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**2014 PR#6 Annual Review of Passed Policy Resolutions**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that deleted House of Delegates resolutions that are categorized as “ongoing or completed” be archived and considered in force.

**Final Status:** Subsequent to the adoption of this resolution, the 2015 HOD speaker appointed the Speaker’s Task Force on COA Past Policy Resolution Review. In 2016, the HOD adopted the recommendations of the task force which organized all policy resolutions adopted over the years into the categories of active, standing and archived policy resolutions. Therefore, this resolution no longer represents HOD policy.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2014. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on March 1, 2019.]

**2013 PR#4 COA Member Dues**

**RESOLVED**, that effective fiscal year 2014, annual COA member dues shall be established as set forth below:

<u>Membership Category</u>	<u>Percent of annual dues</u>
Active	100%
Partial Practice	50%
Optometric Educator	50%
Postgraduate	0%
Government Service	50%
Distinguished	0%
Retired (with member benefits)	10%
Retired (without member benefits)	0%
Life	0%
Special Achievement	0%
Clinic Practice	50%
<u>Affiliate Members</u>	<u>Percent of annual dues</u>
Student	0%
Non-California Resident	40%
Non-US Resident	40%
Non-Optometrist Section	Set by Section Bylaws
<u>Associate Members</u>	<u>Percent of annual dues</u>
Non-Optometrist Educator	40%
Honorary	0%

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that if the COA Proposed Bylaws Amendment Number Five relating to the COA membership classifications considered during the 2013 COA House of Delegates meeting is amended to conflict with or not support any provision of this resolution, then the bylaw amendments so adopted will take precedence; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the adoption of this policy resolution shall render any existing policy resolution related to the COA member dues, null and void.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the ascending dues scale currently used for new licensees and Project Keep will remain as is.

**Final Status:** This policy resolution was adopted in 2013 to set forth COA member dues, as well as restate the policy of the HOD relative to the ascending dues scale and Project Keep. In 2014, PR #1 was adopted to eliminate dues for paraoptometric members (see 2014 Policy Resolution #1, above). Because this policy resolution sets forth the same dues schedule as the 2014 PR#1, except as noted, this resolution was no longer needed.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2013. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on March 1, 2019.]

### **2013 PR#5 Review of 2008 and Earlier Resolutions**

**RESOLVED**, that after review by the House of Delegates the resolutions may be retained in their entirety or deleted as no longer applicable, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the action noted on the resolutions listed below be adopted.

**Final Status:** As the actions of this policy resolution have been carried out and is thus no longer applicable.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2013. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 9, 2018.]

### **2013 PR#9 Presidents' Council and Leadership Council Resumption**

**RESOLVED**, that the COA BOT reinstate Presidents' Council for the year 2013, to be attended by each society's President and President-Elect.

**RESOLVED**, that the COA BOT explore the feasibility of conducting the event jointly with the Monterey Symposium.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time policy resolution relative to the COA Presidents' Council meeting in 2013. Since adoption of this policy resolution, the COA HOD has enacted 2014 Policy Resolution 4 and 2017 Policy Resolution 4, that together formerly recognized the annual COA Presidents' Council meeting and established mechanisms and guidelines for planning each meeting.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2013. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 9, 2018.]

### **2011 PR#2 Medical Insurance Panels**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the California Optometric Association explore the legal, fiscal and administrative feasibility of establishing a service within COA that assists member doctors in the process of credentialing, billing and participation on medical insurance panels and report to the 2011 President's Council.

**Final Status:** Both the COA HCDS Committee, representing COA's experts in third-party access issues, and the COA Presidents' Council found that this service was offered by other organizations and, more importantly, would not effectively solve the access problem.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2011. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **2010 PR#5 Dues Reorganization**

**RESOLVED**, that effective fiscal year 2011 newly licensed members pay dues based on the following ascending dues scale and that existing members be reassigned accordingly:

- zero (0) dues for the balance of the calendar year of initial licensure in California;
- ten percent (10%) for the first year following initial licensure in California;
- twenty percent (20%) for the second year following initial licensure in California;
- fifty percent (50%) for the third year following initial licensure in California;
- seventy-five percent (75%) for the fourth year following initial licensure in California;
- one hundred percent (100%) for the fifth year following initial licensure in California and thereafter; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Clinic member category be closed immediately to new members, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the reduced dues applied to new solo practice and new partnership practice member types be closed to new applicants, and requests for dues reductions be considered through the dues waiver process on a case-by-case basis.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the COA HOD adopted Policy Resolution 4 (amended by 2014 Policy Resolution 1) that set forth the entire COA dues schedule.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2010. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **2010 PR#12 Extension of the Legislative Fund Assessment**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2010 House of Delegates approves extending the special monthly dues assessment applied to all COA members through calendar year 2012, excluding student, retired, life, honorary, distinguished, special achievement, and dues level one members, in an amount not to exceed Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) per member per month, with these funds to be used solely for future scope of practice enhancement and protection.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the COA HOD replaced this resolution with Policy Resolution 2 to govern the assessment policy and amount of the Legislative Fund Assessment.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2010. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **2008 PR#2 Legislative Fund Assessment**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2008 House of Delegates approves extending the special monthly dues assessment applied to all COA members through calendar year 2010, excluding student, retired, life, honorary, distinguished, special

achievement, and dues level one members, in an amount not to exceed Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) per member per month, with these funds to be used solely for future scope of practice enhancement and protection.

