Be All That You Can Be

The photos in this Newsletter were taken by Larry Merin (LM), President of the OPS, and by Jamie Nicholl (JN), member of the Board of Certification, during the recent BOC Meeting in Philadelphia. These images offer just a sample of the fun and spirit shared among the many committee members who make YOUR society worth joining. If you haven’t signed up for any one of the dozen or more opportunities, shame on you! You really should check out what you’re missing, meet some new friends, and get involved.

Edinburgh Provisional Program

Here’s something to whet your appetite for the upcoming ICOP ’98 meeting, September 19-21, 1998 in Edinburgh, Scotland. For further information contact the OPS Central Office or E-mail Mrs. Gill Bennison 113174.3055@compuserve.com

- Stereo Photography
- The Art of the Eye
- Pulse ICG Angiography
- The Internet
- Anterior Segment Stereo Photography & Projection
- Use of Macro Lenses in Slit-Lamp Videography
- Photo Refraction Screening in Infants
- Improved Method of Facial Photography in Oculoplastics
- Comparison Between Kowa Hand-Held Fundus Camera & RetCam 120
- Managing a Multifaceted High Volume Ophthalmic Diagnostic Center
- Fluorescein Angiography in Posterior Uveitis
- Ocular Genetics in the Study of Age Related Macular Degeneration
- Retinal Thickness Analysis: A Comparative Evaluation
- Diabetic Retinopathy Screening by Aboriginal Health Workers
- Photographing for Diabetic Retinopathy: Quality Assurance
- ICG Angiography Using 35mm Films
- From Film to Digital: Anterior Segment Fluorescein Angiography
- Ophthalmologic Findings with Respect to Color, Geometry, Texture and Size
- Task Analysis of Digital Angiography
- Full Frame Rate Digital Imaging
- Resolution in Wide Field Digital Imaging
- Simultaneous Fluorescein & ICG Angiography: Heidelberg Retina Angiography
- Stereo Flicker Chronoscopy as a Method of Comparing Optic Disc Images
- Non-ARMD Findings During Routine ICG Angiography
- Development & Potential Applications of Highly Portable SLOs

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The BOC members L to R: Tim Bennett, Ken Timby, Jamie Nicholl, Terry Tomer and Paula Morris
BOC Examination
Test Dates

The Board of Certification would like to announce the
1998 examination dates for becoming a Certified
Retinal Angiographer (CRA).

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Please note: To apply for a CRA exam test site the
following Eligibility Requirements must be met:

1. Letter of satisfactory submission of portfolio from the
   Portfolio Committee.
2. A letter from the employing physician or institution
   addressed to the Chairman of the CRA Section verifying
   the applicant’s employment history as a retinal angiogra-
   pher for a minimum of two years.
3. Current certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
   (CPR) (American Red Cross or American Heart
   Association preferred.)

Call for Photos for OPS Archives

The OPS Historical Committee is in the process
of transferring our photo library to CD-ROM.
This is part of an ongoing project to preserve our
societal records. All prints are being converted to
slides, which are then being scanned at high reso-
lution to CD-ROM.

Do you have any interesting photos? Willing to
lend them to the OPS? Denice Barsness will
create a slide from the flat copy and return the
photo to you in good condition. Likewise, original
slides will be duplicated and returned unharmed.

Please, these images are our legacy. Photos from
social events such as banquets, cocktail recep-
tions, etc. are desperately needed.

If you can, and would like to help, please contact
Denice Barsness at denicebars@worldnet.att.net
or (415) 923-3937.

More Photo Fun from the
BOC Meeting

Photo Credit:
JN = Jamie Nicholl
LM = Larry Merlin
CALL FOR PAPERS

Annual

OPS Scientific Session

Saturday, November 7th, 8:30 - 12:00

Hyatt Regency, New Orleans

Building upon the success of the 1997 Scientific Session, You are invited and encouraged to participate in this year's OPS Annual Scientific Paper Session where all ideas and accomplishments are welcome.

