

AOA Paraoptometric Section State Leaders Guidebook

Section Six:

Calendar of Events and State Leader Conference Calls

AOA PS Calendar of Events

2010

March

State Leaders Conference call – TBS

Community Service Award – Nomination forms received on or before –Wednesday, March 31, 2010
Article submission for quarterly PS newsletter Monday, March 22, 2010 for May issue

April

Early Bird Registration for Optometry's Meeting® - Thursday, April 1, 2010
PS Council Seeking Candidates 2010-2011 – Intent to Run letter postmarked by Friday, April 30, 2010

May

Submit documentation for the State Affiliate Membership Recruitment award – Monday, May 3, 2010
Premium Registration rates for Optometry's Meeting® ends – Tuesday, May 18, 2010
PS newsletter out – Tuesday, May 11, 2010

June

Optometry's Meeting® - June 16-20, 2010 - Orlando, FL.
State Leaders Meeting at Optometry's Meeting® – Saturday, June 19, 2010 – Orlando
Article submission for quarterly PS newsletter – June 23, 2010 for August newsletter

July

Send in request this month for Paraoptometric Recognition Week promotional kit – FREE!

August

PS newsletter out – August 10, 2010

September 2010

State Leaders Conference call - TBS

Paraoptometric Recognition Week – September 12-18th, 2010
Article submission for quarterly PS newsletter – Monday, September 20, 2010

October

Submission for Paraoptometric of the Year nominations begin – October 29, 2010

November

PS newsletter out – Tuesday, November 9, 2010

December

State Leaders Conference call – TBS

Ps news item submission deadline – December 23, 2010

2011

January

PS Membership dues by January 15, 2011

February

Deadline date for POY nominations -February 1, 2011

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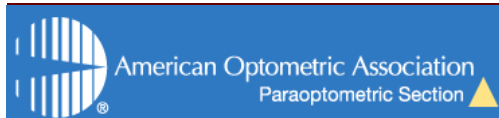
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For a list of all Paraoptometric CE available nationwide, [click here](#).



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Results for Midwest Region

Binocular Vision & Pediatrics Forum and the Children's Learning Forum

Location: | The Ohio State University College of Optometry, OH
Date(s): | March 18, 2010 — March 19, 2010
Hours of CE: | unavailable
Web site: | <http://optometry.osu.edu>

Contact Information

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42nd MOA Fall Seminar

Location: | Seminar Lansing Center, Lansing, MI
Date(s): | October 13, 2010 — October 14, 2010
Hours of CE: | unavailable
Web site: | www.themoa.org

2010 Calendar of Eye Care Events

Now is a good time for optometrists to map out a comprehensive and detailed marketing and public outreach plan for the coming year. In many cases, practitioners may find it advantageous to participate in national eye and vision care awareness campaigns.

The American Optometric Association (AOA) Communications Group urges AOA members to promote the importance of regular optometric eye and vision care by participating in some or all of the observances listed here. The AOA supports individual promotion and participation by optometrists locally regardless of whether the observance is AOA-sponsored. In many cases, the AOA Communications Group can offer materials appropriate for the observance. For additional information, contact the AOA Public Relations Department at 800-365-2219, ext. 4263 or by e-mail at publicrelations@aoa.org.

January

National Glaucoma Awareness Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

February

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)/Low Vision Awareness Month (both sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

Wise Health Consumer Month (sponsored by the American Institute for Preventive Medicine)

March

Save Your Vision Month (sponsored by the AOA. A proclamation issued annual by the president of the United States designates *Save Your Vision Week*)

National Nutrition Month® (sponsored by the American Dietetic Association)

Workplace Eye Wellness Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

April

Women's Eye Health and Safety Month™ (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

National Youth Sports Safety Month (sponsored by the National Youth Sports Safety Foundation)

May

Healthy Vision Month (sponsored by the National Eye Institute)

National Allergy/Asthma Awareness Month (sponsored by the Allergy Council of American, c/o Pharmacists Planning Service)

National Physical Fitness and Sports Month (sponsored by the President's Council on Fitness and Sports)

National Stroke Awareness Month (sponsored by the National Stroke Association)

Older Americans Month (sponsored by the federal Administration on Aging, declared by presidential proclamation)

Ultraviolet Awareness Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

June/July

Vision Research Month (June, sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

