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The 2018 Bronstein Seminar promises to offer an outstanding line-up of education including courses on red eyes in CL patients, myopia control, ocular surface disease irregular corneas and so much more. Please join us for perfect weather in the heart of Scottsdale, AZ!

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MEMBER NEWS

AZOA Welcomes NEW MEMBERS!

(as of December 2017)

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Dues invoices for 2018 were mailed to AZOA Members. Please note the following:

Dues Amount:

AZOA Dues were not increased in 2018. Dues for the AOA (the portion paid to the national office) were increased by 2.2%

Good news! You can pay your dues online! Once you receive your 2018 dues invoice, please visit www.azoa.org and select Pay Your Dues from the drop down menu under the Membership Tab or enter the following link: <http://www.azoa.org/page-1075210> into your browser. **Please be sure to log-in with your email address and password.**

You can still mail in a check to the AZOA office for your 2018 dues or pay with a credit card by sending back the form enclosed with your invoice.

Want to be hassle free? Please contact JoAnne (joanne@azoa.org) at the AZOA office to set up automatic payments to your credit card. If you are already set up with reoccurring payments you do not need to do anything for 2018. You will not receive an invoice. How easy is that?!

Tax Deductibility:

Contributions or gifts to the American Optometric Association (AOA) and the Arizona Optometric Association (AZOA) are not tax deductible as charitable contributions for income tax purposes. However, they may be tax deductible as ordinary and necessary business expenses subject to restrictions imposed as a result of association lobbying activities. The AOA estimates that the non-deductible portion of your AOA 2018 dues – the portion allocable to lobbying – is 13.5%. The AZOA portion is estimated to be 30%. You should contact your own accountant to confirm your specific situation.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES: BY DR. ANNETTE HANIAN

Legislation Committee Update by Annette Hanian OD, Chair

The Sunrise review process is one of the more obscure proceedings at the AZ Legislature. We are the only State that has this additional hurdle to pass when expanding scope of practice. The process was first established in 1985 and expanded in 2008. Sunrise was designed to promote medical professions to collaborate and create good legislation for all parties involved, but instead is a process used to block applications for scope expansion and stifle change.

Sunrise requires any health profession wanting to expand their current legislated scope, in any way, to submit an extensive application stating reasons that necessitate the change, confirmation of the educational qualifications required and how it affects the public in both positive and negative ways prior to September 1 of the year proceeding the proposed bill. This early submission means that MDs and DOs that oppose other health professions scope expansion are aware of the changes five months before a bill is submitted to the legislature, giving them a distinct advantage compared to any other type of bill in any other area of legislation. Then, a joint committee of both Senate and House committee members meets before December 1 for a full public hearing. This hearing consists of the applicant profession getting beat up by the opposition and the

proposal being watered down or denied altogether.

In the past two sessions, Rep. Carter has filed three bills that would have given more power to this core committee and require the process take multiple sessions. We were able to defeat those three bills that would have hurt us.

We are going on the offensive in the upcoming session. We are working with a coalition of health care providers and government watch groups to eliminate this additional, possibly unconstitutional, hurdle. Our lobbyists have been working with these other groups and gathering legislator support and are currently drafting a bill to eliminate the Sunrise process for licensed health care providers. Of course, even if Sunrise were eliminated, we would still need to go through the usual bill-passing process, like any other bill.

2018 session begins on Monday, January 8th. Bills can be submitted from December through mid-February. We will keep you apprised of progress as it occurs.

Aside: Sunset is a process in which healthcare professions go before the joint health committee and defend our existence as a necessary licensed profession every 8-10 years. We are due again in 2023.

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Capitol Update by Annette Hanian OD, Legislation Committee Chair

Our Arizona legislature is elected every two years in both Senate and House. We are entering the second half of the two year session, which usually means we have the same members and same committee chairs. The second session is usually more predictable than the first session, which generally has about 30 untested freshmen of 90 members. This year will be more of a challenge than most. We will not know until January 14th which members are staying in their positions and which will resign. We have five State Senators running for state-wide office that may resign: Yee (Treasurer), Montenegro (Secretary of State), Smith (Congress District 1), Hobbs (Secretary of State) and Farley (Governor).

Also, Senator Lesko is being talked about, at the time of this writing, to run for the vacated Congressional seat in District 8. There are rumors of another Congressional resignation possible in AZ due to misconduct allegations. Also, with the Senate seat being vacated by Flake, the opens seats in McSally's and Synema's districts; creating opportunities that may mean more of our State Legislators resign this session.

