

The Visionary

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Fall 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

TCOS FALL CE 2014

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
CLIFFS RESORT AT PISMO BEACH

TCOS CHRISTMAS PARTY 2014

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH
UNIVERSITY CLUB OF SANTA
BARBARA
CASINO NIGHT!
(BLACK JACK/ROULETTE)

TCOS WINTER CE 2015

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH
CROWN PLAZA IN VENTURA

UPDATES

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EVENTS! CHECK THEM OUT!

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President's Message

Dear Colleagues,

We have a fantastic fall CE this weekend at the beautiful Cliffs Resort, I hope to see you all there. Please mark your calendar for our annual TCOS holiday party to be held the evening of Saturday, December 6th at the University Club of Santa Barbara. The theme will be a Casino Night and we'll have Blackjack and Roulette tables, this will be a night to remember!

Legislative update: As you probably know, SB 492 has been passed over this legislative session. COA's sponsored legislation was drastically amended to remove most of the language. Senator Hernandez and COA have decided to pull the bill from consideration for the year. COA will be continue to be working on this bill for next year's legislative session.

Each of you is such an integral part of our grassroots efforts, and we are so appreciative of all the work you've put into this bill. Additionally, COA would like to make themselves available to us and will be attending the Fall CE at the Cliffs to answer any questions about optometry's direction in the future. We should be thankful that Optometry remains a strong and viable profession. Our profession is always evolving and expanding and I believe we'll continue to expand our access to patients and ability to practice at the highest level.

I want to thank all of the board members for their outstanding help so far this year, everyone is working very hard. The Winter 2015 CE event is at the prestigious Crown Plaza in Ventura Sunday, January 18th. This could be the biggest event of the year as we've booked world renowned speakers Dr.'s Randall Thomas and Ron Melton. They're flying in from South Carolina to give TCOS a 2 hour lecture on ocular pharmacology.

As a society, I want to assure you we're financially sound. TCOS has had the most sponsors ever this year and has raised over \$20,000 in sponsorship so far this year. Everyone on the board is working extremely hard and if you see any board members at a meeting, please thank them for all their hard work this year. TCOS will recognize those hard working individuals with the Young Optometrist of the Year, Optometrist of the Year and the Golden Retinoscope Award. We have some small responsibility positions on the board and always looking for help. If you would like to participate, please contact me at skrommeod@gmail.com.

Respectfully,
Kristopher Skromme, OD
TCOS President

Fall 2014 Continuing Education Event

Presented by:
Tri-County Optometric Society



Saturday, October 4th 2014
The Cliffs Resort: Pismo Beach
Limited space available, Register Now!

Meeting Location: The Cliffs Resort: Pismo Beach
2757 Shell Beach Rd
Pismo Beach, CA 93449

RSVP: *Limited Space Available, RSVP Now!*
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Schedule:
8:30am - 9:00am **Breakfast and Registration**
9:00am - 10:00am **Melissa Barnett, OD**
Indications and Complications of Scleral Lenses
10:00am - 11:00am **Nathan Steinle, MD**
Diabetic Macular Edema and Vein Occlusions
11:00am - 12:00pm **Dilsher Doot, MD**
Retinal Emergencies
12:00pm - 1:00pm **Lunch and TCOS General Meeting**
1:00pm - 2:00pm **Sponsors and COA Town Hall Meeting**
2:00pm - 3:00pm **John Davidson, MD**
Basic to Complicated Refractive Surgery Cases

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NOTE: TCOS would like to extend an invitation for you to attend one CE event for FREE!

Take advantage of this opportunity to receive complimentary CE and an enjoyable day in the company of your fellow optometrists. When registering, please indicate that you are using your complimentary one time meeting invitation. This is for COA members AND non members.

