

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Committee Purpose</b>
<b>Advocacy Committee</b>	To oversee all activities of the AOA Advocacy Group entities.
<b>Coding &amp; Reimbursement Committee</b>	To represent AOA in Current Procedural Terminology.
<b>Commission on Ophthalmic Standards</b>	To proactively identify issues related to ophthalmic materials and standards and assess their impact on the public and profession of optometry. Represent the profession of optometry in standard setting forums. Report to the BOT, the AOA volunteer community, and the profession on issues related to ophthalmic materials and standards.
<b>Commission on Paraoptometric Certification</b>	To establish, maintain and verify standards related to the granting of certification. The process includes the granting of a credential which indicates competence in a subject or area.
<b>Contact Lens &amp; Cornea Section</b>	To discuss contact lens-related education and advocacy. The council also engages with optometry students to help develop the next generation of contact lens experts. The council plays a critical role in engagement with industry supporters and has several projects supported through industry engagement. The council serves as a resource for AOA on contact lens related issues.
<b>Content Review Board</b>	To provide member voice and expertise to ensure AOA content helps members provide exceptional patient care, advocate for the profession and be successful in practice management. Act as an “editorial board” for AOA internal and public messaging including in AOA Focus, <a href="http://aoa.org/news">aoa.org/news</a> , AOA Week in Focus, and consumer and social media.
<b>Education Center Committee</b>	To deliver high-quality, AOA-aligned integrated clinical education and professional development based on established data-driven standards that provide growth and sustained value to our members.
<b>Ethics &amp; Values Committee</b>	To promote the ethical behavior of doctors of optometry and raise the level of awareness of optometrists about issues of professional and ethical behavior within the health-care arena.
<b>Evidence-Based Optometry Committee</b>	To advocate for eye care professionals by providing recommendations for evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and clinical reviews. The Evidence-Based Optometry Committee (EBO) follows the Institute of Medicine (IOM,) now the Health and Medicine Division of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM): Clinical Practice Guidelines We Can Trust and Finding What Works in Health Care: Standards for Systematic Reviews. The EBO Committee developed a 14-step process to meet the evidence-based recommendations for trustworthy guidelines.

<b>Faculty &amp; Student Membership Liaisons</b>	To strengthen the connection between schools and colleges of optometry and the AOA by acting as ambassadors for the next generation of doctors of optometry to increase awareness of the AOA as the advocate for organized optometry and to promote membership and participation of faculty, residents, and students within the organization and its affiliates.
<b>Federal Relations Committee</b>	To continually advance AOA's proactive, pro-access and pro-patient federal advocacy agenda. FRC works directly with leaders in both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives as well as with key federal agency officials to ensure fair treatment for AOA members and expanded access to full-scope, doctor of optometry-provided care for Americans of all ages.
<b>Industry Relations Center Committee</b>	To work with industry to collaboratively protect and promote the role of doctors of optometry and AOA members in delivering the most comprehensive eye care and contemporary eye and vision solutions.
<b>InfantSEE® &amp; Children's Vision Committee</b>	To promote pediatric comprehensive eye examinations by optometrists and eye doctors beginning in infancy and through age 18 for the prevention, early detection and management of eye and vision problems which impact the health, development, education and welfare of infants and children.
<b>Leadership Development Committee</b>	To ensure AOA is proactive in the recruitment and training of volunteers and promotes membership engagement in a way that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reflects the demographics of the profession.</li> <li>• Represents a broad array of modes of practice.</li> <li>• Establishes connections between similar efforts at both state and national levels.</li> <li>• Maintains a balance of experienced subject matter experts while being inclusive of new members.</li> </ul>
<b>Meetings Center Committee</b>	To support and contribute to the growth and success of Optometry's Meeting®.
<b>Membership Development Committee</b>	To encourage, facilitate and support the partnership between the AOA and its affiliates by assisting in their membership recruitment and retention efforts and to act as a liaison for enhanced communication and customer service in today's dynamic environment.
<b>New Technology Committee</b>	To identify, explore and share new technologies and care innovations impacting the field of eye care.

<b>Paraoptometric Resource Center Committee</b>	To proactively identify new technology used in clinical practice and assess its impact on the future practice of optometry. To ensure training materials are available to paraoptometricians who continue to drive the professional development and continuing education of office staff in order to best support doctors and patients in a clinical setting. To support the growth and development of paraoptometricians as essential and valuable members of the optometric profession.
<b>Quality Improvement &amp; Data Committee</b>	To oversee and provide recommendations to the AOA Board of Trustees on data collection efforts needed within optometry and to develop and serve as a resource on Merit Based Incentive Payment System engagement and education.
<b>Research &amp; Information Committee</b>	To develop statistically significant primary data resources and information to support the advocacy, economic, financial, operational and capital/organizational aspects of the practice of optometry in the U.S. and to develop reports for all target audiences based on this data.
<b>Sports &amp; Performance Vision Committee</b>	To support, strengthen and advocate for optometry's role in sports and performance vision.
<b>State Government Relations Committee</b>	To support the affiliated state associations' legislative efforts by providing guidance, analysis, advice and legislative strategies. Directly engage with lobbying activities through First Practice Initiative and support through national associations of elected officials.
<b>Third Party Center Committee</b>	To 1) advocate for the inclusion of full-scope optometric care and the inclusion of comprehensive ophthalmic examinations as a core benefit in all medical insurance and Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) plans. 2) promote access and fee parity for services provided by doctors of optometry and to fight discrimination in coverage, participation and reimbursement. 3) Assist states and member doctors with third party advocacy. 4) advise the AOA Board of Trustees and provide education to members about third party topics.
<b>Vision Rehabilitation Committee</b>	To educate, strengthen and advocate for optometry's role in vision rehabilitation.