OUTSIDE THE FRAME
“The State of the Society”

The beginning of a new year is often a time of reflection. Not only do we consider what events occurred in the past, but also their potential impact upon future paths. I’d like to offer my thoughts about the state of the OPS in this column.

Thanks to careful stewardship of our resources, our Society’s financial health is good. Our membership rolls are stable, and our educational programs continue to provide new and varied opportunities to learn about advances in our profession. Our Newsletter serves as a valuable conduit, letting you know about current topics of importance, and our fine Journal now arrives at your doorstep with greater frequency. Our certification programs have produced over 400 CRAs, and a new advanced level of certification is being developed.

However, even with these accomplishments, the Society has withstood several grave challenges over the last year. Most of these can be ascribed to a lack of “coverage in depth” to use the words of the personnel department. As our responsibilities shift in our “real” jobs and many of us are compelled to work harder and longer, fewer and fewer members are stepping forward to serve in this voluntary professional organization. Increasingly, vacancies for committee chairs and even executive positions on the three boards go unfilled, in spite of frequent public announcements and solicitations.

As you know, this problem came to a head last spring with the resignation of our vice president due to a family emergency. Since the nominating committee could not find another candidate for this position in the last election, the Board of Directors had no ready replacement to fill Michael Coppinger’s post. I wish to publicly thank Paul Montague for taking the reins of this vital position. Of course, he had no way of forecasting that I would confront a medical challenge that prevented my attendance at the San Francisco annual program (thus requiring him to wear both the hats of Vice President and Acting President,) but knowing Paul, I bet he still would have stepped forward. He demonstrates the very finest attributes of volunteerism.

In reviewing our membership roster, I have found that only about 50 people serve in an active, participatory capacity. The remaining 95% are content to let them do so. I pose the question

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The many faces of volunteerism at recent meetings in San Francisco. — We’d like to see yours...

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BOD Nominations

The Board of Directors Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following Nominees for the 1998 Elections Ballot:

President: Larry Merin
Vice President: Jeffrey Sobel
Treasurer: Alan Frohlichstein
Secretary: Maria Wordhouse
Richard Hackel

At-Large:
Stuart Alfred
Denise Cunningham
John DuBois
Jim Gilman
Carl Kittelson
Kevin Langton
Tom Link
Karen McHugh
Paul Montague
Jim Pierotti
Martin Rothenberg
Tom Steele
Tim Steffens
Jim Strong
Jeffrey Zeigler

Any OPS member still interested in running for any BOD position can have his or her name placed on the ballot simply by having the backing (signatures) of four OPS members. OPS members have until April 15, 1998 to send their nomination to the Nominating Committee. Space for write-in candidates will be provided on the official ballot due out this summer. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

--Peter Buch, CRA
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OPS/NEOPS
Mid-Year Meeting
June 12-14, 1998
Boston, MA

The two and half day comprehensive education program exploring the future of electronic imaging in ophthalmic photography will be held in Boston, June 12-14, 1998. On Friday, we will visit the Apple Market Center for hands-on instruction in state-of-the-art computer systems and imaging applications. On Saturday and Sunday, we will visit the Joslin Diabetes Center to participate in lectures, discussions, and workshops involving emerging technologies and critical issues affecting ophthalmic imaging. If you are investigating new imaging applications, or you are considering transitioning to electronic imaging, this course is designed for you.

Watch your mailbox for more details or contact:

Darrin Landry
1998 Mid-Year Meeting Chairperson
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to you: How can we increase the levels of volunteers to administer the Society? I know most of you find our programs worthwhile and, in many cases, your professional skills and your careers have been enhanced by OPS membership.

If you are one of these members who has benefitted in some way from your association with the OPS, won’t you consider volunteering? It’s a truly worthwhile thing to do. Many positions don’t require huge amounts of time. What they do require is a willingness to step forward and take responsibility. Each of you may have unique talents and skills that we could use. Not sure how to start? Just ask any Board member or our extraordinary office manager, Barb McCalley. I’m sure we’ll find you a spot you’ll enjoy.

