

2022 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

RESOLUTION

LETTER ASSIGNED: A TITLE: Support for Student Attendance at AOA+ and other AOA and AOA Affiliate Association Events

SOURCE: AOA Board of Trustees

STATUS: Referred to House of Delegates

DATE: June 15, 2022 TIME: 2:30 PM CT

1 WHEREAS, in 2017, over 2,300 optometry students traveled to Washington D.C. to attend
2 the inaugural AOA+ event during Optometry’s Meeting; and
3 WHEREAS, the 2017 AOA+ event provided student members with the experience of making
4 a difference for the profession of optometry by advocating at our nation’s
5 capital; and
6 WHEREAS, the 2017 AOA+ event demonstrated to student members the power of a united
7 profession, and has had a lasting positive impact on participants’ decisions
8 whether to remain members of the AOA; and
9 WHEREAS, AOA and AOSA are planning another AOA+ event for the 2023 Optometry’s
10 Meeting in Washington, D.C., and are providing travel grants to students to
11 encourage participation by defraying the cost of attendance; and
12 WHEREAS, a goal of the 2023 AOA+ event is to further engage optometric faculty to help
13 reinforce the value provided by AOA and AOA affiliated associations to
14 optometric educational institutions, educators, and students; now therefore be it
15 RESOLVED, that the AOA calls upon all AOA affiliated associations to encourage attendance
16 at AOA+ for their student members, and to strive to demonstrate the value of
17 lifelong membership in the AOA to all student members and new doctors of
18 optometry; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, that the AOA urges optometric educational institutions and their faculty to
20 accommodate student attendance at AOA+ and other important AOA and AOA
21 affiliate association events.

**THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED AS SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AS YOU
CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THIS RESOLUTION.**

POSSIBLE FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: After consultation with the AOA Secretary/Treasurer,
the potential cost to the AOA of this resolution, if adopted, would be approximately: None.