



PRESS RELEASE

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The Commission on Opticianry Accreditation is pleased to announce their newly appointed Commissioners.

Replacing Commissioner Donna Hatch, the Opticians Association of America (OAA) has appointed Doug Nunes to complete the term ending June 30, 2013. Doug has owned and operated Alluring Eyewear in New Bedford, MA since 1994. Doug is the former Assistant Director of the Opticianry Program at Mt. Ida College in Newton Centre, MA, where he received his Associates Degree. Mr. Nunes is certified by the American Board of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners as well as being licensed in the State of Massachusetts. He is an accredited speaker and lecturer for both the ABO and the NCLE. He is a former Board of Directors member of the Massachusetts Board of Registered Dispensing Opticians, is an Honored Fellow of the Opticians Association of America, member of the National Academy of Opticianry and the Contact Lens Society of America.

The OAA has appointed Jeffrey Rohlf to replace Commissioner Jayne Weinberger, who has served for the past six years. Jeff's term will begin July 1, 2011, and continue through June 30, 2014. Jeffrey is a licensed Optician with over 28 year of experience. Jeffrey has worked in private/independent practices, retail and is currently at The Ohio State University, College of Optometry, where he supervises the team of instructional opticians. Jeffrey completed a book review in 2007 of the "System For Ophthalmic Dispensing", Third Edition, written by Clifford Brooks and Irwin Borish. Jeffrey is also part of an outreach committee which visits homebound, often terminal, people who need eye care delivered directly to their residence or health care facility. Jeffrey has served in various capacities with the Opticians Association of Ohio currently as Secretary/Treasurer. Jeffrey has been involved with optical organizations and volunteerism for more than 2 decades.

The National Academy of Opticianry (NAO) has appointed Jonathan Parrelli to replace Commissioner Danne Ventura who has served for the past six years. Jonathan's term will begin on July 1, 2011, and continue through June 30, 2014. Jonathan earned an Associate's Degree in Opticianry from Middlesex Community-Technical College and a Bachelor's Degree in Health Science from Merrimack College. He is a licensed optician, a certified refracting optician, and a contact lens fitter, specializing in cosmetic and therapeutic gas permeable contact lenses. Jonathan is a member of the Opticians Association of Massachusetts, a fellow of the Contact Lens Society of America, and a fellow and current board member of the National Academy of Opticianry. He is an adjunct professor teaching advanced courses at Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology in Boston. Jonathan is a clinical advisor for several manufacturers and is actively involved in the development of new contact lens designs.

The Commission on Opticianry Accreditation (COA) accredits two-year opticianry degree programs and one-year ophthalmic laboratory technology certificate programs. There are twelve Commissioners; they are appointed by the National Academy of Opticianry, the Opticians Association of America, and the National Federation of Opticianry Schools, plus two public members.

The Commission is a not-for-profit charity under the IRS rules for 501(c)(3) corporations. Donations to the COA are tax deductible. Donations may be made through the website, <http://COAccreditation.com>. Any questions about the Commission may be directed to the Director, Debra White, director@COAccreditation.com.

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