

### Presidents of the American Optometric Association, 1898-2019

Since its inception in 1898 as the American Association of Opticians, the American Optometric Association has been lead by dynamic and innovative individuals. The following is a list of past presidents.

| <b>Name</b>           | <b>Term</b> | <b>Number</b> | <b>State Affiliation</b> | <b>Elected</b>  |
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| Pierce, Samuel D.     | 2018-2019   | 97            | Alabama                  | <b>121st Congress</b> , June 20-24, 2018, Denver Convention Center, Denver, CO                                      |
| Quinn, Christopher J. | 2017-2018   | 96            | New Jersey               | <b>120th Congress</b> , June 21-25, 2017, Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC                    |
| Thau, Andrea P.       | 2016-2017   | 95            | New York                 | <b>119th Congress</b> , June 29-July 2, 2016, Boston Convention and Exhibition Center, Boston, MA                   |
| Loomis, Steven A.     | 2015-2016   | 94            | Colorado                 | <b>118th Congress</b> , June 24-28, 2015. Washington State Convention Center, Seattle, WA                           |
| Cockrell, David A.    | 2014-2015   | 93            | Oklahoma                 | <b>117th Congress</b> , June 25-29, 2014. Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA                          |
| Munson, Mitchell T.   | 2013-2014   | 92            | Colorado                 | <b>116th Congress</b> , June 26-30, 2013, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA                                |
| Hopping, Ronald L.    | 2012-2013   | 91            | Texas                    | <b>115th Congress</b> , June 27- July 1, 2012, Hilton/Palmer House & McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago, IL |
| Carlson, Dori M.      | 2011-2012   | 90            | North Dakota             | <b>114th Congress</b> , June 15-19, 2011, Salt Palace Convention Center, Salt Lake City, UT                         |
| Ellis, Joe E.         | 2010-2011   | 89            | Kentucky                 | <b>113th Congress</b> , June 16-20, 2010, Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center, Orlando, FL                     |
| Brooks, Randolph E.   | 2009-2010   | 88            | New Jersey               | <b>112th Congress</b> , June 24-28, 2009, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, Washington, D.C.             |
| Kehoe, Peter H.       | 2008-2009   | 87            | Illinois                 | <b>111th Congress</b> , June 25-29, 2008, Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Seattle, WA                 |

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| Alexander, Kevin L.           | 2007-2008 | 86 | Michigan     | <b>110th Congress</b> , June 27-July 1, 2007, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA              |
| Crooks, C. Thomas , III       | 2006-2007 | 85 | Alabama      | <b>109th Congress</b> , June 21-25, 2006, Mandalay Bay Resort, Las Vegas, NV                   |
| Wallingford, Richard L., Jr.* | 2005-2006 | 84 | Maine        | <b>108th Congress</b> , June 22-26, 2005, Gaylord Texan Resort, Dallas, TX                     |
| Pittman, Wesley E.            | 2004-2005 | 83 | Texas        | <b>107th Congress</b> , June 23-27, 2004, Gaylord Palms Resort, Orlando, FL                    |
| Connors, Victor J.            | 2003-2004 | 82 | Wisconsin    | <b>106th Congress</b> , June 18-22, 2003, San Diego Convention Center, San Diego, CA           |
| Cummings, J. Pat*             | 2002-2003 | 81 | Wyoming      | <b>105th Congress</b> , June 26-30, 2002, Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, LA            |
| Nelson, David W.              | 2001-2002 | 80 | Wisconsin    | <b>104th Congress</b> , June 27-July 1, 2001, Hynes Convention Center, Boston, MA              |
| Howard J. Braverman           | 2000-2001 | 79 | Florida      | <b>103rd Congress</b> , June 22-24, 2000, Venetian Resort Hotel Casino, Las Vegas, NV          |
| Hanlen, Harvey P.             | 1999-2000 | 78 | Pennsylvania | <b>102nd Congress</b> , June 24-26, 1999, Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center, San Antonio, TX |
| McCall, John A., Jr.          | 1998-1999 | 77 | Texas        | <b>101st Congress</b> , June 24-28, 1998, Walt Disney World, Dolphin Hotel, Orlando, FL        |
| Jones, Michael D.             | 1997-1998 | 76 | Tennessee    | <b>100th Congress</b> , June 11-15, 1997, America's Center, St. Louis, MO                      |
| Byars, T. Joel                | 1996-1997 | 75 | Georgia      | <b>99th Congress</b> , June 21-25, 1996, Portland Hilton, Portland, OR                         |
| Jarnagin, Donald E.*          | 1995-1996 | 74 | Arizona      | <b>98th Congress</b> , June 23-27, 1995, Nashville Convention Center, Nashville, TN            |
| DeCook, Larry D.              | 1994-1995 | 73 | Iowa         | <b>97th Congress</b> , June 24-28, 1994, Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN        |

