

2022 AOA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

SUBMITTED RESOLUTION

LETTER ASSIGNED: D TITLE: Support for the American Optometric Student Association
- Amending Resolution 2008

SOURCE: AOSA

STATUS: Referred to House of Delegates

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

NOTE: Wording in the current Resolution 2008 proposed to be deleted ~~lined-out~~
Wording in the current Resolution 2008 proposed to be added underscored

1 WHEREAS, in 2018 the American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) adopted
2 education, advocacy, student experience, and tools for success as the four pillars of its
3 organizational foundation; and

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5 ~~WHEREAS, in 2018 the AOSA embarked on a rebranding campaign, including relaunching its~~
6 ~~website and revamping its publication, *Foresight*; and~~

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8 ~~WHEREAS, in 2018 the AOSA donated nearly \$10,000 to Optometry Cares®—the AOA~~
9 ~~Foundation, thereby creating student disaster relief grants; and~~

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11 WHEREAS, in 2021, the program's inaugural year, the AOSA awarded 32 grants to
12 underrepresented minority pre-optometry students to put towards entering the profession;
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15 WHEREAS, the AOSA continually educates optometry students on the value of the AOA and
16 AOA affiliated associations, as exemplified in 2021 by an inaugural student welcome event
17 in which approximately 1,000 students from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico
18 participated; and

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20 ~~WHEREAS, in 2018 the AOSA provided students with over \$50,000 in scholarship and grant~~
21 ~~opportunities; and~~

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23 ~~WHEREAS, in 2019 one hundred and thirty nine AOSA student members~~ students from
24 around the country attended the "AOA on Capitol Hill" meeting, ~~to join their fellow AOA~~
25 ~~members in advocating for the profession in Congress; and~~ either in-person or virtually, to
26 support the profession's advocacy efforts; and

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28 WHEREAS, AOSA designates Optometry's Meeting® as their only national optometry
29 student meeting; and

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31 ~~WHEREAS, AOSA has created an interactive map resource on its website to help connect~~
32 ~~student members with AOA affiliated associations; now therefore be it~~

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34 WHEREAS, AOSA continues to ensure that the mission of the organization is upheld as
35 empowering students to thrive as doctors of optometry; now therefore be it

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37 RESOLVED, that the AOA ~~finds that~~ applauds the AOSA ~~these developments demonstrate a~~
38 ~~renewed~~ for its continued dedication and commitment ~~on the part of the AOSA~~ to the
39 success of its membership, the AOA, and the profession of optometry; and be it further

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41 RESOLVED, that the AOA calls upon all AOA affiliated associations to recognize the
42 extraordinary achievements of the AOSA and to reward its dedication by strengthening
43 outreach efforts to optometry students and recent graduates.

**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.