LARGE FONT HEADLINES WITH EXCLAMATION POINTS ARE QUITE A RARITY IN THIS NEWSLETTER, BUT EVERY MEMBER OF OUR SOCIETY SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SEVERAL IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED SINCE THE LAST EDITION.

FIRST, WE ARE SORRY TO ANNOUNCE THE RESIGNATION OF J. MICHAEL COPPINGER, MA CRA FROM THE OPS VICE PRESIDENCY. MIKE HAS STEPPED DOWN FOR PERSONAL REASONS. HE'S BEEN A STEADFAST SUPPORTER OF THE OPS FOR MANY YEARS. WE ARE SORRY TO LOSE HIS SERVICES, AND WISH HIM WELL.

THIS RESIGNATION CREATES A VACANCY THAT MUST BE FILLED. IN THE PAST, SIMILAR VACANCIES WERE FILLED BY APPOINTING THE CANDIDATE WITH THE NEXT HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES. UNFORTUNATELY, MIKE COPPINGER RAN UNOPPOSED IN THE 1996 ELECTION. THEREFORE, WE ARE ASKING ANY INTERESTED MEMBER TO SUBMIT THEIR NAME TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION. THE POST IS A STIMULATING ONE, AND RECENT REVISION IN THE VICE PRESIDENT'S "JOB DESCRIPTION" (SEE NIXA STORY BELOW) MAKE THIS POST MUCH LESS TAXING THAN BEFORE. WON'T YOU CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING? IT'S A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS IN THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL PORTFOLIO IS THE PLANNING AND EXECUTION OF THE ANNUAL EDUCATION PROGRAM AND MEETING. TO ENSURE THAT THE UPCOMING SAN FRANCISCO MEETING CAN BE CARRIED THROUGH TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION, PAUL R. MONTAGUE, CRA, FOPS HAS STEPPED FORWARD TO ASSUME THE ROLE OF GENERAL MEETING CHAIRMAN. PAUL'S LONG EXPERIENCE IN OUR SOCIETY ENSURES THAT THE REINS FOR THIS PROGRAM ARE IN MOST CAPABLE HANDS. AS GENERAL CHAIR, HE WILL OVERSEE...

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May 6, 1997

Larry Merin
OPS President

Dear Larry,

I am submitting my resignation, effective immediately, as Vice President of the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society.

Events in my personnel life require my undivided attention. In this situation, the needs of the few, my family, outweigh the needs of the many, the OPS.

I am forwarding to the Chair of the Board of Education, Paula Morris, a copy of this letter and all paperwork related to the Annual Meeting. The site visit is completed and I will be available to Paula to answer any questions regarding the meeting site.

While I regret the suddenness and inconvenience of this decision, I have no choice in the matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Coppinger

The adjacent letter is an excerpt, printed with the approval and at the request of Mike Coppinger. It was also copied to the following members of the 28th Annual Meeting Staff:

- Paula Morris, Educational Program
- Bob Cavicchi, Pre-Meeting Equipment Coordinator
- Janice Franco-Clifton, Volunteer Coordinator
- Paul Paquette, Solicitations Coordinator
- Dennis Orlock, Audio Visual Coordinator
- Cindy Skattebo, Roommate Connection

New BOC Education Section Chair

Effective June 1, 1997, Beth Ann Benetz takes over as Chair of the BOC Education Section from Peter Hay. Peter will continue to be Chairman of the BOC Recertification Section. All course inquiries and applications should be directed to:

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(216) 844-3615
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Scientific Exhibit Deadline Coming Up Soon

Remember that great angiogram you did last fall? Or that unusual pathology that came in last winter? Well, now is the time to gather your best images and prepare them for submission to the 1997 Scientific Exhibit. The deadline for submitting images is August 1, 1997, and there are several new categories. Look for all the details in the recently mailed flyer, or call the Central Office if you didn’t get one.

Get Well Wishes
Go Out to:

KIRBY MILLER
AND
RON HARPER
Picture yourself...

sitting in a stately historic building dedicated
to higher learning, listening to presentations by
experts in your profession. Imagine that this
building is just a few short blocks from ancient
castles, homes of national heroes and notorious
scoundrels. Now consider that this inspiring
setting is close to the romantic landscapes
where William Wallace and Robert the Bruce
once rode. Doesn’t it sound like a perfect sce-
nario for an educational program?

It is! You’ve just read the description of
the setting for the International Conference on
Ophthalmic Photography (ICOP ’98) in
Edinburgh, Scotland. Plans are well under way
for this exciting collaboration between the
OPS, the British Ophthalmic Photographic
Association, and the Japanese Ophthalmic
Photographers’ Society, and it’s time to mark
you calendar and make plans for setting aside
the funds to get you to Edinburgh in mid-
September, 1998.

