

The Visionary

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Fall 2013-2014

UPCOMING EVENTS

TCOS FALL CE 2013

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19TH, 2013

SYCAMORE MINERAL SPRINGS

SAN LUIS OBISPO

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH, 2013

VENUE TBD

TCOS WINTER CE 2014

SATURDAY JANUARY 25TH, 2014

VENUE TBD,

VENTURA

Congresswoman to Attend TCOS Fall CE Event

If you've been following the news lately, you already know that after four years of political and legal battles, President Obama's health care reform is beginning to go into effect. October 1st marked a major milestone in the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, with the beginning of open enrollment of the state insurance exchanges. The implementation of this major healthcare overhaul will have some positive and some negative effects for our profession, and our members may debate amongst themselves which will be more, but one thing is for sure. As regulatory control of the health insurance market expands at the federal and state level, important decisions that pertain to the economic viability of our practices will be made by both our elected and appointed government officials. More than ever before, the success of our individual careers is dependent upon the success of the AOA and COA in helping to shape public policy.

We are fortunate to have many dedicated COA and AOA volunteers who are working to forge key partnerships and alliances on behalf of our profession. These leaders have sacrificed considerable time away from their families and practices to make sure that optometry has a voice in decisions that affect all optometrists. If you have never attended a COA House of Delegates, I encourage you to think about attending the April 2014 event, and see for yourself how much work is being done on our behalf.

I would like to thank COA Trustee and Tri-County member Dr. Steve Langsford for inviting U.S. Congresswoman Lois Capps to attend our upcoming TCOS Continuing Education Event in Avila Beach on Saturday, October 19th. Rep. Capps will be speaking to us about her co-sponsorship of the Optometric Equity in Medicaid Act (HR 855), which would ensure fairness to optometrists for serving Medicaid patients. I hope you will make time to hear and speak to Rep. Capps, as well as to enjoy the continuing education and a fine lunch at the luxurious Sycamore Mineral Springs resort.

James Weitkamp, OD
TCOS President

TCOS Fall 2013 Continuing Education Meeting

Date: Saturday, October 19th, 2013

Place: Sycamore Mineral Springs
(805) 595-7302
1215 Avila Beach Drive
San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Directions:

From Northbound 101: Exit Avila Beach Drive. Follow as road curves to the left (west). Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort is located 1 mile down on the left hand side.

From Southbound 101: Exit Avila Beach Drive. (DO NOT take Avila Beach San Luis Bay Drive exit.) Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort is located one mile down on the left hand side.

Schedule: 9:30 - 10:00 - Registration and Continental Breakfast
10:00 - 10:30 - Congresswoman Lois Capps – Optometric Equity in Medicaid Act
10:30 - 11:20 - Dr. Dhoot and Dr. Steinle – What is a Retina Emergency?
11:30 - 12:20 - Dr. Dhoot and Dr. Steinle – Retinal Detachment, Surgical Mgmt.
12:20 - 1:30 - Lunch and Sponsor Presentations
1:30 - 2:30 - Townhall with COA Trustee Steve Langsford and COA staff
2:30 - 3:20 - Dr. Dhoot and and Dr. Steinle – Retina Update

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NOTE: The TCOS would like to extend an invitation for you to attend one CE event this year 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.

Cost: COA Members \$40
Non-Members \$75

RSVP and send checks (payable to “TCOS”) with your lunch preference (pasta, chicken or fish) to: Dr Kris Skromme, 801 S. Victoria Ave., Ventura, CA 93003.
skrommeod@gmail.com.

Featured Speakers



Congresswoman Lois Capps has been a resident of Santa Barbara since 1963 and represents California's 24th District, which includes the entirety of San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara Counties as well as a portion of Ventura County. She was sworn in as a Member of the 105th Congress on March 17, 1988, succeeding her late husband and former UCSB professor Congressman Walter H. Capps.

Mrs. Capps serves on the powerful Committee on Energy and Commerce and sits on the Health, Energy & Power and Environment & the Economy subcommittees. From these posts, she focuses on Medicare reform, the nursing shortage, cancer, mental health, energy policy, and the protection of our air and water.

Mrs. Capps graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington with a B.S. in Nursing with honors and worked as a nursing instructor in Portland, Oregon. She earned a M.A. in Religion from Yale University while working as Head Nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital. She also holds a M.A. in Education from UCSB.

During her 20-year tenure as a nurse and public health advocate for the Santa Barbara School District, thousands of Santa Barbara's children and families benefitted from Mrs. Capps's personal care and leadership. This extensive healthcare background informs her work in Congress where she serves as co-chair of the House Nursing Caucus, and she is co-sponsor of the Optometric Equity in Medicaid Act (HR 855).

Dr. Nathan C. Steinle received his undergraduate and medical training in his home state of South Dakota, where he was named the class valedictorian and graduated with summa cum laude honors. After completing his ophthalmology residency in Kentucky, Dr. Steinle had the fortune of performing his surgical vitreoretinal fellowship at the renowned Cleveland Clinic. The Cleveland Clinic is a world-class institution and is consistently ranked as one of the top hospitals in all of healthcare. While at the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Steinle worked closely with Dr. Daniel F. Martin, who is one of the world's leading experts in ophthalmic research including the groundbreaking Comparison of Age Related Macular Degeneration Treatment Trials (CATT).