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| Houghton, Daniel, Jr.*  | 1993-1994 | 72 | Florida      | <b>96th Congress</b> , June 18-22, 1993, Anaheim Marriott Hotel, Anaheim, CA                         |
| Leadingham, James C.    | 1992-1993 | 71 | Kentucky     | <b>95th Congress</b> , June 20-23, 1992, Le Centre Sheraton, Montreal, Quebec, CANADA                |
| Elliott, L. Edward      | 1991-1992 | 70 | California   | <b>94th Congress</b> , June 21-26, 1991, Loews Anatole Hotel, Dallas, TX                             |
| Gazaway, John A.        | 1990-1991 | 69 | Iowa         | <b>93rd Congress</b> , June 23-28, 1990, Hilton Hawaiian Village, Honolulu, HI                       |
| Sullins, W. David, Jr.* | 1989-1990 | 68 | Tennessee    | <b>92nd Congress</b> , June 24-29, 1989, New York Hilton and Towers, New York City, NY               |
| Scholles, James R.      | 1988-1989 | 67 | Ohio         | <b>91st Congress</b> , June 25-30, 1988, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Chicago, IL                            |
| Tumblin, John D.        | 1987-1988 | 66 | Tennessee    | <b>90th Congress</b> , July 5-9, 1987, Orlando World Center, Orlando, FL                             |
| Ferris, David W.        | 1986-1987 | 65 | Rhode Island | <b>89th Congress</b> , June 23-26, 1986, Town & Country Hotel, San Diego, CA                         |
| Easton, Gerald J.       | 1985-1986 | 64 | California   | <b>88th Congress</b> , June 23-28, 1985, Las Vegas Hilton, Las Vegas, NV                             |
| Bucar, Albert A.        | 1984-1985 | 63 | Illinois     | <b>87th Congress</b> , June 16-20, 1984, Hilton Hawaiian, Honolulu, HI                               |
| Kime, Timothy Q.        | 1983-1984 | 62 | Ohio         | <b>86th Congress</b> , June 27-30, 1983, Sheraton Washington Hotel, Washington Room, Washington D.C. |
| Waldie, Wendell D.*     | 1982-1983 | 61 | Kansas       | <b>85th Congress</b> , June 20-25, 1982, John B. Hynes Veterans Auditorium, Boston, MA               |
| Demmer, Harold F.*      | 1981-1982 | 60 | Louisiana    | <b>84th Congress</b> , June 22-27, 1981, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV                  |
| Von Bokern, Jack W.     | 1980-1981 | 59 | Minnesota    | <b>83rd Congress</b> , June 27-July 1, 1980, Currigan Exhibition Hall, Denver, CO                    |

