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TO: Presidents and Secretaries of all Affiliated Associations

FROM: Samuel D. Pierce, O.D., Secretary-Treasurer

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AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

HOUSE OF DELEGATES CALL

March 28, 2016

To the Presidents and Secretaries of
the Associations Affiliated with the
American Optometric Association

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Optometric Association, the Board of Trustees has fixed June 30 – July 2, 2016, as the time of the meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, where the 119th Annual Congress of the American Optometric Association will be held.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Steven A. Loomis, O.D., on behalf of the Board of Trustees do hereby call a meeting of the House of Delegates of the American Optometric Association, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, to be held at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Thursday, June 30, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., to transact such business as may come before it.

PRESIDENT

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

ATTEST

SECRETARY-TREASURER

AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION
HOUSE OF DELEGATES INFORMATION

March 28, 2016

The 119th Annual Congress of the American Optometric Association will be held June 30 - July 2, 2016, at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center with the first meeting of the House of Delegates called for 8:00 a.m. Thursday, June 30, 2016. The Credentials Desk will open on Wednesday, June 29, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the foyer area outside the meeting room for the Opening General Session and then will be moved to the foyer area outside the meeting room for the House of Delegates beginning at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 30, 2016.

CREDENTIALS

Credentialing materials to be completed and signed by the affiliated association President and Secretary will be sent under separate cover. Once you receive them, please complete and return the credentialing materials to the AOA St. Louis office no later than June 9, 2016, twenty-one (21) days prior to the first day of the annual congress, so that the Secretary-Treasurer and the credentials committee may examine and verify credentials of all delegates and alternates for the purpose of seating delegates.

Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each fifty (50) of its members and optometric educator members, except that student, honorary, associate, or provisional members shall not be counted at all, and any members, except optometric educator members, who pay less than the full active member dues (not taking into account the reductions in dues permitted under Paragraphs C.8., F and G of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws) shall be counted as one-half (1/2) member. A member shall only be eligible to be counted in the foregoing calculation if the proper amount of dues owed by that member for all financial quarter periods ending not less than 60 days before the first day of the annual congress, and all prior periods, have been paid and received at this Association not more than 30 days (said 30 days to be deemed to be a grace period for submitting such dues) after the last business day of the last financial quarter ending not less than 60 days before the first day of the annual congress, which excludes any Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday (and such dues must be actually received by said date and not just be postmarked by said date); provided, however, that an affiliated association having less than fifty (50) such members shall nonetheless be entitled to one (1) regular delegate. Any member who receives any dues waiver pursuant to the process described in Paragraph G of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws shall not be counted for credentialing purposes during the year following the year in which the waiver applied (Article II, Section 3).

VOTING

Each affiliated association shall be entitled to one (1) vote on any matter coming before the House for each ten (10) of its members and optometric educator members, except that student, honorary, associate or provisional members shall not be counted at all, and any members, except optometric educator members, who pay less than the full active member dues (not taking into account the reductions in dues permitted under Paragraphs C.8., F and G of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws) shall be counted as one-half (1/2) member. A member shall only be eligible to be counted in the foregoing calculation if the proper amount of dues owed by that member for the Last Quarter

(as defined in Article II, Section 11) and all previous financial quarters have been paid and received (not merely postmarked) at this Association by the Credentialing Deadline (as defined in Article II, Section 11). Any member who receives any dues waiver pursuant to the process described in Paragraph G of Section 2 of Article I of these Bylaws shall not be counted for credentialing purposes during the year following the year in which the waiver applied. However, each affiliated association shall be entitled to at least one (1) vote. The voting strength of the delegations representing each affiliate association shall be determined from the records of this Association as of the last Business Day of the Last Quarter (as defined in Article II, Section 11). The delegation representing the student members shall be entitled to three (3) votes on any matter coming before the House. The total vote of each delegation may be cast by its delegate or delegates present when the vote is called.

RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions submitted by affiliated associations and delivered to the AOA Secretary-Treasurer at least 15 days prior to the first day of the annual congress are automatically submitted to the resolutions committee. (Any resolution not submitted at least 15 days prior to the first day of the congress shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote by the House in order to be received and referred to the resolutions committee.)

Resolutions should be submitted in typewritten form, double-spaced, with source of origin of the resolution clearly indicated on the first page.

DECEASED MEMBERS

During a session of the House of Delegates, tribute will be paid to all of our departed brother and sister practitioners who were members of the American Optometric Association. Please forward to the Affiliate Relations and Membership Department in the AOA St. Louis office a list of AOA members who were affiliated through your association and who have passed away between May 1, 2015 and April 30, 2016. We do not want to overlook a single one of these members. A form for submitting the names will be sent to you under separate cover.

