

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS

*One Hundred and Forty-First Annual Meeting
May 22-25, 2005*

The ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING of the American Ophthalmological Society (AOS) was held at The Cloister in Sea Island, Georgia on May 22-25, 2005. President J. Brooks Crawford MD called the opening session to order on Monday, May 23. The program began with a symposium Tissue Bioengineering and Regenerative Medicine, as follows:

Symposium: Tissue Bioengineering and Regenerative Medicine

1. "Tissue Engineering – Basic Concepts," Don Feng Chen PhD
2. "Biocompatibility: Old and New Paradigms," Buddy D. Ratner PhD
3. "Tubes, Scaffolds and Guided Regeneration," Molly Schoichet PhD
4. "Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis: Lou Gehrig Disease," Michael J. Young PhD

The meeting was continued with the following scientific program:

1. "A Prospective Study of Alternating Occlusion Prior to Surgical Alignment for Infantile Esotropia: One Year Postoperative Motor Results," Malcolm R. Ing MD, Anthony Marcia PhD, David R. Stager, Sr., MD, Bradley Black MD, Robert Hoffman MD, Malcolm Mazow MD, Sebastian Troia MD, William Scott MD, and Scott Lambert MD
2. "Analysis of Hemicentin-1, hOgg1, E-Selectin Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in Age-Related Macular Degeneration," Christine M. Bojanowski, Jingsheng Tuo MD PhD, Emily Y. Chew MD, Karl G. Csaky MD PhD, and Chi-Chao Chan MD
3. "Glaucoma Following Cataract Surgery in Children: Surgically Modifiable Risk Factors," Mary G. Lawrence MD MPH, Natalia Kramarevsky MD, Stephen P. Christiansen MD, Martha M. Wright MD, Terri L. Young MD, and C. Gail Summers MD

EXECUTIVE SESSION, MAY 23

President J. Brooks Crawford, MD, called to order the members-only Executive Session of the 141st Annual Meeting of the American Ophthalmological Society at 11:30 AM. He appointed Dr Edward Raab to be the Parliamentarian.

A motion to approve of the minutes to the Executive Session, which were published in Volume CII of the TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY, was made, seconded, and approved.

The following reports were submitted and approved.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

CHARLES P. WILKINSON MD. I am happy to report that the Society is in good financial condition. Although the market has not performed well recently, our financial picture has improved considerably since we moved the bulk of our investments to Vanguard in early 2003.

In 1998 the Herman Knapp Testimonial Fund became a sponsoring organization of the AOS through the efforts of Drs DuPont Guerry, Froncie Gutman, William Hughes, and Banks Anderson. As of January 1, 2005, the administration of the Knapp Fund was transferred from Dr Froncie Gutman to the AOS and Academy Management Services, and the Council members will now formally serve as the Board of Trustees of the Knapp Fund. The fund will cease funding of fellowships after its previous commitments have all been honored later this year.

There are now three separate entities under the umbrella of the AOS: the AOS proper, the Charitable and Educational Trust or CES, and the Knapp Fund. The AOS budget is primarily concerned with the membership and the meeting; the dues and registration fees respectively are intended to permit the AOS to break-even financially.

I would like to acknowledge Dr Froncie Gutman for all of efforts in the administration of the Knapp Fund, for overseeing the enhanced relationship of the Fund and the AOS, and for all the assistance that he have provided me.

The Council voted to have annual dues for Active members remain unchanged this year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THESES

JAMES C. BOBROW MD. I would like to thank my two co-workers, Drs Hans Grossniklaus and Richard Parrish with their help in evaluating the theses. We read 24 theses; 12 of them were revisions of prior thesis submissions and 12 of them were new theses.

The Committee on Theses recommends that 14 of 24 theses submitted for consideration merit acceptance. Of these, 10 are revised theses and 4 are from first-time submitters. We hope that the Council will accept our recommendations and admit these 14 individuals to membership in the American Ophthalmological Society.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR

THOMAS J. LIESEGANG MD. The 2004 TRANSACTIONS OF THE AMERICAN OPHTHALMOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Volume CII, was mailed in January 2005. The TRANSACTIONS included the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Session, 6 obituaries, 21 papers, 9 poster abstracts, and 7 theses. A Symposium on Targeting Drug Delivery in Ophthalmology was presented during the 2004 Annual Meeting but there were no resulting submitted papers from the symposium for inclusion in the TRANSACTIONS. The print issue was 450 pages (compared to 524 the prior year) with many high quality illustrations and tables. The authors and discussants were all relatively diligent in their participation in the publishing process with the 2004 TRANSACTIONS being distributed in January 2005.

The Proceedings of the meeting, including the spontaneous secondary discussions and responses of the presenter for each paper delivered at the Annual Meeting, and the Banquet comments, are recorded on audiotapes and transcribed. These are edited to improve readability. Each discussant and presenter is given the opportunity to further clarify the exchange prior to publication. The final product presents a more concise and scientific TRANSACTIONS.

In addition to the print volume, the papers, theses, and poster abstracts from the 2004 TRANSACTIONS are available as an accessible referral source for the public on the AOS website in a PDF format. The entire TRANSACTIONS is also available under the members section of the AOS website in a PDF version just as it appears in the print version. The web availability has enhanced our visibility to the medical and scientific communities; as Editor, I receive several requests for reprints and for copyright permission throughout the year.

In this new digital environment, figures must be submitted in a very specific format as listed in the Author Instructions in order to ensure the best print quality and appearance on the website. Unfortunately AOS authors of the theses and papers are not aware of the many nuances of digital formatting of the figures such that only a few authors submitted correct digital figures. Further complicating this is that the hard copy figures were also deficient. Rather than supplying 5x7 glossy prints as has been the standard for decades, the authors frequently embedded the figures into a word document, which is both prohibited in the Author Instructions and not satisfactory quality for either print or web publication. The Council is pondering ways to ensure that authors comply with either the decades-old 5x7 glossy prints or the correct digital format requirements for high quality.

The Instructions for Authors of Papers, for Authors of Theses, for Authors of primary Discussions, and for Authors of Poster Abstracts are reevaluated each year with an attempt to take advantage of the digital environment.

Issues that continue to be discussed at the AOS Council relate to the venue for the TRANSACTIONS (print versus online), the issue of duplicate publication, and a new proposal from the NLM to digitize all prior volumes of the TRANSACTIONS in an XML format for PubMedCentral. The latter will make the TRANSACTIONS more prominent with free public access to all the prior TRANSACTIONS volumes and a link from the indexing services. In order for the AOS to participate in this initiative, all future volumes of the TRANSACTIONS must be presented in an Internet language (XML) to the National Library of Medicine. A task force was assigned by the AOS Council to determine the most cost effective and prudent way to continue the publication of the TRANSACTIONS. The Task Force recommended that the TRANSACTIONS restrict itself to an online version only (in HTML and PDF format) in addition to supplying the NLM with the required XML version. In order to comply with NLM initiative the TRANSACTIONS must shift its limited resources to the digital preparation rather than the print version. The TRANSACTIONS has been and will be available by the usual search mechanisms such as PubMed and MEDLINE. The PubMedCentral version of the TRANSACTIONS will have all the full version of all the papers and thesis. The AOS online site will be more complete and have the entire TRANSACTIONS including the papers, thesis, poster abstracts, minutes of the meeting, and other unique features, just as in the prior print versions.

