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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE ARIZONA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Dear AzOA Members,

On behalf of Dr. Chad Carlsson, Dr. Rand Siekert, AzOA and the AOA-PAC, we would like to extend our thanks and gratitude for all AzOA members that have “stepped up to the plate” and either already donated or pledged funding to the AOA-PAC in 2012! Our cherished profession is constantly being challenged by many other organizations/lobbyist groups in Washington DC. I personally take great pride in what I do day in and day out as an optometrist and helping all patients maintain healthy eyes and vision throughout their lives. We as a “whole” love what we do and need to continue defending that for our great profession! Optometry is constantly challenged when new Bills that attack our profession are introduced to Congress on Capitol Hill and we need to always be there to defend against them. We also need to be there when it comes to advancing or supporting new Bills for eye care and optometry in order to continue evolving as a profession. This is why it’s so important to support AOA-PAC besides getting to know your local elected officials in order to defend and promote our cause!

Please help by donating today to the AOA-PAC <http://tinyurl.com/ba32pga> and/or the AzOA’s

OPACA <http://arizona.aoa.org/x16999.xml> in order for us to always be ready to defend when needed and promote when justified! Please join us today by becoming an “Optocrat” and help promote our profession so that we can continue to do what we love day in and day out. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to consider this challenge and look forward to representing all of us at Capitol Hill when meeting with our fellow Congressman.

We look forward to seeing you at the Fall Congress in Sedona here soon and feel free to approach us about any questions you may have regarding the AOA-PAC and OPACA as we want to keep you informed on what’s happening not only in Arizona as a profession, but also across this great country of ours as we continue the fight for all of us! ■

Sincerely,

Chad A. Carlsson, OD, FAAO
AzOA Co-Chairman of AOA-PAC

Rand Siekert, OD
AzOA Co-Chairman of AOA-PAC

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AZOA Executive Director's Corner:

I think we have weathered the storm. No, not the mega storm Sandy, that devastated the east coast last month, but the "Board certification" storm that rocked our Profession the last few years. Whether you agree or disagree with the need for Optometric Board Certification, or the process by which it was done, it is here to stay. This has been a turbulent time for the AOA/AzOA. We lost some excellent members and our morale has taken a hit, but we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and membership numbers are growing with new enthusiastic doctors. Keep in mind that Optometric Board Certification is strictly voluntary, just like being a member of the AAO or being a Diplomat of any other Board. For those that strongly disagree with the ABO, try to look at the big picture. Yes, we do provide quality continuing education on the most current and important subjects, but that is only a small part of what we do. The athletes at the Special Olympic games look forward to their annual eye exam and new eyeglasses, the working poor throughout Arizona are able to get exams and glasses thanks to our Vision USA volunteer doctors. Our members give their time to man health fairs, do mobile VSP eye clinics and sign up for InfantSee exams. But one of the most important things we do is legislatively. Led by Drs. Annette Hanian, Caroline Griego, and our lobbyists Don Isaacson and Norm Moore, we are continually monitoring events and bills at the State Capitol.


Several times during the past 114 years of the AOA there have been similar issues and disagreement that have weakened us, but the health care delivery

system is changing rapidly and we absolutely need a strong AOA/AzOA in order to thrive as a Profession.

Everyone who is currently in practice is enjoying the fruits of past AOA volunteers, who have unselfishly given their time, talents and money to get us where we are today.

As 2012 comes to an end, I want to thank all the AzOA Officers, Directors, committee chairs, volunteers, office staff and all the members of our association who have made this year a big success. ■




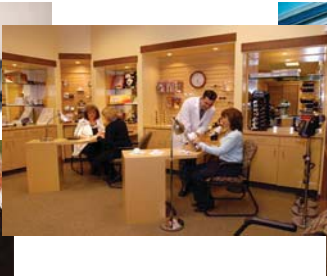

Stacey Meier, OD, AZOA Executive Director



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MEMBERSHIP: BY DR. RICHARD KALINA



Recently I have spoken with potential new members to the AZOA and AOA. I often get the question, how will membership help me in my practice? While I attended the Academy meeting, I had

the chance to meet with the AOAExcel staff. The experience was truly eye opening as they helped me to navigate the newest benefit to being an AZOA member, the AOAExcel optometry site. AOAExcel is a fully owned subsidiary of the AOA. Their focus is to help optometrists succeed and grow in the profession of optometry by offering instant access to important tools in practice. AOAExcel provides education, insights, and digital resources that will help today's optometrist. The website experience promotes excellence in the field of optometry. It is a great resource to improve patient care and help you to achieve personal success in optometry.

