Don Wong
1931 - 1999

Dear Members
and Friends:
I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the organization that gave Don Wong the opportunity to fulfill his dreams.

At the wake, three days after Don's passing, I met Ben S., who had come down from Montreal to pay his last respects. "It doesn't matter," he said, when I remarked that he had travelled from such a long distance to see Don. He repeated, "It doesn't matter." Ben epitomized the love, respect and admiration of so many who had been touched by Don's bottomless generosity of time and energy. His heart may have given out, but in life he gave of it without hesitation whenever he saw an opportunity to teach another eager student. He was ever the eager teacher. Don was happy and grateful in his calling, yet always humble when reminded of the extent of his legacy.

Don made a difference.

His loving sister,
Dorothy

All Aboard the BOD!
Calling all former BOC and BOE Members
to the Board of Directors

The next election for the OPS Board of Directors will take place in the spring. If you've served on either of the other two OPS boards, then you know just how important it is to elect people who are willing to work for the aims and objectives of the society.

As a former OPS board member, you have given your time and shown that you are committed to the profession. If you were on the Board of Certification, you helped to establish and recognize standards of competence in ophthalmic photography through certification. Those of you on the Board of Education planned and provided necessary continuing education and technical information for ophthalmic image makers. Regardless of the specific tasks you completed or actions you took as an OPS board member, each one of you played an important role in helping to encourage and maintain the highest levels of quality in ophthalmic photography.

Over the years, the OPS has benefited greatly from the enthusiasm and experience that former BOC and BOE members have brought to the BOD. Of the 30 individuals elected to the BOD during the last ten years, 40% have also been on the BOC (4) or BOE (8) at some time during their career. Incredibly, three brave souls have served on all three OPS boards!

We hope that you will consider running for a position on the OPS Board of Directors. For more information, please contact BOD Nominating Committee Chair, Denise Cunningham, at (202) 687-4912.

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New Fellows: The Class of '99

We are pleased to announce the results of the Fellowship Election. We have added two very deserving members to our ranks, both of whom have made significant contributions to the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society. They are **Tim Bennett** and **Rhonda Curtis**, the class of 1999. Tim has served on the Board of Certification from 1991 to 1998. Rhonda has served on the Board of Education since 1990. They have both represented the Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society as Commissioners of the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) since 1997. Stay tuned for an article about them in the next issue of the OPS Newsletter.

Paula Morris, CRA, FOPS
Jamie Nicholl, CRA, FOPS
Co-Chairs,
OPS Fellowship Committee

Wanted: Newsletter & Journal Staff!

**Newsletter Staff!**

Your newsletter editor, John C. Dubois, CRA will be stepping down from his volunteer post soon, capping a six-year stint bringing you all the OPS news fit to print. Thanks for all your hard work keeping the OPS community up-to-date, John!

This announcement opens the search for a Newsletter Editor. If you have an interest in bringing the ophthalmic photographic community together by publishing news from individual members as well as communications from the three boards, then this is your golden opportunity!

Additionally, the OPS is also seeking a graphic artist / production coordinator to desktop publish, print, and coordinate the mailing of the bi-monthly newsletter.

Any members interested either in the editorship, or know of a good artist and production coordinator for the newsletter should contact:

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**JOP Editor**

The editor of the *Journal of Ophthalmic Photography* (volunteer position) responsibilities include: Managing the bi-annually published, peer-reviewed Journal which offers interesting articles related to ophthalmic photography. Coordinating manuscripts and work by desktop publisher, managing peer review process, providing direction and tone to content of Journal, & overseeing JOP advertising volunteer.

In addition, the JOP editor mentors inexperienced photographer/authors, guiding them to successful publication, and nurtures experienced photographer/authors, & encouraging their submissions. Ultimately, the editor must get the Journal out on time.