REPORT OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

C. GAIL SUMMERS MD. The four members of the Program Committee for the 2005 Annual Meeting are Drs Douglas D. Koch, Richard P. Mills, Kent W. Small, and C. Gail Summers.

A total of 29 abstracts were submitted. Each abstract was reviewed independently by the four members of the Program Committee and assigned a grade from one to five. Twenty-one abstracts were accepted for paper presentation and six were accepted for posters.

At the 2005 meeting, we welcomed seven new members, three of whom are paper presenters, Drs Dennis P. Han, Mary G. Lawrence, and Elias I. Traboulsi. The other four new members are opening discussants for papers, Drs Steven E. Feldon, Evelyn A. Paysse, M. Edward Wilson, Jr, and Terri L. Young.

The Program Committee would like to thank the members and co-authors for their contributions to the scientific program of the Annual Meeting. The committee would encourage the membership to continue to submit quality abstracts to enhance the scientific program. I would like to extend my personal thanks to Drs Douglas Koch, Richard Mills, and Kent Small for their aid in reviewing the abstracts and their help in inviting the primary discussants. I would also like to thank Dr Robert Ritch for organizing an outstanding Knapp Symposium and Dr Charles P. Wilkinson for his assistance to the committee. I also want to extend my gratitude to Lisa Brown, the AOS Meeting Manager, for her support, organization, and efficiency.

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

JANE D. KIVLIN MD. The Committee on Membership this year included Drs Jane Kivlin as Chair, Barrett Haik, Julia Haller and Mark Mannis. The committee members suggested potential members and solicited advice and support from members of the Society who knew the potential candidates and might nominate them. The revised recommendations for nominating and seconding letters seem to be working well, but deadlines can be a challenge.

The new guidelines for membership were developed by Dr Lee Jampol and revised by the Council. The Chair found that specific criteria such as the number of papers published were helpful to the committee members in deciding on the present and future leaders that the Society would like to attract to membership. The committee was intent on choosing nominees who were truly interested in joining the Society and were committed to completing a thesis. Dr Jampol will be meeting with the upcoming Committee on Membership to review the final guidelines for next year's membership deliberations.

We reviewed 21 applications. 20 candidates were recommended to the Council to consider for an invitation to submit a thesis.

There was a New Members luncheon at the Dunbar Terrace House Parlor on Sunday May 22. There was also black tie New Members Reception at the Gazebo on Sunday evening May 22.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST/PHOTOGRAPHER

RALPH C. EAGLE JR MD. Digital photography certainly makes things a lot easier. I took 545 photographs at the 2004 meeting of the American Ophthalmological Society at the Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia. Eight were used as illustrations in the 2004 volume of the TRANSACTIONS of the AOS. These included photos of: President Froncie Gutman, President Gutman and President-Elect J. Brooks Crawford, Drs Gutman and Crawford with their wives Bonnie and Christine, Howe Medalist Dr Arthur Jampolsky and his wife Peggy, and group photographs of the Council and the new members. Additional photographs of new members included Dr Chi-Chao Chan signing the membership book, Dr Marco Zarbin with his wife Dr Susan Redfield Carter and their infant son Nicholas and Dr Daniel Schwarz and his father Dr Ariah Schwarz.

The photos were taken with a Nikon D-100 digital SLR camera and archived on CD-ROMs. Color prints of selected photos were prepared and distributed to all of the new members, officers and selected members. Figures for the TRANSACTIONS were submitted in digital format. The Society's digital archives now comprise more than 2300 digitized photographs.

REPORT OF THE EMERITUS COMMITTEE

ROBERT WALLER MD. We currently have 111 Emeritus members. Since our last meeting four of our members have died:

NAME	RESIDENCE	YEAR INDUCTED AOS
Austin I. Fink, MD	Brooklyn, NY	1967
J. Donald M. Gass, MD	Nashville, TN	1972
DuPont Guerry III, MD	Goochland, VA	1951
Jonathan D. Wirtschafter, MD	Minneapolis, MN	1983

The membership were requested and then stood for a moment of silence to respect the memory and friendship of these friends and colleagues.

In accordance with our constitution, any Active Member who has been a member for 25 years, or is 70 years of age, or has completely retired from active practice or from gainful occupation, may, upon written request, become an Emeritus Member of the Society. Such request is subject to the recommendation of the Council and the affirmative vote of three quarters of the members present at the Executive Session of an Annual Meeting.

New applicants for Emeritus membership this year are:

Morton F. Goldberg, MD
Maurice B Landers III, MD
Fred M. Wilson II, MD
W. Richard Green, MD

With the addition of these members, the Society will now have 116 Emeritus Members.

The Emeritus Members and guests had a luncheon on Tuesday, May 24 in the Ocean Room.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

SUZANNE VÉRONNEAU TROUTMAN MD. The XXV biennial Meeting of the Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology, under Dr Bronwyn Bateman, President of the PAAO and the Organizing committee headed by Dr Juan Verdaguer took place in beautiful Santiago, Chile, March 18-21, 2005 and was an unqualified success. The overall attendance of 3,327, of which 60% were Spanish speaking, 25% English speaking and 10 % spoke Portuguese, was an all-time record. Five temporary tents had to be added to the convention center to accommodate the scientific program, courses and posters, and the commercial exhibitors. The perfect weather during the entire meeting assured their comfort. Of the 2,388 ophthalmologists registered 1,016 contributed to the excellent scientific program.

Historical Scientific PAAO Program Overview 1999-2005.

Event type	Orlando 1999	Buenos Aires 2001	SanJuan 2003	Santiago 2005
Named Lectures	4	4	4	4
Symposia	21	18	54	45
Instructional Courses	124	252	151	180
Free Papers	116	281	147	342
Posters	n/a	243	94	212
Videos	8	54	11	40
Scientific Photos	0	112	0	0

At the opening ceremony, highlighted by a concert of the Chilean Symphony Orchestra, PAAO President Bronwyn Bateman presented the XXV Pan-American Congress Guests of Honor, Medals and Award, and Named lecturers.

GUESTS OF HONOR:

Benjamín F. Boyd, MD (Panamá)	Francisco Contreras, MD (Perú)
Enrique Malbrán, MD (Argentina)	Alice R. McPherson, MD (USA)
Carlos Augusto Moreira Sr, MD (Brazil)	Mr David E.I. Pyott (USA)
Mr T.R.G. Sear (USA)	Bradley R. Straatsma, MD (USA)

Medals and Awards:

Edward Maumenee Medal for Distinguished Services: Paul R. Lichter, MD (USA)
Benjamin F Boyd Humanitarian Award: Rafael T. Cortez, MD (Venezuela)
Gradle Medal for Good Teaching: Harley A. Bicas, MD (Brazil)
5th Carl Kupfer Award of \$15,000.00 for Prevention of Blindness: Giovanni V. Salas Villanueva, MD (Perú)
7th Troutman-Véronneau Award of \$10,000.00 for best paper by an ophthalmologist under 45, this year for Cornea and Refractive Surgery: Rocío Carolina Gutiérrez, Md (Venezuela)

Named Lecturers:

The Gradle Lecture: Eugenio Maul de la Puente, MD (Chile)
“Preservación de la Visión en el Paciente afectado por Glaucoma en el Tercer Milenio “

The Pan-American Lecture: Rubens Belfort Jr, MD PhD (Brazil)
“Uveitis: New Advances in Diagnosis and Therapy”

The American Journal of Ophthalmology Lecture: Bruce E. Spivey, MD (USA)
“Self-Assessment, Learning, and Ascertaining Continuing Competence in Ophthalmology”

The AOI Lecture: William S. Tasman, MD (USA)
“Familial Exudative Vitreoretinopathy (FEVR) 1969-2005”.