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| Levin, Alvin*          | 1979-1980 | 58  | Pennsylvania  | <b>82nd Congress</b> , June 18-23, 1979, Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA     |
| Holmes, G. Burt        | 1978-1979 | 57  | Massachusetts | <b>81st Congress</b> , July 4-8, 1978, Rivergate Convention Center, New Orleans, LA |
| McQuarrie, Charles W.* | 1977-1978 | 56  | California    | <b>80th Congress</b> , July 5-9, 1977, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, CANADA   |
| Fair, Ron G.           | 1976-1977 | 55  | Colorado      | <b>79th Congress</b> , June 22-26, 1976, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| Winton, Howard P.*     | 1975-1976 | 54  | Florida       | <b>78th Congress</b> , June 16-21, 1975, Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, AR           |
| Shannon, Bernard J.    | 1974-1975 | 53  | Wisconsin     | <b>77th Congress</b> , June 18-21, 1974, Sheraton-Park Hotel, Washington, D.C.      |
| Day, Robert E.         | 1973-1974 | 52* | Texas         | <b>76th Congress</b> , June 25-30, 1973, San Francisco Hilton, San Francisco, CA    |
| Tumblin, James C.      | 1972-1973 | 51  | Tennessee     | <b>75th Congress</b> , June 17-21, 1972, Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, MO    |
| Hopping, Richard L.    | 1971-1972 | 50  | Ohio          | <b>74th Congress</b> , June 22-26, 1971, Shamrock Hilton Hotel, Houston, TX         |
| Hussey, Lester R.*     | 1970-1971 | 49  | Washington    | <b>73rd Congress</b> , June 28-July 4, 1970, Hawaiian Village Hotel, Honolulu, HI   |
| Wolfberg, Melvin D.*   | 1969-1970 | 48  | Pennsylvania  | <b>72nd Congress</b> , July 9-12, 1969, Bellevue Stratford Hotel, Philadelphia, PA  |
| Hofstetter, Henry W.*  | 1968-1969 | 47  | Indiana       | <b>71st Congress</b> , June 25-29, 1968, Hotel Fontainebleau, Miami Beach, FL       |
| Sugg, John G.*         | 1967-1968 | 46  | Arkansas      | <b>70th Congress</b> , June 27-July 1, 1967, Portland Hilton Hotel, Portland, OR    |
| Dunbar, Melvin B.*     | 1966-1967 | 45  | New Hampshire | <b>69th Congress</b> , June 22-25, 1966, Boston Sheraton, Boston, MA                |

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| McCrary, V. Eugene*   | 1965-1966 | 44 | Maryland       | <b>68th Congress</b> , June 27-30, 1965, Jung Hotel, New Orleans, LA  |
| Seger, Charles E.*    | 1964-1965 | 43 | California     | <b>67th Congress</b> , June 28-July 2, 1964, New York Hilton, New York, NY  |
| Chapman, W. Judd*     | 1963-1964 | 42 | Florida        | <b>66th Congress</b> , July 17-20, 1963, Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis, MN  |
| Ewalt, H. Ward, Jr.*  | 1962-1963 | 41 | Pennsylvania   | <b>65th Congress</b> , July 18-21, 1962, Sheraton-Chicago Hotel, Chicago, IL  |
| Frantz, Don A.*       | 1961-1962 | 40 | Illinois       | <b>64th Congress</b> , June 17-20, 1961, Denver Hilton Hotel, Denver, CO  |
| Schiller, Richard C.* | 1960-1961 | 39 | Iowa           | <b>63rd Congress</b> , June 26-29, 1960, Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, GA  |
| DeVere, P. N.*        | 1959-1960 | 38 | North Carolina | <b>62nd Congress</b> , June 28-July 1, 1959, Statler Hilton Hotel, Dallas, TX   |
| Purvis, Hoyt S.*      | 1958-1959 | 37 | Arkansas       | <b>61st Congress</b> , June 25-28, 1958, Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.   |
| Sugarman, Lester H.*  | 1957-1958 | 36 | Connecticut    | <b>60th Congress</b> , June 23-26, 1957, Statler Hotel, Los Angeles, CA   |
| Flower, Rupert E.*    | 1956-1957 | 35 | California     | <b>59th Congress</b> , June 13-16, 1956, Seville Hotel, Miami Beach, FL   |
| Hays, Norman B.*      | 1955-1956 | 34 | New York       | <b>58th Congress</b> , July 6-9, 1955, Schroeder Hotel, Milwaukee, WI   |
| Brown, Samuel L.*     | 1954-1955 | 33 | Ohio           | <b>57th Congress</b> , June 20-23, 1954, Olympic Hotel, Seattle, WA   |
| Wahl, James F.*       | 1952-1954 | 32 | Illinois       | <b>55th Congress</b> , June 9-11, 1952, Nautilus Hotel, Miami Beach, FL; <b>56th Congress</b> , June 22-24, 1953, Seneca Hotel, Rochester, NY       |
| White, J. Ottis*      | 1950-1952 | 31 | Louisiana      | <b>53rd Congress</b> , June 26-28, 1950, Hotel Radisson, Minneapolis, MN; <b>54th Congress</b> , June 25-27, 1951, Roosevelt Hotel, New Orleans, LA |

