"Outside the Frame"
"It can be difficult to view the picture if you live inside the frame."

It's truly a matter of perspective. For many who are not actively involved in Society activities, the OPS is an amorphous entity. Society publications simply appear in the mail. The various educational programs take place, and often seem to unfold automatically, seemingly without human guidance. The CRA program administration receives continuing education credits and gives out recertifications. The often challenging, sometimes difficult, usually stimulating, frequently satisfying work that goes on behind the public personality of the OPS is virtually transparent to most of its members—a fact that attests to the polish and professionalism that are common in the Society's various committees and boards. I'd like to use this column in the Newsletter to present a view of the OPS from outside the frame, to let you know about current issues and future directions.

"Tis the season for board meetings. The OPS administration consists of three boards. The Board of Directors (BOD) has responsibility for the major financial decisions of the Society, and administers membership services, publications, and interaction with other groups. The Board of Certification (BOC) is administratively independent and conducts every aspect of the certification program. The Board of Education (BOE) plans and implements a regular series of professional educational programs. Each of these boards meets in early spring, with the BOD meeting first.

At the BOD meeting held at the end of January, several significant decisions were made. The Long Range Planning Group met first to explore future directions for the Society. During the formal board meeting, many years of debate and conscientious soul-searching culminated in the unanimous vote to seek full membership in Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO). The formal application has been sent for action at JCAHPO's next meeting.

The budgetary process gave the board the opportunity to evaluate the financial health of the Society. Every program was examined closely to ensure that funding provides a good measure of value to the membership. I am happy to report that the OPS is in good financial shape, providing not only day-to-day services but also investing prudently to ensure future viability.

Lastly, over the past several years, the OPS has become the largest biomedical photographic society in the world. To help ensure the availability of additional scientific imaging resources to augment ophthalmic photography, we will start looking at ways to build stronger relationships with other scientific photographic organizations.

Although it's been said many times in the past, the following statement bears repeating:

"This is YOUR Society."
Participate. Get involved. Don't know how?
Call me! We'll find you a spot you'll enjoy.

- Lawrence Merin, President

BOC Mid-year Meeting Date Change

The Board of Certification is holding its mid-year meeting April 10-13, 1997. If there are any items you would like added to the agenda, please contact:

- Terrance L. Tomer, COPRA, FOPS
  Director, Diagnostic Photography
  Wills Eye Hospital • 900 Walnut St.
  Philadelphia, PA 19107
  (215) 928-3115 • Fax: (215) 238-0804
Barb McCalley may live in the “Show Me” state, but odds are she is showing you how it’s done. Born and raised in Iowa, she relocated to Missouri in 1991 to follow her husband David and his new career. She’s been a major player in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, an organization which exposes high school student to the workings of government and their responsibility as citizens. In fact, she served as the director of that program from 1989-1990. Being responsible for the well being of 300 teenage girls away at state conferences should surely make overseeing the OPS Central Office a piece of cake!

Barb’s tenure as OPS Central Office Administrator began at the University of Iowa Hospitals Department of Ophthalmology. Yes, while there, she teamed up with Paul Montague to design and implement a computer program to manage their requisitions systems. Her ten years of ophthalmology experience has certainly helped her to decipher the myriad requests filtered through our central office. Barb’s most endearing quality is her ability to say “I don’t know” and turn around and find the answer in the same breath.

Besides working 20 hours a week taking care of OPS business, Barb also serves as Program Director for her local church—primarily coordinating youth programs. Is this her secret for staying so youthful herself? Perhaps that, or the challenge of guiding a 17-year old daughter (Sarah) while running after 4-year old Andrew. In her spare time she’s out boating on one of the nearby lakes, “hanging” with friends, singing in the church choir or baking.

Those of you who’ve had the opportunity to say hello to Barb at the Annual Meeting, or just have a pleasant chat out in Nixa—know Barb to be as pleased with her role in the OPS as we are with her! Got a minute? Give her a call sometime—perhaps she’ll “show you” how it’s done, midwestern style...

