

International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology Announces New Board of Directors

St. Paul, MN – The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology’s (IJCAHPO) President James C. Tsai, MD, MBA, FACS, announced the election and appointment of new members to its 2021 Board of Directors. The Board is responsible for guiding IJCAHPO in its mission to promote global eye health and prevent blindness through training program accreditation, education, and the certification of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel.

Newly elected, appointed, or Board members continuing their terms beginning in 2021 include:

- James C. Tsai, MD, MBA, FACS, President
- Michael Stewart, MD, President-Elect
- William Astle, MD, FRCSC, Dipl. ABO, Secretary
- Eydie Miller-Ellis, MD, Treasurer
- Neil Choplin, MD, Immediate Past President
- Natalie Loyacano, COMT, ROUB, OCSR, OSA, Secretary of Certification
- William Mieler, MD, Secretary of Education
- Richard Allen, MD, PhD, FACS, Secretary of Public Affairs
- Karl Golinik, MD, MEd, Secretary of International Relations
- Prashant Garg, MBBS, MS, Secretary of International Relations
- Jeannine Bayard, BSN, MPH, Public Advisor
- Christine McDonald, COE, COA, ROUB, OSC, Director-At-Large
- Vasudha Panday, MD, Director-At-Large
- Barbara Harris, PA, MBA, COT, OSC, Director-At-Large
- Kent Rose, COMT, Director-At-Large
- William Ehlers, MD, Foundation President



“IJCAHPO is fortunate to be guided by superb leadership. We are very excited that these exceptional individuals are joining the Board of Directors,” said James C. Tsai, MD, MBA, FACS, IJCAHPO President. “These individuals bring a valuable and unique perspective to the Board of Directors’ deliberations. They are dedicated to IJCAHPO’s mission and will add immeasurably to the substance of our discussions and decisions in meeting the needs of our certificants, patients, and ophthalmic professional community.”

About IJCAHPO®

The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology - IJCAHPO®, (formerly the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology - JCAHPO®), was established as a not-for-profit organization in 1969 to offer certification and continuing education opportunities to ophthalmic allied health personnel. Since then, more than 31,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned IJCAHPO® Certification. For more information visit: www.jcahpo.org.

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