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| O'Shea, John B.*       | 1948-1950 | 30 | Virginia       | <b>51st Congress</b> , June 20-23, 1948, Palace Hotel, San Francisco, CA; <b>52nd Congress</b> , June 26-29, 1949, Hotel Statler, Boston, MA            |
| Richardson, Edmund F.* | 1946-1948 | 29 | California     | <b>49th Congress</b> , July 7-10, 1946, William Penn Hotel, Pittsburgh, PA; <b>50th Congress</b> , June 21-25, 1947, Hotel Chelsea, Atlantic City, NJ   |
| Ezell, William C.*     | 1944-1946 | 28 | South Carolina | <b>47th Congress</b> , June 25-28, 1944, Book-Cadillac Hotel, Detroit, MI; <b>48th Congress</b> , June 24-26, 1945, Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, OH        |
| Adams, Ewing*          | 1942-1944 | 27 | Michigan       | <b>45th Congress</b> , June 21-24, 1942, Adolphus Hotel, Dallas, TX; <b>46th Congress</b> , July 11-14, 1943, Hotel Morrison, Chicago, IL               |
| Corbett, John E.*      | 1940-1942 | 26 | Massachussetts | <b>43rd Congress</b> , June 23-26, 1940, Gibson Hotel, Cincinnati, OH; <b>44th Congress</b> , June 29-July 2, 1941, Ambassador Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ |
| Burdette, Leslie R.*   | 1938-1940 | 25 | Oregon         | <b>41st Congress</b> , June 26-29, 1938, John Marshal Hotel, Richmond, VA; <b>42nd Congress</b> , June 25-29, 1939, Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, CA     |
| Pine, Harry E.*        | 1936-1938 | 24 | Illinois       | <b>39th Congress</b> , July 5-8, 1936, Hotel Book-Cadillac, Detroit, MI; <b>40th Congress</b> , June 27-30, 1937, Seneca Hotel, Rochester, NY           |
| Brown, Walter I.*      | 1934-1936 | 23 | Massachussetts | <b>37th Congress</b> , July 2-5, 1934, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, CANADA; <b>38th Congress</b> , Miami-Biltmore Hotel, Coral Gables, FL                 |
| McBurnie, Thomas*      | 1932-1934 | 22 | New York       | <b>35th Congress</b> , June 26-29, 1932, Hotel Statler, Cleveland, OH; <b>36th Congress</b> , July 2-6, 1933, Palmer House, Chicago, IL                 |
| Andreae, J. Fred*      | 1930-1932 | 21 | Maryland       | <b>33rd Congress</b> , June 17-22, 1930, Hotel Statler, Boston, MA; <b>34th Congress</b> , June 21-23, 1931, Gunter Hotel, San Antonio, TX              |