To paraphrase words spoken nearly 40 years ago, “You know what the OPS can do for you. What can you do for your Society?”

I look forward to seeing you in Edinburgh at the exciting ICOP ’98 meeting in September, and then in New Orleans for our annual education program and meeting. May your lives as well as your images be correctly exposed and sharply focused!

--Lawrence M. Merin
President

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ICOP: International Conference on Ophthalmic Photography
September 19-21, 1998
Edinburgh, Scotland

OPS
29th Annual Educational Program and Meeting
November 7-11, 1998
New Orleans, LA

Contact the OPS Membership Office for further information.

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BOC Certification News
Happy New Year!

Those Certified Retinal Angiographers (CRA) who were certified or recertified in 1995—this is the third and final year that your certification remains valid. Recertification packets outlining the 1998 recertification requirements will be mailed shortly. The 1998 packet includes detailed instructions concerning the Continuing Education Credits, current CPR requirements, and current required fees. Please review your membership status (dues payments) with Barbara McCalley, (OPS membership secretary) prior to mailing in your completed application. The member assistance office can be reached at 1-800-403-1677.

Please check that your OPS mailing address is correct. If you do not receive a recertification packet by the end of February 1998, please contact me. Our goal is 100% recertification. Do not wait until December 1998 to address your recertification concerns. Certification is important and may some- day be mandatory.

--Peter Hay, CRA
Chairman, Recertification Section
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BOE Nominating Committee
Seeking Nominees

The Board of Education is seeking nominees for a seat in the 1998 election. This is a four-year term open to any OPS member. Nominations should be submitted before March 20, 1998, and will be presented at the Board of Education mid-year meeting. If you or anyone you know is interested please contact me.

--Janice Clifton, COA, CRA
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Professional Opportunities:

Manager, Ophthalmic Photography The Cleveland Clinic Eye Institute, a world class provider of ophthalmic services has an opening for a Manager, Ophthalmic Photography. The Eye Institute is in the midst of constructing a state-of-the-art 130,000 square foot outpatient facility that will house all clinical, surgical, research and educational programs.

This position is responsible for all operations of the Eye Institute’s Photography Department including supervision and training of staff photographers, development and monitoring of operating and capital budgets, compliance with quality standards and patient satisfaction.

Qualified candidates must have a Bachelor’s degree in Health Care Administration or related field experience, and three years of experience in a health care setting managing the administrative activities for a multiple physician practice. Proficiency in all areas of ophthalmic photographic techniques required. Certification as a retinal angiographer desired.

The Cleveland Clinic Foundation is an Equal Opportunity Employer M/F/D/V. Smoke free environment. Please send or fax letter of interest and resume in confidence to: Ms. Lisa Ullman, Human Resources, W27, The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, 9500 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44195 Fax: (216) 445-2182

Ophthalmic Photographer needed for large multi-specialty practice with three offices. Candidate will be responsible for performing fluorescein angiography, fundus and slit-lamp photography as well as other ophthalmic assistant duties. Ophthalmology experience is required, certification a plus. Full or part time.

Benefits. Send resume to: Dr. Brian Mathie, Ohio Eye Alliance, Inc., 985 Sawburg Ave., Alliance, OH 44601

Ophthalmic Photographers: Working in Saudi Arabia is a fascinating and rewarding experience. You’ll meet people from 30 other countries, shop at the Souks (outdoor markets), eat a variety of foods grown in the Mediterranean area, and share your professional skills and knowledge.

The King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital, a 263-bed Western sytle teaching hospital, in Riyadh, Soudia Arabia is seeking certified ophthalmic photographer/angiographers. Chief Ophthalmic Photographer requires five years current experience including two years as a supervisor. Staff ophthalmic photographer requires three years current experience.