DELEGATE SEATING

The House of Delegates will be composed of delegates representing members of the affiliated associations. Past Presidents, members of the AOA Board of Trustees, and the delegates representing sections are privileged to participate in all matters before the House but do not vote in such capacity.

An alternate delegate may be selected for each delegate. If a delegate is unable to attend the congress or is absent from a session of the House, the delegation may designate any of its alternate delegates to act in the place of the absent delegate. After being so designated, the alternate should inform the credentials desk, receive a delegate's ribbon, and then be seated with his/her delegation.

A handbook designed to serve as a reference aid for those members who participate in meetings of the House of Delegates will be available. The parliamentarian also lends counsel to individual delegates and assists the Speaker of the House as a source of information on parliamentary matters.

Should you have specific questions regarding these procedures, I will be happy to respond to them.

Sincerely,

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Samuel D. Pierce, O.D.
Secretary-Treasurer



AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION

March 28, 2016

TO: The Presidents and Secretaries of
All Affiliated Associations

Pursuant to the guidelines governing nominating procedures leading to the election of officers and trustees for the American Optometric Association, I am herewith advising you of the offices to be filled by election during the 119th Annual Congress of the Association in Boston, Massachusetts, June 30 – July 2, 2016.

The offices are as follows:

President-Elect
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Two Trustees – Three-year term

Sincerely,

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Samuel D. Pierce, O.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

CLARIFICATION: OFFICES TO BE FILLED BY ELECTION

I would like to clarify the reference to the “Offices to be Filled by Election” that is referenced in Bulletin No.2, Volume 74, dated March 28, 2016.

In addition to the office of President-Elect, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, there are currently two three-year Trustee positions that will be filled by election during the 119th Annual Congress of the American Optometric Association. Currently, Gregory A. Caldwell, O.D. and Robert C. Layman, O.D. hold these positions. Both of these doctors have announced their candidacy to seek re-election for the Trustee positions. Jacqueline M. Bowen, O.D, Dennis M. Brtva, O.D, and Steven T. Reed, O.D. have also announced their candidacy to seek election for the Trustee positions.

Barbara L. Horn, O.D., who is currently serving a three-year Trustee office, with that term to expire in 2017 has announced her candidacy for Secretary-Treasurer. It is only after the Secretary-Treasurer election has taken place in Boston, Massachusetts and assuming that Dr. Horn has been elected as Secretary-Treasurer, that the office for the one-year unexpired term will become vacant.

Sincerely,

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Samuel D. Pierce, O.D.
Secretary-Treasurer



PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS AMENDMENT AND
PROPOSALS TO DISCONTINUE SPORTS VISION SECTION AND VISION
REHABILITATION SECTION

March 28, 2016

TO: Presidents and Secretaries of all
 Affiliated Associations

Pursuant to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the American Optometric Association, in such cases made and provided, you are hereby notified that one proposed bylaws amendment, as well as two proposals to discontinue Sections, as herein set forth will be moved for adoption at the 119th Annual Congress of the American Optometric Association at a time to be fixed during the period of June 30 – July 2, 2016, in Boston, Massachusetts.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the times fixed for special orders of business during the 119th Annual Congress, the foregoing proposed amendments and proposals will be acted upon as the House of Delegates determines.

Sincerely,

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Samuel D. Pierce, O.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

BY ORDER OF
the President

LISTING OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND PROPOSALS

A. BYLAWS, ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP

- If this amendment is adopted, changes in membership classification would be made effective at the beginning of the next quarter following the date the change is submitted.
- The current system, whereby changes submitted by April 30th are made retroactive to the beginning of the year, and changes made after April 30th are not effective until the following year, will be abandoned in favor of this new rule.

B. SPORTS VISION SECTION – DISCONTINUATION

- The reason for the discontinuation of the Sports Vision Section (SVS) is that the SVS has not been financially self-sustaining (it does not collect enough in Section dues to pay for the cost of its activities), as required by Article V, Section 1, Paragraph F.
- If this proposal is adopted, the AOA President proposes to establish a Sports & Performance Vision Committee. The committee will continue to work on activities and initiatives relevant to sports vision, and will continue to lend its expertise in support of wider AOA initiatives. Committee members and leadership will be appointed by the AOA President, as is the case for other AOA committees.
- The new committee will not have “members” other than the members of the committee itself. The publications and resources created by the new committee will be available to all AOA members. AOA will develop a method for members to select Sports & Performance Vision as an interest area so that those members may receive special notices, invitations, etc. from the committee.
- The new committee will no longer be responsible for membership drives or fundraising, except to support the membership and fundraising activities of the AOA as a whole.