**Final Status:** Policy Resolution 6, adopted by the HOD in 2013, changed the amount of the assessment.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2008. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2008 PR#3 Dues Increase 2009-2011**

**RESOLVED**, that COA may increase the full member dues rate up to a maximum of \$60.00 per year for the three-year period of 2009-2011, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that these dues increases will be used for the sole purpose of balancing the Association's general operating budget.

**Final Status:** This resolution addressed a time-certain period, i.e., 2009-11.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2008. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2007 PR#8 Low Vision Rehabilitation Committee**

**RESOLVED**, that the House of Delegates requests the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees establish a Low Vision Committee. This committee would represent COA at the American Optometric Association Low Vision Rehabilitation Section.

**Final Status:** In 2009, the COA HOD created through Bylaws Amendment 3 the COA Low Vision Rehabilitation Section "to improve the quality of low vision rehabilitation services provided to the public and to promote the professional development of COA member optometrists."

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2007. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2006 PR#2 Nominating Committee Composition**

**RESOLVED**, that the COA Nominating Committee consist of the third Past President serving as non-voting chairman and the second Past President serving as a voting member leaving all other Recommendations of PR Fifteen 2004 intact.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the COA HOD adopted Bylaws Amendment 3 that established the composition and terms of the committee.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2006. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2004 PR#2 Legislative Fund**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2004 House of Delegates approves extending the special monthly dues assessment applied to all COA members through calendar year 2008, excluding student, retired, life, honorary, distinguished, special achievement, and dues level one members, in an amount not to exceed Fourteen Dollars (\$14.00) per member per month, with these funds to be used solely for future scope of practice expansion, amplification, enhancement, and protection.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the COA HOD replaced this resolution with Policy Resolution 2 to govern the assessment policy and amount of the Legislative Fund Assessment.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2004. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2004 PR#3 Public Awareness**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association continue to seek sources to support and enhance a public awareness/education campaign; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association's House of Delegates authorizes a two-year special assessment of dues up to the maximum monthly amount of Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) to be used solely for the purposes of conducting a public awareness/education campaign contingent and commensurate with corporate sponsorship providing matching funds for the program; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that such assessment is to be calculated in the same proportion as the percentage of California Optometric Association dues currently paid by that member.

**Final Status:** The two-year special assessment of members for a public education campaign was never carried out. COA has since been using general operations resources to contract with a public relations firm to conduct public education and awareness activities, in addition to work done in-house at COA and by AOA. Further, invoking a two-year special assessment more than 10 years after this resolution was adopted was not considered timely or appropriate.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2004. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2004 PR#5 House of Delegates Scheduling**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2004 House of Delegates agrees with the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and Presidents' Council with regard to the next House of Delegates being held in January, February or March of 2006, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the 2004 House of Delegates agrees with the recommendation of the Board of Trustees and Presidents' Council that there not be a House of Delegates in calendar year 2005.

**Final Status:** The subject of this resolution addressed a one-time situation and was accomplished.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2004. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2004 PR#7 State Board of Optometry**

**RESOLVED**, that 2003 Policy Resolution Number Eleven related to the reconstitution of the California State Board of Optometry be deleted, as the objective of said resolution has been met.

**Final Status:** The directive of this resolution has been carried out and addressed a one-time situation.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2004. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2004 PR#15 Nominating Committee**

**RESOLVED** that the 2004 California Optometric Association House of Delegates establish the following structure and composition of the Nominating Committee:

1. COA second Past-President as chair (one year term non-voting member)
2. COA Immediate Past-President (one year term voting member)
3. Additionally six voting members consisting of either the current President or a Past-President of societies chosen at random at each annual House of Delegates serving staggered two year terms. Each chosen society shall select their current president or a past-president and forward their name to the COA Presidents for appointment within 30 days of the close of the House of Delegates.
4. At the 2004 House of Delegates three societies shall be chosen at random to serve one year terms and three societies shall be chosen at random to serve two year terms. Three other societies shall be chosen as alternates at each succeeding House of Delegates three societies and additionally three alternates be chosen at random.
5. A society may not be selected again until that society's member has completed their term.
6. A society may not put forth the name of an individual who has served on the COA Board of Trustees within the last five years.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the COA HOD adopted Policy Resolution 3 which set forth the operating procedures for the COA Nominating Committee and rendered any previous resolution on this topic null and void. In addition, in the same year, the HOD approved Bylaws Amendment 3 that established the composition and terms of the committee.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2004. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2003 PR#1 Scope Fund**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2003 House of Delegates confirm the actions of the Board of Trustees in not refunding excess SCOPE Fund assets; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that any amounts still remaining in the SCOPE Fund be used solely for continuing implementation of SB 929.

**Final Status:** The resolution directive was accomplished.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2003. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2003 PR#3 Reserve Fund Investment**

**RESOLVED**, that a Task Force be appointed to study and make recommendations regarding the application of the California Optometric Association's investment policy with regard to the reserve fund; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the 2004 California Optometric Association House of Delegates, upon review of the recommendations of the Task Force, consider formal action to establish House of Delegates policy regarding the appropriate investment allocations for the reserve fund.

**Final Status:** An investment policy encompassing investment allocations for the COA Reserve Fund was adopted in 2006 and continues to be in place. The COA Finance Committee regularly reviews the policy for applicability in light of the fund's purpose and market conditions.