Special photographic techniques alongside image processing and participation in novel research projects are what make this collection of experiences so special each year.

Since we all know that no two photographers work alike, this is the best venue to share knowledge and grant us all a glimpse at your personal black bag of tricks.

Every aspect of our work, from seating the patient to emergency camera repair, from modifying equipment to participating in national studies is prime material for this unique paper session.

This year's Don Wong Award winner for best presentation will be selected from among the presenters.

Please submit all typewritten abstracts (70-150 words) by August 15 to Ethan Priel at the address below or to the OPS Home Office. Presentations should be in the 10-minute range. Dual 35mm slide projection, and pointers will be available for the speakers.

Do not hesitate to contact Ethan with any questions, special requests or assistance in preparing the presentation. Onward to the podium!

Please send abstracts by August 15 to:

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MINUTE SUMMARIES
OPS BOD MEETING - SAN FRANCISCO, CA - FEBRUARY 6, 1998

I. Pres. Larry Merin called meeting to order at 5:10 PM. Larry thanked all for their help in his absence in October.

II. Minutes from 1997 mid-year meeting and 1997 annual meeting were unanimously approved.

III. "To Do" Lists were reviewed. L. Merin's included discussions of options for JJJ Fund money raising; creation of president-elect position; Academy floor space for Scientific Exhibits; Nixa Summit for planning next educational Program; formulation of standards of practice and regional chapters. D. Barksness discussed archiving options of historical materials and preparing a standard for scanning items to CD storage. J. Gilman item included scanning standard for OPS archives; legal issues including regional chapters and OPS liabilities. K. Klima sent survey prize to A. Hori and had surveys tabulated. P. Saine initiated draft for OPS Lending Library protocol and provided info to Ethics Committee for Standards of Practice document. P. Morris assembled BOE records for next chairperson and for historical records.

NEOPS Mid-year meeting progressing. Realignment of VP annual meeting duties. BOE will participate with the VP at the site visit in New Orleans. T. Tomer bibliography resource list and JCAHPO commissioners are ongoing issues. P. Montague will distribute copies of Bylaws/Standing rules as soon as disc is straightened out. Board meeting schedules being worked out. Mailing lists of camera manufacturers ongoing. B. McCalley getting estimates for storage facility in Nixa. New fees for mailing lists implemented and pricing for more membership pins forwarded to finance committee. All other's to do's completed.

IV. BOC Report: T. Tomer submitted budget to Finance Committee. NCCA Task force will meet again prior to BOC meeting and part of BOC meeting will be devoted to application work. Professional review of application prior to submission is being considered. Certification will require a $5000.00 annual fee once accepted.

V. BOE Report - P. Morris mentioned both her and M. Tyler's term limits are up and four other members are up for reelection. Julie Balza resigned and Paul Paquette filled this vacancy. BOE will hold annual meeting task analysis planning session at the Central office in April. Work is being done to establish OPS lending library. Work is being done on BOE mission statement. Collaborating with New England Chapter for mid-year program to be held June 12-14 in Boston. Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and OPS will collaborate on a bilingual course to given at BPEI November 21-22. BOE to prepare guidelines for distribution to equipment vendors at annual education program.

VI. Request for sustaining membership status to Massie Research Labs; manufacturer of Retcam, was unanimously approved.

VII. Fellowship Committee Chair vacancy. Gerald Hoover resigned and P. Morris and Jamie Nicholl agreed to Co-chair the committee. The last six elected Fellows will be asked to submit bios to Paula and Jamie for submission in Newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS

VIII. Solicitations Report. BOD approved Paul Paquette to sell advertising space in the annual education program. Board also determined that Paul was best one to handle vendor proposals.

IX. Membership Recruitment. Discussions ensued on several methods of increasing OPS membership. Camera manufacturers are willing to include OPS information with purchased cameras and to also supply mailing lists of those who have purchased their cameras. A relationship with Air Force ophthalmology training personnel has also begun. OPS also needs to start reaching optometrists and will contact the American Optometry Association. Larry suggested beginning "The OPS Store" which could provide direct benefits to the membership such as books and other educational materials. Recruitment committee needs a chair.

