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— Meet Your New President

President's Report

Hello colleagues! I have already met many of you in person over the past few years as a board member and fellow OD, but please allow me to introduce myself as your next MOA President.

I'm originally from Pittsburgh and went to Nova Southeastern University for Optometry school; a proud 2012 graduate along with my husband Chun. After Optometry school, I went to the Lexington VA in Kentucky and completed an Ocular disease and Low Vision residency before moving to Maryland. I have some family in the area and loved that I could be so close to a city, suburbs, wineries, hiking trails, great food and etc all within 30-45 minute drives. So we now live and practice in Montgomery County! I work full time as an associate at Shady Grove Eye and Vision Care, a Keplr practice, and also opened a private practice in 2018 called Eyes on Norbeck with my husband in Rockville. I've volunteered within the MOA as a Young OD Chair, CMOS VP, and essentially "voluntold" to many other committees as I've served on the Executive Board over the past 10 years. We now have two littles under two and life is pretty awesome! When I used to have some more spare time, we like adventurous travel, playing volleyball (defensive specialist and setting) and crafting personal and office projects with my Silhouette.

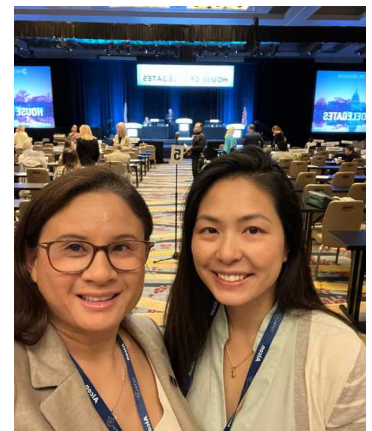
Last month I "traveled" to DC to represent the MOA at Optometry's Meeting and the AOA Hill Day/Advocacy Conference, along with Drs. Fahrman, Sukontasup, Atcherson, Sasser, Gogerdchi, Casey, Burns, Chan, Chu, St. Clair, Goldberg, Pham and our esteemed Executive Director Cohen. We took pride in collaborating with the AOA at Optometry's Meeting at the House of Delegates, the North Eastern Optometric conference, Hill Day visits, InfantSee trainings, and other in-person events over the course of the conference. Part of our participation at these national conventions is to continue to strive and support the three pillars of our own organization: Advocacy, Education, and Networking.

AOA's top priorities this year: calling out vision plans, promoting contemporary eye care; supporting optometry's full recognition as independent licensed providers; growing membership and membership for all; leading the way on education; looking at optometric practice beyond today; expanding its national influence; and leading a meaningful mobilization of eye health and vision care access for children through a public/private/health care industry partnership.

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Dr. Vicky Wong



— *Having Fun at Local Events*

President's Report (continued)

And locally, we'll be continuing to engage our leaders in Annapolis throughout the pandemic "and beyond" years, to elevate and protect the profession. We continue to look to other state associations and opinions for ways to increase our membership, address egregious insurance policies, and telehealth concerns. We've launched a new website and will continue to increase the MOA hosted in-person events post COVID. I also want to remind you all about the exciting hybrid MOA Conference, with great speakers lined up, that will take place this Fall on November 19th in Annapolis at the Graduate!

Newly Elected MOA Officers (left to right)

Immediate Past President - Dr. Whitney Fahrman
Secretary/Treasurer - Dr. Saadia Tariq
2nd Vice President - Dr. Katharine Funari
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80's Night Celebration after MOA Annual Member Meeting



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MOA Annual Award Winners



OD OF THE YEAR AWARD

Whitney Fahrman, O.D.

(pictured on right)

This award recognizes a deserving individual doctor of optometry for performance of outstanding services on behalf of the profession and to the visual welfare of the public.

YOUNG OD OF THE YEAR AWARD

Laura Goldberg, O.D., M.S., F.A.A.O..

(pictured on left)

Presented to a member optometrist who has been in practice for less than 10 years and who has shown remarkable skills when serving his/her profession, patients, and community.



MELVIN WAXMAN AWARD

Helen Hooper, O.D.

(pictured on right)

Presented to an optometrist in recognition of his/her dedicated and loyal service to the profession and to the Maryland Optometric Association



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MEMBER STARS



Bryce St Clair, O.D.