This meeting will feature presentations
by colleagues from all over the world on a
large variety of subjects, including digital
imaging, new technologies and innovations in
present imaging techniques. The meeting will
take place at the Royal College of Physicians
in Edinburgh, an elegant and picturesque
landmark which boasts a state-of-the-art lec-
ture theatre, as well as a world renown library
housing a grand collection of classical med-
texts. All this is the heart of Edinburgh, a
city filled with friendly people, intriguing
shops and historic sites at every turn. Plan to
bring plenty of film!

ICOP ’98 promises to be a memorable
experience, both personally and professional-
ly. Stay tuned for more information.

See you there!

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ions.

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OPS CALENDAR

August 23, 1997 - Basic Ophthalmic Photography
University of Ottawa Eye Institute / OPS
Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
Contact: OPS Central Office

Sept. 20, 1997 - Basic Ophthalmic Photography
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute / OPS
Miami, FL
Contact: OPS Central Office or
Ditte Hess Tel: (305) 326-6053
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October 25-29, 1997
Ophthalmic Photographers Society 28th Annual
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Contact: OPS Central Office
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**Newsletter Submission Deadlines:**  
August 1, 1997  
October 1, 1997  
December 1, 1997
How to Accumulate CECs for Your CRA Recertification

The Board of Certification occasionally hears about recertification concerns of CRAs. Many concerns are borne out of a misunderstanding of the recertification requirements.

Recertification is required every three years and requires 15 continuing education credits (CEC). It is not necessary for all 15 credits to be acquired from attending OPS courses. A minimum of five of the 15 hours must be earned by attending OPS or other OPS approved courses. If there is a course in your area that is easy and reasonable for you to attend, you could ask the course director to apply for OPS approval of credit. Carrying this idea one step further, you could start a monthly fluorescein conference at your hospital and apply for OPS credit yourself.

A maximum of 10 of the 15 required CECs may be earned for teaching OPS or OPS approved courses and workshops. Each hour will receive 1:1 credit. Contact the Board of Education if you would like to teach OPS courses. Being involved in functions of the Society is also key to professional advancement.

A maximum of 10 of the 15 required CECs may be earned on a 1:2 basis by acquiring JCAHPO and AMA Category 1 CECs. Each earned will be worth 1/2 hour of CEC.

Recently, the Board of Certification introduced a new mechanism of acquiring CECs through publication and authorship. Authorship of articles published in the Journal of Ophthalmic Photography will be eligible for three hours of continuing education credit during the year that they are published. Text book chapters will be awarded 3 CECs. Articles in journals of merit other than the OPS journal will be awarded 1 CEC. For details and an authorship of CEC request form, please contact Peter Hay, Chairman of Recertification.

With so many avenues open to achieving CECs we are sure that those of you recertifying will not find the task too daunting.

CECs for Publication Authorship

Continuing education credits shall be granted for first authorship and co-authors of OPS journal publications, ophthalmic journals, photographic journals, ophthalmic text books and scientific publication, all of which must be of merit and well recognized. The total CEC value shall not exceed 3 CECs for any submission. The continuing education credits shall be valued accordingly:

- OPS / JOP ------------------ 3 CECs per publication
- Textbook publication--------- 3 CECs per book
- All other publication on a case by case basis, but will generally receive 1 CEC per publication.

Publication of that same material in different journals only receives credit once. Application for CEC credit may only be made for publications within the first year of publication. The applicant must provide documentation (copy) of the publication for review. Submission of publications for CEC review must be made separate from the recertification application process.

To implement consideration, individuals must request and complete a BOC-CEC Evaluation Form. Upon receiving a completed request application the individual will receive a written evaluation. The CEC evaluation may be utilized for recertification if within the three year limitation. The value given to each publication shall be binding. Challenges to CEC evaluation shall be passed to the BOC executive committee for review and arbitration. This method of earning CECs became effective April 15, 1997. CEC evaluation shall not be retroactive.

Peter B. Hay, CRA
Chairman, Recertification Section
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the many logistical concerns for the program, and will work with the Hyatt Regency staff and our own Board of Education (BOE). Montague’s dedication to the OPS is exemplary, and we’re grateful for his willingness to take on this role.

To make sure that San Francisco’s meeting planning activities are not hindered by the VP vacancy, several OPS members gathered at the home office in Nixa, Missouri during the last weekend in May. Present were the BOE’s Paula Morris (Chair) and Rhonda Curtis (Vice Chair), Barbara McCalley (OPS Central Office Manager), Paul Montague and Lawrence Merin (OPS President). Informally known as the Nixa Summit (see photos), this small working group shared the responsibilities for strategic planning that formerly rested solely upon the Vice President. The Nixa Summit was deemed so successful that it may be repeated annually as part of the redesign of the Vice President’s office.

The San Francisco Program has been finalized, and registration materials and hotel information will be mailed soon. The meeting will offer an exciting array of lectures and workshops. New course offerings, including computer labs and a photographic field trip, will be sure to provide fantastic educational opportunities in the beautiful “City by the Bay.” We look forward to seeing you there!

-Submitted by Larry Merin