Members get free access to the AOAExcel site included with their AZOA/AOA membership. You can start using it today by going to www.ExcelOD.com and logging on as a member. I encourage you to try the site today and explore all that it has to offer. It has several sections: 1) Optometry's Career Center, 2) Compass, 3) Practice Pathways, 3) OptometryStudents.com, 4) Practice Finance, 5) Retirement Planning, 6) Professional Liability Insurance, 7) Group Insurance, 8) Insurance Claims Processing, 9) Medical Records and Coding, 10) Insights360, and 11) Xnetwork.

Nonmembers can register as guests and try the site today as well. It is a great way to showcase the advantages of AZOA membership and how to greatly enhance your ability to succeed as an

optometrist in a competitive marketplace.

I would especially like to welcome and congratulate the optometrists that have joined the AZOA and AOA since August.

Brian Baird
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Thank you for taking the first steps to help build the future of optometry in Arizona. As an association, we need to build a solid foundation and new membership is at the heart of our future success. I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and I look forward to an exciting 2013 with all of you. ■

Sincerely,
Richard Kalina, OD, MPH
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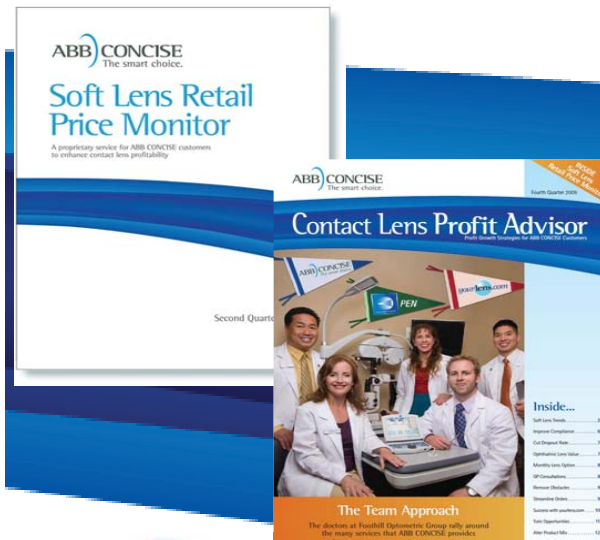
LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: BY DR. ANNETTE HANIAN

***Examination by an Optometrist will not be accepted* Eye examination to be performed by an Ophthalmologist.** This is the exact wording and punctuation on the AZ State Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts Commission Eye Exam Form. No testing required within the examination is outside of the scope of Optometry, but the Commission specifically requires an Ophthalmologist to perform the examination. Dr. Jack Hostetler made us aware of this problem in Mid-October when one of his patients required the form to be completed. Since that time, our lobbyist Don Isaacson, has met with one of the Boxing Commissioners to discuss the issue and explain that Optometrists are fully capable to perform the DFE with scleral depression and slit lamp examines required by the Commission. The AZ Commission's Executive Director is currently looking into their National Associations

recommendations. Sherry Cooper at the AOA State Government Relations office has data on all the States Boxing Commissions and reports that most states do not require an eye examination but ODs in FL, TX are also excluded. CA Optometrists were able to successfully change their Athletic Commissions regulations last year so that ODs are now allowed to perform athletic eye exams for the State. The Legislation Committee will continue to actively change these AZ Boxing Commission regulations. Please let me know when you come across anything discriminatory like this, so that we can address the problem; ***I can be contacted via email at drhanian@completevisioncare.com***

Thank you Dr. Jack Hostetler for your continued participation in the Legislative process.

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If you would like to learn more about this opportunity, please contact Christine Bartoletti, O.D. at cbartoletti@vistaeyecare.net, 520-625-5673 or 520-403-3669. All inquiries are confidential

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AOA By-Laws Amendments:

Understanding the Upcoming Changes to the AOA Membership Categories and Dues Payment Schedule

At the AOA House of Delegates in Chicago, there were a number of By-laws amendments approved that members should be aware of so that they can determine how these changes will affect their membership.

Dues payments timeline

First, the AOA House of Delegates approved a strict timeline for keeping membership "in good standing."

AZOA mails annual dues invoices to members in December for the upcoming year, which are due and payable on January 1st. For example, 2013 dues invoices will be mailed in December 2012, and will be due and payable January 1, 2013.

As a result of the AOA By-laws changes, beginning in 2013, AOA will require that 25% of dues be paid to AOA by the end of each quarter or membership will be terminated.