**2003 PR#8 Separation of the House of Delegates from Optowest**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association House of Delegates favorably endorse the Board of Trustees decision to separate the House of Delegates from OptoWest in 2004.

**Final Status:** OptoWest no longer exists as a separate multi-day statewide conference. The COA HOD is a standalone meeting of the association. However, the COA Board of Trustees may at its discretion schedule educational meetings events at same location and time date(s) as the COA HOD so long as those programs do not conflict with delegates' attendance at the COA HOD meeting.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2003. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2003 PR#10 Children's Vision**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association study state legislation, following the pattern of successful Kentucky legislation, that requires infant and children vision examinations be completed before entering elementary school; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that such comprehensive eye examinations be provided by an eye care practitioner.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution was adopted in 2016 by the COA HOD addressing early detection of children's eye and vision problems, "Mandatory Children's Comprehensive Eye Exams."

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2003. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2003 PR#11 State Board of Optometry**



**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees utilize all available resources such as the Keyperson Program and grassroots optometry to urge policymakers to facilitate appointments to the Board of Optometry; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the issue of appointments to the reconstituted California State Board of Optometry be placed at the California Optometric Association's highest level of priority and the California Optometric Association should utilize all available resources to facilitate the full reconstitution of the California State Board of Optometry.

**Final Status:** In 2004, Policy Resolution Number 7 was adopted by the COA HOD to delete this resolution as its objective was met.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2003. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2002 PR#1 Life Membership**

**RESOLVED**, that dues for life members in the California Optometric Association be set as zero, retroactive to January 1, 2001.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members; life members remain at zero dues.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2002. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2002 PR#4 Payment of Dues by Credit Card**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association shall offer members the option of paying their dues by credit card; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the COA shall offer members the option of paying their annual dues by one credit card payment as soon as possible.

**Final Status:** COA has in place the ability for members to pay their dues investment by credit card. Additionally, COA financially incentivizes members to pay their dues on a regular schedule of automatic credit card payment(s).

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2002. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 9, 2018.]

### **2002 PR#7 Rescind Policy Resolution Number Eleven to the 1997 COA House of Delegates**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2002 House of Delegates rescind Resolution Number Eleven to the 1997 House of Delegates to allow overlapping continuing education with the House of Delegates, effective in 2003.

**Final Status:** The action directed by this COA HOD-adopted policy resolution was done and it no longer has any practical effect.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2002. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2002 PR#8 Promotion of Prescription Inserts**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association should promote legislation or other means to ensure that prescription drug inserts be printed in an adequately large type font size to ensure that they are readable by the general public.

**Final Status:** The objective of this resolution was accomplished.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2002. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2002 PR#14 Legislative Fund Assessments**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2002 House of Delegates confirms the decision of the Board of Trustees to exempt student and postgraduate members of this Association from the Legislative Fund assessment.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the COA HOD adopted Policy Resolution Number 2 to govern the assessment policy and amount of the Legislative Fund assessment and continued the exemptions for student and post-graduate members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2002. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2002 PR#16 Independent House of Delegates**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees investigate separating the House of Delegates from the annual California Optometric Association OptoWest meeting and report back to the 2003 House of Delegates; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association consider convening a two-day meeting of the House of Delegates on a weekend and date suitable for this function.

**Final Status:** This resolution called for a one-time report relative to separating the COA HOD meeting from OptoWest that was completed in 2003. Further, the resolution called for a two-day HOD meeting. In 2014, Policy Resolution 7 renewed the HOD directive that the COA HOD meeting be held over two days.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2002. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2001 PR#2 Legislative Fund**

**RESOLVED**, that the COA House of Delegates enact a special dues assessment applied to all COA members excluding retired, life, and honorary members, through March 2005 in an amount not to exceed \$14.00 per month per member; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that all non-OD Educator members pay the assessment in the same percentage as they pay dues; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the COA House of Delegates direct the COA Board of Trustees to make every effort to secure financial support for these legislative activities from non-COA members, corporations, local societies and any other feasible source in order to mitigate the amount and/or the duration of any additional special dues assessment; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the funds received from the special dues assessment and non-COA sources be maintained in a separate financial account the balance of which will not be published at the COA annual Congress and be utilized for activities supporting enactment of the next optometric scope amplification law either through the legislative or the initiative process, or for other legislative contingencies; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that if the funds are to be used for any other legislative activity or purpose other than optometric scope amplification law purposes, expenditures must be approved by the House of Delegates, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the COA Board of Trustees report at the 2005 House of Delegates on the status of funds raised, the potential for achieving amplification through legislative and/or initiative action, and the need for additional funds to achieve legislative goals.

**Final Status:** 2013 COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution 2 replaced this resolution and set a new assessment amount for the COA Legislative Fund.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2001. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **2001 PR#5 Standardization of Medication Labeling**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association encourage pharmaceutical companies to enlarge the print on prescription labels and recommend the Food and Drug Administration develop a minimum standard for print on prescription labels.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-approved 2002 Policy Resolution 8 that effectively replaced this resolution. Additionally, the goals of the policy were accomplished legislatively in 2007.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2001. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **2001 PR#7 Mandated Comprehensive Eye Examinations for Students Prior to 1st Grade**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association study the feasibility of mandatory comprehensive vision examinations for all students prior to entering first grade, and encourage appropriate legislation regarding this issue.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution was adopted in 2016 by the COA HOD addressing early detection of children's eye and vision problems, "Mandatory Children's Comprehensive Eye Exams."