As is traditional with the Pan American Association, the organization’s presidency changed at the conclusion of the congress. Dr Bronwyn Bateman handed over the President’s Gavel to Dr Enrique Graue Wiechers of Mexico City as the incoming president for 2005-2007.

In 2006 the XXX International Congress of Ophthalmology, the XXVI Pan-American Congress of Ophthalmology, and the XVII Brazilian Congress of Prevention of Blindness will be held February 19-24, 2006 in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Satellite meetings will take place immediately before or after this meeting. The ISA meeting, that is held every 4 years at the time of the ICO, will meet jointly with CLADE February 17-20, 2006, in Sao Paulo.

Historic

The PAAO had its first Congress in 1940 and continued to hold its Congresses every four years with a smaller interim meeting being held in between. The last interim meeting took place in 1971. Thereafter the PAAO Congresses were held biennially. An exception was the Joint meeting with the AAO in Orlando in 2002, one year after the Buenos Aires XXIII Congress in 2001, followed in 2002 by the Puerto Rican XXIV Congress. A second exception is now being made with XXVI Congress being held jointly with the 2006 World Congress in Sao Paolo less than a year after the 2005 XXV Chilean Congress, to be followed in 2007 by the XXVII Congress in Cancun. Will the Sao Paolo meeting start a trend to annual PAAO meetings?

The PAAO membership has grown due to the policy that all scientific program participants must be active members.

Membership	Prior year	Current year	Increase
North America	527	558	31
Latin America	838	1028	190
European Countries	85	96	11
Total	1450	1682	232

Other Educational Activities:

Juan Verdaguer, MD, of Santiago, Chile, continues to develop the Pan-American Council of University Professors in Ophthalmology (PACUPO). The purpose of this program is to unite and standardize university training programs throughout Latin America through exchange programs and other means. A Young Visiting Professors program is being launched between Universities from North and Latin America.

Alice R. McPherson, MD, of Houston, Texas, chairs the Fellowships Committee. In addition to using its own Pan-American Foundation resources, funding for these programs is provided by donations to the Pan-American Foundation. The program is addressed to 3rd year ophthalmology residents for exchanges within Latin America, from Latin America to North America and from North America to Latin America. The 2005 scholarship recipients were:

Within Latin America:

Canqui Boyd Scholarship (One scholarship in the amount of \$4,000):

Andrés Gerhard Castaño, MD (Santiago, Chile).

January – December 2005 - Glaucoma:

Preceptor: Jorge Velazco Quiroga, MD, Fundación Oftalmologica Santander de Bucaramanga, Colombia

The Tim & Judith Sear Scholarship (\$4,000 per year):

Gonzalo Matus Matus, MD (Santiago, Chile).

January – December 2005 – Oculoplastics:

Preceptor: Jose Luis Tovilla Canales, MD, Fundación Conde Valenciana, Mexico City, Mexico

From Latin America to North America:

Gillingham Fellowship (Up to 2 scholarships in the amount of \$10,000):

Raquel Benavides Gonzalez, MD (Costa Rica).

July 2005 – June 2006 Ophthalmic Path:

Preceptor: Jerry Shields, MD, Wills Eye Hospital

David and Julianna Pyott Fellowship: To be launched in 2005.

The recipient, a fully qualified Ophthalmologist from Latin American country outside Brazil and Mexico, will receive an annual award of \$20,000.00 to train for two years at the University of California, Irvine, in retina. The fellow must return to his or her home country at the end of the fellowship.

From North America to Latin America:

Paul Kayser Travel Scholarships (Up to six \$4,000.00 scholarships minimum 2 weeks). Sending Institutions:

St. Louis University: Todd Daynes, MD for Cataract & Refractive Surgery

University of Illinois at Chicago: Julie Freidlin, MD for Uveitis

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute: Kristin Hartley, MD for General Ophthalmology

Univ of California at San Diego: Victoria Morrison, MD for General Ophthalmology

University of Colorado: Ryan Prall, MD for General Ophthalmology

The PAAO Leadership Course, established in conjunction with the AAO, began in 2003 with eleven young ophthalmologists selected by the National Societies of participating countries.

Participants for 2004-2005:

Fernando Barria R von Bischhoffsha, MD (Chile)
Hector Fernando Gómez, MD (Colombia)
Javier Córdoba Umaña, MD (Costa Rica)
Sergio Byron Deutschmann, MD (Guatemala)
Marco A. De La Fuente Torres, MD (México)
Rita A Yee Chan, MD (Panama)
Lelia Marroquín, MD (Peru)
Emilio A. Arce López, MD (Puerto Rico)
Francisco José Muñoz Negrete, MD (Spain)
Paola Pacheco Martínez, MD (Uruguay)
Karen Salcedo Mosquera, MD (Venezuela)
Leon O. Vaughan, MD (Jamaica)

The Visiting Professors Program, the longest running PAAO Educational program, sent 11 visiting professors to 7 Countries.

The XIV Pan-American Regional Course will be held September 2-4, 2005 in San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina. Dr Arturo Maldonado Bas is course coordinator.

Initiatives for 2005:

Continuing update of web-based technology to serve PAAO members better.

Web Site www.pao.org (standardization document found under PACUPO)

The XXVI Pan American Congress will be held in Sao Paolo, Brazil - February 19-22, 2006.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS

BARRETT G. HAIK MD: The Advisory Council for Ophthalmic Surgery of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) is chaired by Dr Barrett G. Haik and includes Council representatives Drs Mark P. Hatton, James W. Karesh, Arysol S. Niffenegger, A. Raymond Pilkerton, Jr., David T. Tse, Robert P. Tucker III, and regent William H. Coles. As of January 1, 2005, ophthalmic surgeons constituted nearly six percent of the active membership of the ACS.

In 2004, the ACS and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) combined to establish an \$8000 Health Policy Scholarship at Brandeis University's Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management offered at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management. The first scholar was Philip A. Edington, MD, FACS, of Stockton, California, chosen by a select committee representing the ACS and the AAO from an applicant pool of 26 fellows.

The Advisory Council also participated in the ACS Web Portal Project (e-facs.org), which provides ACS members with information on the activities of the College and integrates the Web presence of the ACS by unifying the various College Web sites and allowing the College's members to customize what they see when accessing ACS Web documents.

The ACS Committee on Ethics requested that the Committee on Surgical Practice in Hospitals and Ambulatory Settings review and update the ACS *Statement on Ethics in Patient Referrals to Ancillary Service*.

At the May 2004 Interim Meeting of the ACS Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee approved the business plan for the development of an ACS surgical volunteerism Web site, which is to be the final component of the ACS "Giving Back" project.