Therefore, beginning in 2013, 25% of dues must be paid to the AZOA by the end of March, which we will remit to AOA. AOA will terminate membership in May for anyone who has not paid 25% of their dues obligation. Likewise, for the 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarters of the year. Doctors will no longer be able to maintain their membership if dues are not current.

Many members already pay their dues in full in December or January or make quarterly payments, so for a large portion of our members this change will not be an issue. However, there are some who will need to be mindful of the new strict enforcement of deadlines. The AZOA will continue to include notices with dues invoices reminding members of the deadlines.

Membership classifications

The AOA House of Delegates also approved a series of changes to eligibility requirements for membership classifications that allow for the payment of less than full dues. The following AOA changes are effective in 2013:

Active Membership

Active members pay full dues. The 5-year ascending scale of dues for new licensees remains in effect with no changes. However, the descending scale of dues for those age 70 and over has been eliminated.

Special Class Membership

The AOA Special Class category has been eliminated. These individuals will become Active members unless they meet the eligibility requirements for another membership category.

Life Membership

AOA Life membership will now be granted to those individuals who have been a member for 45 years, regardless of age. There is no dues obligation for life members. Individuals who qualified for life membership prior to the effective date of this change will retain their Life membership.

Partial Practice Membership

AOA Partial Practice membership has been changed to apply to those individuals who practice 16 or fewer hours per week at a 60% of full dues obligation. Individuals who practice more than 16 hours per week will no longer be eligible for Partial Practice membership.

Post-Graduate Membership

Eligibility for AOA Post-Graduate membership is expanded to include any full-time graduate program and is not limited to optometric programs. It has a new dues obligation of \$35.

Miscellaneous changes

The following additional By-laws changes also affect membership:

- Change in classification – a member may only change their membership classification during the open enrollment period of January 1 – April 30. Any change in classification is retroactive to January 1 of the current year and dues are assessed for the full year at the new classification's rate. Dues cannot be prorated for a change in classification and changes cannot be made retroactive to a prior year or period. Changes received after April 30 will be considered to be effective January 1 of the following year.
- Previously, members were required to be a member of the state in which their primary practice was located; they may now be a member of the state in which they work or live.

The full copy of the new AOA Bylaws is available on the AOA web site at: <http://www.aoa.org/>

In Memoriam Dr. Bruce A. Bridgewater

Dr. Bruce Bridgewater, 54, of Scottsdale passed away on September 1, 2012. He was born April 9, 1958 in Bay City Michigan. He passed away after fighting



a courageous battle with cancer. He received his degree from Ferris State University, College of Optometry in Big Rapids Michigan. He owned two private practices in Scottsdale, Encore Vision Center and Acuity One. Parents, Gerald and Alice Bridgewater, Bay City Michigan. Daughters, Jordan and Austyn Bridgewater. Brother, Todd and sister-in-law Susan Bridgewater. Sisters, are Kimberlee and Kendra Bridgewater. Nephews, Trevor Greene, Christopher Howey and Grant Bridgewater. Niece, Erin Bridgewater. Also, many warm and caring friends and colleagues and a very loving friend, Kelly.

Bruce was an avid mountain biker, rock climber, skier and hiker. Among his many accomplishments was his love and dedication to his daughters.

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Dr. Aly Wasik was elected as the President of the



Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS) on October 23, 2012 in Phoenix, AZ at the AFOS 44th Annual Meeting. She is a 1999 graduate of the Southern California College of Optometry (SCCO) and completed her residency in Primary Care Optometry at the San Francisco VA

Medical Center in 2000. Since 2002, she has been a full-time Staff Optometrist at the Southern Arizona Veteran's Affairs Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) in Tucson, Arizona. In addition to patient care, her daily duties include serving as the extern coordinator and staffing optometry students and residents. The four SAVAHCS residents lecture at the AzOA Spring Congress in Tucson each year. She holds the rank of Assistant Professor at the SCCO, is an Adjunct Associate Clinical Professor at the State College of Optometry, SUNY and a Clinical Assistant Professor at the College of Optometry, OSU.

Dr. Wasik is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and has been actively involved in poster and lecture presentations at the Annual Meetings as well as served as the Chair of the Education Quality Assurance Committee and a member of the Maintenance of Fellowship Committee. She also serves on the AOA Federal Relations Committee and is a Consultant for the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education.