X. OPS Lending Library. P. Saine has forwarded a draft to BOE of protocol for library. R. Curtis will review.

XI. Informational Exhibit. P. Montague will request putting OPS brochures at JCAHPO table at their AAO exhibit. Board voted not to put Informational Exhibit at JCAHPO meeting in New Orleans. P. Morris will look into placing exhibit at Optometrists annual meeting.

XII. Salary Survey. Statistical analysis of survey was distributed to board and comments made as to its limitations. Survey was not as conclusive as board had hoped and may be repeated. This discussion will continue on Saturday.

XIII. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 pm.
I. Meeting called to order at 8:43 am.

II. Salary Survey. Pilot survey was considered successful but more valid statistics needed. Professional statistician will be consulted for proper question format. P. Morris and P. Montague will oversee next step before next annual meeting. Budget review will allocate funds for next mailing.

III. Mailing List Contract. Copy of JCAHPO contract was obtained and was determined to be appropriate for OPS use. Will be reformatted to reflect OPS and used when selling OPS mailing list.

IV. Standards of Practice. Much discussion ensued as to the need for Standards and the liability involved. P. Saine offered to chair ad hoc committee with J. Sobel and A. Frohlichstein as members. A draft will be written and a section prepared for New Orleans mtg.

V. Complaint Letter from S. McKinney. Accusations were made that OPS members were practicing medicine without a license by S. McKinney and OPS shouldn’t be allowed into JCAHPO. No specific allegations were made. Board consensus was to have attorney make recommendations.

VI. ICOP 1998 Report. Looks as though targeted number of delegates from USA will be exceeded. Board feels a direct mailing to membership is needed and will be forthcoming.

VII. Travel Arrangements for the Boards. Airline incentives to agencies are being cut and costs of travel to meetings is going up as a result. Board feels priority be given to best price instead of all using one agency and as much advance scheduling as possible. The BOD 1999 mid-year meeting will be held the first weekend of February (5, 6 & 7).

VIII. Nominating Committee Report. Slate of officers and at-large board members still in development stage. Once a few names on the list are confirmed, the list will be emailed to board for approval and published in newsletter.

IX. Budget Review. J. Sobel presented budget and recommendations of Finance Committee. Items included credit card accepted by OPS, mutual funds investing, accounting procedures for regional chapters (including being placed in Standing rules), renewal dues increase, database rewrite by end of 1998, possible tax deductible foundation for JJF Funds, possibility of changing tax status from professional organization to educational organization, interest earned, royalties/donations. Boards expenses, Committee funds, Central office expenses, insurance, JCAHPO affiliation, JJF Award, meeting revenues and expenses, publications income and expenses, income tax preparation, capital asset requests and special projects.

NEW BUSINESS

X. Web Ring of Professional Associations. A linking of photography societies. Board had no objections to Paul subscribing our site.

XI. Recognition of Former Board Member. Board approved Denice’s sending gift to Holly Harwood-Skolkin.

XII. Photographers Injecting IV Fluorescein. Discussion as to doing course on venipuncture at annual program. BOE’s stand has been to follow local state tenets. Board did much work on preparing a statement for OPS policy.

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm.

FEBRUARY 8, 1998

I. Meeting Called to Order at 8:44 am.

II. Photographers Injecting IV Fluorescein Policy. Document was prepared for publication pending legal review by OPS counsel. Larry will prepare a Letter to the Editor for the Journal to include this policy.

III. Mailing Addresses for Members. BOC asked that all members use home addresses. Board opposed idea since employers pay dues and appreciate the recognition in the directory.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 10:00 am.