At its February 2004 meeting, the ACS Board of Regents approved the *ACS Statement on Universal Health Insurance*. The statement was developed by the Health Policy Steering Committee as a step toward achieving universal health insurance in the United States. The ACS has also partnered with the Association of Program Directors in Surgery to develop a Web-based system that would assist surgery program directors in assessing the six core competencies of residents required by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

At the February 2004 American College of Surgeons Professional Association (ACSPA) Board of Directors meeting, the recent formation of the Doctors for Medical Liability Reform (DMLR) was announced. This coalition of organizations (including the ACSPA) representing high-risk medical and surgical specialties was created to conduct an aggressive public education campaign on the need for federal medical liability reforms on a state-by-state basis.

The Subcommittee on Resident Education of the ACS, in collaboration with the ACS Subcommittee on Medical Student Education, is in the process of revising the *Prerequisites for Graduate Surgical Education: A Guide for Medical Students and PGY-1 Surgical Residents*. The revised document will be used to develop a curriculum for medical students that will help them prepare for residency training.

Dr Barrett G. Haik was elected by the Board of Governors to a 3-year term as Regent of the American College of Surgeons. Dr Arysol S. Niffenegger was elected Chair of the Advisory Council for Ophthalmic Surgery.

The College worked closely with the AAO to develop policies to reduce eye injuries in the workplace and during recreation.

To increase ophthalmology representation at the ACS Congress, the AAO has requested that they be allowed to mail invitations to the 2005 Congress in San Francisco to ACS members in the Greater San Francisco area. The AAO has also asked the ACS to provide

a booth at the 2005 AAO meeting, which the ACS has agreed to supply if space allows.

The ACS has actively supported the AAO in protecting patients from less skilled professionals. Members of the Advisory Council for Ophthalmic Surgery gave generously of their time and effort to help legislative leaders to understand how complex eye surgery is and that expertise comes only after extensive training and supervised responsibility.

The American College of Surgeons continues to develop a nationwide Trauma Center Program. Unfortunately many centers are inadequately funded and there may not be a level I trauma center for over 100 miles in many areas of the U.S.

The cancer registry is being constantly improved and outcomes data is being utilized to improve therapeutic strategies.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE AMERICAN ORTHOPTIC COUNCIL

EDWARD L. RAAB MD. The American Ophthalmological Society continues as a valued sponsor of the American Orthoptic Council. The Society reappointed Drs Thomas France, David Weakley and Edward Raab as its representatives to the Council during the past year, a continuity that contributes importantly to carrying out the AOC mission of overseeing the training, certification, and practice of orthoptists.

Dr France, a former Council President, continued as AOC representative to the Canadian Orthoptic Council and to the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology, and as Editor of the American Orthoptic Journal. He also serves on the Accreditation, Bylaws, Long Range Planning, Program, and Public Relations Committees, and chairs the International Relations Committee.

Dr Raab, also a former President, is a member of the Accreditation, Bylaws, Ethics, Long Range Planning, and Program Development Committees. Dr Weakley is Treasurer of the Council, Chair of the Accreditation Committee, and serves on the Accreditation, Editorial, Examination, and Program Committees.

Our representatives additionally are active as examiners of candidates taking the certifying examination. Under current AOC bylaws, one representative serves by annual designation on the Council's Nominating Committee to select its officers.

During the past year the Council updated its Code of Ethics for certified orthoptists and is developing a Job Description and Scope of Practice document. Additionally, a joint project with the American Association of Certified Orthoptists is underway on a document entitled "Orthoptic Practice and Protection in Today's Workplace", designed as a guide for coding and billing of orthoptic services.

Typical practice settings for Certified Orthoptists include working in several offices with multiple supervising ophthalmologists. The Council is exploring medicolegal and other issues pertaining to orthoptic practice, including a required sign-off by both sponsoring and supervising ophthalmologists at the time the Orthoptists submit their three-year recertification.

The Council has constituted ad hoc committees to explore the feasibility of a centralized distance learning Master level program for orthoptic study, and to investigate accreditation of teaching programs by an independent agency. Another committee is exploring formal guidelines for waiving the Bachelor degree requirement for entry into orthoptic programs in exceptional instances where other credentials or life experience might qualify, to remove this process from the discretion of a committee whose composition is subject to change.

Subscribers can now access the American Orthoptic Journal on-line, and its web site, www.aoj.org, is open to the public. The Journal has been unsuccessful in its goal of inclusion in Medline, for reasons that the Council cannot determine. Any assistance that members of the Society can provide to clarify this matter would be very valuable.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology, the AAO Council, and the American Association of Certified Orthoptists will again co-sponsor the annual "Sunday Symposium" at the Academy 2005 Annual Meeting. The topic this year is "Vision Screening in Children", and both ophthalmologists and orthoptists are the presenters. The AOC and the AACO also co-sponsored a highly successful symposium, "Extreme Makeovers in Strabismus", at the annual meeting of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus held in March 2005.

Retinoscopy has now been incorporated into the education of orthoptic students. This subject was included as an unscored element of the 2004 oral/practical certifying examination, and will be further refined for inclusion as a required skill.

The orthoptic profession continues to be disadvantaged by its small numbers and limited visibility. The Council is continuing its attempts to increase awareness of the profession among college students so that the increasing demand for these skills can be addressed. Exhibits at meetings and career fairs, an informational video depicting the daily working life of an orthoptist, and a website (www.orthoptics.org) are prominent in this effort.

Your representatives recommend ongoing AOS support of the American Orthoptic Council and its work in behalf of the profession of orthoptics.

REPORT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

JOHN F. O'NEILL MD. The Council of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) continues to meet twice yearly. The spring meeting is held in conjunction with the Academy's Mid-year Forum in Washington and the fall session is held during the Annual Meeting of the AAO. The Council consists of voting representatives of all fifty states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, representatives from twenty-two sub-specialty organizations, and also includes five "special interest" organizations which are non-voting, and of which the AOS is one.

This past year saw a major victory for the Academy's efforts with the Veterans Administration decision in December to prohibit optometrists from performing laser eye surgery in the VA health system. This action followed the vigorous outcry of many veterans

groups and the introduction of legislation in Congress of the Veterans Eye Treatment Safety Act (VETS) authored by Representative John Sullivan of Oklahoma.

The Academy's "Surgery by Surgeons" program has also proved to be effective and is aimed at counteracting the many efforts that organized optometry is making to expand their scope of practice to include laser and scalpel surgery. These efforts have been defeated in New Mexico and are now being challenged in Texas. Oklahoma, however, continues to be the only state that has passed legislation to allow optometrists to perform eye surgery with laser and scalpels.

Other Mid-year forum topics included:

- Presentations addressing the broad field of ophthalmic surgery as it relates to Surgery by Surgeons. These topics included its history, the many aspects of residency surgical training, the benefits of experience, the development of competency and the on-going methods of monitoring and insuring surgical excellence.
- The recent push in Congress to initiate a "Pay for Performance System" (P4P), which would link Medicare services to "quality" and reward providers for quality care for their patients. The Academy is committed to making sure that all ophthalmologists can compete for the quality incentives regardless of their practice setting.
- The inclusion of a new session at the AAO Annual Meeting this year that will highlight the superior papers and activities presented at the various subspecialty annual meetings. Each society would select the papers to be presented.

