Mission: To promote global eye health and prevent blindness through training program accreditation, education and the certification of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel.
The dedication of IJCAHPO’s leadership, volunteers, and certificants captures the organization’s spirit and are showcased in the past year’s accomplishments. Through your collective commitment, the Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) profession has grown. IJCAHPO remains focused on ensuring that all AOP receive the certification, training, and ongoing education needed to remain part of a top-trained eye care team.

During the past year, we fine-tuned our mission statement to better reflect our organization’s overall goal of the AOP’s role in patient care to prevent visual impairment and blindness. As an important member of the eye care team with the ophthalmologist, AOP play a significant role worldwide in the prevention, screening, and treatment of eye diseases.

This year is also our first full year with our name change to the International Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO). We remain committed to the principles that formed our organization and provides the foundation for who we are today. Certified allied ophthalmic personnel worldwide reflect our organization’s dedication to high-quality patient care and are part of a global profession that crosses distances, borders, and governments.

Thank you to all who contributed their time and expertise to advance the ophthalmic profession. We appreciate your support of IJCAHPO to further our mission. I look forward to working with all of you to meet the ever-evolving challenges of the allied ophthalmic profession.

Together, we can make a difference by improving the delivery of eye health care.

I appreciate this opportunity to serve you—it is an honor and a privilege to support all AOP in reaching their full potential.

William Astle, MD, FRCSC, DIPL. ABO
President

Key Achievements
IJCAHPO is supported by volunteers from the following organizations. The success of IJCAHPO programs are made possible through generous involvement and commitment to leadership from our Councilors.

**Regular Organizational Council Representatives**
- American Academy of Ophthalmology
- American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
- American Glaucoma Society
- American Ophthalmological Society
- American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery with American Society of Ophthalmic Administrators
- American Society of Retina Specialists
- Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology
- Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology
- Association of Veterans Affairs Ophthalmologists
- Canadian Ophthalmological Society
- Canadian Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel
- Consortium of Ophthalmic Training Programs
- Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists
- North American Neuro–Ophthalmology Society
- Society of Military Ophthalmologists

**Affiliate Organizational Council Representatives**
- American Association of Certified Orthoptists
- American Orthoptic Council
- Contact Lens Society of America
- Ophthalmic Photographers’ Society
- Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology
- The Canadian Orthoptic Society
- Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology

**Foundation 2017-2018 Board of Directors**
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Major Initiatives for the Year

- Officially changed our name to IJCAHPO to embrace our more than 26,900 certificants worldwide.
- Updated IJCAHPO’s mission to promote global eye health and prevent blindness through training program accreditation, education and the certification of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel.
- Created new Scope of Practice Guidelines to help practices best utilize Allied Ophthalmic Personnel capabilities by setting guidelines about specific tasks eye care team members are allowed to perform in accordance with laws and regulations that permit physicians to delegate work.
- Created Ethics Standards, which promote the highest level of professional ethical conduct.
- Awarded the 2017 Commissioner Statesmanship Award to Dr. Tyree Carr.

Public Affairs

- Continued monitoring state ophthalmic-related legislation and regulations including requirements for credentialing, accredited education, or licensure of any ophthalmic certified or non-ophthalmic surgical personnel assisting in a surgical theater or ASC.
- Responded to proposed Louisiana legislation, which did not pass, in prohibiting the use of the word “certified” as a title except when lawfully authorized in the laws, rules, and regulations of the state entity regulating the profession.
- Conducted an Ophthalmic Surgical Assisting survey on tasks and value of surgical staff.
- Sent a letter to all state ophthalmic societies alerting them to growing state legislative initiatives that may restrict those who are allowed to assist in surgery, and to request their support and action to ensure that ophthalmologists have the best trained surgical team available to them. A presentation on this subject was also made to the Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology’s (ALAO) Board of Directors.

Education and E-Learning

- Conducted the 45th Annual Meeting (2017) in New Orleans with 2,089 participants.
- Expanded continuing education to provide more than 360 online courses on the EyeCare CE website.
- Hosted a complimentary webinar on women’s eye health supported by a Delta Gamma grant.
- Held 17 Regional CE programs.
- Provided a complimentary online course Utilizing Tear Osmolarity Testing in Ocular Surface Disease.
- Presented 38 weekly webinars for technicians.
- Increased social media presence on Facebook (12,968—up 6.5%), LinkedIn (2,923 followers—up 5.4%), Twitter (1,462 followers—up 1.1%).

Certifications

Updated examinations for delivery to candidates on August 1, 2018:

- Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA®)
- Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT®)
- Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT®)
- Corporate Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (CCOA®)
- Registered Ophthalmic Ultrasound Biometrist (ROUB®)
- Certified Ophthalmic Ultrasound Sonographer (CDOS®)
Certification

- Increased the total number of certificants to 26,911 worldwide.
- Awarded 2,497 new certifications to COA, COT, and COMT levels.

Examinations Delivered Worldwide
Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Egypt, Fiji, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Republic of Korea, Micronesia, Nauru, New Zealand, Nigeria, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, Solomon Islands, Sudan, Trinidad & Tobago, United Arab Emirates, Vanuatu.

Certification Statistics

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International Relations

- Presented and represented Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) at the World Health Organization’s (WHO) meeting on Expert Consultation on Human Resources for Eye Health, September 2017.
- Presented at the APAO Hong Kong 2018 Symposium, February 2018.
- Presented at the WOC 2018 Congress, Barcelona, Spain, June 2018.
- Partnered with the Singapore National Eye Center (SNEC) to provide a certification testing center in Singapore.