Featured Speakers

Dr. Melissa Barnett O.D., FAAO

Dr. Melissa Barnett O.D., FAAO graduated from UC Berkeley School of Optometry in 2001. Prior to that she attended school at Smith College in Northampton, MA and University College London, England. She currently is the Principal Optometrist at UC Davis Medical Center where she accomplishes research and authors publications along with patient care. In addition, she teaches optics and contact lenses to Ophthalmology residents. She is currently the Secretary of Scleral Lens Education Society; a board member of the GP Lens Institute Advisory Board; on the Editorial Board of Advanced Ocular Care; as well as, a Board Member of Women of Vision. She is co-founder of Sacramento Women of Optometry and a spokesperson for the COA. She has been involved in many other Optometry groups over the years. She has published many articles over her career and has shared her knowledge as a lecturer helping advance the field of Optometry.

Dr. John Davidson M.D.

Dr. John Davidson M.D. began his schooling at Indiana University where he received his Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Chemistry; as well as, his Doctor of Medicine degree. He also completed his residency at Indiana University in Ophthalmology. Dr. Davidson's fellowship was completed at Jules Stein Eye Institute in Los Angeles, CA in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. He currently is the Medical Director at NVISION Laser Center in Camarillo. He is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Stein Eye Institute, UCLA; as well as, a part of Miramar Eye Specialists. He recently was voted Readers Choice Best LASIK surgeon by Ventura Star Newspaper. He has been honored as one of Americas Top Ophthalmologists 2007-2014. He is an active member of many Ophthalmology and Medical societies. He has been a part of multiple multi-center collaborative studies. He has been one of the first in Ventura County and California to use some of the newest refractive surgery technologies. He has also been a part of multiple volunteer eye surgery missions outside of the U.S.

Dr. Dilsher S. Dhoot M.D.

Dr. Dilsher S. Dhoot M.D. is currently a part of the California Retina Consultants. Prior to this Dr. Dhoot started his education at UC Berkeley receiving his Bachelor of Art Degree with Honors in Molecular and Cell Biology. Continuing on to Chicago Medical School and Oregon Health and Science University where he received his Medical Doctorate. He completed an internship in Internal Medicine at Legacy Emanuel and Good Samaritan Hospitals Programs, Portland, OR. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Casey Eye Institute, Oregon, Health and Science University and following that completed his fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at Cole Eye Institute, Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2009 he was awarded Casey Eye Institute Service Excellence Award for Resident of the Year. He is active in various Ophthalmology organizations as well as non-profit organizations; including, Advancement for Eyecare and Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He has had numerous publications and presentations. He has also been a part of many clinical studies.

Dr. Nathan C. Steinle M.D.

Dr. Nathan C. Steinle M.D. is currently a part of the California Retina Consultants as a vitreo-retinal specialist. Prior to this Dr. Steinle began his education receiving his Bachelor of Science at Black Hills State University, South Dakota, where he graduated summa cum laude and was Valedictorian of the Class of 2001. He then graduated summa cum laude at University of South Dakota School of Medicine where he received his Medical Doctorate. Dr. Steinle did his residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Kentucky. He completed his Surgical Vitreoretinal Fellowship at Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Steinle has received many honors and awards including, but not limited to: Chief Resident chosen by the department faculty, Wirschafter Outstanding Teacher award chosen by fellow residents and many scholarships and leadership awards. Dr. Steinle has been a leader in his medical schooling serving on many committees. He has been a part of many publications, presentations and projects as well as clinical studies.

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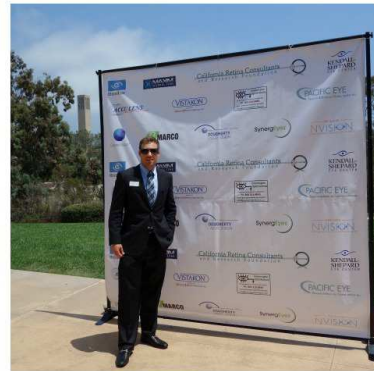


Look into Our Past Events!