Each year the Council develops, prioritizes, and presents Advisory Recommendations (CARS) to the AAO Board of Trustees. Those given high priority this year included recommendations:

- That the AAO should sponsor a course at the Annual Meeting to educate its members and state society executive directors about the important issues facing ophthalmologists (i.e. scope of practice) and methods to employ to be effective in their advocacy efforts with legislators and others.
- That the AAO should sponsor a task force to review the issues surrounding declining state society membership in order to develop a comprehensive plan including incentives, discounts, and joint programs for ongoing support of the goals of state societies.
- That the AAO should address the important issue of malpractice liability for those ophthalmologists who screen and/or treat infants for ROP in the premature nursery.
- That since the AAO has determined that pre-school screening is preferable to complete eye exams by ophthalmologists or optometrists, the AAO should develop professional educational material for pre-school vision screening.
- That the AAO should encourage members to accept TRICARE for dependents of deployed military personnel.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

DAN B. JONES MD. I would like to thank the members of the Council and Officers who have served this past year: Drs Susan Day, Travis Meredith, George Bartley, Lee Jampol, Brooks Crawford, Dan Albert, Charles P. Wilkinson and Thomas Liesegang. Thanks also for the excellent administrative support from Lisa Brown. The Council held its annual meeting this past Sunday, May 22, and executed the following recommendations and decisions:

The Committee received the report on the ad hoc Committee on TRANSACTIONS. That taskforce is comprised of Drs George Bartley, Dan Albert, and Thomas Liesegang. We unanimously accepted the recommendation that we have the PDF version on the AOS online.org website and that the Society produce the required XML format for the National Library of Medicine in preparation for appearance on the PubMedCentral site. There will be no further print versions of the Transactions.

The Council made the following appointments for 2005-2006:

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Dr Charles P. Wilkinson, Secretary/Treasurer
Dr Thomas Liesegang, Editor

NEW MEMBERS COMMITTEE

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ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Dr Woodford Van Meter

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

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Dr. C.P. Wilkinson

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Dr Bruce Spivey

THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS REPRESENTATIVE

Dr Malcolm Mazow
Dr William Mieler (alternate)

PAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY REPRESENTATIVE

Dr Suzanne Véronneau-Troutman

NEW AOS MEMBERS

The Council accepted the report of the Committee on Theses and would like to welcome these 14 new members:

Dr Emily Y. Chew
Dr George A.Cioffi
Dr David K.Coats
Dr Sean P.Donahue
Dr Michael H Goldbaum
Dr Peter S. Hersh
Dr Mark W. Johnson
Dr Don Liu
Dr Marguerite B. McDonald
Dr Samuel Packer
Dr Herman D.Schubert
Dr Jerry Sebag
Dr David T. Tse
Dr R. Patrick Yeatts

I would like to thank the Society and the Council. It's been an honor and privilege for me to serve as its Chair and to serve on the Council for 5 years. Dr Susan Day will be the Chair of the Council in the forthcoming year.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Thank you, Dr Jones for your tremendous service and leadership. The final report is the President's Report. These are basically the President's appointments and are listed as such although they are now selected in conjunction with the Council because these individuals will all be working closely with the Council and with the Executive Committee. So although these appointments are listed as Presidential appointments, they are really the appointments of the whole Council and the Executive Committee. New members are indicated with an asterisk.

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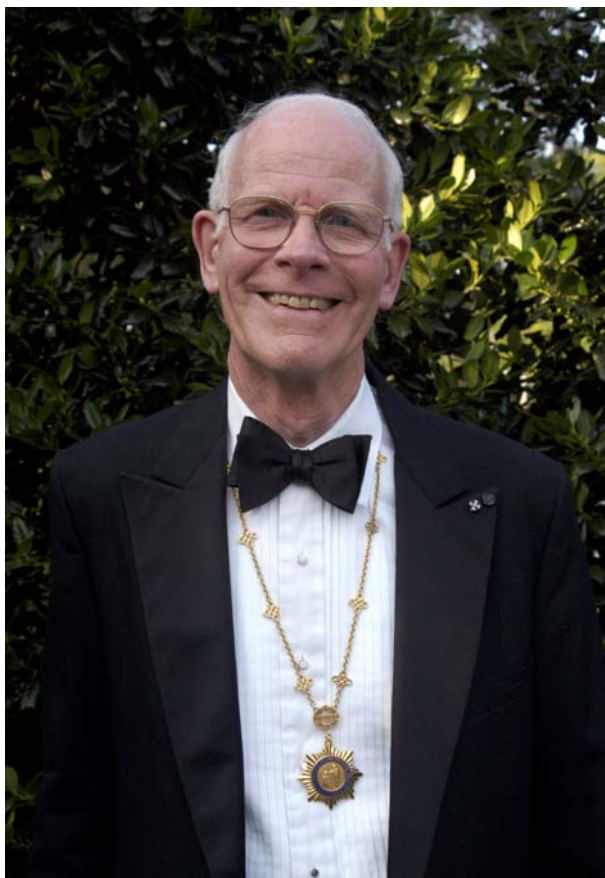
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Dr Edward L. Raab
Dr David R. Weakley, Jr.
Dr Thomas D. France

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Dr Robert L. Stamper
Dr M. Edward Wilson (alternate)*

I declare the Executive Session of the 141st meeting in recess until tomorrow evening's banquet.



PRESIDENT J. BROOKS CRAWFORD MD

TUESDAY MORNING, MAY 24

The scientific program continued with the following papers:

4. “Long-Term Corneal Keratocyte Deficits After Photoreactive Keratectomy And Laser In Situ Keratomileusis,” Jay C. Erie MD, Jay W. McLaren PhD, David O. Hodge MS, and William M. Bourne MD
5. “Local Corticosteroid Treatment of Eyelid and Orbital Xanthogranuloma,” Victor M. Elnor MD PhD, Roni Mintz MD, Hakan Demirci MD, and Adam S. Hassan MD
6. “Intravitreal Clearance of Moxifloxacin,” Mohan N. Iyer MD, Feng He PhD, Theodore G. Wensel PhD, William F. Mieler MD, Matthew S. Benz MD, and Eric R. Holz MD
7. “The Role of Choroidal and Retinal Biopsies in the Diagnosis and Management of Atypical Presentations of Uveitis,” Lyndell L. Lim MBBS FRANZCO, Eric B. Suhler MD, James T. Rosenbaum MD, and David J. Wilson MD
8. “*Polychromasia Capsulare* (Multicolored Capsule) – Report of Three Families,” Elias I. Traboulsi MD, Dan Chung DO, and John M. Koors MD
9. “Vitrectomy for the Treatment of Submacular Hemorrhages from Macular Degeneration: A Comparison of Submacular Hemorrhage/Membrane Removal and Submacular Tissue Plasminogen Activator-Assisted Pneumatic Displacement,” John T. Thompson MD and Raymond N. Sjaarda MD
10. “Pterygium Surgery with Mitomycin and Tarsorrhaphy,” Thomas O. Wood MD, Ellen E. Williams MBA, Danielle L. Hamilton, and Bryan L. Williams PhD
11. “Dynamic Atypical Optic Nerve Coloboma Associated with Transient Macular Detachment,” Stephen L. Perkins MD, Dennis P. Han MD, John R. Gonder MD, George Colev MD, and Paul E. Beaumont MBBS FRACO FRACS
12. “TLR4 Mediates Human Retinal Pigment Epithelial Endotoxin Binding and Cytokine Expression,” Susan G. Elnor MD, Howard R. Petty PhD, Victor M. Elnor MD PhD, Ayako Yoshida MD PhD, Zong-Mei Bian MD, Dongli Yang MD PhD, and Andrei L. Kindezelskii MD PhD
13. “The Ethics and Politics of Stem Cell Research,” James C. Bobrow MD
14. “Unnecessary Clinical Tests in Ophthalmology,” James J. Augsburger MD
15. “Interactions Between Endothelia of the Trabecular Meshwork and of Schlemm’s Canal: A New Insight into the Regulation of Aqueous Outflow in the Eye,” Jorge A. Alvarado MD, Ru-Fang Yeh PhD, Linda Franse-Carman, George Marcellino PhD, and Michael J. Brownstein MD

