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Spring 2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

TCOS SPRING CE 2014

SUNDAY MAY 18TH, 2014
SANTA BARBARA POLO AND
RACQUET CLUB

TCOS SUMMER CE 2014

SATURDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2014
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
SANTA BARBARA

President's Message

Register now for CE at tcosvision.org!

Greetings,

2014 is going to be fantastic, thank you to all our members and sponsors who support and make our society possible. The TCOS Board is outstanding and I thank all of you for volunteering your time. I especially want to thank the board members last year for their hard work in keeping our society and profession strong.

We have an exciting year ahead of us that is full of educational and volunteer opportunities. As usual, we have four 4-hr CE meetings with great speakers from all over the country. We are now a quarter of the way through 2014 and much has happened within that short time. The 2014 COA House of Delegates (HOD) signals a fresh season for the organization. COA inaugurated a new president, Dr. John Rosten, and added new board members, Dr. Ronald Seger and Dr. Ranjeet Bajwa. We now have 3 TCOS members serving as **COA Board of Trustees!**

This will be a landmark year for our profession in California. There are several pieces of legislation being drafted that directly affect optometry. Most notably is SB 492, which is designed to increase our scope of practice. Current laws have limitations on the types of ocular conditions optometrists can treat and medications we are able to prescribe. This bill will eliminate those restrictions and allow optometrists who are certified to use therapeutic agents to prescribe any FDA-approved medication for the treatment of ocular conditions (ex: Latisse). The bill also attempts to increase scope of practice to include advanced procedures, such as papilloma removal and administration of some immunizations, to optometrists who meet certain educational requirements.

We need as many doctors and students as possible to attend this year's **Legislative Day in Sacramento on Tuesday, May 13th!** Currently, SB 492 still needs to be voted on by the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee before June 27. If passed by this committee, it goes on to the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and then for floor votes in both the Assembly and Senate.

Kristopher Skromme, OD
President, Tri-County Optometric Society



Spring 2014 Continuing Education Event

Presented by:
Tri-County Optometric Society

Sunday, May 18th 2014
Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club

**Limited space available,
Register Now!**



Meeting Location: Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club
3300 Via Real
Carpinteria, CA 93013

RSVP: *Limited Space Available, RSVP Now!*
Margit Craig, OD at mgiedt@aol.com
Or Website: <http://tcosvision.org/>

Payment: Make Checks Payable to "TCOS"
Send to: Margit Craig, OD
1877 Daily Dr., Suite #D-1
Camarillo, CA 93010

Cost (Includes Polo): COA Members \$50
Non Members \$100
Complementary Valet
Guests Invited for Lunch and Polo \$30

Schedule:
8:00am - 8:30am **Breakfast and Registration**
8:30am - 9:30am **Dante Pieramici, MD**
Complicated Diabetic Retinopathy Cases
9:30am - 10:30am **Dante Pieramici, MD**
Diabetic Retinopathy Mimickers
10:30am - 11:30am **Steve Klein, OD**
Pearls in CL Fitting Irregular Corneas
11:30am - 12:30am **Randall Goodman, MD**
Glaucoma Treatment and Management
12:30pm - 1:00pm **Lunch and Sponsors**
1:00pm - 3:00pm **Polo Match: Village Properties' Cup and Divot Stomp**



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Please join us for an electrifying day of Continuing Education and the Village Properties' Cup at the Spectacular **Santa Barbara Polo and Racquet Club Sunday, May 18th.**

6 Fabulous Sponsors and 4 hours of World Class CE provided by 3 Keynote Speakers.

Presented by:

The Tri-County Optometric Society

OD Cost: *COA Members \$50
 *Non Members \$100

Guest Cost: **Polo FREE!**
 Valet FREE!
 Lunch \$30 (Optional)

***Includes: Breakfast, Lunch, 4 Hours CE, Polo and Valet!!**

Guests Welcome! Guests should arrive at 1230pm for Polo Match at 1pm. Polo and valet are FREE of charge for guests and OD's. Optional lunch for guests is \$30. Guests entered in a raffle to present awards to the Winners of the Village Properties' Cup!

See the above flyer for details. Register ASAP!

Limited Seating Available:

RSVP TO:

TCOS President-Elect Margit Craig, OD

mgiedt@aol.com OR at online at <http://tcosvision.org/product/tcos-spring-ce/>

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



Randall Goodman, MD

Specializing in medical and surgical treatments of eye disease, Dr. Randall Goodman joined Shepard Eye Center in 2005. In addition to his focus on performing state-of-the-art cataract, [laser](#), glaucoma, refractive and [eyelid plastic surgery](#), he is the author of an ophthalmology textbook and numerous journal articles, book chapters and scientific abstracts.