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2001. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2001 PR#9 Pediatric and Child Vision Examinations**

**RESOLVED**, the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees direct the appropriate committees to research the efficacy of Kentucky's mandated exam legislation (of such mandates), the possible funding sources for California school children to receive such exams and possible partners for COA's efforts and make recommendations for future legislative activity at 2001 President's Council; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees consider adopting a legislative strategy to achieve mandated comprehensive vision exams for all California school children.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution was adopted in 2016 by the COA HOD addressing early detection of children's eye and vision problems, "Mandatory Children's Comprehensive Eye Exams."

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2001. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2001 PR#10 DMV Policy for Dealing with the Licensure of Visually Handicapped Applicants for a Drivers License**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association attempt to convene a meeting of those parties involved with the licensing process, including, but not limited to eye doctors, low vision specialists, Dept. of Motor Vehicles staff, concerned consumer groups, researchers in the field of driver safety, etc., to discuss appropriate legislation, regulation and/or DMV policy for dealing with the licensure of visually handicapped applicants for a drivers license, and be it

**RESOLVED**, further, that that the COA urge the AOA to meet with appropriate federal agencies to discuss the requirements of driving with a visual impairment, and be it

**RESOLVED**, further, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees, formally requests that the University of California, Berkeley, School of Optometry and the Southern California College of Optometry present the issue of visually impaired drivers to their faculties as a potential area of research and investigation.

**Final Status:** This resolution was declared completed by the HOD seven years ago and was a one-time directive of the HOD,

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2001. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#4 Dues Increase**

**RESOLVED**, that in order to develop and submit a balanced annual budget to the House of Delegates, the COA Board of Trustees is authorized, but only if deemed absolutely necessary and properly justified, to increase dues up to a maximum of 7% per year for each of the five fiscal years beginning on January 1, 2000 and ending on December 31, 2004; and be it

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any such dues increase is to become effective only after the annual budget is approved by the House of Delegates.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time directive of the HOD affecting the years 2000-2004.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#7                      Review of Resolutions A-7 (1964), A-7 (1973) and A-4 (1984)**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association, House of Delegates, recommends that all school children receive adequate eye and vision screening to determine if further referral is necessary, and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association take up the cause of children with undetected vision and eye problems by working with appropriate state agencies that will promote early detection in school screenings.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution was adopted in 2016 by the COA HOD addressing early detection of children’s eye and vision problems, “Mandatory Children’s Comprehensive Eye Exams.”

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#8                      Dues Schedule for Associate Membership Categories**

**RESOLVED**, that the dues for the Associate Substantial Interest Corporate Members be assigned at fifty percent (50%) of full member dues, therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the dues for the Associate (non-OD) Educator Member be assigned at forty percent (40%) of full member dues, therefore be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the dues for the Associate Substantial Interest Members be assigned at forty percent (40%) of full member dues, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the dues for the Associate non-US Resident and Associate non–CA Resident Members be assigned at forty percent (40%) of full member dues.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution Number 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#9                      Dues Schedule for Partial Practice Membership Categories**

**RESOLVED**, that Partial Practice Member dues will be assigned at fifty percent (50%) of full member dues.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution Number 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#10 Dues Schedule for Federal Service Membership Categories**

**RESOLVED**, that Federal Service members be assigned dues at fifty percent (50%) of full member dues.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution Number 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#11 Dues Schedule for Special Achievement Members**

**RESOLVED**, that the Special Achievement Membership category be assigned zero percent (0%) of full member dues.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution Number 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#12 Dues Schedule for Life Members**

**RESOLVED**, that the remaining Life Members pay ten percent (10%) of full dues consistent with Retired Members.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution Number 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#14 Dues Schedule for Newly Licensed Optometrists**

**RESOLVED**, that newly licensed members pay dues on a graduated basis, beginning with zero (0) dues the balance of the calendar year after the initial licensure, zero (0) dues for the first full calendar year of licensure, then twenty percent (20%), the second full calendar year, then forty percent (40%) the third calendar year, then sixty percent (60%) the fourth calendar year, then eighty percent (80%) in the fifth calendar year, then full dues the sixth year of licensure and thereafter.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution Number 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**2000 PR#17 House of Delegates Financial Task Force Extension**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association House of Delegates extends the charge to the 1999 House of Delegates Financial Task Force through June 30, 2000; and it be further

**RESOLVED**, that upon completion the Financial Advisory Task Force's charge will render a report to the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees.

**Final Status:** This policy resolution was a one-time action request that was been completed.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2000 PR#19            Review of 5-year Resolutions**

**RESOLVED**, active policy resolutions adopted by the House of Delegates of the California Optometric Association that are 5 or more years old shall be presented to the current House of Delegates for review; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that after review by the House of Delegates the resolutions may be retained in their entirety or deleted as no longer applicable.

**Final Status:** In 2013, the HOD enacted Policy Resolution 6 which set forth a new process for HOD review of past resolutions.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **2000 PR#21            American Board of Optometric Practice**

**RESOLVED**, that the House of Delegates ask the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees to express concern to the American Optometric Association House of Delegates regarding the present structure and implementation of the Board certification process;

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees encourage the American Optometric Association to collaborate with organizations involved in the future of the Optometric Profession such as National Board of Examiners in Optometry, Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry, American Academy of Optometry to conduct an impact study regarding optometric credentialing prior to implementation.