SPRING 2014



SUMMER 2014



Miotic Minutes

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 9TH, 2014 GENERAL MEETING

President Kristopher Skromme called the meeting to order at 12:10pm at the Loma Peloma Building at UCSB

SECRETARY: (Mayhew) The minutes of the May 18, 2014 meeting in Santa Barbara were read and approved by the membership. (Skromme/Boggs)

TREASURER: (Alford) The Union Bank checking account balance as of 6/30/2014 is \$44,280.49 with \$8,751.17 in the Vision One Credit Union. The total sponsorship income to date is \$16,000 with \$2,000 pending. The total expenses for the first half of the year were \$12,315.23 with an income of \$19,864.92. The 2014 year budget for expenses is \$26,400.00 so we are in good shape. The last continuing education event was about \$2500 more than the average CE because of the high number of attendees but we received about \$760 more in CE fees than average. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership. (Skromme/Marquez).

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: (Skromme for Gronquist) Joanne and Steve Langsford met with Hillary Blackerby, Das Williams' Senior Field Representative to talk about our bill. She said that they have received emails from ophthalmology to oppose the bill because we will be performing "delicate surgery on the eyes". Joanne assured her that all of the procedures have already been performed by OD's in other states for over 20 years without any increase in complications. All doctors will be fully trained on how to do the procedures. Ophthalmology is in agreement that we are capable of doing the procedures; they just want a 2 to 3 year residency. The language of the bill is as such:

- Specific didactic and clinical/lab training.
- Experience performing between 44-72 procedures on live patients. This is far beyond what Ophthalmologists are required to complete during their training. This is also more than other states have needed to do.
- Written and hands on practical examination to ensure competency
- The training program would be developed in consultation with an ophthalmologist educator.

The Bill will be heard in Assembly Appropriations in the first couple weeks of August. If passed, it will move on to the Assembly floor by the end of the month. We will be the first State to do immunizations. We will gain lumps and bumps. Diabetes, Hypertension and Cholesterol treatment is off the table.

PRESIDENT ELECT: (Craig) We are currently working on sponsors and speakers for October at the Cliffs in Pismo. The COA credentialing is under way.

We are trying to make the web site more interactive so everyone can sign up for CE online.

VICE PRESIDENT: (Thompson) Melinda is getting sponsors and keeping track of them on the updated Excel sheets. We will also be getting in touch with members to update their e-mails and phone numbers.

MEMBERSHIP: (Lowry) We have seven new members in the TCOS. All members should invite a non-member to lunch to let them know what the COA can do for them.

VISIONARY: (RUIZ) Pictures are on the web site from the last meeting and events. Check them out.

PRESIDENT: (Skromme)

-We have a new Step and Repeat stand for the meetings and a few new name badges for those individuals who did not get one.

-The TCOS was selected to choose a representative to serve on the Presidents' Council at the recent COA HOD. The HOD wanted to stagger the terms so that there are veteran members on the committee. There will be one and two year terms. The responsibilities are: the committee will meet four to five times via conference call to plan and structure the event.

-Save the Dates:

-Saturday August 9th, UCSB Sponsors: CRC, Marco, Vistakon and Solution Reach

-Saturday October 4th at the Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach, Sponsors: CRC, Heidelberg, NVision, Acculens. We may have a wet lab at this meeting for sclera contact lenses.

-Saturday December 6th Christmas Party at the University Club Santa Barbara :CASINO NIGHT!

-Sunday January 25th, Crown Plaza, Ventura

-November 7-9th. Monterey Symposium

President Skromme adjourned the meeting at 8:23pm

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Doug Katsev, MD: Legends of Refractive and Cataract Surgery Cases

Krista Martin, OD: Glaucoma Management Case Series

Myron Liebhaber, MD: Ocular Allergy – the role of IgE

Respectfully submitted

Teresa Mayhew, Secretary

FALL MEETING THANKS

Sponsors: California Retina Consultants, NVISION, ACCULENS, Heidelberg Engineering, Oculus

Speakers: Melissa Barnett, O.D., FAAO; John Davidson, M.D.; Dilsher S. Dhoot, M.D.; Nathan C. Steinle, M.D.

Please take note of our upcoming TCOS Events and mark them on your calendar!

TCOS Christmas Party

When: Saturday, December 6th

Where: University Club of Santa Barbara

Theme: CASINO NIGHT! (Blackjack/Roulette)



TCOS WINTER CE

When: January 18th, 2015

Where: Crown Plaza, Ventura