C. VISION REHABILITATION SECTION – DISCONTINUATION

- The reason for the discontinuation of the Vision Rehabilitation Section (VRS) is that the VRS has not been financially self-sustaining (it does not collect enough in Section dues to pay for the cost of its activities), as required by Article V, Section 1, Paragraph F.
- If this proposal is adopted, the AOA President proposes to establish a Vision Rehabilitation Committee. The committee will continue to work on activities and initiatives relevant to vision rehabilitation, and will continue to lend its expertise in support of wider AOA initiatives. Committee members and leadership will be appointed by the AOA President, as is the case for other AOA committees.
- The new committee will not have “members” other than the members of the committee itself. The publications and resources created by the new committee will be available to all AOA members. AOA will develop a method for members to select Vision Rehabilitation as an interest area so that those members may receive special notices, invitations, etc. from the committee.
- The new committee will no longer be responsible for membership drives or fundraising, except to support the membership and fundraising activities of the AOA as a whole.

**PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT
ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP**

Section 3. Termination of or Changes in Membership

1 C. Changes in Membership Classification. Members will be allowed to change classification
2 only once per calendar year, with such change being effective at the beginning of the next
3 quarter. No changes in classification will be retroactive. Applications for a change in
4 membership classification submitted between January 1 and April 30 will be retroactive to the
5 beginning of that calendar year. Applications submitted between May 1 and December 31 will be
6 effective January 1 of the following year. No changes in classification will be accepted for prior
7 periods or prior years.

EXPLANATION:

- If this amendment is adopted, changes in membership classification would be made effective at the beginning of the next quarter following the date the change is submitted.
- The current system, whereby changes submitted by April 30th are made retroactive to the beginning of the year, and changes made after April 30th are not effective until the following year, will be abandoned in favor of this new rule.

NOTE: Wording to be deleted ~~lined out~~.
 Wording to be added underscored.

Submitted by: Florida Optometric Association

**PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE SECTION
SPORTS VISION SECTION**

Pursuant to the procedures described in Article VI, Section 1 of the AOA Bylaws, notice is hereby given to the House of Delegates of a proposal to discontinue the AOA Sports Vision Section. (Requires 2/3 vote)

EXPLANATION:

- The reason for the discontinuation of the Sports Vision Section (SVS) is that the SVS has not been financially self-sustaining (it does not collect enough in Section dues to pay for the cost of its activities), as required by Article V, Section 1, Paragraph F.
- If this proposal is adopted, the AOA President proposes to establish a Sports & Performance Vision Committee. The committee will continue to work on activities and initiatives relevant to sports vision, and will continue to lend its expertise in support of wider AOA initiatives. Committee members and leadership will be appointed by the AOA President, as is the case for other AOA committees.
- The new committee will not have “members” other than the members of the committee itself. The publications and resources created by the new committee will be available to all AOA members. AOA will develop a method for members to select Sports & Performance Vision as an interest area so that those members may receive special notices, invitations, etc. from the committee.
- The new committee will no longer be responsible for membership drives or fundraising, except to support the membership and fundraising relations activities of the AOA as a whole.

Submitted by: The AOA Sports Vision Section Council

**PROPOSAL TO DISCONTINUE SECTION
VISION REHABILITATION SECTION**

Pursuant to the procedures described in Article VI, Section 1 of the AOA Bylaws, notice is hereby given to the House of Delegates of a proposal to discontinue the AOA Vision Rehabilitation Section. (Requires 2/3 vote)

EXPLANATION:

- The reason for the discontinuation of the Vision Rehabilitation Section (VRS) is that the VRS has not been financially self-sustaining (it does not collect enough in Section dues to pay for the cost of its activities), as required by Article V, Section 1, Paragraph F.
- If this proposal is adopted, the AOA President proposes to establish a Vision Rehabilitation Committee. The committee will continue to work on activities and initiatives relevant to vision rehabilitation, and will continue to lend its expertise in support of wider AOA initiatives. Committee members and leadership will be appointed by the AOA President, as is the case for other AOA committees.
- The new committee will not have “members” other than the members of the committee itself. The publications and resources created by the new committee will be available to all AOA members. AOA will develop a method for members to select Vision Rehabilitation as an interest area so that those members may receive special notices, invitations, etc. from the committee.
- The new committee will no longer be responsible for membership drives or fundraising, except to support the membership and fundraising relations activities of the AOA as a whole.

Submitted by: The AOA Vision Rehabilitation Section Council