Prior to joining Shepard Eye Center, Dr. Goodman served as Chief of Ophthalmology at the United States Air Force and Veteran's Hospital in Las Vegas, Nevada. He received his Medical Doctor degree from Loma Linda University School of Medicine. After serving for two years as an Air Force flight surgeon, he completed his ophthalmology residency at Wilford Hall Air Force Medical Center and Brooke Army Medical Center.



Dante J. Pieramici, MD

Graduated with honors from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed Ophthalmology Residency at the Wilmer Eye Institute. He received vitreoretinal fellowship training at the Emory Eye Center in Atlanta Georgia. Dr. Pieramici has held full-time academic positions at the Yale University Eye Center and the Wilmer Eye Institute, where he served as the Assistant Chief of Service and Director of Ocular Trauma. Currently he is the Codirector of the California Retina Research Foundation, a partner of the California Retina Consultants, and Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Doheny Eye Center in Southern California. Dr. Pieramici has published over 100 articles, 16 book chapters, and has edited 3 books on retinal diseases. He lectures nationally and internationally on retinal diseases and ocular trauma.



Steven Klein, OD

Dr. Klein received his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of California, Los Angeles and his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern California College of Optometry. He is in private practice in San Diego and is involved in clinical studies on Synergeyes contact lens and fitting analysis studies on Synergeyes Duette lenses. He is board certified in Ocular Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents and participates extensively in the management of specialty contact lens and refractive surgery patients.

Miotic Minutes

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2014 BOARD MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President James Weitkamp at Holdren's in Goleta at 7:11pm. Board members in attendance were doctors Craig, Gronquist, Mayhew, Alford, Weitkamp and Skromme. Doctors Melinda Thompson and Morgan Ruiz joined us for the evening.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Mayhew) The minutes for the October 19, 2013 general meeting in Avila Beach were read and approved by the board as written. (Craig/Gronquist)

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Alford) Expenses were up about \$2000 in 2013 because of the increased cost of CE events and the decrease in money due to the "One free CE event". The Firestone Brewery is one of the more economical venues whereas the Sycamore Hot Springs and Tower Club were more expensive. We had expenses of \$21,969.50 and income of \$22,247.52. Sponsorship checks received in 2014 totals \$1000. The income and expense report was approved by the board. (Mayhew/Skromme).

2014 Budget: The Visionary budget was set at \$1100.00 for 2014. This was to include a Save the date postcard for all events as a transition from a mailed Visionary to web site only. \$100 was budgeted for Grassroots lunches with other society presidents. \$500 was approved to maintain the new Web site. There is a budget of \$24,200 for 2014 with an expected income of \$22,000. A Motion was made to add a "Friends of Optometry Fund" of \$1000 yearly. This could be used for political or other donations.

(Mayhew/Gronquist). The 2014 Budget was approved with the above changes and additions.

(Mayhew/Weitkamp).

-Dave Alford will look into the Lions' Club request to receive a donation for a visual school screening device. Dr. Alford will see if he can look at the instrument first before we commit to a donation.

PRESIDENT ELECT: (Skromme) The current board members are doing a lot of work that could be broken up into a more even division of labor if we had more board members. It would be good to have an event photographer, a sponsorship chair, a communication chair, a senior advisor and possibly co-chairs. A TCOS Rep for sponsors and speakers would be a more long term commitment in order to build relationships with sponsors and speakers. It may also be a good idea to have the top 10 highlights of each lecture put on the web site.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: (Gronquist) The Meet and greet Legislative days are February 21st and February 28th. An appointment is set up for Jeff Gorell in Camarillo and we are hoping for appointments with Hannah Beth Jackson and Das Williams. The meetings are to educate the legislators about our expansion bill.

PRESIDENT: (Weitkamp) Our next meeting will be Sunday at the Tower Club in Oxnard. Our spring meeting will be May 18th at the Polo Club in Carpinteria. Continuing education will be from 8:00 to 12:00 with lunch and polo to follow.

President Weitkamp adjourned the meeting at 9:16pm.

Teresa Mayhew, Secretary

WINTER MEETING THANKS

Sponsors: California Retina Consultants, VSP, Vistakon,

Speakers: Paul Dougherty MD, Linda Pang, OD, Joseph H. Chang, MD

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

When: Saturday, August 9th
Where: University of California Santa Barbara



When: Saturday, October 4th
Where: Cliffs Resort in Pismo Beach

