electronic imaging users to communicate through questions, suggestions, review new equipment, list meetings and even tell occasional jokes.

Members usually start a “string” or topic that demands attention and the mailboxes light up with responses or discussion. Discussion strings on optimal include fluorescein injections, fluorescein reactions, and even the recipe for haggis.

To get on OPTIMAL send Joe Warnicki a message requesting information on how to subscribe.

jwar@vision.eei.upmc.edu

and he will instruct you on how to get connected.

This is the second in a two-part series on the Internet submitted by Jim Gilman, CRA
See OPS Newsletter Volume 26 #2 for Part One.
Member News

Introducing:
Alexandra
Nicole
West

Angela West, the dedicated coordinator of all the volunteers for the last few annual meetings, has a brand new candidate. On March 12, 1996, Ms. Alexandra Nicole West applied for a position of daughter, sister, and sweet heart with the West family. Weighing in at 8 pounds 1 ounce, and 20 and 1/2 inches long she was determined to be fully qualified, and was warmly accepted into the full-time position—which by the way offers great benefits! Congratulations Angela!
Be sure to take lots of pictures between now and the end of October, and bring them to Chicago!

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fter a busy and ever-so productive eight year hiatus in Buffalo, New York, Mark Maio, FOPS, and his wife Cathy, are moving back to Atlanta, Georgia. Among Mark’s most recent project and accomplishment while in Buffalo was the production of the 1996 “Iris as Art” calendar with Merck, Inc. The company recently commissioned Mark to create 12 high magnification photographs of normal irises.

For Mark’s new address and phone number, check out the new OPS Directory—which is due to arrive any time now! And, for the complete story of Mark’s many other activities—check out his “Life Outside the OPS” story published one year ago in the June/July edition of this newsletter.

Professional Opportunities

Chief Ophthalmic Photographer: Join an international healthcare team in providing quality care to patients in Saudi Arabia at the King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital. This unique opportunity offers a chance to combine a professionally rewarding position with travel and adventure. A degree from an accredited photographic school or university and a CRA or COPRA certification required. Must have five recent years experience in ophthalmic photography/angiography, with two years at a supervisory level.

The outstanding benefit package includes: TAX-FREE SALARY, end-of-contract bonus, generous paid vacations, free housing, free utilities, free medical benefits and airfare to/from Saudi Arabia. Qualified candidates please call or send resume to: KAMA Enterprises, Inc., Attn: Tammie, Dept: OPS, 111 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 2050, Portland, OR 97204 • 1-800-433-7791

Ophthalmic Photographer: Pittsburgh Retina Photography, a photographic office connected to a busy private retina practice, is seeking a full time ophthalmic photographer. Major duties include fluorescein angiography and retinal photography plus some darkroom and basic technician work. Travel to several satellite offices is also part of the job. Some experience desired. Contact: Gary Vagsiad, Pittsburgh Retina Photography, 3501 Forbes Avenue - Suite 510, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 • Tel: (412) 683-5151 Fax: (412) 621-4833

Ophthalmic Photographer/Technician: State-of-the-Art retina practice with multiple locations in southeastern Pennsylvania (Phila/Suburbs) is seeking a career oriented, enthusiastic, individual to join our rapidly growing team. Extremely busy photography department which includes Digital Imaging Systems & SLO Angiography. Salary based on experience. Fax resume to (610) 645-351, Attn: Mareyann.

Classified Ads: For Sale: Zeiss FF-1 with FF-2 power supply. $3200. • (818) 574-5810.