



2021 VOSH/International Annual Meeting

Background information

After more than a year of virtual meetings, our Annual Meeting will be held in a hybrid format this year. Those attending in person will be welcomed at the renowned Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) and enjoy the program and the networking with old and new friends. The event is a hybrid event so it will also be available online in its entirety. The meeting will be held on [Saturday October 16th](#). We will be following the current state and ICO's COVID guidelines to ensure our hosts and participants are safe at all times.

The theme for this year's meeting is **"Building resilience and embracing change"**. It intends to recognize how as individuals, as a society, as a profession and as an organization, we have navigated a period of great uncertainty and change and become stronger in our commitment and motivation to offer better and more sustainable patient's care in all countries we visit and where VOSH has presence. The international eye health care context is evolving rapidly with recently agreed international targets on vision by 2030, addressing children's vision can generate change and there have been several innovations to offer outreach services that we could learn from.

We are grateful to count with the support of National Vision Inc. as Visionary Sponsor of our meeting.

At this meeting, we will welcome new Board members and a President. Join us in person or online.

Registration

You can register following this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqduqtpzwuE92EEvPw1ad4x4v1imtTObeS>

Registration fees are as follows:

Type of attendee	Cost (in US\$)
International chapters and partners	Free
VOSH/International Board and Committee members	\$25 which includes COPE courses
Members of US SVOSH chapters	Free
In person attendees	\$75 which includes COPE courses
ODs interested in COPE credits joining online	\$25 minimum donation

Once you registered, please make the payment via PayPal using this link:

<https://vosh.org/donate/donate-online/>

If you prefer sending a cheque, please send it to:

Mark Rakoczy
VOSH/International Treasurer
304 Hickory Drive
Everett, PA 15537



Venue

The Annual Meeting will take place at the premises of the Illinois College of Optometry (ICO) which is located at:

3241 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, IL 60616

Accommodation

The following hotels have been suggested to us. They are well connected via public transport or a 20-minute Uber drive. The two first ones are within 2 miles of the venue.

- 1) [Best Western Grant Park Hotel](#)
1100 S Michigan Ave, Chicago IL 60605

- 2) [Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Downtown South Loop](#)
55 E 11th St, Chicago IL 60605

- 3) [Moxy Chicago Downtown](#)
530 N Lasalle, Chicago IL 60654

- 4) [Aloft Chicago Downtown](#)
515 N Clark Street, Chicago IL 60654

- 5) [W Chicago City Center](#)
172 W Adams Street, Chicago IL 60603

Preliminary program

The Annual Meeting will be a COPE accredited activity. The meeting will be a hybrid event and the timings are reflected in US CST time zone. Please note some timings may change as we confirm some sessions

Saturday October 16 th , 2021	
Time	Item
8:30-9:00 am US CST	Registration at ICO. Zoom meeting opens at 8:45 am US CST
Block 1	Session 1 Governance
9:00-9:10 am US CST	Welcome- Roll call
9:10-9:20	In Memoriam
9:20-9:40	President's Report Daniel Twelker, OD, Phd, FAAO, FVI
9:40-9:50	Financial Report by Treasurer Mark Rakoczy, OD
9:50-10:00	BREAK



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Block 2	Session 2 Awards
10:00-10:25 am US CST	Presentation of the Humanitarian of the Year Award
10:25-11:00	Keynote presentation Jacqueline Grove, SVP Talent Development; Culture; Philanthropy; Diversity; Equity and Inclusion National Vision Inc.
11:00-11:25	Presentation of the Harry L. Zeltzer Lifetime Achievement Award
11:30-11:40	BREAK
Block 3	Session 3 Governance
11:40-11:50 am US CST	Recognition of all VOSH Fellows (FVI) and Fellowship Presentation. Presentation of new members of the Franklin Harms Society. Ann Slocum-Edmonds, OD - Chair Fellowship Committee
11:50-12:30	Recognition of volunteers, departing board members confirmation of and inauguration of new Board members and President
12:30-1:30 pm	LUNCH BREAK

Education Program		
1:30 -2:30 pm US CST	COPE Session 1 Mallory McLaughlin, OD, FAAO Assistant Professor Illinois College of Optometry	SVOSH Session 1 (in French)
2:30-2:40 pm	BREAK	
2:40-3:40pm	COPE Session 2 The Jigsaw Puzzle of Eye Care Outreach: Past, Present, and Future. Janet Summers, OD with Lourdes Fortepiani, MD, PhD, FAAO; Russell Coates, OD; Anthony Mac, OD and Jeannette Wong-Powell, OD, FAAO.	SVOSH session 2 (in Spanish) Virtualization processes that generate an impact on social intervention: "Visual Health for All Program." Dr Mónica Márquez Galvis Associate Professor Fundación Universitaria del Área Andina, Colombia



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	University of the Incarnate Word, Rosenberg School of Optometry, USA
3:40 -3:50 pm	BREAK
3:50-5:50 pm US CST	COPE Session 3 Pediatric Refraction and the Correction of Refractive Error Bruce Moore, OD, FAAO Professor Emeritus, New England College of Optometry, USA
	SVOSH session 3 (tbc)
5:50-6:00pm	Closing remarks by VOSH/International President

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:

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