

AOA Paraoptometric Section State Leaders Guidebook

Section Three:

Speaker Information

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This chapter will give you guidelines for procuring speakers for your meetings. This in no way limits you to this listing, but may get you started with some ideas that have worked in the past.

Speakers can be taken from several sources locally, regionally and nationally.

1. LOCAL

- a. Look to your state O.D. association for optometrists in their membership who are willing to present a course.
- b. Check your local Technical College for professors who teach outside the college.
- c. If you are near a College of Optometry – use their resources and professors (see attached list)
- d. Ask your local lab reps and branch managers to help present courses of interest to your group. Many frame and contact lens reps are also willing to present educational classes.

2. REGIONAL

- a. Attend regional optometric conferences (i.e. SECO, GWECO, etc) to research their speakers.
- b. Again regional Tech colleges or Colleges of Optometry are great sources

3. NATIONAL

- a. Send your educational chair to the American Optometric Association Annual meeting to attend courses, meet the speakers and vendors who sponsor speakers.
 - b. Use the new Speaker's Bureau, information available at the AOA Website, under the Paraoptometric Section.
 - c. Many Industry companies sponsor speakers. They will send a speaker to your meeting at their expense. See the attached list.
4. Many Certified Paraoptometrics are qualified to present courses. Check with the CPOA's and CPOT's in your association to see if they are interested in presenting a course.

Suggestions

Be sure the speaker understands what topic you would like him/her to present to your group and have them supply an outline.

- a. Ask for a biography to be submitted.
- b. Give them a specific time frame for their course.
- c. Be certain to go over equipment and material lists the speaker will need to have supplied.
- d. Have someone who is familiar with the speaker's background introduce them to the group.
- e. Have the size of the meeting room correspond to the size of the group expected so everyone is comfortable.
- f. If you will provide refreshments, plan ahead to have them delivered at the appropriate time; not to disrupt the speaker.

Helpful Websites: www.aoa.org Speakers Bureau

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