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Visuality

We have only to look as in the blink of an eye. Through our Windows cleansed by aqueous regulated by the iris guided by the vitreous gel, falling upon sensory layers channeling along nerve fibre bundles deep into the optic chasm on to the visual cortex and the conscious registration of visual reality.

The cool and warm prisms cape colors only the sky can make colors man cannot duplicate. A peace captured in our mind’s eye.

-Ross G. Jarrett
Not only can she bring home the bacon, but can this lady fry it up in a pan! Her five star cooking talents give new meaning to the word cuisine. As if this weren’t intimidating enough to the average working woman, she also designs and sews all of those stunning outfits we see her modeling each year at the Academy, is an accomplished dancer, and speaks four languages—Rosario Bate makes this biographer feel positively un-evolved.

Rosario currently directs the ophthalmic diagnostic department at the University of Ottawa Eye Institute. The opportunity to design and implement this division enticed her away from her previous home in Toronto. The Ottawa Eye Institute makes use of her many talents as she is also a faculty member of their technologist training program.

Her road to Canada was a harrowing one. She graduated from the University of Chile Nursing Department, with honors in 1972—in fact, taking the gold medal for most outstanding student! Her love of children drew her to the Pediatric Emergency ward. Her future there was derailed by the Pinochet revolution which rocked Chile in 1974. She and her family escaped to Toronto where circumstances forced her to learn English (albeit with the charming accent we’ve come to recognize) in just a few short months. While in Toronto she was trained in ophthalmic photography by Dr. Marc Mandelcorn. The sounds of children called once again and she went to work at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto for the next six years before moving on to McGill University in Montreal and ultimately to her current home in Ottawa.

This renaissance woman’s curiosity knows no bounds. It may be an art exhibit one day, a dinner party for 12 the next or simply relaxing at home singing along with her beloved opera records of which she actually knows the words and language. She and her significant other, Mo, enjoy the simple pleasures of being homebodies, building a life filled with cultural riches. If she had one wish, she states that a world filled with harmony would be hers. Meanwhile, she continues to think globally and act locally by living a life in harmony with the soul.

Written by
Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT

OH NO!

The Board of Directors sadly announces the resignation of Richard Hackel as the Managing Editor of the Journal of Ophthalmic Photography. Formal acceptance of this resignation will take place at the annual BOD meeting in Chicago.

Richard’s contributions to the JOP have elevated this publication to its highest glory in terms of its content, production and respect for timely issues. While we are sad to see him go after four years of service and eight issues, we wish him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

This position is open to all interested OPS members. Qualifications are dedication to hard work, a knack for editing, camaraderie with potential authors and a genuine love of ophthalmic photography. Sound like you? If you’d like to discuss this exciting opportunity, please contact Denice Barsness no later than October 1, 1996 by calling (415) 923-3937 or fax: (415) 923-6563.
Summary of Minutes
Board of Certification
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
March 29-31, 1996

The meeting convened on Friday, March 29, 1996 at 8:31 am with welcoming remarks by Terry Tomer. Present were: Terrance Tomer, Sandra Anderson, Lynda Azar, Bruce Busse, Timothy Bennett, Phil Chin, Peter Hay, Jamie Nicholl, William Nyberg, R. MacKenzie Timby and Beth Ann Benetz. Beth Ann Benetz was appointed by the Chairman of the Board to complete Denise Cunningham’s BOC term after her resignation. Denise Barsness attended as BOD representative, and Paula Morris attended as BOE representative.

Terry Tomer introduced Lee Hays of Schroeder Measurement Technologies. She led the group in an “Item Analysis” for the CRA Examination. After a brief overview by Hays and the signing of secrecy wavers, the BOC began the process of Item Analysis of the existing CRA item bank.

Late in the afternoon, Denise Barsness made the Board of Director’s report. She reinforced the commitment of the BOD to the BOC NOCA project and the availability of the necessary funding.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 6:50 pm and reconvened at 8:15 am on Saturday, March 30, 1996.

The minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting in Atlanta were approved unanimously. The To Do list was reviewed and updated, and old business was reviewed. There was considerable discussion about the BOC brochures and their printing costs versus the cost of printing trifold brochures.

The Treasurer’s report was reviewed. The closing budget as of January 31, 1996 was $18,528.83. Tomer reiterated the BOD commitment to the expenses resulting from NOCA Certification. He also voiced some concern for the BOC sources of revenue and the decreasing numbers in testing and recertification. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted unanimously.

Paula Morris presented the Board of Education Report to the BOC. She presented an extensive report of the BOE’s activities for 1996 and 1997. Hays and Morris were pleased with the improvements made in the handling of CEC cards. The BOE requested a member of the BOC serve on their Curriculum Committee. Tomer appointed Nicholl as BOC liaison to this committee.

Tim Bennett presented the COPRA Section Report. There have been twenty-one participants in the COPRA Program. Eight of these have successfully achieved COPRA certification. Bennett also reported that the changes to the CRA Program Guide have been consistently followed through in the COPRA Program Guide. Tomer applauded the efforts of Timby, Bennett, Nicholl and himself to finally have significantly revised the program guides.

The CRA Section report was made by R. MacKenzie Timby. He noted that there are currently 441 active CRAs and 144 participants in the CRA Program. The performance based testing of the CRA Exam is currently being reviewed.

