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STATE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES AWARD WINNERS AND NEW BOARD AT ANNUAL HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Sacramento, CA, February 20, 2009 – The California Optometric Association (COA) recently held its 2009 House of Delegates on January 30-31 at the Sheraton Grand Hotel in Sacramento, CA.

During the event, the 2009 Board of Trustees was elected and sworn in. The new Board is as follows:

President - Hilary Hawthorne, OD, who practices in Los Angeles, CA
President-Elect - Harue Marsden, OD, MS, FAAO, who practices in Fullerton, CA
Secretary/Treasurer - James Dallas, OD, who practices in Barstow, CA
Trustee – Jan Cooper, OD, FAAO, who practices in Bloomington, CA
Trustee – Movses D’Janbatian, OD, who practices in Glendale, CA
Trustee – Fred H. Dubick, OD, MBA, FAAO, who practices in Burbank, CA
Trustee – Sasha Penn, OD, FAAO, who practices in Oakland, CA
Trustee – Page Yarwood, OD, who practices in Oakland, CA
Trustee – Barry A. Weissman, OD, PhD, FAAO, who practices in Los Angeles, CA
Immediate Past President – David Redman, OD, who practices in San Jose, CA

In addition to the installation of the new Board of Trustees, COA also handed out a number of awards to various members and local societies, including the prestigious Optometrist and Young Optometrist of the Year Awards for 2008. The winner of the **Optometrist of the Year Award** was Lee A. Goldstein, OD, MPA, who resides in Three Rivers, CA. And the five winners of the **Young Optometrist of the Year Award** were Amy Jo Calder, OD, who practices in Gardena, CA; Joshua Corben, OD, who practices in Newhall, CA; Derron Lee, OD, who practices in Stockton and Manteca, CA; Karen Santillan, OD, who practices in Torrance, Orange and Bellflower, CA; and Matthew Wang, OD, who practices in Irvine, CA.

The following is a list of additional 2008 awards presented during the 2009 House of Delegates:

2008 George I. Deane, Jr., OD, Memorial Leadership Award – Sarah Lewis, student at the University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry; and Garrett Milner, student at the Southern California College of Optometry

Project Keep Leadership Scholarships – Jennifer Garcia, OD, who resides in West Covina, CA; and Donna Hong, OD, who resides in Alhambra, CA

Outstanding Society Membership Recruitment Award – Imperial County Optometric Society

Society Bulletin of the Year – Los Angeles County Optometric Society — *Eyes of LA* and Santa Clara County Optometric Society — *FOCUS*

Society Project of the Year – Santa Clara County Optometric Society for Guide Dogs for the Blind

Society of the Year – Alameda Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society

California Vision Foundation (CVF) Optometrist of the Year – (Posthumous Award) Harold Ross, OD, who practiced in Los Angeles, CA

California Vision Foundation (CVF) Laboratory of the Year – Hollywood Optical Laboratory, of San Dimas, CA

Excellence in Optometric Education Award – Eric Borsting, OD, MS, professor at the Southern California College of Optometry; and Robert Greer, OD, clinical professor and chief of the Low Vision Clinic at the University of California Berkeley, School of Optometry

Legislators of the Year Award – Hon. Lou Correa and Hon. Edward Hernandez, OD

Keyperson of the Year – Richard Hoffman, OD, who practices in Los Angeles, CA

California Optometric Association was established in 1899, and is California's oldest organized community for optometrists. Representing more than 2,700 optometrists, COA is dedicated to ensuring the highest quality of health care for the public through the advancement of optometry.

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