Experience in writing or publishing is helpful, enthusiasm is a must. An intense but rewarding experience. Please send a cover letter stating your goals to help improve the JOP and your CV to:
New Members
June 25 - October 1, 1999

Douglas Bryant, CRA - Lansing, IL
Maria E. Calmer - Lakewood, OH
Jackie L. Clevenger, COA - Independence, MO
Helen M. Cummins - Daytona Beach, FL
Howard "Dan" Daniel - Portland, OR
Hussein Ali W. Datoo, OD - Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
Kelly A. DeBoer - San Francisco, CA
Carla A. DeLaRosa - Brunswick, OH
Nicole M. Drozdz - Youngstown, OH
Carol H. Edwards - Fort Orange, FL
Patrick T. Edwards - Denver, CO
Bonnie Fontenot - Orange, TX
Cindy Foreman - Orange, TX
Tercio A. Guia - Sao Paulo, Brazil
William F. Haldeman - Yardley, PA
Jennifer J. Hitt - Stockbridge, GA
Alison J. Ireland, RN - Presque Isle, ME
Everett L. Jeffers - Templeton, CA
Gregory Klauer, CRA - Davenport, IA
Georgia S. Lea, BS - Atlanta, GA
Lydia Maeshiro - Honolulu, HI
Lori M. Marvel - Little Rock, AR
Angela K. McKean - Chardon, OH
Cotina Y. Mitchell - Riverdale, GA
Tina Modica - Lyndhurst, OH
G. E. Rocky Munn - Wichita, KS
Frank P. Pari, COA - Lancaster, NY
Jeanne R. Picano - Queensbury, NY
Marina DuCarmo Pinheiro - Sao Paulo, Brazil
M. Nao Villica Pinto - Recife, Brazil
Gait Yair-Pur - Tel-Aviv, Israel
Matthew Raeber - St. Louis, MO
Timothy S. Iono - Ft. Worth, TX
Shirley Rhodes, RN - Warsaw, IN
Susan M. Rice - Mentor, OH
Leslie Russel - Baltimore, MD
Kathleen J. Saltz, COA - Oakland, CA
Helena Suarez Saona - Quito, Ecuador
Michael B. Scott, CRA - Cape Girardeau, MO
Sandy Sheppard - Hesperia, CA
Jane Whitmeyer - Brecksville, OH
Paul C. K. Yeow - Singapore
Kenneth A. Zbyszewski, Boston, MA
Ruth Zelkha - Chicago, IL
Alicia H. Zetina - Indianapolis, IN

Recertification News

WHY FILL OUT THE EVALUATION CARD?

When you attend an OPS sponsored course you will receive an evaluation card to complete and return upon exiting the lecture. Why fill out the card? Because the card serves two purposes: it allows the BOE to evaluate the speaker and the quality of the presentation; it also allows the BOC to tabulate your CECs for later distribution.

The BOC reviews the cards for proper identification. All comments and ratings are kept in strict confidence. Most individuals fill out the cards correctly. A few individuals find it difficult to fill in the boxes. The best solution is to completely fill in the cards and put your name on the top or bottom of the card to insure correct credit. The room monitors may assist you with any question you might have.

RECERTIFICATION DEADLINE

The Annual Educational Meeting this year in Orlando was an excellent opportunity to collect CECs necessary for recertification. Those due to recertify this year need to submit their Recertification Applications and supporting materials to Peter Hay by December 31, 1999. Please feel free to contact him with any of your recertification questions or concerns.

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Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just don’t have film.

- Stephen Wright
Professional Opportunities:

Retinal Angiographer:
Exciting opportunity for a full-time experienced ophthalmic photographer/retinal angiographer in a group retinal practice located in Santa Barbara, California. Film, digital, fluorescein and ICG experience preferred. Position includes competitive salary, health insurance, individual retirement plan, paid vacation and major holidays. Perfect location for outdoor enthusiasts with ocean and mountain activities immediately available. Please submit resume to Robert L. Avery, M.D., California Retina Consultants, 515 E. Micheltorena St., Santa Barbara, CA 93103. (805) 963-1648 Fax: (805) 965-5214.

Premier Medical, a large EENT practice with 17 ophthalmologists, has a full-time position open for an ophthalmic photographer. Digital camera and marketing experience is preferred. Send resume and salary requirements to: Jean Alice Basenberg, Premier Medical Management, 2880 Dauphin Street, Mobile, AL 36606

FOUND: Two ladies jackets were left in classrooms at the OPS Annual Educational Program in Orlando. One is a gray all-weather jacket, and the other is a short black polyester jacket. If one of these jackets may be yours, please call Barbara McCalley in the Membership office at: 1-800-403-1677.