National Safety Month (June, sponsored by the National Safety Council)

Fireworks Safety Months (June 1–July 31, sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

August

Children's Eye and Safety Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

Cataract Awareness Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

Children's Vision and Learning Month (sponsored by College of Optometrists in Vision Development-COVD)

September

Sports and Home Eye Safety Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

National Farm Safety & Health Week (September 19–25, 2010, sponsored by National Safety Council, www.nsc.org)

October

Halloween Safety Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

November

American Diabetes Month (sponsored by the American Diabetes Association)

National Diabetes Month (declared by presidential proclamation)

Diabetic Eye Disease Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)

Great American Smokeout (November 18, always third Thursday of November, sponsored by the American Cancer Society)

December

Safe Toys and Gifts Month (sponsored by Prevent Blindness America)



CPC's Transition to Computer-Based Testing



The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification has announced the schedule for the **2010** regional examinations. The written examinations will be offered via computer at several hundred sites in the U.S., in addition to the current paper administration annually conducted at Optometry's Meeting®. Computerized administration offers more flexibility in scheduling and reduces the need for travel. The examinations will be offered daily during four, eight-day testing periods as follows.

One paper and pencil testing session will be offered annually at Optometry's Meeting in June.

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Application Deadline Date</u>
Feb 20-27	Dec 26 (2009)
May 15-22	Mar 20
*Jun 18	May 7
Aug 21-28	Jun 26
Nov 13-20	Sep 18

***Paper/Pencil administration held in conjunction with Optometry's Meeting® in Orlando, FL**

Important changes in the application process accompany the transition to computer-based testing.

- All three levels of the written examinations will be offered at PSI/LaserGrade testing centers across the United States four times per year (February, May, August and November) during the advertised 8-day testing period, essentially allowing each candidate 32 opportunities a year to test at a location near their home or business. Examinations are no longer offered at state meetings or conferences.
- Applications must be completed online at the AOA website (www.aoa.org) and e-mailed to the CPC office if paying by debit or credit card. Applicants who wish to pay by check or money order must complete the application online, print the completed form and mail it with payment. Debit/credit card payments will be processed only after eligibility has been approved by AOA.

- Candidates may complete and email their application until the day of the deadline. Candidates who mail their applications must ensure their application is received at the CPC office by the deadline date. Deadlines will be strictly observed; applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.
- No handwritten applications will be accepted. No faxed applications will be accepted.
- Applicants who are required to provide proof of their eligibility for the CPOA or CPOT examination (diplomas, ABO/NCLE certificates, approved CPOA Reference Forms, etc.) may attach these forms to their application before emailing the application to CPC or they may fax the documents only to CPC; the examination application itself would need to be submitted by email. Applicants who print and mail their application must include paper copies of any required documentation with their examination application.
- Eligibility notices will be mailed to the candidate within 2 weeks prior to the first day of the testing period. It is the candidate's responsibility to choose a location and call PSI/LaserGrade to make an examination appointment prior to the advertised testing period.

More information about the application process is available on the website, www.aoa.org under the section "For Paraoptometric - Certification" or you may contact CPC at 800-365-2219, ext. 4210.

To find a PSI/Lasergrade testing center, go to www.lasergrade.com and follow these instructions: On the PSI/Lasergrade homepage, scroll mouse over "Test Taker/Candidate". Click on "Available Tests" and select American Optometric Association – Commission on Paraoptometric Certification from the list. Enter your home or work zip code for possible examination sites (every site location may not be available on all testing dates).

NOTE: Do NOT contact PSI/Lasergrade until your application has been accepted by AOA and you receive an Eligibility Notice and instructions from Professional Testing Corporation. Once you receive your Eligibility Notice and instructions it is your responsibility to make an examination appointment with PSI/Lasergrade for testing within the 8-day testing period on the date and at the location of your choice. (Test times, dates, and locations are based on a first come, first served basis so make sure to secure your appointment as soon as possible after receiving your Eligibility Notice.)

The Certified Paraoptometric Examinations are prepared and administered by the American Optometric Association, Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC). The purpose of the examinations is to ensure a level of knowledge to perform the functions of a Certified Paraoptometric at each appropriate level.

Please refer to the AOA web site (<http://www.aoa.org/x11157.xml>) for application information.