Dr. Wasik lectures on the national, state, and local levels and her interests in the ocular effects of systemic medications, hepatitis C and the use interferon. Her publications have been in the areas of neovascular glaucoma, cranial nerve palsies and their systemic etiologies, and use of VEG-F inhibitors. She has been a reviewer for Optometry and Optometry and Vision Science and was a clinical skills examiner for NBEO.

Dr. Wasik's service to the VA includes conducting research studies, serving on the SAVAHCS' Research and Development Committee and was the VA representative to the Institutional Reviews Board at the University of Arizona. She is also the Optometry Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) 18 mentor to other optometrists throughout the Southwestern United States.

The Armed Forces Optometric Society (AFOS) was formed in 1970 and granted affiliate status equal to the state associations by the AOA House of Delegates in 1981. The AFOS membership approved adding VA and Civil Service as eligible members in June 1986 and currently has 1,088 total members.

Since its genesis, AFOS has been working tirelessly for our military troops and their families, our Native American population, and our veterans. Over the years, AFOS has lobbied for Optometry Special Pay, establishing military medical departments as a separate service from ophthalmology, led the way for Licensure by Endorsement. In the 1980s, AFOS help to guide the way for DPA/TPA certification and licensure laws.

At the 2012 AFOS Annual Meeting, 2 new categories of membership were created:

- c. Adjunct: Those optometrists who served in a non-optometric capacity for the uniformed services, were part-time employees of either the Department of Veteran Affairs, Federal Civil Service, or any entity of the Federal Government are eligible to be adjunct members of AFOS.
- d. Alumni: Those optometrists who have completed an optometric externship, residency or fellowship at any federal facility are eligible to be an Alumnus member of AFOS. This category recognizes those optometrists who obtained a significant part of their clinical training through a Federal Service program.

CREDIT FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE WORKING POOR

Arizona law provides a credit for cash contributions made to qualifying charitable organizations that provide help to the working poor. This publication provides general information about Arizona's credit for taxpayers that make contributions to qualifying charitable organizations that provide help to the working poor. For complete details, refer to the Arizona Revised Statutes. In case of inconsistency or omission in this publication, the language of the Arizona Revised Statutes will prevail.

What is the maximum amount of the credit?

For 2006 and later years, the maximum credit for contributions made to organizations that help the working poor is \$400 for married taxpayers. If married taxpayers file separate returns, each spouse may claim 1/2 of the credit that would have been allowed on a joint return. The maximum credit allowed for single taxpayers or heads of households is \$200.

Who may claim this credit?

This credit is available only to individuals. Corporations may not claim this credit. A partnership may not pass the credit through to its partners. An S corporation may not pass the credit through to its shareholders. To be eligible for this credit, you must claim itemized deductions on your Arizona return for the same year the credit is claimed.

How do I claim the credit?

You report the name of the qualifying charitable organization you donated to as well as the dollar amount of your donation to the Department of Revenue on Form 321. Complete Form 321 and include it when you file your tax return.

Can I claim a charitable contribution as both an Arizona tax credit and an Arizona deduction?

No. Any charitable contribution that is included in itemized deductions on your federal return must be removed from your Arizona itemized deductions if the contributions were claimed as an Arizona credit. Further, you may only claim a tax credit for your charitable contribution if the organization you donated to is considered a Qualifying Charitable Organization.

How can I determine if a charity meets the criteria to be considered a qualifying charitable organization?

You can ask the charity to show you a copy of their official approval letter or certificate that the Department of Revenue gave them when they were approved as a qualifying charitable organization. The department

publishes a list of organizations that are considered qualifying charitable organizations. The list is available on the department's website. You can also ask the following questions of the charity:

1. Is the charity exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code? Or is the organization a designated community action agency that receives community services block grant program monies pursuant to 42 United States Code Section 9901?
2. Does the charity spend at least 50% of its budget on services to Arizona residents who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families benefits, to Arizona resident low-income households, or to chronically ill or physically disabled children who are residents of Arizona?

Can I qualify for the credit if I give to a qualifying charitable organization through an umbrella type charitable organization?

Yes. You must designate that the donation be directed to a member charitable organization or member group fund that would qualify on a standalone basis.