Devin Sasser, O.D.



Former MOA Young OD of the Year (2022), award winner, Dr. Bryce St Clair continues to shine as a leader of the Maryland ophthalmic community. Whether acting as a spokesperson delivering public service announcements, running a public health outreach event for patients in need or engaging students about the importance of joining the Association, Dr. St Clair is always ready and eager to lend a helping hand.



AOA was right when they referenced Dr. Devin Sasser as the next generation of optometry's leaders. A former President of the AOSA, Dr. Sasser continues to give back to the profession. He is actively involved with the AOA Leadership Development Committee and serves on the MOA Legislative Committee. A true ambassador for the profession, Dr. Sasser was recently interviewed on the Importance of Advocacy in Optometry on the Defocus Media podcast.

LOCAL EVENTS

AN EASTERN SHORE OPTOMETRIC SOCIETY EVENT

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AUGUST 16, 2023 7:05 PM
6400 HOBBS RD, SALISBURY, MD 21804

- ✓ Executive club & tickets for family
- ✓ Private Suite
- ✓ Dinner to be served at 6 PM
- ✓ Amusement Area access for all children 13 & under

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REGISTER today!

DINNER WITH DURYSTA

7PM @ CURED IN COLUMBIA

WED **16** AUG

Dinner followed by procedure practice session with model eyes.

Dr. Bryce St. Clair invites all MOA members to attend a FREE symposium dinner at the Cured Table & Tap bistro in Columbia!

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LOCAL EVENTS



Anne Arundel County Optometric Society wants to take you on a cruise on the Chesapeake Bay! Dr. Samuel Boles will be lecturing on Glaucoma and doctors will receive 1 CE. Drs. Laura Goldberg and Heather Atcherson cordially invite all MOA members to attend this event – food, lecture and a boat ride!

Space is very limited. REGISTER today!

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FOREIGN BODY WORKSHOP

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- Superficial, non-penetrating ocular foreign body removal
- Amniotic membrane treatment
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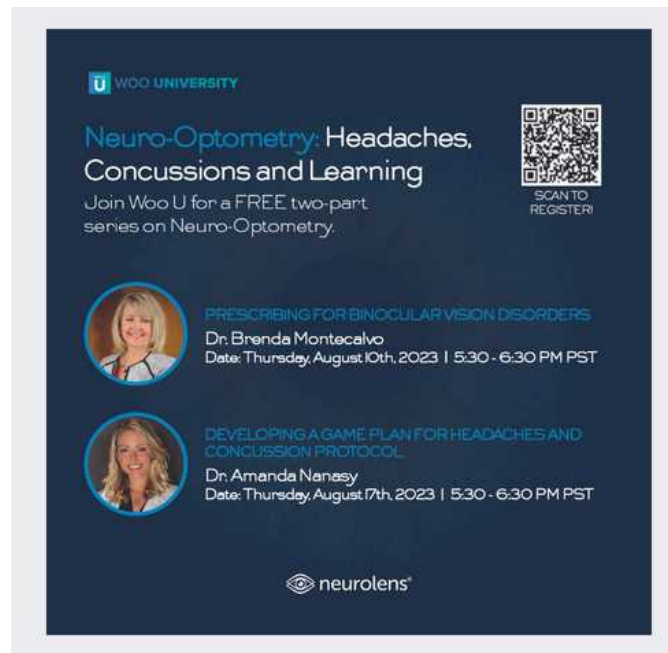
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Pictures from July Workshop at Katzen Eye Group



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CPT codes deleted in 2023—do you know what codes may be billed to replace them?

Get the answer to this question, and more, from the [AOA's coding experts](#).

How to keep campers happy this summer

About 14 million children and adults attend camps annually in the U.S. The AOA and the Alliance for Camp Health have teamed up to compile a list of essential summer safety tips.

New horizons in interventional glaucoma

Neda Shamie, MD

Interventional glaucoma is often described as a proactive rather than reactive mind-set, with a more aggressive approach to early procedural intervention over a reliance on polypharmaceutical options in the mild to moderate spectrum of glaucoma. It encompasses laser treatments, novel drug delivery systems, and the large and growing category of minimally invasive glaucoma surgery (MIGS).

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