Attractive benefit package for single status contracts include: tax-free salary, end-of-contract bonus, fully furnished housing/utilities, 45 paid days vacation with a round trip ticket back to your point of hire after six months of employment, medical benefits and more! For information call Darlene at 1-800-433-7791, KAMA Enterprises, Inc., 111 S.W. 5th, Suite 2050, Portland, OR 97204

Ophthalmic Photographer: Mobile photographic service in Los Angeles area looking for person to work as independent sub-contractor. Must demonstrate high standards of quality and tenacious work ethic. Contractor status calls for non-institutional outlook, flexibility and working at different locations. Hours flexible or fixed. Contact Richard Morrone (818) 761-8108 or PO Box 1240 Studio City, CA 91614.

Retinal Photographer needed for busy multi-physician practice. Experience required, knowledge of retinal camera repair necessary. Travel and staff training will be required. Full-time, days, excellent benefits. Friendly, flexible persons apply to: PO Box 12438, Toledo, OH 43601

PURCHASE THE NEWEST TEXTBOOK: Ophthalmic Photography: A Textbook of Retinal Photography, Angiography, and Electronic Imaging, Saine & Tyler, $155.00 each + 7.50 shipping/handling. Contact: TCP.
Alan Frohlichstein: A Man of All Seasons

How do you spell relief? For Alan Frohlichstein escape from the harsh winters of Chicago means a trip to the snow! (A concept that eludes this author...) At this moment, he’s probably burning down the back slope of Big Burn, Snowmass, Colorado. No sedate island cruises for this go-getter. He’d rather push himself to the limits personally, as well as professionally.

He’s got a long track record of doing just that. His love of photography goes back to high school where he excelled in science. Wishing to combine the two passions, he applied to RIT and was accepted. Waiting for a slot to open up at the college took a little longer. Not content to sit it out, he attended the University of Ohio where he graduated with a BFA in photography in 1975. He then transferred to RIT and earned a BS in Biomedical Photography in 1977.

Alan’s first job was for the medical photography department at the Lutheran General Hospital which included ophthalmic photography. After three years in the trenches, he joined a retinal practice where he remained until 1989. He decided to take the plunge into self employment, and began Retinal Angiography Services that same year. In this role, he provides a variety of ophthalmic photographic services for three local hospitals and a private practice. He says despite the early years of late nights developing film at home—he’s never looked back.

In his spare time, he offers up his expertise as an adjunct faculty member in the Ophthalmic Technology Program at Triton College. His real love (besides his lovely wife) is holography. He studied for a year at the Fine Arts and Research Holography Center in Chicago, and currently serves as the VP of the alumni association. In fact, one of his holograms of a retinal angiogram is on display at FARHC Museum there.

This passion of holography goes beyond being just mere curiosity. While your basement may be a repository of old skies and lawn equipment, Alan’s got his rigged up as a holography lab where he and his buddies get together to produce their alchemy with light. What else would you expect on a Saturday night from a member of Mensa? Writing screen plays for Star Trek, perhaps? As a matter of fact, yes! Alan’s waiting to hear from Hollywood as we speak.

While Alan acknowledges the many benefits of being in the ophthalmic world, he credits its greatest reward as the meeting of his wife, Diane, at an OPS cocktail party in Atlanta. Laurel Weeney introduced them and their mutual attraction took care of the details. Small details like living in different states seemed trivial in the path of love. Married 14 years strong, they continue to share a professional interest as well as a personal love of traveling, skiing, and having fun together. Diane sums Alan up in precisely those words—a lot of fun!

Submitted by
Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT, FOPS

In America, the photographer is not simply the person who records the past, but the one who invents it.
-Susan Sontag 1977
Equipment for Sale:

(1) FF3-C fundus camera with two Contax 35mm camera bodies and winders, Dataphot and 2X adapter; (1) Zeiss FF2 fundus camera with smaller power supply, 2X adapter, Contax 35mm camera and manual eyepiece head. Great for color 2X optic nerve head photos; (1) Zeiss photo slit-lamp. “Classic” model with newer power supply; and (1) 35mm Contax camera and a 1.6 X adapter. All cameras are in excellent condition and have been optically cleaned, aligned and electronically serviced by National Instrument Service Corp. and come with a 6 month warranty. For further information contact Mark Maio (770) 886-4944.