TUESDAY EVENING BANQUET, MAY 24

DAN B. JONES MD, CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL. I have the honor and privilege to introduce to you this evening your president, Brooks Crawford MD, who will conduct the remainder of the activity for the evening.



PRESIDENT J. BROOKS CRAWFORD MD, HIS WIFE CHRISTINE, HIS SON PETER AND HIS DAUGHTER-IN-LAW DODIE

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BROOKS CRAWFORD MD, PRESIDENT. Thank you, Dr Jones for your extraordinary leadership, guidance and help. It has been said that wisdom is knowing which road to take; integrity is taking it. You have both wisdom and integrity.

The AOS has a special award for Dr Froncie Gutman. I told my son that Dr Gutman was the quarterback for Purdue, when they upset both Michigan and Notre Dame. He said, "He has the grip of a quarterback!" This special framed award from the American Ophthalmological Society states,

Whereas, the Herman Knapp Testimonial Fund was organized in 1912 and operated to support, benefit, perform, and assist in carrying out the charitable, educational, and scientific purposes and functions of the American Ophthalmological Society, and
Whereas, the Society was selected as the supervising organization for the Fund, and



THE 2005 COUNCIL. (FROM LEFT): DAN B JONES MD, CHARLES P WILKINSON MD, J BROOKS CRAWFORD MD, GEORGE B BARTLEY MD, SUSAN H DAY MD, LEE M JAMPOL MD, THOMAS J LIESEGANB MD, TRAVIS A MEREDITH MD AND DANIEL M ALBERT MD.

Whereas, the Fund is authorized to support the Society in a manner to be established by the Council of the Society, and
Whereas, Dr Froncie Gutman has been the individual primarily responsible for the organization and operation of the Fund and for the multitude of contributions of the Fund to both American ophthalmology and to the Society,

Resolved, that the American Ophthalmological Society expresses its profound appreciation, respect, and affection to Dr Froncie Gutman for his years of exceptional dedication to and leadership, inspiration and loyal stewardship of the Herman Knapp Testimonial Fund.

Approved on the 30th day of October, 2004 by Brooks Crawford, President; Dr Dan Jones, Chair of the Council; and Dr Charles P. Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer of the AOS

Dr Froncie Gutman was requested to come forward and accepted this recognition.

The next item of business is to provide the remaining committee reports. The first is the Committee on New Members by Dr Charles P Wilkinson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NEW MEMBERS

CHARLES P. WILKINSON MD. In Dr Douglas D. Koch's absence, I will introduce the new AOS members and their spouses or guests. These members had their thesis accepted the prior year and are attending their first meeting.

Dr Steven E. Feldon, Rochester, NY, with his wife Diane

Dr Dennis P. Han, Milwaukee WI, with his mother Mrs. Han

Dr Evelyn A. Paysse, Houston, TX, with Dr Dan Jones standing in for her husband, Dr David Coats

Dr Elias I. Traboulsi, Cleveland OH, with his wife Mayya

Dr M. Edward Wilson, Charleston, SC, with his wife Donna

Dr M. Roy Wilson, Lubbock, TX whose thesis was accepted in 2002, with his wife Suzanne

Dr Terri L. Young, Philadelphia PA, with her husband Gregory Jones

Dr Mary G Lawrence, Minneapolis MN presented a paper at this meeting but had to return home for an Academic commitment.

This is an outstanding group of new AOS members. Each and every one of them has either presented a paper at this meeting or discussed a paper. That's an incredible tribute to the talent that is coming into the Society.



NEW MEMBERS (FROM LEFT): MARY GILBERT LAWRENCE MD, MPH, M ROY WILSON MD, MS, EVELYN A PAYSSE MD, M EDWARD WILSON JR MD, ELIAS J TRABOULSI MD, TERRI L YOUNG MD, STEVEN E FELDON MD, AND DENNIS P HAN MD

J. BROOKS CRAWFORD MD. The next item of business is a Committee on Athletics Report by Dr Woodford Van Meter. Athletics is one of the activities that makes this Society unique. It presents the opportunity for all members to participate in these social events and provides an opportunity to mingle with our colleagues and our friends in a totally different venue than we would do at another meeting. That is unique to this Society.

Dr Woodford Van Meter is an incredible athlete himself. Somebody was just commenting that Woodford can do anything – from the great golf shot, to the backhanded volley, to whatever it takes to win the point. He has mainly organized the golf and the tennis, and elevated them to become a major part of this Society. Dr Van Meter now has the opportunity to announce the winners of all the various events this year.



NEW MEMBER EVELYN A PAYSSE MD SIGNING AOS BOOK.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ATHLETICS

WOODFORD VAN METER MD. We have more silver on the dais than is seen at most weddings. Here are the winners:

Event	Trophy	Category	Winner
Skeet Shooting	Beetham Trophy		Jackson Iliff
Golf	Mishima-Michels Trophy	Men's Low Gross	Verinder Nirankari
	Canada-McCullough Cup	Men's Low Net	Ron Smith
	Truhlsen Trophy	Men's Low Gross >65	David Berler
	Knapp Memorial Trophy	Men's Low Net Team	Jay Erie/ Pat Wilkinson
	Ellsworth Trophy	Women's Low Gross	Dorene Shipley
	Homestead-Calloway Cup	Women's Low Net	Sandy Berler
Monday		Men's Closest to Pin	Ed Wilson
		Men's Closest to Pin 65+	Dan Jones
		Men's Long Drive	Jay Erie
		Men's Long Drive 65+	David Berler
		Women's Closest to Pin	Audrey Ing
		Women's Long Drive	Miriam Ridley
Tuesday		Men's Closest to Pin	Rick Ferris
		Men's Long Drive	Ron Smith
		Women's Long Drive	Evelyn Paysse
		Scramble:	Fritz & Yvonne Fraunfelder
			Rick Ferris & Miriam Ridley