The Portfolio Committee reviewed twenty-five portfolios since the annual meeting compared to nine for the same time period last year. In the future, candidates not achieving approval of their portfolio will be referred to the Mentoring Program. This year’s Focus on Certification Program will be held again this year at the OPS Annual Educational Program in Chicago.
Jamie Nicholl presented the Publications Committee Report and requested that BOC members submit Newsletter items. Nicholl also serves as BOC representative to the OPS Publications Committee.

Phil Chin reviewed his proposal for changing the eligibility requirement for CRA Certification. A motion was made and accepted to change the policy for Eligibility Requirements as recommended by the Validation Committee. The new requirements will be effective beginning May 1, 1996.

Peter Hay reported that in 1995 there were 188 CRAs recertified. Hay proposed the elimination of employment verification as a recertification requirement. Discussion of this proposal followed and a motion was made and seconded to drop employment verification as a requirement for CRA recertification.

Peter Hay submitted a report outlining the details of CEC approval for educational courses. He also proposed ideas for streamlining the maintenance of OPS Course Evaluation Cards and will work with Morris on this. The continued topic of fees for CEC approvals was debated. After much discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved that the Education Section initiate a $25 fee for those CEC approval applications made directly to the OPS to cover the processing costs effective May 1, 1996.

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm and reconvened at 8:15 am on Sunday, March 31, 1996.

Bruce Busse will schedule BOC members to sit at the AAO OPS Information Booth. Certification pins were discussed regarding design and material. The motion was made and seconded to have pins made and ready for sale at the 1996 Annual Meeting.

Tim Bennett submitted a detailed NOCA Committee report based on his attendance at the 1995 NOCA Meeting. NCCA Certification Application was discussed and it was noted that after applying the BOC will receive an outline of deficiencies to bring into compliance one time only. The search continues for an effective public member. While it has always been known that this person must be in place when application is made, it has been cost effective to not make this move too soon.

As Chair of the Standing Rules and Protocols Committee, Linda Azar expressed her continued concern over BOC compliance with the NCCA guidelines regarding Ethics and Discipline. She made several recommendations for changes to the BOC Standing Rules to bring them in line with NCCA standards. The motion accept Azar’s recommendations was made and passed unanimously. The Standing Rules and Protocols Committee was expanded to include Bennett and Benetz with input from all BOC members. Azar also outlined specific tasks that need to be accomplished for the NOCA Application as well as those pertaining to administrative issues.

Portfolio submission as it applies to re-application to the CRA Program was discussed as an item of new business. It is the BOC policy that anyone who reapplies to the CRA Program for any reason necessitates the completion of the entire certification process including portfolio submission in accordance with the published guidelines.

There being no further business and/or time, the meeting concluded at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Nicholl, COPRA FOPS
Chair, BOC Publications Committee
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Attention: Those individuals (CRA or COPRA) certified or recertified in 1993, this is the third and final year that your present certification remains valid. Recertification packets outlining the 1996 recertification requirements were sent out last February. Our goal is to have 100% recertification. Certification and continuing education are important and may someday become mandatory by employers. The upcoming OPS Annual Education Program will be excellent—come join us and complete those missing CECs. Please do not wait until December to address your recertification concerns.

-Peter B. Hay, CRA
Chairman-Recertification Section
(315) 445-8166

Chicago’s Certification Seminar

The Board of Certification is hosting its annual seminar on the certification process for the Certified Retinal Angiographer (CRA) and Ophthalmic Photographer and Retinal Angiographer (COPRA) at this year’s Annual Education Program in Chicago. “Focus on Certification” will be offered from 12:00-1:00 pm on Sun., Oct. 27, and 11:30-12:30 pm on Tues., Oct. 29.

This seminar will cover the steps to becoming a CRA or COPRA. Emphasis will be placed on how to prepare an acceptable portfolio. Preparation for the written and performance examination will also be addressed. Participants are encouraged to bring examples of their work for an informal critique.

To date, over 480 applicants have enhanced their professional standing in the ophthalmic community by successfully becoming CRAs or COPRAs. The schedule of the 1997 CRA and COPRA test dates and locations will be determined at the Board of Certification’s Annual Meeting in Chicago, and announced at the OPS Annual Business Meeting on Mon., Oct. 28.

New Members
March 1 - August 1, 1996

Linda Abbott, COA, CRA, Kirkland, WA
Arthur Archuleta, Santa Fe, NM
Joelyn Amy Armstrong, Ann Arbor, MI
Parvin N. Bakhtiarian, COA, Sugar Land, TX
Jack Benally, COT, CRA, Albuquerque, NM
Igor L. Benenson, St. Louis, MO
Nicolette Beni, South Euclid, OH
Paul Blais, Raleigh, NC
Rosemary J. Brothers, Sacramento, CA
Katherine S. Budinger, NYC, NY
Jacqueline E. Bureau, Montreal, Canada
Debra K. Cantrell, COA, Venice, FL
Ida Cardenas, Toledo, OH
Louise Carr, CRA, Houston, TX
Larry D. Conwill, Bourbonnais, IL
Elizabeth Cordova, Albuquerque, NM
Shannon Curry, COA, Liberty, IN
Stephen R. Delgado, CRA, Los Angeles, CA
James M. Fast, COT, Tullytown, PA
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LeeAnn Helmick, COA, Saginaw, MI
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John Mangan, RBP, Boise, ID
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Beth Singh, Houston, TX
Mary K. Small, Roanoke Rapids, NC
Chuck Stephens, Seattle, WA
Claudia Talarico, Astoria, NY
George Temer, COT, CRA, Albuquerque, NM
Lisa A. Vorhees, CRA, Hastings, MI
Jill Weddle, COA, Toledo, OH
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