Written by Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT
BOD Meeting  
October 26, 1996  
Chicago, Illinois

I  Meeting called to order at 10:10
II  Review of Mid year minutes
III  To Do's. Each board member reviewed their to do list and added and crossed items off that had been completed.
IV  Officer's Report
      President: Denice Barsness reviewed letters and other OPS agenda items reviewed over the last year.
      Vice President: Bill Anderson reviewed facts and figures for the Chicago Annual Education Meeting. The BOD recognized and thanked Bill for all the hard work done over the past two years.
      Treasurer: Jeff Sobel declared this meeting a financial success even though it came in over budget. The midyear meeting was an outstanding financial success. Royalties from calendar sales totaled $1,700.
      Secretary: Peter Buch discussed the elections of 1996.
V  Old Business
      AAO/OPS Calendars brought in $1,700. This year calendars will be produced again at a cost of $12 each instead of $20. Better marketing strategies will be implemented this year. There will also be a contract signed between OPS & AAO dealing with royalty distributions.
      ACHPR Grant: also pretty much dead. There still is $50,000 available to run scientific meeting.
VI  Central Office Report: Barb McCalley
      1088 Members. 34 new members signed up at meeting and 24 members renewed.
      Additional duties of central office: journal subscriptions, meeting registration, member info onto web site, certificate printing, and membership list certification at US Post Office. A new dedicated fax line will be installed at the Central Office.
VII  JCAHPO Membership: Paul Montague
      Our provisional status has been renewed. Paul asked board to think of concerns and questions to be raised at Spring meetings between OPS & JCAHPO. ATPO & JCAHPO are merging. This raises possible concerns for OPS. ATPO will now be a technicians based organization run by an organization run basically by physicians.
VIII  New Business
      1997 Calendar: OPS will produce a calendar again with the AAO. Calendars are available as of the 1996 Educational Meeting here in Chicago.
      JOP Editor Resignation: Richard Hackel resigns as JOP editor. The BOD supports Denice Barsness' selection of Pat Saine as new JOP editor.
IX  Meeting adjourned at 11:53

These minutes are respectfully submitted by, Peter Buch, OPS Secretary
OPS Business Meeting
October 28, 1996
Chicago, Illinois

I. Meeting called to order at 11:40 am

II. Officer's Reports
- Denice Barsness-President: reviewed the BOD's work that had been done over the last year.
- Bill Anderson-Vice President: reviewed facts and figures from Chicago's Annual Education Meeting.
- Jeff Sobel-Treasurer: discussed second years reserves to be put into investment portfolios. Discussed credit card use, new guidelines for accounting of OPS funds.
- Peter Buch-Secretary: Minutes from Atlanta Business Meeting accepted. Election results reviewed with membership.

III. BOC Report: Terry Tomer
- Miami and Philadelphia will host CRA & COPRA exams in April and August. 30 new CRA's. Total is now 472. 188 renewed their CRA certification. The newest goal and estimate for completing NOCA certification requirements is the end of 1997.

IV. BOE Report: Paula Morris
- Two new BOE members: Julie Balza and Bob Cavicchi. Randy Verdick and Bill Fischer will be leaving the BOE.
- Thanks went out to Bill Anderson and Rosario Bate for their hard work as General & Educational Chairs for Chicago '96. The BOE is putting together a 1 1/2 Digital Imaging Course slated for March 6 & 7 in New York City.

V. Committee Reports: A few of the OPS Committees made the following reports at the Business Meeting.
- Central Office: All OPS meeting registrations will take place through the central office. A separate fax line will be set up. All JOP subscriptions will be handled by the Central Office. Membership is at 1009 an increase of 10%.
- Journal & Newsletter: Richard Hackel is leaving as editor of the JOP. Pat Saine was appointed after an open search (via newsletter announcements). The BOD approved Pat as new JOP editor. John DuBois will remain editor of the OPS Newsletter.
- ICOP Review: ICOP '98 will take place as a separate meeting from the ICO. The meeting will take place in Edinburgh, Scotland in September of 1998.
- JCAHPO: The OPS will continue provisional status for two more years. After that amount of time, the OPS can decide whether or not to become a full member. JCAHPO and ATPO have merged. This might affect our choice to be full members. Talks between OPS and JCAHPO are set for the Spring of 1997.