**Final Status:** This resolution replaced 1999 PR 19. Board certification has been adopted by the AOA HOD.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 2000. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1999 PR#2            Dues Amnesty**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association adopt a sixty-day, one-time only amnesty policy for all past dues for full-dues paying members who have been a non-member for at least one preceding year.

**Final Status:** This policy resolution was a one-time directive that was completed.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1999. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1999 PR#17 Occupational Vision Services**

**RESOLVED**, all California optometrists including all COA members be encouraged to forward business leads to Occupational Vision Services, Inc. headquarters.

**Final Status:** The subject organization of this policy resolution has been discontinued,

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1999. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1999 PR#19 American Board of Optometric Practice**

**RESOLVED**, the California Optometric Association supports board certification through the AOA's efforts to establish the "American Board of Optometric Practice".

**Final Status:** This resolution was introduced when AOA first proposed board certification and was since replaced by 2000 PR 21.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1999. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1999 PR#20 Establishing a COA Financial Advisory Task Force**

**RESOLVED**, that the 1999 House of Delegates appoint a task force consisting of Dr. Tony Carnevali, Dr. Richard Hopping (Chair), Dr. Rick Iwai, Dr. Joseph Mallinger and Dr. Larry Thal to study the financial policies and procedures of the COA and its related entities and develop the necessary recommendations to ameliorate any current fiscal problems; further be it

**RESOLVED**, that a preliminary report be given to the 1999 President's Council and a full report be given by the task force to the House of Delegates at the next COA Congress.

**Final Status:** As this was a one-time directive of the HOD for 1999.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1999. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1998 PR#B-1 PARCA Support**

**RESOLVED**, that when signed into law, COA take appropriate action related to implementation of the "PARCA" of 1997 in California.

**Final Status:** This resolution referred to a bill introduced in Congress at that time, the Patient Access to Responsible Care Act of 1997, which would have added consumer protections and expanded liability for all employment-based health plans (ERISA). This was a one-time directive toward specific legislation under consideration nearly 20 years ago.



[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1998. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1998 PR#B-7 Optometric Stamp**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association actively support the efforts of the American Optometric Association to have a postage stamp issued recognizing the profession of optometry; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association initiate a grass roots petition drive to collect one hundred thousand signatures supporting the issuing of a postage stamp honoring the profession of optometry; these petitions would be presented to the American Optometric Association at the 1998 American Optometric Association Congress; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association encourage each state optometric association to develop a grass roots petition drive to support the American Optometric Association optometry postage stamp campaign.

**Final Status:** This resolution established a one-time, date certain directive nearly 20 years ago.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1998. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1998 PR#B-8 New Member Acknowledgement**

**RESOLVED**, that new members will not receive their first dues bill until after verbal communication that they have received their welcome and information packet; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this verbal confirmation come from the COA Membership Chair.

**1998 PR#B-9 Change in Examination Date for Annual Licensing Examination**

**RESOLVED**, that the House of Delegates requests COA to strongly encourage the California State Board of Examiners to advance their examination for 1999 and subsequent years to as early a date as possible; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that COA encourage the State Board provide the greatest advance notice (at least nine months) for examination dates in future years.

**Final Status:** The objective of this resolution has been achieved as the SBO optometric licensure exam is offered every six months beginning in March of each year and the exam scheduled is posted online two years in advance.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1998. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1997 PR#2 Conflict of Interest Policy**

**RESOLVED**, that the COA Board of Trustees adopt a conflict of interest policy to be implemented by the 1997 Presidents' Council.

**Final Status:** Pursuant to 1995 Policy Resolution 5, COA adopted and has in place a conflict of interest policy, broad in scope, through which all officers, trustees, committee members and paid consultants are required to disclose any possible conflicts and acknowledge their understanding of the policy.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1997. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1997 PR#4 Society Sponsored Trustee Candidates**

**RESOLVED**, that a society may nominate an alternative trustee candidate at least 45 days prior to Congress and shall have his/her biography and the society's board of directors' written endorsement included in the House of Delegates binder.

**Final Status:** This policy resolution conflicts with Article III, Section 1(c) of the COA bylaws, which supersedes policy resolutions, that provides that trustee nominees must be distributed to each society 60 days prior to the COA HOD meeting. However, trustee nominations may be taken from the floor of the HOD during the first session.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1997. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1997 PR#12 Expansion of COA Congress and Spring Optica**

**RESOLVED**, that COA Board of Trustees investigate and report to COA Congress in 1998, the feasibility of expanding the COA Congress and Spring Optica Education Program to feature national leaders in optometric education; and it be further

**RESOLVED**, that course offerings be increased to provide sufficient hours of continuing education, including CPR, to meet the current re-licensing requirements of our expanded scope of practice.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time directive of the HOD for 1997-98 asking for specific considerations by a date certain. Since the adoption of this resolution, the COA Congress and Spring Optica Education Program have been reformatted and renamed.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1997. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1996 PR#5 Format of House of Delegates**

**RESOLVED**, that the COA Board of Trustees implement a return to a two day House of Delegates which will allow us to focus our energies where they must be – on the challenges facing us legislatively, politically and in the battle to become the primary eyecare provider in the managed healthcare system of the future.