Tennis	EVL Brown Bowl	Men's Doubles Winners	George Spaeth/ Brian Younge
	EVL Brown Trophy	Men's Doubles Runner-up	Dennis Han / Woody Van Meter
	Wilkinson Trophy	Men's >age 65 Winner	George Spaeth
	Lewis-Perera Bowl	Women's Doubles Winners	Janet Erie / Alice Wilkinson
	Hughes Bowl	Women's Doubles Runner-up	Jill Waltman / June Wood
	Wong-MacDonald Trophy	Mixed Doubles Winners	Froncie Gutman / Alice Wilkinson
	Wilson Trophy	Mixed Doubles Runner-up	Richard Lindstrom / Kyra Berson

J. BROOKS CRAWFORD MD. The final committee report is one of the most important and prestigious in Ophthalmology, the Committee on Prizes. I ask Dr William Tasman to present that report.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRIZES

WILLIAM B. TASMAN MD. Mr President, members of the Council, members of the AOS, and honored guests:

Welcome to the awards ceremony for the 72nd presentation of the prestigious Lucien Howe Medal. In order to not reveal the name of this year's honoree at the outset, I would like to begin by asking the following survey. All those who think that tonight's recipient of the Howe Medal is a man, please raise your hands. How many of you believe our recipient is a woman? As a follow-up question how many of you think that tonight's honoree lives on the east coast of the United States? How many think the west coast? Finally, how many think the honoree lives somewhere between the two coasts?



STEPHEN J RYAN JR MD RECEIVING LUCIEN HOWE MEDAL FROM WILLIAM S. TASMAN MD

Now let's see how you did. Our recipient actually was born outside the continental United States. Now that may be a giveaway to this year's Howe Medalist or at least may raise expectations. From this picture how many think that the recipient is a boy? How many think a girl? Some of you, especially the recipient and the recipient's family, will recognize people in this picture thereby raising the expectation level even higher. Clearly the honoree this year is male and here we see him dressed up for his First Communion. The next picture is of his father, also an ophthalmologist who was in the Navy in Honolulu where our honoree was born in 1940. I think it will be readily obvious who our medalist is in the next slide that shows him with his three brothers, Robert, Richard, and John. I am told that on weekends the honoree would organize neighborhood-boxing matches and indeed in this photo he may have a tooth missing. Furthermore, when the parents were out for the evening the brothers would quickly roll up the rugs, push the furniture to the side and have a riot in the middle of the living room.

Following graduation from Providence College in Rhode Island our honoree went to Johns Hopkins Medical School and was then

a resident at the Wilmer Eye Institute.

He has received an unbelievable number of honors and awards during his career, which include, among others, a Doctor of Science Honoris Causa from his alma mater, Providence College. He is a member of the Society of Scholars at Johns Hopkins, received the Mildred Weisenfeld Lifetime Research Award from Fight for Sight, and the Award of Merit from the Retina Research Foundation. These are only a few of his many recognitions. He has also been a member of numerous organizations including directorship on the American Board of Ophthalmology, membership in Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis, and the AUPO, of which he was president.



STEPHEN J RYAN JR MD, 2005 RECIPIENT OF THE LUCIEN HOWE MEDAL

His publications number 264 not including currently submitted articles that would bring this total closer to 300. In addition, he has written 44 chapters and 218 abstracts. There is also a long list of named memorial lectureships, which include the Paul Chandler Memorial Lecture, the XXII Jules Stein, Edward Jackson Memorial Lecture, and the 50th Gifford Memorial Lecture.

From a personal perspective, one of his biggest contributions academically has been the three-volume textbook which covers all aspects of retina and which is now in its fourth edition. The 4th edition will have a website, 1300 new color illustrations, and 3800 illustrations in all. It is the retina bible.

Despite our honoree's busy professional life there has been time for romance. He met, courted and married his lovely wife, Ann in 1965 when they met at Johns Hopkins.

Clearly, our honoree is a remarkable individual who has contributed immeasurably to ophthalmology. I particularly like this newspaper clipping because among other miracles that he has performed he was able to restore sight by using only a thin straw. Actually, if you could read the newspaper date you would see that this was in the early days of vitrectomy. Another miraculous feat was picked up by the Holly Press showing a Stryker circular bed with the patient suspended upside down while the surgeon was lying on the floor injecting gas. Fortunately, those days are gone now thanks to perfluorocarbon liquids and silicone oil.

Both Dr Stephen J Ryan Jr and his wife Ann are tennis fanatics and have won the AOS mixed doubles title.

Dr Ryan served as Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at USC before going on to become Senior Vice President for Medical Affairs and Dean of Medicine. He has been an outstanding fundraiser for his institution. Currently he serves as President of Doheny where he claims his job is to raise money for Dr Ron Smith to spend.

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Dr Ryan loves the outdoors and has been a successful fisherman in Wyoming and with larger game fish in Hawaii.

Finally, here is a picture of Dr Ryan and Ann. I would like to thank Ann for her great assistance in preparing tonight's presentation along with his brother, Robert, sister-in-law, Eileen, and Dr Ron Smith.

The Committee on Prizes and the Council of the American Ophthalmological Society are proud to present the 2005 Lucien Howe Medal to Dr Stephen J Ryan Jr in recognition of his outstanding and ongoing contributions to the science, art and compassion of ophthalmology and medicine. I would now ask that Drs George Spaeth and Ron Smith escort Dr Ryan to the podium so that he may receive the AOS 2005 Lucien Howe Medal.

DR STEPHEN J. RYAN, JR, MD. I am deeply touched. I am at a loss for words and shocked. I voted for a woman from the mid-west. I don't know what that says about me. I would like to thank my dear wife, Ann, and family, my great friend Dr Ron Smith, and all of you in the AOS – you mean so much to me, and you really did shock me this evening. While I am certainly not the deserving one, you cannot find anyone more appreciative. It means so much to me. From the heart, thank you all.

J. BROOKS CRAWFORD MD. Congratulations, Dr Ryan. I'm happy to be able to count you as one of my friends. This is a well-deserved honor for you to receive this distinguished medal.

It has been an incredible honor for me to serve this Society as your president- all honor and little if any work. Your previous president, Dr Froncie Gutman, advised me to just listen to Dr Wilkinson and to Lisa Brown. That is about all I have done. The Council, our Secretary-Treasurer, Dr Pat Wilkinson, Lisa Brown, our Editor, Dr Thomas Liesegang, and all the volunteer, hard-working, dedicated members of our many crucially important committees do the real work. I am most grateful to them and to all of you who are here tonight to support our Society on this lovely evening. Special thanks to my family who are here tonight and to my lovely wife, Chrissie, my best friend and best advisor, without whom I would never have been here tonight or anywhere else of significance.

According to all the principles of Darwinian evolution, this august society of great tradition, the first medical specialty society in America, needs to change slowly and evolve if it is to survive and continue to be a force of significance in American Ophthalmology and American Medicine. Cardinal Newman said: "in another world it may be otherwise but here below to live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often". The gradual evolution of our TRANSACTIONS, the improvement in our annual scientific session with the excellent AOS-Knapp symposia, and the extraordinarily bright new members introduced on Sunday and tonight are examples of this correct evolution and adaptive change.

One of the principle architects of this evolution is your President-Elect, Dr Dan Albert. Dr Albert is a most extraordinary individual. He has been a Professor at the University of Pennsylvania, Yale, Harvard, and now Wisconsin where he is Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology as well as a Professor in the Department of Medical History and Bioethics and the Department of Pathology. He has been a visiting professor and given distinguished lectures throughout this country as well as in England, China, Japan, Israel, and Saudi Arabia. He is the author of 24 books, 91 book chapters and, can you believe this, 583 peer-reviewed scientific publications including everything from hard, often cutting-edge science to our ophthalmic history and heritage to "notes on Voltaire's The Elements of Sir Isaac Newton's Philosophy".