Career Development

- Developed a brochure to promote the Allied Ophthalmic Personnel profession at job fairs and other similar events, with guidance counselors, and unemployment offices, and one specifically to military personnel as they begin their job search after service. This brochure was distributed at the US Chamber of Commerce’s “Hiring our Heroes” Job Fair (over 200 attendees) in St. Paul, MN.
- Presented a workshop and exhibited at the HOSA International Leadership Conference encouraging students to consider a career as an ophthalmic medical technician. Approximately 10,000 people attended and nearly 200 high school students requested additional information.
- Developed, launched, and then promoted a video that focused on what an ophthalmic medical technician does and the pathway to becoming one. It is now available on YouTube, and has been promoted on Facebook and IJCAHPO affiliated websites. Watch it here: www.bit.ly/ACareerInSight.

Foundation

- Awarded $2,000 for the Harold A. Stein Scientific Paper Award to Bianca Blaha from Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC, for her paper, “Fixation Preference and Visual Acuity Testing in Non-Verbal Children.”
- Awarded 170 Program Scholarships totaling $38,785 to support ophthalmic technicians with their academic education.
- Awarded 2 Certification and Continuing Education Grants totaling $1,000.
- Awarded Local Eye Site Certification Grants totaling $1,850 to 7 recipients to cover the cost of certification exams.
- Awarded two American Glaucoma Society Scholarships to technicians.

Fiscal Year Giving 2017-2018

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Corporations/Foundations
Platinum ($10,000+)
Delta Gamma Foundation
Gold ($5,000-$9,999)
Local Eye Site

Chairman’s Award ($10,000+)
Tyree Carr, MD*

Director’s Circle ($1,000-$4,999)
American Glaucoma Society
Association of Technical Personnel in Ophthalmology (ATPO)
Jeannine L. Bayard, BSN, MPH*
Dora L. Douglas*
Peter Y. Evans, MD*
Melvin I. Freeman, MD, FACS*
Michelle P. Herrin, COMT, CPOA*
Eydie Miller-Ellis, MD*
Mary A. O’Hara, MD, FACS*

Fellow ($500-$999)
Lynn D. Anderson, PhD, CEO*
William F. Astle, MD, FRCSC, Dipl. ABO*
Neil T. Choplin, MD*
Consortium of Ophthalmic Training Programs (COTP)
Peter C. Donshik, MD*
Harold A. Stein, MD, FRCSC*
Karl C. Golnik, MD, MEd*
Patricia T. Lamell, COMT, CO, OSC, MEd*
Dr. Steven & Pamela Lichtenstein, COMT, OSA*
John S. Massare, PhD*
Elizabeth M. Palkovacs, MD*
Michael W. Stewart, MD*
Thomas Tredici, MD*
James Tsai, MD, MBA, FACS*
Michelle D. Willis, COMT, OSA, OSC*

Sustaining ($100-$499)
Richard C. Allen, MD, PhD, FACS

Association of Veterans Affairs Ophthalmologists (AVAO)
Al Balmer
Kathy A. Campbell, COT, OSA
Alfonse A. Cinotti, MD
Jonathan S. Collins, MD
Joyce J. D’Andrea, COMT
Jay Federman
Heather M. Fennell-Al Sayed, COMT
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Sergina M. Flaherty, COMT, OSC
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Marc Denis J. Lafontaine, BSc, COMT
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Enid Llor	Christine M. McDonald, COA, COE,
ROUB, OSC
Dennis J. Merley, Attorney-at-Law
Jacqueline K. Pullos, COMT
John P. Rowan, COMT
Alan R. Samuels
Victoria M. Sheffield
Robert L. Stamper, MD
Laurie Timp
Rhonda Ullom, COMT, FCLSA, OSC

Friend ($5-$99)
Amy J. Anderson
Chelsie Bowker
Jeffrey Bowker
Kristy Chen
Wade Delk
Tim Desley
Patricia K. Fjerstad
Leah M. Godell
Michelle Grunz
Barbara T. Harris, COT, PA,
MBA, OSC
Jody A. Hayton
Nancy Hofer

Evan Jacobsen
Mclane Jacobsen
Alexandra Kurilla
Choua Lee
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Byron Patterson
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Richelle Roberts
Craig Simms, BSc, COMT, ROUB, CDOS
Terry M. Takara, COMT
Josef Tamory, COA
Caitlin Taylor-Sharp
Lorrie A. Unser, COMT, ROUB
Sharon Wilson
Xiaosong Zhu, COMT

Honorary Visionary Society (Cumulative Contributions of $10,000 or more)
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Dora L. Douglas
Ronald E. Dykes
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Thomas J. Tredici, MD
Maynard B Wheeler, MD
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* 22 Visionary Society Members (Annual individual contribution of $500+)
Training Your Eye Care Team

- Ophthalmic Technicians
- Refractionists
- Ophthalmic Surgical Technicians
- Nurses
- Orthoptist
- Photographers
- Optometrists
- Scribes
- Opticians
- Optometristic Assistants
- Ophthalmic Administrators
- Contact Lens Fitters
- Vision Therapists
- Ocularists

Ophthalmologist-Led Eye Care Team