Zeiss photo-slit lamp, Excellent condition, with new style power supply $19,000. Kowa RC-2 hand held fundus camera $1,500. Call Ben Serar at (626) 963-7642 or (818) 318-1958.

Position Available:

Ophthalmic Photographer position available at the Kresge Eye Institute in Detroit, MI for experienced person; familiar with Fundus, FA and darkroom. CRA preferred. Competitive salary and benefits. Send resumé to Jeffrey Sobel, Ophthalmic Photography, 4717 St. Antoine, Detroit, MI 48201. E-mail to jsobel@med.wayne.edu. Phone 313-577-6908.

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Summary Minutes
Board of Certification Mid-Year Meeting
Trevose, Pennsylvania, April, 1997

The meeting convened at 8:30 am on Thursday April 10th with welcoming remarks by Terry Tomer. Present were: Terry Tomer, Sandra Anderson, Lynda Azar, Beth Ann Benetz, Timothy Bennett, Bruce Busse, Phil Chin, Peter Hay, Jamie Nicholl, William Nyberg, Ken Timby, Larry Merin as BOD representative and Paula Morris as BOE representative.

The meeting opened with an item writing work session with Les Hays, BOC consultant from SMT. The group wrote, edited and specked items for the CRA examination. Enough new items were added to the computerized item bank so that the Miami examination could be generated by computer.

Friday, April 11, the meeting convened at 8:00 am. Sandra Anderson presented the Secretary’s report. The minutes from the 1996 Annual Meeting in Chicago were reviewed and unanimously accepted. The “To-do list” was reviewed by line item with only six tasks to be continued.

Bruce Busse presented the Treasurer’s report which BOC members received one month prior to the meeting for review. The balance sheet showed assets of $40,649.53. Most of these funds are earmarked for NCCA accreditation expenses. The treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

Larry Merin reported on the annual Board of Directors meeting held in January in Orlando. OPS Membership is currently 1058 members making it the largest imaging group in the world. The BOD voted unanimously to pursue full membership to JACAHPO and Larry has made an official application.

Paula Morris reported on Board of Education activities. Rhonda Curtis is developing a BOE Mentoring program and Phil Chin will be the formal BOC liaison to this program. Protocols are being written on how to produce an educational meeting including: timelines, budget, content, etc. This is another effort to aid persons in obtaining CECs locally. The new roadshow is polished and will be presented by Marshall Tyler, Rhonda Curtis, Rosario Bates and Ditte Hess.

Ken Timby presented the CRA section report. There are currently 455 CRAs. The Subject Expert Meeting in Miami was held to reorganize the performance evaluation to achieve NCCA requirements. This was accomplished in four exciting eight hour days of debate.

Tim Bennett presented the COPRA Section Report. An extremely lengthy debate ensued regarding the future of the COPRA Program in light of the new NCCA requirement that “agencies” are approved by them, not individual certification programs. Therefore, in order to come into compliance, the COPRA Program would have to be submitted for approval simultaneously with the CRA Program or abolished as not to delay the approval of the CRA Program indefinitely. The motion was made and seconded to terminate the COPRA Program effective immediately, 4/11/97. 8 Yes. 1 No. 1 Abstained. All active COPRAs reverted to CRA status.

Peter Hay reported on the Recertification Section. In 1996, 126 applications were issued resulting in 110 completions, 15 revocations and 1 extension. The report was approved unanimously.

The meeting recessed at 5:07 pm and reconvened at 8:20 am on Saturday, 4/12/97.

