

### **The Mission of the FOA:**

The mission of the Florida Optometric Association is to advance and promote the quality, the availability, accessibility of primary eye care and related health-care of Florida's citizens; to represent the profession of optometry; to enhance and promote the independent and ethical decision-making of its members; and to assist and enable optometric physicians to practice their profession so as to ensure the highest standards of patient care.

### **The Purpose of the Ophthalmic Professional Committee of the FOA:**

To promote, develop and support educational opportunities for all ophthalmic personnel. Promoting the ophthalmic health team concept; the OP committee encourages the advancement of knowledge by providing quality continuing educational programs; and endorsing a standard of recognition within the ophthalmic community.

### **Who are Ophthalmic Professionals?**

The OP members of the FOA represent ancillary personnel in the ophthalmic profession. This includes optometric technicians and assistants, contact lens technicians, opticians, optical technicians, administrative personnel and third party specialists.

### **Who is Eligible for OP Membership?**

Membership as an Ophthalmic Professional of the FOA is open to any person employed in the ophthalmic profession.

### **What are the Benefits of Membership?**

The ophthalmic profession is dynamic and constantly changing. Technological advancements demand individuals who are educated and well trained in the ophthalmic field. Membership in the FOA provides OP's with the opportunity to:

- Attend excellent educational seminars
- Remain current in their chosen field
- Learn new technology
- Improve management skills
- Satisfy certification requirements
- Participate in regional educational programs at reduced fees
- Attend free educational seminars at local society events
- Network and share knowledge and skills acquired through experience in the eye care field
- Receive periodic newsmagazine
- Access the Member Only section of the FOA website
- Obtain an annual membership directory of current members

### **Certification Programs**

Certification programs are becoming a benchmark for employers to determine the skill level and qualifications of potential employees. Maintaining your certification is critical. One of the requirements for maintaining certification is to earn continuing education credits.

AOA Paraoptometric, ABO/NCLE and Florida Department of Health Board of Opticianry certification requirements can be acquired by attending programs offered by the FOA.

OP CE seminars are announced on the FOA website, in the FOA Newsmagazine and direct mailings. Members will receive all program brochures.

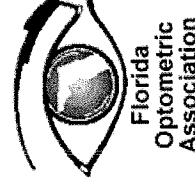
### **Volunteer Opportunities**

The FOA derives its success from the strength, commitment and professionalism of its members who work to meet the demands of an ever changing and expanding ophthalmic profession.

### **FOA OP Committee**

Serve your organization as a committee member and play an integral part in the advancement of the FOA mission.

Let us know how you would like to help by phoning (800/399-2334), or e-mailing [jessica@floridaeyes.org](mailto:jessica@floridaeyes.org)



**HOW CAN YOU BECOME AN  
OP MEMBER OF THE FOA?**

Join the FOA today! You can become a member by completing the enclosed membership application.

Send application to:

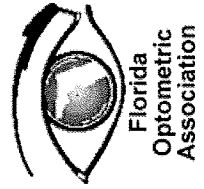
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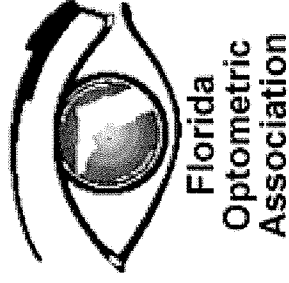
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