**Final Status:** Policy Resolution 7 adopted by the HOD in 2014 reaffirms that the COA HOD be a two day meeting, thus supplanting this resolution.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#6 COA Educational Offerings**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees consider reducing the number of continuing education offerings for fiscal year 1996/97 and conduct a critical review in terms of a cost-benefit analysis of all educational offerings through the Association to determine whether to continue providing continuing education for future fiscal years to its members and the optometric community at large, and if so, in what form should it be offered.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time directive of the COA HOD for the 1996-97 year.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#14 Vision USA**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Vision Project Board research offering optometric services during the month of December.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time directive of the COA HOD for December 1996.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#15 1995 COA House of Delegates Resolution Number Nine**

**RESOLVED**, that this 1996 House of Delegates reaffirm its support of Resolution Number Nine directing the COA Board of Trustees to collect all available information and supporting data relevant to the equitability of Medi-Cal fees for Optometrists; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this 1996 House of Delegates direct the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees to consider implementation of the 1995 House of Delegates Resolution Number Nine as a top priority item; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the COA Board of Trustees report the status of 1995 House of Delegates Resolution Number Nine to the local societies on a quarterly basis.

**Final Status:** This resolution, along with 1995 PR 9 on this same subject, have been combined into a new policy resolution adopted by the COA HOD in 2016 addressing equitable Medi-Cal fees for doctors of optometry, "Optometric Medi-Cal Fees."

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#18 "Critical Issues Forum"**

**RESOLVED**, that the future House of Delegates agendas include a time specific for a Critical Issues Forum, directed by an appointed moderator, for the general House of Delegates to discuss issues and concerns, form opinions and consensus, and better represent their membership.

**Final Status:** This resolution was superseded by Policy Resolution 2 adopted by the COA HOD in 2012 that set forth the broad items to be placed on the HOD meeting agenda and provide that delegates be given sufficient time to discuss those matters.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#20 Non-discrimination**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees research the feasibility of introducing “non-discrimination” legislation which will mandate insurance companies and Health Maintenance Organizations to accept all certified providers who desire to be panel members and also prevent insurance companies from requiring prior authorization for a vision/eye examination from a primary care physician; be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees report the result of their study to the membership prior to January 1, 1997.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time directive of the COA HOD calling for a report in 1997.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#21 Optometric Locator Service**

**RESOLVED**, that the COA Board of Trustees study the necessary steps to promote optometry’s interest by way of establishing a public relations program, public service announcements and media advertisements.

**Final Status:** COA has implemented a number of services and programs to educate the public on optometry and its role in vision and eye health, including comprehensive public relations programs, social media initiatives and an online doctor locator. COA takes advantage of technology and other advances to improve these services on an ongoing basis. Furthermore, PR 21 adopted in 2007, which serves as existing standing COA policy, effectively replaced this resolution by calling for a public relations program, public service announcements and media advertisements, all of which COA is engaged.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1996 PR#22 “I’m In” Refund**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees urge each “I’m In” contributor, prior to returning any funds, to “roll over” their unspent contributions into a new fund for furthering amplification legislation.

**Final Status:** This resolution addresses a COA program that is no longer in existence.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1996. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1995 PR#4 Independent Practitioner Associations**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association discuss with the State Board of Optometry ways in which impediments to the formation of Optometric IPAs could be removed without changing the current branch office restrictions.

**Final Status:** Current law permits the formation of optometric IPAs without impacting the branch office law.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1995. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1995 PR#8 Establishment Of Second Political Action Committee**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees IMMEDIATELY pursue the implementation and establishment of a second Political Action Committee.

**Final Status:** COA has in place two political action committees: California Optometric Political Action Committee (Cal-OPAC) and Local Societies of the California Optometric Association (LSCOA-PAC).

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1995. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 9, 2018.]

#### **1995 PR#9 Medi-Cal Fees**

**RESOLVED**, that this 1995 House of Delegates direct the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees to collect all available information and supporting data relevant to the equitability of Medi-Cal fees for optometrists; and be it further;

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association request the Public Vision League to initiate appropriate action to establish equitable optometric fees.

**Final Status:** The intent of this resolution, along with 1996 PR 15 on this same subject, has been combined into a new policy resolution adopted by the COA HOD in 2016 addressing equitable Medi-Cal fees for doctors of optometry, "Optometric Medi-Cal Fees."

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1995. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1994 PR#1 Dues Increase**

**RESOLVED**, that for each of the five fiscal years beginning 1995 through 1999, the California Optometric Association membership dues may be increased up to a maximum of 7 percent per year, as may be determined necessary by the COA Board of Trustees, effective March 1, 1995.

**Final Status:** The effective period for this resolution ended in 1999.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1994. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1994 PR#2 Orange Belt Optometric Society**

**RESOLVED**, that the Orange Belt Optometric Society be renamed the Inland Empire Optometric Society.

**Final Status:** The directive of this resolution was carried out with an amendment to the COA bylaws changing the name of the society.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1994. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1994 PR#8 Family Leave Of Absence**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees consider preparing a By-laws amendment to create a family leave membership category that would allow a 90% dues reduction for a period not to exceed six months; and be it further;

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees consider presenting a resolution to the American Optometric Association House of Delegates that would provide for a similar category of membership and dues reduction.