Peter Hay presented the Education Section report. He submitted a proposal for earning CECs through authorship. His proposal was unanimously approved. Beth Ann Benetz will take over the Education Section from Peter who will continue to chair the Recertification Section.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to committee work. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.
Summary Minutes
Board of Certification Annual Meeting
San Francisco, California, October 24, 1997

The meeting convened at 2:15 pm with welcoming remarks by Terry Tomer. Present were: Terry Tomer, Sandra Anderson, Lynda Azar, Beth Ann Benetz, Timothy Bennett, Bruce Busse, Phil Chin, Peter Hay, Jamie Nicholl, William Nyberg, and R. MacKenzie Timby.

Sandra Anderson presented the Secretary’s report. The minutes from the 1997 Mid-Year Meeting in Trevose were reviewed and unanimously accepted. The “To-do list” was reviewed by item. Projects requiring continued efforts included, but were not limited to the Mentor Program, tracking of appeals, OPS CEC approvals, trademarking the CRA, CRA pins, and articles for the Newsletter.

Bruce Busse presented the Treasurer’s report. The balance sheet showed assets of $19,432.16. Most of these funds are earmarked for NCCA accreditation expenses. The Treasurer’s report was unanimously accepted.

Ken Timby presented the CRA Section report. There are 488 active CRAs. One thousand and three persons have participated in the program. Twenty-eight candidates were successful in achieving their CRA in 1997. Other activities of the Section included updating and rewriting of protocols, forms and the Program Guide. The new examination was administered in Miami and Philadelphia in 1997, and the resulting cut score evaluation and results were compiled and distributed by SMT.

CRA Exam dates and locations for 1998 are:

- April 25 & 26 in Miami
- August 1 & 2 site to be announced

Peter Hay presented the Recertification Section report. He reported that 142 Recertification packets were distributed in February and that to date 40% have been completed. This represents a great improvement over past rates of 25%. Mid-year reminder cards were sent and they facilitated address updates.

Jamie Nicholl presented the Portfolio Committee report. The committee reviewed 43 portfolios since the Mid-Year meeting in April. Of these, 34 originals and three resubmissions were accepted. The Committee is using a new grading procedure developed by Bill Nyberg.

Beth Ann Benetz presented the Education Section report. She became the new Chair of this Section in June. She reviewed 74 applications for CEC approval in 1997, 90% of these were from JACAHPD. There was discussion regarding BOE application for CECs.

Terry Tomer listed the tasks that have been accomplished to date for the NCCA accreditation process. A special task force will be necessary to complete the application. Beth Ann Benetz and Jamie Nicholl will attend the next annual NOCA meeting in Tucson in December.

Linda Azar distributed updated copies of the Standing Rules. The revised CRA Program Brochure was distributed. Pat Saine will publish the list of current CRAs in the OPS Journal at least once a year as the space and budget allow.

Tim Bennett reported on the JACAHPD meeting that he attended earlier in the week. Items of particular interest to the BOC included their written examination to be given by computer only and the way they stagger recertification deadlines with a variance of up to six months in eligibility.

Possible dates for the Mid-Year Meeting were discussed with a general preference for March. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
OCTOBER 27, 1997 - SAN FRANCISCO

I. Meeting was called to order at 11:43 AM with approximately 30 members in attendance.

II. Correction was made to 1996 Business meeting summary and will appear in next Newsletter.

III. Officers Reports - Paul M. (acting for Larry M) - BOD met twice since last business meeting. Major event was the unanimous vote for full membership to JCAHP0. Questions regarding Board meeting arrangements were entertained. V. Pres (Interim) - Noted that remainder of VP term will be decided at annual BOD meeting before meeting. Membership fees are due in April. Revenues are less as expenses for the year. Members will wait until the end of the year for final figures.

IV. BOE - Terry T. - Two certification programs were given for new CRA's for a total of 488. 1998 exams will be given in May and August. Exams now ready for application. New director is needed for the BOC. Ready for NCRA application. Planning for mid-year meeting in March. Tim B. mentioned the need for recruitment of active members to the BOC.

V. BOE - Carl K. - Board met twice and held three educational programs. Other activities include: Resigning annual program duties, final drafting of structure and content. Other activities include: Planning for mid-year meeting in March. Tim B. mentioned the need for recruitment of active members to the BOC.

