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# Quarterly Paraoptometric Email Newsletter



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EARLY-BIRD DEADLINE

REGISTER

## Optometry's Meeting® 2023 early-bird registration

Early-bird registration ends March 31! Don't miss your opportunity to attend world-class education, network with your peers, catch up with old friends and make new ones as the optometric community gathers in Washington, D.C., June 21-24.

## Optometry's Meeting highlights

Choose from over **190 hours of continuing education** with a chance to earn up to **31 credits** during the four days of education. All credits offered during the meeting are accepted toward paraoptometric certification renewals, with more than **30 hours of approved CE that can be used toward CPOC certification renewal**.

**Paraoptometric Ideas Exchange and Awards Luncheon:** Support your peers by attending this event on Thursday, June 22. The luncheon is free and open to all paraoptometrics. Registration is required. After a delicious meal, enjoy fun activities that include role-playing learning experiences and networking with other paraoptometrics at the Idea Exchange immediately following the luncheon.

**Optometric Surgical Procedures** is a 4-hour course for paraoptometrics offered on Saturday, June 24. Registration is required and includes a workshop supplies fee.

**EYETalks** are offered live on stage at the Eye Care Square Education Theater. These 20-minute presentations on various topics and product demonstrations will be offered daily.

**Para Speaker Series Panel Discussion** is among the top recommended courses to attend on

Saturday, June 24. Panelists will review and answer questions about the five most popular Para Speaker Series courses of 2022. Ask your questions directly to the speakers who created these courses.

**Ring of Silence** course on Saturday includes a screening of the feature film, “Ring of Silence,” followed by a panel discussion on human trafficking and the reporting responsibilities of medical professionals.



## Coming soon!

The Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC) anticipates offering live remote proctored (RPT) testing later this year. Paraoptometrics who select RPT when registering for an examination and who meet the technical requirements of remote testing may complete their examination from the comfort of their home or office. More information to come!



## CE in the office

It seems many paraoptometrics struggle to earn continuing education credits needed to maintain their paraoptometric certification. And while



## Para Webinar Series

The Education Center continues to develop more courses as part of the Para Webinars Series and panel discussions that will be offered monthly to AOA members. Join us on April 11 when Mary Schmidt, CPO, ABOC, will present a discussion about HIPAA. Future dates and topics will be announced as they become available. Registration for this course is coming soon!



## Volunteer with CPC and earn CE

many offices present training monthly or quarterly to their employees, they don't offer CPC-approved CE credits to their staff. Review the [2023 Education Review Guidelines](#) or contact [cpc@aoa.org](mailto:cpc@aoa.org) for more information.

The CPC has openings on the Continuing Education Review Committee. This committee is very active, mainly in the fall and spring, as states and national organizations gear up for annual conferences. Committee members who participate in reviewing course submissions throughout the year will receive CPC-approved CE that can be used toward their next certification renewal. CE is awarded in June each year and is based on participation. [Complete an interest form.](#)



## 2023 Paraoptometric Examination Schedule

[May exam registration deadline.](#)

## 2023 Year in Review

The [annual year-in-review report](#) is now available on the AOA website.

## 2023 Certification Renewals

CPOC renewals are due by May 31; all other renewals are due by Nov. 1. All renewals may be submitted online through the [2023 CPC Certification Online Renewal Submission Form](#). Invoices were emailed in February. If you are due to renew and did not receive an invoice, contact [CPC@aoa.org](mailto:CPC@aoa.org).

## AOA Membership has benefits

Access examination prep materials, continuing education, attend live webinars and receive discounts on materials and meeting registration, all for free to paraoptometrics employed by an AOA member doctor. Paraoptometrics can now enroll themselves! All you need is your employer's AOA ID number. [Read more](#)



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