



Dear Paraoptometric:

The Maine Paraoptometric Association invites you to join us for a year of networking, education and fun as we move into 2017. The main goal of the MPA is to promote good eye care throughout optometry by educating the paraoptometrics as well as the public. Any employee in an optometric setting is considered a Paraoptometric and is eligible for membership in our organization.

In 2016 we had over 100 members, from Fort Kent to Kennebunk, and Fryeburg to Ellsworth. Each year we bring national speakers to Maine offering courses of interest to technicians and opticians, as well as administrative and billing staff. This years courses included diabetes of the eyes, a better understanding of the visual field, triaging emergencies, any many more.

Membership continues to be \$50 for the year and includes the following benefits:

- Information on certification: CPO, CPOA, CPOT, CPOC
- Networking and mentoring opportunities
- Access to national speakers and 12 CE credits
- Certificate of membership suitable for framing and display in your office
- Discounts on class registration
- MPA professional pin to wear on uniform or name tag
- Membership gift at meetings
- Free raffle tickets at meetings

Your office and doctors will benefit from your MPA membership as well. An educated and certified staff improves the value of the Paraoptometric to the doctor and also to the patient.

If you have never been a member of the MPA in the past, we invite you to become more involved in your professional organization in the upcoming year. We have several committees forming and encourage you to join one that interests you. We also welcome your interest in becoming a member of our Executive Board.

Please consider joining or renewing your membership and making 2017 our best year yet. Enclosed you will find a membership application. Please feel free to share this with new paraoptometric staff in your office. We look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Elaine Fitzpatrick, CPO

Membership Committee Chair