

## VOSH/International Midyear Meeting

June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

8:00 AM-4:40 PM (US Pacific Standard Time)

**\*Please check the equivalent time zone where you live to join the sessions\***

8:00-  
8:40 am

### Welcome and update on progress of 2020 plans

**Dan Twelker, OD, PhD, FAAO, FVI**, President VOSH/International

**Maria Arce Moreira**, Executive Director, VOSH/International



8:50-  
9:30 am

### The WHO World Report on Vision and what it means for optometry

**Sandra Block, OD, M Ed, MPH, FAAO, FCOVD, FNAP**

- Professor of Optometry at Illinois College of Optometry
- Medical Director, School-Based Vision Clinics
- Global Clinical Advisor, Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes
- Co-chair the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health
- Chair, Public Health Committee, World Council of Optometry



In 2019 the World Health Organization (WHO) released the World Vision Report. The report highlights the distribution of eye disease and blindness across the world and the challenges in relation to unequal coverage of services and shortage of eye healthcare providers needed to address them. Professor Block will provide an overview on the report and the important role optometry plays in addressing these challenges.

9:40-  
10:40 am

### Review of VOSH/International Clinical Guidelines

**Dan Twelker, OD, PhD, FAAO, FVI**

President VOSH/International

Past President VOSH-Arizona

Dr. Twelker received his Doctor of Optometry degree and his Ph.D. in Vision Science from the University of California, Berkeley. Since 2002, he has been on the faculty of the University of Arizona Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Science where he is an Associate Clinical Professor. In 2015, Dr Twelker went to teach optometry at the Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology in Western Kenya.



VOSH/International recommends its chapters to follow its clinical guidelines when organizing humanitarian clinics. VOSH/International is reviewing its clinical guidelines so they include recommendations suitable for a post-COVID 19 context when our humanitarian clinics resume, and which are useful for our US and international chapters.

10:50-  
11:30am

### Optometry in the Latin American region: challenges and opportunities

**Hector Santiago, OD, PhD, FAAO**

VOSH/International Board Member

ALDOO Education Committee Chair

Dr. Santiago obtained his Master's and Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from the University of Texas at Houston and his Doctor of Optometry Degree from the New England College of Optometry. Dr. Santiago has been involved in optometric education for 34 years. He was Dean of the Inter American University of Puerto Rico School of Optometry, Founding Dean of Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry and President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry. He is currently a Professor and Director of Research at IAUPR School of Optometry and Chair of the Education Committee of the Latin American Association of Optometry and Optics (ALDOO).



VOSH/International has a strong relationship with Latin America. Most of our US chapters organize humanitarian clinics in this region and an increasing number of international chapters are located there. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the situation of optometry in this region and understand the dynamics that shape the profession.

11:40-  
12:30

### **VOSH/International membership benefits and key programs**

#### **Victoria Molnar Weiss, OD, FVAO, FVI**

VOSH/International Board Member  
VOSH/International Chapters Relations Co-chair  
President VOSH-Virginia



Dr. Weiss graduated from the State University of New York College of Optometry. She joined SVOSH at SUNY in 1985 and has been a VOSH member ever since. She participated in 10 VOSH-Northeast clinics in Central America. Throughout her career, she has worked with different underserved populations in the USA. She helped to establish VOSH-Virginia, found and was President of the Board of the RAM (Remote Area Medical) mission held in Wise until 2018 and was on the RAM Board of Directors from 2017-2019.

VOSH/International offers several programs and opportunities to its US and international VOSH and SVOSH chapters. The session will provide an overview of the key activities and programs and how VOSH/International chapters can engage and become an active part of our work.

12:40-  
1:20pm

### **Optometry development in Vietnam: an overview of progress**

#### **Robert Molter, OD, FAAO**

VOSH/International Board Member  
VOSH/International Chair of Ambassadors Program Committee



Dr. Molter attended the Michigan College of Optometry. With his wife, they practiced in Fort Myers, FL for a decade and then in Michigan before retiring in 2015. After a stint as adjunct clinical professors at their alma mater, for the past four years, they have both served as VOSH Corps volunteers teaching at the School of Optometry of the University of Medicine Pham Ngoc Thach in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Dr Molter is a past-president of the Southwest Florida Optometric Association, the Northwestern Michigan Optometric Association, and of his local Rotary Club chapter.

The partnership between VOSH/International and the Brien Holden Foundation (BHF) has been successfully implemented in Vietnam. Through our VOSH Corps program, faculty were placed in the first Vietnamese school of optometry and over a four-year period they oversaw the development of optometry in this country. Dr Molter will share insights and lessons learned from this important initiative.

2:30-  
3:30pm

### **Legal clinic for VOSH/International chapters**

#### **John Gehrig, Esq, FVI**

VOSH/International General Legal Counsel and

#### **Natalie Venezia, Esq, FVI**

Former Executive Director VOSH/International



Mr. Gehrig graduated from Harvard University and the University of Michigan Law School. He has a Master's in International Law at the University of Miami. He practiced law in Cincinnati for 19 years before moving to Florida where he became County Attorney. John is very active with VOSH-South East and has participated in 25 VOSH clinics. John served as VOSH/International Board member and since 2004 became the General Counsel to the Board of VOSH/International.

Ms. Venezia was an attorney in California until her retirement. She continues to practice law selectively. Since 2001, Ms. Venezia has led or participated in 25 clinics with VOSH-Illinois and other VOSH chapters. Since 2007, Natalie was member of the VOSH/International Board and then appointed as its Executive Director (2013-2018). She is the Chair of the VOSH/International Website Development Committee.

VOSH/International is an umbrella organization with membership of over 90 US and international chapters. As autonomous entities, many of our chapters -especially those in the US-register as non-profit organizations or try to get tax exemption or need other legal advice to implement their work. This session aims at responding legal questions from our chapters.

3:40-  
4:40 pm

## KEY TRAVEL: Travel management services for VOSH/International humanitarian clinics

Kevin Brown, Senior VP, Sales, NA



***Kevin is responsible for the strategic planning and leadership disciplines for Key Travel's U.S. Sales Team.***

Kevin joins Key Travel with an extensive background in travel. A highly respected travel industry executive, Kevin works to develop innovative new sales strategies which, include identifying critical areas of savings for our clients. Kevin joins Key Travel from Travel Leaders, where he held the position of VP Multinational Sales Development. Previously, Brown spent 10 years at Hogg Robinson Group (HRG), where he was VP Global & Strategic Sales.



**Rebecca Diamond, Director NGO Travel Programs**

***Rebecca is responsible for overseeing our NA strategic accounts, build long-lasting relationships and ensure we are providing quality, cost-effective services.***

Prior to joining Key Travel 6 years ago, Rebecca spent over 12 years managing the travel program of a large INGO with an annual travel spend of over \$20M. As Director of NGO Travel Programs, Rebecca manages our partnerships with several of our large INGO partners and fosters relationships with c-level client stakeholders. This blend of experience allows Rebecca to drive our customers priorities and analyse key indicators to ensure our clients are maximizing their savings potential.

Key Travel is a company specialized in organizing travel for international NGOs and humanitarian organizations to some of the world's most vulnerable and remote locations by offering an unequalled end-to-end service and specially negotiated humanitarian fares among others. Key Travel will present their unique portfolio of travel management services to match the unique international travel and extra luggage needs of VOSH chapters. They will also provide an overview of how COVID has impacted the travel industry, including some predictions and suggestions on how to prepare for the eventual return of travel. VOSH/International is discussing an agreement with Key Travel to benefit our chapters.