Minute Summaries submitted by John DuBois, Sec. OPS
New Members
November 15, 1997 - March 31, 1998

Jason K. Adams, Marysville, CA
Gayle A. Agrell, COA, Bangor, ME
Catherine J. Barry, Charleston, SC
Susan M. Bowlen, COA, San Diego, CA
Holly N. Cheshier, COA, Eagan, MN
Ruth R. Colgan, Nashville, TN
Edward J. Fijewski, Pittsburgh, PA
L. Chris Fitos, COT, West Palm Beach, FL
Carol L. Gay, COT, Lantana, FL
Connie R. Goldthwait, COA, Brewer, ME
David Golshirazi, Inglewood, CA
Mark A. Greenwald, Memphis, TN
Michael Hansson, Umea, Sweden
Cinda M. Huber, Indianapolis, IN
Marilyn R. Ilan, Bayside, NY
Geoffrey A. Kohn, Hiram OH
Anda V. Krist, COT, Taylorsville, NC
James S. LeBlanc, Terrytown, LA
Carole P. Meader, Cincinnati, OH
Carsten Meyer, MD, Luebeck, Germany
Tina Mitchell, COA, Hanahan, SC
Brenda K. Moore, COT, Fresno, CA
Mary Ann Mullaney, Baltimore, MD
Arie Orr-Yokneam Eli, Israel
Pablo Bohorquez Rodriguez, Madrid, Spain
Sylvia A. Samarjian, CRA, St. Clair Shores, MI
Melissa A. Sargent, COT, Lake Worth, FL
Dong Shin, Cerritos, CA
William Siler, III, Orange, CA
Cecilia Sjønesson, Angelholm, Sweden
Elizabeth S. Snodgrass, Rochester, NY
Edward L. Teller, Roanoke, VA
Jane L. Verness, COMT, Forest Lake, MN

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Ophthalmic Photographer with a minimum of five years experience in retinal and slit-lamp photography, and fluorescein angiography is being sought by Baylor College of Medicine. CRA certification or a higher equivalent is required. Familiarity with general photo equipment and procedures, including scientific and commercial photography, knowledge of ocular anatomy and clinical pathology, and with a Bachelor’s degree in liberal arts or graphic design or an equivalent, or a high school degree supplemented by documented technical courses in photography and ophthalmic photography with additional five years experience in biological, medical, or general photography are necessary. Experience with keratometry, IOL calculations, gonioscopy and diagnostic echography is highly desirable.

Salary and benefits are commensurate with experience and qualifications. EOE. Please send resume and letter of interest to: Richard A. Lewis, MD MS, Cullen Eye Institute, One Baylor Plaza, NC-206, Houston, TX 77030. Tel: (713) 798-3030 Fax: (713) 798-3042


Full Time Position for an ophthalmic photographer in a medical university setting. Minimum of 2 years experience in slitlamp, fundus, and FA photography. Must possess knowledge of darkroom procedures. ICG digital imaging a plus. Please fax resume to: Maxine Wanner, Program Coordinator (973) 972-2068 or E-mail to: wannerma@umdnj.edu

Full Time Ophthalmic Photographer/Technician to work with a vitreoretinal surgeon in a 5-physician, multi-specialty practice located in Cleveland, OH. Applicant must be dependable and a motivated team player. Excellent benefit package. Please fax resume and salary requirements to: (216) 291-4849. Attn: Human Resources.

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Zeiss FF3 Fundus camera with Contax camera back $10,000. Zeiss FF2 Fundus camera with motorized camera back and smaller power supply $4,500. Call Ben Serar (818) 761-8108 or (818) 318-1958 (pager)

Equipment Wanted: Looking for either a hand held FA camera, or a FA table top model that is modified for travel between offices. Please call (718) 441-6349. Ask for Joe Flaschner.

Purchase the Newest Textbook: *Ophthalmic Photography: A Textbook of Retinal Photography, Angiography, and Electronic Imaging. Saine and Tyler, $155. each + $7.50 shipping / handling. Contact: TCP, 305 Foster Dairy Rd., Mocksville, NC 27028

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