**Final Status:** This membership classification does not exist for COA or AOA. Further, AOA and COA HODs adopted major revisions to their bylaws that addressed membership classifications in 2012 and 2013, respectively. COA and AOA provide for a 50 percent dues waiver for up to one year for members suffering from illnesses or who are pregnant. In addition, COA and AOA work together to offer members with severe illnesses, e.g., cancer, stroke, etc., to lower their dues to retired member classification.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1994. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1994 PR#A-12 Payment of Dues by Automatic Debit**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees consider implementing a voluntary automatic debit payment system for its dues paying members.

**Final Status:** COA has in place the ability for members to pay their dues investment by automatic debit. Additionally, COA financially incentivizes members to pay their dues on a regular schedule of automatic debit(s).

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1994. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 9, 2018.]

**1994 PR#A-3 American Foundation for Vision Awareness**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association encourages all spouses to continue their support through voluntary participation in the activities of the American Foundation for Vision Awareness.

**Final Status:** The American Foundation for Vision Awareness has gone out of business.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1994. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1993 PR#6 California Optometric Council**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees appoint a committee to study the current role of the California Optometric Council relative to the goals and objectives of the California Optometric Association, related bylaws, the relationship of the California Optometric Council and the American Foundation for Vision Awareness, both operationally and financially and, if appropriate, present suitable recommendations and/or bylaws changes to the 1994 House of Delegates.

**Final Status:** This was a one-time directive of the COA HOD to the COA board.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1993. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1993 PR#8 Public Education on Harmful Ocular Effects of Ultraviolet Radiation**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association should immediately move to educate the optometric profession and disseminate information regarding the harmful ocular effects of ultraviolet radiation; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association board be instructed to urge the American Optometric Association board to move ahead with the resolution passed by the 1989 American Optometric Association Congress to educate the public on a national basis for the prevention of ocular pathologies resulting from ultraviolet exposure.

**Final Status:** While COA continues to alert and educate the public through social media and other means on the harmful effects of UV, this was a one-time directive to urge AOA to implement its own related resolution.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1993. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1991 PR#4 Nominating Committee Report**

**RESOLVED**, that the Nominating Committee shall submit to the delegates to the Congress the Nominating Committee's complete prospective slate of officers and trustees not less than forty-five (45) days prior to the date of the annual Congress.

**Final Status:** COA bylaws Article III, Section 1(c) has been amended to provide that the COA Nominating Committee report be distributed to all delegates of the COA HOD 60 days in advance of the meeting.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1991. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1991 PR#6 American Public Health Association Recognition**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association at its 92nd annual Congress does hereby go on record as applauding the American Public Health Association (APHA) for its positive stance on endorsing the "Access to Treatment for Eye Care by Optometrists" resolution; and be it

**RESOLVED**, further, that the members of the California Optometric Association be encouraged to join the American Public Health Association and its Vision/Eye Care Section; and be it

**RESOLVED**, further, that the California Optometric Association strongly encourage the leadership at the individual society level to carry out a program of membership recruitment for the American Public Health Association.

**Final Status:** This resolution was combined into PR 6 in 2000 that was made part of the COA HOD Standing Policy Resolutions the COA HOD in 2013.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1991. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1991 PR#A-1 California Vision Project, Annual Program**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Vision Project be continued as an on-going annual program of the California Optometric Association; and be it

**RESOLVED**, further, that having a successful California Vision Project be given a very high priority by the California Optometric Board of Trustees.

**Final Status:** The COA HOD renewed its support of the California Vision Foundation and its California Vision Project by way of 2014 Policy Resolution 4.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1991. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1991 PR#A-8 Communication Network for Infants' and Children's Eye Care**

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the California Optometric Association initiate appropriate communications with appropriate associations, such as pediatric associations, the Association of School Nurses, and the general public, informing them of the crucial need for comprehensive eye health and vision examinations for children prior to the age of three; and be it

**RESOLVED**, further, that the Board of Trustees make every effort to form a communications network with concerned organizations (such as pediatricians, nurses, etc.) regarding the importance of comprehensive eye and vision care for children and the scope of optometric practice today.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution addressing early detection of children's eye and vision problems, "Mandatory Children's Comprehensive Eye Exams," was adopted by the COA HOD in 2016.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1991. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1991 PR#A -9 COA Members Joining American Diabetes Association**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association support the formation of a vision care section within the American Diabetes Association; and be it



**RESOLVED**, further, that the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees encourage local society leadership to invite their members to join the American Diabetes Association.

**Final Status:** This resolution was combined into PR#6 in 2000 that was made part of the COA HOD Standing Policy Resolutions by the COA HOD in 2013.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1991. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1989 PR#5 Mandatory Continuing Education**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association take whatever actions are necessary to encourage and support the California State Board of Optometry in developing regulations for mandatory continuing education for California Optometrists.

**Final Status:** State Board of Optometry regulations governing mandatory continuing education for California-licensed doctors of optometry are in place.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1989. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1989 PR#A-9 California Vision Project**

**RESOLVED**, that the members of the 1989 House of Delegates fully support the implementation of the California Vision Project and pledge to encourage our optometric colleagues to offer their services to this worthwhile endeavor.

**Final Status:** The COA HOD renewed its support of the California Vision Foundation and its California Vision Project by way of 2014 Policy Resolution 4.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1989. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1988 PR#2 Pharmacological Education**

**RESOLVED**, That the California Optometric Association Board of Trustees encourage the development of therapeutic pharmacological education for the members of our profession.