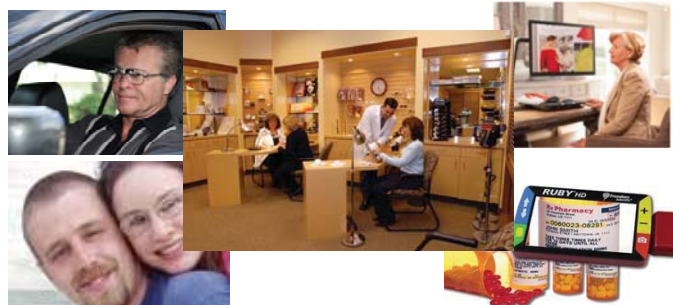
Throw in the State House members, three so far, under Ethics investigation currently due to sexual misconduct allegations, and we may have even more new appointees in this second year of this current session.

If these State Senators leave their seat, then their State House counterpart will likely move over to Senate and then their vacated House seat would be filled by appointment. We could have a significantly different make up in Senate Committees, especially Health (includes Yee, Hobbs, Montenegro, Lesko). All of these factors will play into the success and options for success of any bills introduced this session. We will keep you posted with the changes that occur and how they will affect Optometry.

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OPACA (Optometric Political Action Committee of Arizona) Update by Annette Hanian OD, Treasurer

We have amazing OPACA members and amazing support levels. OPACA is our main means of fundraising for legislators, which gives us a seat at the table and an opportunity to promote our profession and discuss our issues. Any American-citizen OD can contribute to OPACA, not just AZOA members. We have a few non-member contributors.

We have reviewed our numbers for 2017. Here are a few fun facts:

1) We had eight new contributors this year:

Drs. Lars Carlson, Jason Fornara, Ha Anh Jibben, Robert Kanocz, Robert Moen, Sarah Padrnos, Bradley Smith and Paul Wagner.

We appreciated, immensely, all our past and current contributors but it is great to have additional ODs recognizing that the work the AZOA does on behalf of the profession has value. THANK YOU!

2) We had three non-members continue to contribute in 2017 (that also did in 2016):

Drs. Mike Berger, Roger Ethington (who is now a new member) and Diana Wykes.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of legislation and that the AZOA is the only organization that is protecting and promoting our profession in AZ.

3) Bronze contributors (\$100-499 per year):

Drs. Jim Abbott, Joel Ackerman, Jared & Elizabeth Anderson, Stuart Bark, Pat Barry, Gail Bass-Derscheid, Jon Bundy, Steve Burns, Lars Carlson, Chad Carlsson, John Chrisagis, Christine Dorn, Mike Hanley, Jack Hostetler, Marla Husz, Chris Jaron, Ha Anh Jibben, Maury Kessler, Julie Lam, Mike Lamb, Brian Mach, Jan McVey, Tara Miller, Robert Moen, Kelly Moffat, Jetal Patel-Bhakta, Bart Pemberton, Beth Pyle-Smith, Susan Reckell, David & Camille Rockwell, Bryant & Lisa Senica, Bradley Smith, Shannon Steinhauser & Art Epstein, Suzanne Streff, Matt Sullivan, Megan VanOver, Paul Wagner, Gilbert Wong and Diana Wykes. (cont'd next page)

4) Silver contributors \$500-999 in 2017:

Drs. Neha Amin-LaCorte, Mike Berger, Bob Brown, Roger Ethington, Mary Fisher, Jason Fornara, Stuart Greenberg, Bob Maynard, Alicia McCallen, Stacey Meier, Bob Mulgrew, Gary Morgan, Chris Parot, Cheryl Schmitt and Beth Deemer & Todd Smith.

5) Gold contributors contributed \$1000+ each in 2017:

Drs. Tom Babu, Vavsi Babu, Larry Busch, Dave Coulson, Lindsey Clyde, Tom Determan, Shawn Giese, Caroline Griego, Annette Hanian, Robert Kanocz, Jeffery Martin, David Nanni, Christina Olivetti, Sarah Padrnos, Kerry Pearson and Tania Sobchuk.

We appreciate all 75 of the financial contributors to our legislative efforts. THANK YOU.

Of course, many of you give of your time and letter writing, etc. THANK YOU.

If we had more than 6.25% of our licensees in AZ helping with the effort, then we could accomplish amazing things...like the recent bills in LA and AK.

We want to give everyone credit for the

contributions that they make, so please let me know when and how much you contribute online or in other settings that I may not be aware of. Please contact me anytime Annette Hanian OD 623-202-9696 cell or drhanian@completevisioncare.com.

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