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STATE OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION ESTABLISHES LOW VISION REHABILITATION SECTION

Sacramento, CA, February 24, 2010 – The California Optometric Association (COA) recently hosted the inaugural meeting for its Low Vision Rehabilitation Section (LVRS) on January 29, 2010, at the Ontario Airport Marriott in Ontario, CA. The meeting was held during the association's annual House of Delegates.

Established in 2009, the purpose of LVRS is to improve the quality of low vision rehabilitation services provided to the public and to promote the professional development of COA member optometrists, thereby furthering the mission of the association. The Section currently has 39 members.

During the meeting, members of LVRS elected their coordinating council:

- **Chair** – Gary Asano, OD, FAAO, adjunct clinical faculty at the Southern California College of Optometry and staff optometrist for more than 25 years at the Center for the Partially Sighted in Culver City, CA
- **Vice-Chair** – Cindy Wang, OD, FAAO, who practices in South Pasadena, CA
- **Secretary/Treasurer** – Catherine Heyman, OD, FAAO, FCOVD, assistant professor and coordinator of the Blind Children's Learning Center for the Southern California College of Optometry in Fullerton, CA

"It is an honor to have been elected chair of LVRS," Dr. Asano says. "This is the very first optometric Section of COA and the culmination of four years of hard work by many people. I look forward to working with the other members of our coordinating council and LVRS members."

LVRS membership is open to interested COA members and requires additional \$50 annual dues (\$25 for COA student members). An LVRS membership application can be found on www.coavision.org.

About the California Optometric Association

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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