



Highlights at Optometry's Meeting®

The 2011 Optometry's Meeting® in Salt Lake City, Utah, was packed with section activities and education courses. The section highlights included the following:

AOA Specialty Day –

Four innovative societies - COVD/Vision Leads Foundation, Optometric Retina Society, Optometric Glaucoma Society, and Ocular Surface Society of Optometry - provided education to increase attendees' knowledge in specific areas of optometry.

VRS Council Meeting –

Multiple issues were discussed, including education programs for 2012, newsletter and member benefits. The AOA Journal 'Section by Sections' and AOACConnect, the AOA's social media platform, were discussed to include the new Brain Injury Resource Manual project.

VRS Member Forum –

The VRS Member Forum took place between council and section members during the vibrant interchange of topics, such as billing & coding and mobile devices for low vision patients, until we had to adjourn. Twenty six registered to attend the forum.



VRS Annual Business Meeting –

The outgoing chair, Jerry Davidoff, O.D., delivered his chair message and provided an overview of the 2010-2011 Activity Report with attendees of the business meeting.



The installation ceremony took place at the Annual Business Meeting. Mark Wilkinson, O.D., 2010-2011 immediate past chair, installed the elected 2011-2012 VRS council members.

From left, Brenda Montecalvo, O.D.; Maria Richman, O.D.; Kara C. Gagnon, O.D.; Pamela R. Oliver, O.D.; Dawn K. DeCarlo, O.D. and Jerry P. Davidoff, O.D. (not present is David C. Lewerenz, O.D.)

During the installation ceremony, the outgoing Chair, Jerry Davidoff, O.D., passed the gavel to the newly elected Chair, Dawn DeCarlo, O.D.



Dawn DeCarlo, O.D., presented Jerry Davidoff, O.D. with the VRS immediate past chair plaque thanking him for his leadership to the section during the past year.

Meet your newly appointed council members inducted for the 2011 – 2012 year.



From left, Drs. Dawn DeCarlo, chair; Pamela Oliver, chair-elect; Kara Gagnon vice chair; Maria Richman, secretary; Brenda Montecalvo, senior member-at-large; David Lewerenz, member-at-large; and Jerry Davidoff, immediate past chair.

VRS Reception –

The VRS Reception took place at the Grand America Hotel where the council members mingled and visited with the section members, industry educators and leaders, past and present, in the vision rehabilitation field. Sections recognize its award recipients at this social event.

Distinguished Service Award –

John Townsend, O.D., was presented the Distinguished Service Award on behalf of the Optometric Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), by council member Kara Gagnon, O.D.

The Optometric Service of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) participated in the Gold Ribbon Panel and subsequent Visual Impairment Advisory Board (VIAB) that were commissioned by the Under Secretary for Health and charged with the task of improving access to vision rehabilitation services.



The industry sponsor representative, Michael Epps, President and CEO of Envision (left) thanked John Townsend, O.D. (right) for the contributions made by the VA to the industry.





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