VI. New BOD was sworn in. Outgoing President Denice Barsness handed the Presidential gavel over to new President Larry Merlin.

This half of the Business Meeting minutes are respectfully submitted by, Peter Buch.
1997 CRA AND COPRA TEST DATES

CRA / CERTIFIED RETINAL ANGIOGRAPHER
March 28  Portfolio Deadline
April 11  Application Deadline
April 26-27 CRA Exam, Miami, FL
July 3  Portfolio Deadline
July 18  Application Deadline
August 2-3  CRA Exam, Philadelphia, PA

Please note: Before applying for the CRA exam, please see the last newsletter for eligibility requirements or contact: R. MacKenzie Timby, CRA, FOPS (616) 373-8803.

COPRA / CERTIFIED OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHER & RETINAL ANGIOGRAPHER
March 28  Portfolio Deadline
April 11  Application Deadline
April 27  COPRA Exam, Miami, FL
July 3  Portfolio Deadline
July 18  Application Deadline
August 3  COPRA Exam, Philadelphia, PA

Please note: Before applying for the COPRA exam, please see the eligibility requirements in the previous newsletter or contact: Terrance L. Tomer, COPRA, FOPS (215) 928-3405.

CERTIFICATION NEWS:
Those CRA and COPRA individuals who were certified or recertified in 1994, this is the third and final year that your certification remains valid. Recertification packets outlining the 1997 recertification requirements will be mailed shortly. The packet includes detailed instructions concerning the Continuing Education Credits, current CPR requirement and required fees. Please review your membership status with Barb McCalley, (OPS membership secretary) prior to mailing in your completed application by calling 1-800-403-1677.

If you did not receive your recertification packet by the end of February, please contact me. Our goal is 100% recertification. Do not wait until December to address your concerns. Recertification is important and may someday be mandatory.

- Peter Hay, CRA
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James O. Jackson, CRA
1948-1997

On February 16, 1997, Jim Jackson, a truly excellent certified retinal angiographer passed away. Jim was a quiet man who went about his work with vigor and with honest enthusiasm for his chosen profession.

In addition to his duties as chief ophthalmic photographer, he was involved in management and contributed to the success of the popular continuing education programs at the Sarasota Retina Institute.

He will be missed by his family, by the physicians and staff at the Institute and by his friends in the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society.

Jim is survived by his wife, Roxanne, and by his sons, Danny and Matthew.

- Respectfully submitted by Johnny Justice, Jr.
Professional Opportunities:

**Ophthalmic Photographer:** Illinois Retina Associates, a retinal practice in the Chicago area, is currently seeking a full time photographer. The right candidate will be trained in ophthalmic photography or must already possess a working knowledge of fundus photography and fluorescein angiography. Applicant must have good patient management abilities. Job located in Chicago’s Lincoln Park and/or Loop facility with good salary and benefits. All interested applicants should call (312) 726-4949 or (847) 677-1340 and speak with David Nash.

**Ophthalmic Photographer:** Position open in Lafayette, IN for an ophthalmic photographer. Candidate needs to be a Certified Retinal Angiographer, or have at least two years photographic experience with the ability to learn other skills. All inquiries are confidential. If interested, please send your resume to: Bruce Busse, Director of Photography, 1013 N. 13th St., Lafayette, IN 47903 Tel: (317) 423-6269 Fax: (317) 742-1761

**Position Desired:** Experienced Ophthalmic Imager / Photographer with almost 10 years in ophthalmology. Specializing in fluorescein angiography, fundus, stereo, imaging systems, slit-lamp, specular and gonio photography. Other skills include black and white and color darkroom techniques, lecture and slide production, computer generated slides, and strong patient interaction. Able to coordinate all aspects of maintaining a one person department in a major university hospital. Familiar with IBM and Mac / Microsoft and Word Perfect programs. Contact Jonathan Wilder: Tel (516) 696-5912. E-mail: RJWILDER@worldnet.att.net Preferably New York, East Coast, Colorado or Midwest locations. Thank you.

**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-2, 111 SW Fifth Ave., Suite 2050, Portland, OR 97204 • 1-800-433-7791