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2013 BRONSTEIN SEMINAR SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

- 9AM** Registration & Breakfast
- 10AM - 11:40AM** Corneal Dystrophy/Degeneration: What Every Optometrist Should Know/Bloomenstein/33472-AS
The cornea is an amazing complex tissue that can manifest itself in many different ways. This course will review the degeneration and dystrophies that need our attention.
- 11:40AM - 1:00PM** Lunch with Exhibitors
- 1:10PM - 2:50PM** Orthokeratology: Corneal Changes & Susceptibility to Microbial Infection/Choo/35698-CL
This lecture will teach the biological changes underlying the orthokeratology procedure. It will also review and discuss ways to mitigate the risks of adverse events as a result of modifying the corneal tissue.
- 3:00PM - 3:50PM** The A B C's of Ocular Surface Disease/Bloomenstein/27880-AS
The new school of thought in regards to ocular surface disease means, for many OD's, getting back to the basics. Much like in elementary school the ABC's were the basis for learning and thus knowing what to look for and how to treat it is essential in ocular surface disease. This course will review diagnostic tools, patient education and treatment options currently available.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8AM** Registration & **ALCON SPONSORED BREAKFAST/PRESENTATION**
- 9:00AM - 9:50AM** CXL: Linking the OD with Cornea Stability/Bloomenstein/35520-AS
This course will provide an overview of the corneal collagen cross-linking (CXL) procedure. CXL is used in over 450 countries to help corneal disorders and will soon be available in the US.
- 9:50AM - 10:10AM** Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
- 10:10AM - 11:50AM** Fitting the Astigmatic Cornea: Different Modalities for Different Patients/Gaib & Sicks/35769-CL
This course is designed to review the different modalities available for fitting the astigmatic patient today. Various designs will be presented, with an emphasis on hybrids and bitoric gas-permeable lenses. Patient selection and the fitting process will be discussed. Troubleshooting and problem-solving tips will be presented with the use of case examples.
- 11:50AM - 1:50PM** Bronstein Awards Luncheon with Exhibitors
- 1:50PM - 2:40PM** Lid and Conjunctival Pathology – What the Arizona Sun Can Do!/Bergmanson/35809-AS
The eyelids and conjunctiva are complex structures and the objective of this course is to provide practitioners the functional and structural understanding required to arrive at the correct diagnosis and treatment. Treatment options for the different blepharitis and Meibomian Gland Dysfunction are to be discussed. Here we will discuss early detection and management of pterygium, pingueculum and skin cancer. The importance of peripherally incident radiation in causing cataract and conjunctival pathology will be reviewed. One million new skin cancers are diagnosed every year. Is it getting better or worse?
- 2:50PM - 3:40PM** Scleral Contact Lenses – How do we get them to work all day?/Bergmanson/35811-CL
Modern scleral gas permeable contact lenses (SGP) are rapidly becoming the preferred choice for correcting corneas with irregular astigmatism from post-surgery, trauma, keratoconus and pellucid marginal degeneration. Today the SGP is our most profitable contact lens modality and patients fitted with this device our most loyal ones! Unfortunately, not every patient is able to wear such lenses uninterrupted for a full day in spite of what appears to be a "good fit". These patients may report 'hazy', "foggy" or "cloudy" vision after a few hours of wear. This presentation, based on research conducted at the Texas Eye Research and Technology Center, will in some detail describe this condition while discussing factors most important in the successful conversion of the patient into an uninterrupted all day wearer of SGPs.
- 3:50PM - 5:30PM** Corneal Topography and the Specialty Contact Lens Practice/Kojima/33926-CL
Corneal topography principles will be reviewed to best understand the power, shape and elevation of the eye's surface. These concepts will be applied to fitting of a wide range of basic and advanced contact lenses for the normal, diseased, post surgical and asymmetrical eye.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 7AM** Registration & Breakfast
- 8AM - 9:40AM** Keratoconus - New Knowledge, New Controversies/Bergmanson/35810-AS
Keratoconus has been known as a corneal pathology for soon 150 years but we still do not understand its etiology nor do we know where exactly it starts. As a consequence, there are a number of theories on the background and origin of this disease. The objective of this course is to share new information about keratoconus and discuss the clinical implication of new knowledge. The surgical approach to keratoconus is predominantly penetrating keratoplasty but, given the anterior concentration of this disease, perhaps should be lamellar keratoplasty. The pros and cons of these two surgical procedures will be outlined. A discussion on the validity of the two explanations to corneal ectasia, splitting versus slippage, will be provided.
- 9:50AM - 11:30AM** Contemporary Scleral Lens Fitting/Kojima/35536-CL
This course will describe in detail the most current techniques for fitting scleral lenses and which patients are best suited to them as well as those that are not. Recent studies in scleral shape will be reviewed along with methods to logically and scientifically approach diagnostic lens selection and custom lens calculation. Optimization techniques, problem solving and ongoing care will be addressed on various lens diameters and designs.

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