**Final Status:** Since the scope expansion in 2001 to include TPAs, and the requirement of a specified number of CE hours for TPA certification maintenance, COA has offered many courses on the subject of therapeutic pharmacology.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1988. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1988 PR#4 Residency Dues**

**RESOLVED**, That the California Optometric Association alter its dues policy for the optometric resident whose residency immediately follows his or her acquisition of the O.D. degree so that dues during residency are at the same level as a student and that the graduated scale of dues payment commences during the beginning of the next fiscal year following completion of the

residency rather than the fiscal year following graduation from a school of college of optometry; and be it

**RESOLVED** further, That the COA Board of Trustees encourage the AOA House of Delegates to consider a dues category for residency students to be the same as that of regular optometric students.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1988. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1987 PR#1 Retired Member Dues (previously 1986 res. 6)**

**RESOLVED**, That those members who become “Retired Members” as specified in the COA Bylaws shall after February 28, 1987 be charged 10 percent of full dues.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1987. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1986 PR6 Retired Members**

**RESOLVED**, that those members who are “retired” members as specified in the COA bylaws shall, after February 28, 1986, be charged 10 percent of full COA dues.

**Final Status:** COA HOD-adopted Policy Resolution 4 from 2013 sets forth the current dues schedule for all COA members.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1986. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1984 PR#4 School Vision Screenings**

**RESOLVED**, That the California Optometric Association take up the cause of children with undetected vision problems by working with appropriate state agencies that will promote the early detection of vision problems.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution addressing early detection of children’s eye and vision problems, “Mandatory Children’s Comprehensive Eye Exams,” was adopted by the COA HOD in 2016.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1984. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

**1984 PR#A-15 Ancillary Personnel**

**RESOLVED**, That the COA Board establish a task force to study all aspects of the utilization of ancillary personnel; and the legalities of the practice modes of optometry, ophthalmology and opticianary; and be it

**RESOLVED** further, That the task force formulate recommendations to the COA Board to insure that the present and future vision care needs of the consumers are legally established and appropriately preserved.

**Final Status:** The objective of this resolution was met with the enactment of Business & Professions Section 2544 to allow technicians to perform certain tasks.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1984. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1983 PR#A-6 COA Dues for Litigative Purposes**

**RESOLVED**, That the current maximum dues for litigative purposes be increased to \$100.00 per year, per member.

**Final Status:** The assessment of COA members for litigation purposes is set by the Public Vision League (PVL).

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1983. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1979 PR#A-6 Quality of Education at COA Congress**

**RESOLVED**, that the California Optometric Association continue to upgrade and enhance the level and scope of the annual Congress education.

**Final Status:** Since this resolution applied to the educational program at Congress and since Congress no longer exists, the mandate was completed. Regardless, COA continuously endeavors to improve all of its educational programs.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1979. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

### **1973 PR#7 School Screening Program**

**RESOLVED**, That the California Optometric Association in convention assembled does hereby declare the following screening program be recommended for the school children of the State of California:

- 1) That the California Optometric Association recommends a comprehensive sight screening for all children.
- 2) That a minimum sight screening program would evaluate:
  - a. Visual Activity
  - b. Refractive Status
  - c. Binocular Eye-Co-ordination

- d. Gross Eye Health
- e. Color Perception
- 3) That additional visually related services be recommended for underachieving children.
- 4) That additional visually related services can be best coordinated with other special educational services by an optometrist consultant to the school district so that the full scope of optometric knowledge may be utilized for the benefit of school children.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution addressing early detection of children's eye and vision problems, "Mandatory Children's Comprehensive Eye Exams," was adopted by the COA HOD in 2016.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1973. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1966 PR#A-24 Public Vision League**

**RESOLVED**, That all active members of the California Optometric Association shall forthwith be members of the Public Vision League; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the Secretary of the California Optometric Association be authorized to forthwith notify Public Vision League of the names and addresses of its members who are now such members of the Public Vision League; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That all present and future active members of the California Optometric Association shall, as a condition of membership in the California Optometric Association, maintain membership in and abide by the rules, regulations, bylaws and Articles of Incorporation of Public Vision League.

**Final Status:** Article I, Section 13 (renumbered to Section 12 in 2013) of the COA bylaws was amended in 2009 to require membership in the Public Vision League (PVL) by all active COA members, e.g., active, partial practice, optometric, government service, postgraduate, distinguished, retire, life, special achievement and clinical practice member doctors of optometry. Additionally, in 2013, as a complement to COA bylaws, PVL amended its Article II, Section 2(b) of its bylaws to require all COA active members to belong to PVL.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1966. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]

#### **1964 PR# A-7 Orinda Study**

**RESOLVED**, That the California Optometric Association, in convention assembled, does hereby declare the technique as originated in the Orinda Study to be a recommended vision screening program for the school children of the State of California, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, That the COA recommends that a the American Optometric Association does declare the technique as originated in the Orinda Study to be a recommended vision screening program for the school children of the United States.

**Final Status:** A new policy resolution addressing early detection of children's eye and vision problems was adopted by the COA HOD in 2016.

[History: Resolution adopted by COA House of Delegates (HOD) in 1964. Resolution placed in Archives by the COA HOD on February 26, 2016.]