In spite of this truly awesome Curriculum Vita Dr Albert is a most humble, relaxed, easy-going man with a proper sense of priorities- namely his family first.

Please welcome Dr Albert and his lovely wife, Ellie, to the podium where I will honor a recent tradition: give him the President's Medal and let him conduct the remainder of this business session.

DANIEL ALBERT MD. Thank you very much, Dr Crawford, for an overly generous introduction. First of all, let me congratulate Dr Stephen Ryan on a very richly deserved award. Ellie and I are extremely privileged and grateful to have the opportunity to serve this Society. As you gather from the athletics awards that were given out, women and spouses play a major role, and they do so much more than athletics.

I would like to just say a few words about Dr Brooks Crawford, because it's been my privilege throughout my career to follow Dr Crawford. When I came to the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness, I inherited his patients. And when I got to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, I had the pleasure of describing cases that Brooks had grossed. And that was quite a while ago. I think, Chrissie, it was 15 to 16 years ago, wasn't it? I think Brooks is a person who embodies many of the ideals and the best characteristics of this Society. He's an outstanding clinician. He has an inquiring and innovative mind, and he has graciousness and a style that goes back decades, and even centuries that I think this Society perpetuates. It has also been my good fortune to have on the Council, individuals whom I have known and have the greatest affection and admiration for, including Dr Susan Day, George Bartley, Lee Jampol and Travis Meredith. And in the coming year, we will do our best to serve this Society and sustain its excellence.

That ends the speaking program of the evening. Please resume your dancing and enjoy the evening.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 25

The scientific meeting concluded with the following papers:

16. "The Utility of Strabismus in Adults," George R. Beauchamp MD, Joost Feliuss PhD, David R. Stager, Sr., MD, and Cynthia L. Beauchamp MD
17. "The Burden of Age-Related Macular Degeneration. A Value-Based Medicine Analysis," Gary C. Brown MD MBA, Melissa M. Brown MD MN MBA, Sanjay Sharma MD MSc (epid) MBA, Joshua D. Stein MD MS, Zachary Roth, Joseph Campanella MBA MSIS, and George R. Beauchamp MD
18. "P63 Expression Levels in Side Population and Low Light Scattering Ocular Surface Epithelial Cells," Seth P. Epstein MD, J Mario Wolosin PhD, and Penny A. Asbell MD
19. "The Usefulness of a New Method of Testing for a Relative Afferent Pupillary Defect in Patients with Ocular Hypertension and Glaucoma," Dara Lankaranian MD, Undraa Altangerel MD, George L. Spaeth MD, Jacqueline A. Leavitt MD, and William C. Steinmann MD
20. "Effect of Death-to-Preservation Time on Donor Corneal Epithelium," Woodford S. Van Meter MD, Douglas G. Katz MD, Harrison White, and Robert Gayheart
21. "Retinopathy of Prematurity: Late Complications in the Baby Boomer Generation (1946-1964)," Bradley T. Smith MD and William S. Tasman MD

The following AOS members were present and registered at the 2005 meeting. Two professional guests are at the end of the list.

Active	Aaberg, Thomas M.	Active	Gragoudas, Evangelos S.
Active	Albert, Daniel M.	Active	Grand, M. Gilbert
Active	Alvarado, Jorge A.	Active	Gutman, Froncie A.
Active	Anderson, Douglas R.	Active	Han, Dennis P.
Active	Anderson, W. Banks	Active	Heckenlively, John R.
Active	Asbell, Penny A.	Active	Holland, Edward J.
Active	Augsburger, James J.	Active	Hull, David S.
Active	Bartley, George B.	Active	Iliff, W. Jackson
Active	Bateman, J. Bronwyn	Active	Ing, Malcolm R.
Active	Berler, David K.	Active	Jaeger, Edward A.
Active	Berson, Eliot L.	Active	Jampol, Lee M.
Active	Biglan, Albert W.	Emeritus	Jarrett II, William H.
Active	Blair, Norman P.	Active	Jones, Dan B.
Active	Bobrow, James C.	Active	Kennedy, Robert H.
Active	Brown, Gary C.	Active	Kivlin, Jane D.
Active	Bullock, John D.	Active	Krachmer, Jay H.
Active	Caldwell, Delmar R.	Emeritus	Laties, Alan M.
Active	Chan, Chi-Chao	Active	Liesegang, Thomas J.
Active	Cibis, Gerhard W.	Active	Lindstrom, Richard L.
Active	Coleman, D. Jackson	Active	Ludwig, Irene H.
Emeritus	Cox, Morton S.	Active	Luxenberg, Malcolm N.
Active	Crawford, J. Brooks	Active	Meredith, Travis A.
Active	Day, Susan H.	Active	Mieler, William F.
Active	Donshik, Peter C.	Active	Mills, Richard P.
Emeritus	Drews, Robert C.	Active	Mitchell, Paul R.
Active	Eagle, Ralph C.	Active	Nirankari, Verinder S.
Active	Elman, Michael J.	Active	O'Day, Denis M.
Active	Elnor, Susan G.	Active	O'Neill, John F.
Active	Elnor, Victor M.	Active	Parrish, Richard K.
Active	Erie, Jay C.	Active	Paysse, Evelyn A.
Active	Farris, R. Linsy	Emeritus	Pollack, Irvin P.
Active	Feldon, Steven E.	Active	Pollard, Zane F.
Active	Feman, Stephen S.	Active	Raab, Edward L.
Active	Ferris, Frederick L.	Active	Ritch, Robert
Active	Flach, Allan J.	Active	Robin, Alan L.
Active	Flanagan, Joseph C.	Active	Rubin, Melvin L.
Emeritus	Fraunfelder, Frederick T.	Active	Runge, Paul E.
Active	Godfrey, William A.	Active	Ryan, Jr., Stephen J.
Active	Goldberg, Morton F.	Active	Schein, Oliver D.

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Active	Sieving, Paul A.
Active	Spaeth, George L.
Active	Stamper, Robert L.
Active	Stark, Walter J.
Active	Steinert, Roger F.
Active	Stone, Edwin M.
Active	Sugar, Alan
Active	Summers, C. Gail
Active	Tasman, William S.
Active	Thompson, John T.
Active	Traboulsi, Elias I.
Emeritus	Truhlsen, Stanley M.
Active	Van Meter, Woodford S.
Emeritus	von Noorden, Gunter K.
Active	Waltman, Stephen R.
Active	Waring, III, George O.
Active	Weinreb, Robert N.
Active	Welch, Robert B.
Active	Wilhelmus, Kirk R.
Active	Wilkinson, Charles P.
Active	Wilson, David J.
Active	Wilson, M. Roy
Active	Wilson, M. Edward
Active	Wilson, Steven E.
Active	Wood, Thomas O.
Active	Younge, Brian R.
Active	Zarbin, Marco A.
Professional Guest	Brown, Melissa M.
Professional Guest	Ridley, Miriam E.