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| Houghton, George S.*    | 1928-1930 | 20 | Massachussetts | <b>31st Congress</b> , July 23-27, 1928, Pantlind Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI; <b>32nd Congress</b> , June 17-22, 1929, Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, Philadelphia, PA   |
| Mayer, Leo M.*          | 1927-1928 | 19 | New York       | <b>30th Congress</b> , June 18-24, 1927, Willard Hotel, Washington, D.C.   |
| Kimball, Walter F.*     | 1925-1927 | 18 | Missouri       | <b>28th Congress</b> , June 15-20, 1925, Brown Hotel, Louisville, KY; <b>29th Congress</b> , June 29-July 1, 1926, Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, CA   |
| Martin, Thomas H.*      | 1923-1925 | 17 | Pennsylvania   | <b>26th Congress</b> , June 25-30, 1923, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, IL; <b>Congress 27th</b> , June 9-13, 1924, Convention Hall, Kansas City, MO  |
| Todd, William S.*       | 1922-1923 | 16 | Connecticut    | <b>25th Congress</b> , June 26-29, 1922, Athenaeum, Indianapolis, IN   |
| Abel, Oliver*           | 1921-1922 | 15 | Missouri       | <b>24th Congress</b> , June 27-July 1, 1921, Hotel Waldorf-Astoria, New York, NY   |
| Augustine, Reginald C.* | 1918-1921 | 14 | Illinois       | <b>21st Congress</b> , June 17-22, 1918, Masonic Temple, St. Paul, MN; <b>22nd Congress</b> , July 21-25, 1919, Convention Hall, Rochester, NY; <b>23rd Congress</b> , June 14-18, 1920, Planters Hotel, St. Louis, MO |
| McConnell, William T.*  | 1917-1918 | 13 | Pennsylvania   | <b>20th Congress</b> , July 9-14, 1917, Hotel Deshler, Columbus, OH  |
| Alexander, Frank J.*    | 1915-1917 | 12 | Utah           | <b>18th Congress</b> , July 18-25, 1915, Memorial Auditorium Bldg., San Francisco, CA; <b>19th Congress</b> , July 18-22, 1916, Infantry Hall, Providence, RI  |
| Myer, Albert*           | 1913-1915 | 11 | Minnesota      | <b>16th Congress</b> , July 14-19, 1913, Hotel Seneca, Rochester, NY; <b>17th Congress</b> , July 18-25, 1914, Planters Hotel, St. Louis, MO   |
| Schneider, George L.*   | 1911-1913 | 10 | California     | <b>14th Congress</b> , August 7-12, 1911, Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, UT; <b>15th Congress</b> , August 19-23, 1912, LaSalle Hotel, Chicago, ILL   |

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| McDonnell, C. N.*   | 1910-1911 | 9 | Ohio           | <b>13th Congress</b> , August 15-18, 1910, Breakers Hall, Cedar Point, OH  |
| Cook, Henry J.*     | 1908-1910 | 8 | Tennessee      | <b>11th Congress</b> , August 10-13, 1908, Musical Fund Hall, Philadelphia, PA; <b>12th Congress</b> , June 21-24, 1909, Atlanta Auditorium, Atlanta, GA |
| Palmer, Briggs S.*  | 1906-1908 | 7 | Massachussetts | <b>9th Congress</b> , July 30-August 2, 1906, Haines Hall, Rochester, NY; <b>10th Congress</b> , June 24-27, 1907, Midland Hotel, Kansas City, MO        |
| Clark, Burt B.*     | 1905-1906 | 6 | New York       | <b>8th Congress</b> , July 24-27, 1905, West Hotel, Minneapolis, MN  |
| Holmes, Harry P.*   | 1904-1905 | 5 | Iowa           | <b>7th Congress</b> , August 1-4, 1904, Plankinton House, Milwaukee, WI  |
| Eberhardt, John C.* | 1903-1904 | 4 | Ohio           | <b>6th Congress</b> , July 7-9, 1903, Royal Palace Hotel, Atlantic City, NJ  |
| Ellis, John H.*     | 1901-1903 | 3 | Indiana        | <b>4th Congress</b> , August 13-15, 1901, Sherman House, Chicago, IL; <b>5th Congress</b> , August 19-22, 1902, American House, Boston, MA               |
| Cross, Andrew J.*   | 1900-1901 | 2 | New York       | <b>3rd Congress</b> , August 14-16, 1900, Hotel Cadillac, Detroit, MI  |
| Lembke, Charles F.* | 1898-1900 | 1 | New York       | <b>1st Congress</b> , October 10-12, 1898, Broadway Central Hotel, NY, NY; <b>2nd Congress</b> , August 15-17, 1899                                      |

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