VI. Committee - Notebook containing committee reports is in the registration area. Reports were accepted. Central Office - Barb M. - Discussed breakdown of total paid membership does notice mailings. Due payment received deadline is June 30th with new directory going to printers on July 1st. Journal - Pat S. - Hopes to print a special issue of the Journal to honor retiring members.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - VPB's restructuring - Redistribution of duties to a manageable level. BOE willing to take on some of the duties. Goal is to report exact nature of restructuring next year.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - Scientific Exhibit - Paul M. - Academy has outgrown San Francisco venue. Priority given to revenue generating commercial exhibits. Thought that there is no precedence is being set for future venues. JII Recipient - Further discussion is planned for the JII Fund Committee regarding the use of awards.

IX. Adjournment at 12:45 PM.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
OCTOBER 29, 1997 - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

I. Meeting was called to order at 3:00 PM. President Larry Merin in his absence, asked that acting V. Pres. Paul Montague conduct business.

II. Minutes from 10/26/96 were approved.

III. To Do lists were reviewed. Larry Merin notified OPS Officers that the BOD voted to pursue full membership in JCAHPO. Work continues on restructuring the Treasurer's position and the redesign of the presidency to create a president-elect position. A current committee list was completed and placed in the directory. Paul Montague will distribute disc copies of Standing Rules/Bylaws to BOD members upon completion. Old exhibit staff was disposed of. Installation of new software to Montague will be distributed disc copies of Standing Rules/Bylaws to BOD members upon completion. Old exhibit staff was disposed of. Installation of new software to Montague will continue. New director is needed for the BOC. Ready for NCRA application. Planning for mid-year meeting in March. Tim B. mentioned the need for recruitment of active members to the BOC.

IV. BOE Report. BOD was thanked for item written. Two new exams last year resulted in 24 new CRA's for a total of 488. Exams met the psychometric requirements of NCRA for written exams. Performance exam is now in line also. Recruitment for a bank of examiners has begun. Approval for one more member to BOD made. NCCA application readiness is helpful for mid-year meeting in March. '98 Report approved.

V. BOE Report. BOD met twice last year. Held three educational programs. Other activities included, investigation of assumption of annual education program duties, restructuring program structure and protocols, implemented curriculum committee, mission statement, core curriculum lecture series, Central Office/BOE duties. Drafting of education program structure and protocols, implemented curriculum committee, mission statement, core curriculum lecture series, Central Office/BOE duties.

VII. OLD BUSINESS - V. Pres. appointment. Paul's interim vice presidency subsequent to Michael's resignation was addressed. Efforts to find new VP were unsuccessful. Michael's request to continue term of office was addressed. Participation of the BOE in the production of the annual educational program was discussed. Email actions were reviewed and it was determined that Paul is acting VP therefore vacancy for VP position exists. Michael's request therefore valid. Motion entertained and tabled at Michael's official presentation.

VIII. JCAHPO Report. Report of all actions from year to date to be attached to the minutes. OPS commissioners feel no threat and participate at committee and BOD levels within JCAHPO. Who will be serving as commissioners in 1998 will be discussed. Possibly a member from each OPS board. Alan moved that each board be charged with appointing one representative to a one-year term. Approved unanimously.

IX. Central Office Report. Membership monies are depleted and favorable response was made to restore supply. Storage location and costs of OOPS journals and newsletters are currently under review.

X. ICOP '98. BOD approved funds sent to BOPA. Progress looks good. Ditte Hess to organize presenters and mailing list for attendees. OOPS is sole funder of program.

XI. JII Scholarship Award. Committee to present proposal on distribution of awards to board by mid-year meeting. 15 members contributed in dues renewals. Item will appear on renewal forms again this year. Suggestion was made to establish a foundation resulting in tax write-off contributions.