Dr. Steinle earned multiple awards for excellence during his surgical training. He was given the honor of being named Chief Resident in addition to earning the prestigious Wirtschafter award recognizing the finest resident teacher. During his fellowship, he was named the best fellow teacher while at the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Steinle has published numerous book chapters and research articles on topics including age related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and ocular trauma.

Dr. Steinle has been an investigator in a number of clinical research trials including the investigation of novel therapies for neovascular age related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Steinle is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist, and is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the American Society of Retina Specialists, and the American Medical Association.



Dr. Dilsher S. Dhoot was raised in California and received his undergraduate degree with honors from the University of California, Berkeley. He went on to complete his medical degree at Oregon Health Science University in Portland, Oregon. Dr Dhoot remained in Portland for his residency training in ophthalmology at the renowned Casey Eye Institute. After completing his residency, Dr. Dhoot pursued fellowship training in vitreoretinal surgery at the Cleveland Clinic. The Cleveland Clinic is a global leader in medical innovation and care and is consistently ranked as one of the top hospitals in the world. While at the Cleveland Clinic, Dr. Dhoot worked closely with Drs. Daniel F. Martin and Peter K. Kaiser both of whom are considered among the world's leading experts in vitreoretinal surgery and research.



Dr. Dhoot has been honored with several awards during his education. He received the prestigious OHSU Medical Student Research Award. During his residency, he was selected as resident of the year for his graduating class. Dr. Dhoot has presented his research at national and international conferences. He has also published numerous book chapters and research articles in several journals including the British Journal of Ophthalmology, Cornea, Journal of American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus, Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery and Ophthalmic Surgery, Lasers & Imaging.

Dr. Dhoot has been active in clinical research for many years. Recently, he has been an investigator in clinical research trials for the treatment of age related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, and diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Dhoot is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist, and is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and the American Society of Retina Specialists.

SUMMER MEETING THANKS

Sponsors: California Retina Consultants

Speakers: Krista Martin O.D, Randall Goodman M.D., Steve Couvillion M.D.,
Cameron Parett M.D.

Miotic Minutes

MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 11, 2013 GENERAL MEETING

President Weitkamp called the meeting to order at the Firestone Brewery at 12:30pm.

PRESIDENT ELECT: (Skromme) We are currently looking for sponsors for the fall meeting that will be held in San Luis Obispo area on October 19, 2013.

-The annual Christmas Party and white elephant exchange will be on December 7, 2013

SECRETARY: (Mayhew) The minutes for the May 19, 2013 General Meeting at the University Club in Santa Barbara were read and approved by the membership as written. (Chowins/Alford)

TREASURER: (Alford) The 2013 income is currently at \$18,289 and the expenses are \$10,158. We currently have \$41,095 in the Union Bank checking account and \$8,729 in the Vision One savings account. Sponsors this year are NVision, Vistakon, VSP, Tear Lab, Essilor, California Retinal Consultants, Cooper Vision and Demand Force. The treasurer's report was approved by the membership. (Mayhew/Chowins)

MEMBERSHIP: (Lowry) Membership has remained fairly stable in 2013. We have two new members to add to roster. Membership in the AOA, COA, TCOS is like having "Professional Insurance" to insure that you will be able to practice to the fullest extent of how you are taught. Being a member allows us to fight legislation that allows our profession to grow.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS: (Gronquist)

-SB 492, Hernandez, which would redefine the practice of optometry, will be held in the Assembly Business, Professions and Consumer Protection Committee for the remainder of the year. The committee members needed more time to learn about the new procedures that would be authorized under the bill. The delay also gives lawmakers more time to digest the amendments that restricted us from managing medications for diabetes, hypertension and cholesterol. There will be a pilot project where a limited number of optometrists will be allowed to manage medications and the study will be looked at for its impact.

-The committee chair will work with Senator Hernandez, the COA and Ophthalmology. OMD's have already verbally agreed to the "Practice as Taught" and the timeline portions of the bill. The second part of the bill deals with co-management of diabetes, Hypertension and hypercholesterolemia. The third part of the bill will require a new course to get advanced certification to remove lumps and bumps, injections, and Yag laser for PSC, PSI and SLT.
-Please send letters to your legislators to help educate them on what we are able to do and what we have been taught.

PRESIDENT: (Weitkamp)

-The enrollment in the new insurance Exchanges will begin in October but the insurances will start in January 2014.
-Guest Krista Martin works at the VA clinic and is announcing that there will be an opening for an optometrist at the VA in Santa Maria. Her e-mail is Krista.Martin.gov if you are interested.
-Rupert Chowins is not Chairman of the Board of the NOOR clinic. The clinic provides free eye exams and donated equipment is always appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned by president Weitkamp at 1:02pm

Respectfully Submitted
Teresa Mayhew, Secretary

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