XII. Information Exhibit. Susan felt location was good and many brochures were given out. A closer look will be taken of encoded applications to determine value of exhibit. Vs cost now required. Susan volunteered to continue as chair. Alan offered to help.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:02PM.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY
OCTOBER 30, 1997 – SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

I. Meeting was called to order by Paul M. at 8:30 AM.

II. VP appointment – Susan B. pointed out need for majority vote of BOD to appoint. Vote was taken and Paul M. was unanimously approved as VP. Paul will work with Paula M. on next program in New Orleans.

III. Appointment of new board member to fill Paul M.’s vacancy requires looking at last election results. John to notify Larry and Larry to contact prospective-at-large appointee.

IV. Larry will have a written report on his discussions with BPA President at mid-year meeting.

V. Scientific exhibit moved from academy floor due to space considerations. Revenue generating commercial use given priority. Larry to look into the circumstances of New Orleans venue.

VI. Historical records – Denise B. reports on what she has accumulated to date and the desire to scan all materials to create an archival library accessible to membership. Paul suggested an effort be made to describe a standard for scanning. Jim G. volunteered to write up standard. Appropriate storage of original materials discussed. Motion approved that all materials of archival/historical nature be sent to historian for inventory.

VII. Salary survey – Karen K. reported that 201 surveys (1/2 of attendees) were completed and that winner of drawing was Andrew Hori. Surveys will be tabulated and results published.

VIII. BOE report – Paula M. – discussion of how chapters conduct business and the need for completing protocols for same ensued. Also a need to address issue regarding administration and production of annual program. Paula suggested a planning session similar to Nixa summit, prior to New Orleans, to work out BOE’s added involvement in annual program production and VP’s realignment. New England chapter has applied for a mid-year program in June and has asked for BOE and OPS assistance with support materials and finances. Board moved that BOE proceed with NEOPS mid-year program process.

Videography conference at Iowa in 1998 still pending.

IX. Lengthy discussion on the topic of reimbursements for independents. Some clarification is needed on HCFA and Medicare rulings. OPS’s 501C status does not allow funds to be used to hire lobbyist. Board suggested that interested party pursue what it would take to establish a politically active organization and the resulting benefits. Tom E. will be contacted and advised of OPS’s inputs on the subject.

X. OPS lending library – Pat S. asked for the establishment of a library for use by the membership. Board is in favor and asked Pat for a protocol. Rhonda C. will be contacted for possible assistance with resources.

XI. Journal – Proposals of replacement for D. Rae S. were reviewed. D. Rae resigned as production editor of JOP but will help with transition and continue with Newsletter.

XII. Standards of Practice – Proposal for implementation of standards was presented by Pat S. Also requested that a committee be formed. Motion for President to activate committee failed for lack of second. Paula M. suggested BOC’s task analysis might be helpful. Susan B. suggested asking Ethics committee if interested.

XIII. Mid-year Board meeting – to be held first weekend of February in Las Vegas or San Francisco.

XIV. E-mail – Protocol for e-mail votes to follow Robert’s Rules, similar to Board meetings. President may impose time limits for responses. All responses and results to become part of official minutes. Protocol approved and will be added to operation procedures. E-mail actions will also be included on all Board meeting agendas.

XV. Local chapters – a document defining some procedures was prepared but in need of more work on financial and legal aspects. Paul M. suggested time be set aside at next annual Board meeting for discussion with local chapters. Also suggested that Legal and Finance committees look into this. Motion for Legal committee to get lawyer input and Finance committee to get CPA input approved. Larry will contact other organizations.

XVI. Calendar sales – Jeff S. reported that 1997 sales were double that of 1996. OPS to get 20% of profits from 1998 sales. Good advertising for the OPS.

XVII. Camera Manufacturers’ Mailing Lists – Jeff S. discussed KOWA and Topcon are willing to help promote OPS member recruitment by supplying mailing lists of camera purchasers. Motion made for Membership committee to contact major camera manufacturers.


Revised Salary Survey to be distributed at Annual Program.

XIX. Meeting Adjourned at 1 PM.