



Celebrating
1897 **125** 2022
Indiana
OPTOMETRY

125th Anniversary

special moments

2022

Dec. 10, 1896

A number of opticians gather for a meeting in Indianapolis to discuss a medical bill that had been introduced into the Indiana State Legislature which proved to be adverse to the opticians. The group deemed themselves the Indiana Optical Society.

Dec. 11, 1896

The newly formed executive committee hires an attorney for representation to be paid \$50 for a retainer fee.

Winter 1897

In the 1897 legislative session, a clause is added to the medical bill stating “that the said medical bill was not to be construed to apply to opticians.” This was a win for the newly formed society.

1899

The medical bill again appeared before the legislature to be amended, and the all important clause that stated “that the bill was not to be construed as applying to opticians” was left out.

January 29, 1901

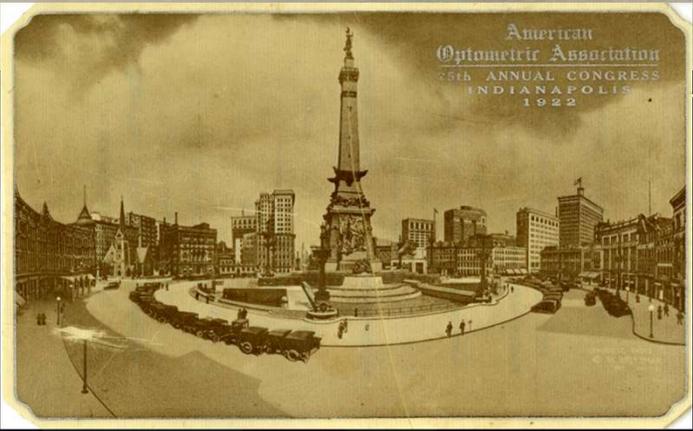
The Indiana Optical Society reconvenes after hearing of the adverse legislation. The executive committee adopts the name the Indiana State Optical Society. The society again hires an attorney, and during the same legislative period successfully adds another amendment again stating “that the medical bill was not to be construed as applying to opticians.”



Photo from scrapbook of optometrist Charles Jenkins in museum collection at Indiana University



TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONGRESS
AMERICAN OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION
INDIANAPOLIS — — — JUNE 25-30, 1922



1922

The society officially adopted the name Indiana Optometric Association (IOA), and membership rose to 197 active members.

That same year the Association successfully hosted the 25th Annual American Optometric Association (AOA) meeting.

JOINS A.O.A.

Robert R. Kimbro, Jr., former Administrative Director of the Indiana Optometric Association, has joined the staff of the American Optometric Association as Director of Membership Relations as of September 1, 1961.

Mr. Kimbro has served as Administrative Director of the Indiana Optometric Association for the past four years and prior to that time he was for five years Executive Secretary of the Terre Haute and Hammond Chapters of the American Red Cross. He served in the United States Navy during World War II and prior to that time was in radio as news director, program director, and writer. He received his Bachelor Degree at Transylvania College in Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Kimbro is married and has four children, Pat 14, Mike 12, Kitty 9, and Tommy 4.

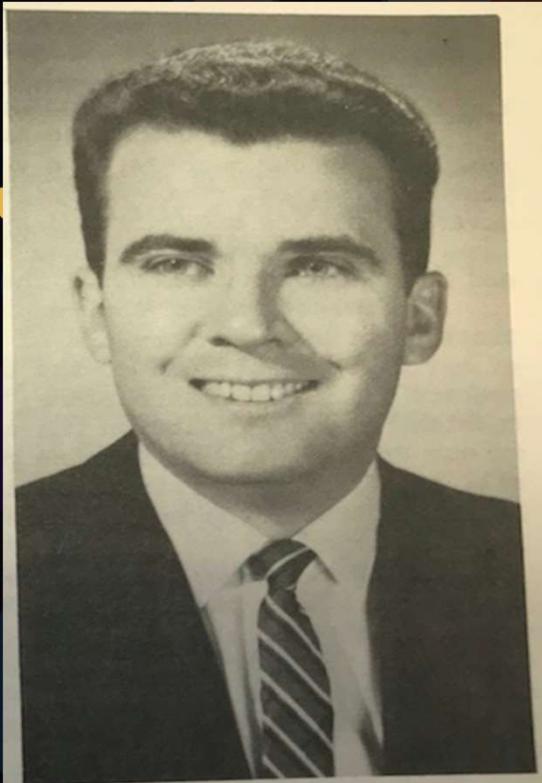
"We are delighted to have a man of Bob Kimbro's talents and experience with us on our national staff. His close contact with optometry at the state level and his previous work experience prepares him for his new assignment as Director of Membership Relations for A.O.A.", said J. Harold Bailey, Administrative Director of A.O.A.



ROBERT R. KIMBRO, JR.

As the IOA began to grow, it became apparent that a full-time executive director was necessary.

1957: Mr. Robert Kimbro, Jr.



RONALD W. WUENSCH



1961: Mr. Ronald W. Wuensch

- Effective lobbyist and executive
- Served as IOA exec for 44 years
- Guided the IOA through many battles



2005 to Present: James M. Zieba, JD

- Served as IOA's Executive Director since 2005.
- A dynamic association executive and lobbyist, he has an extensive background in government relations.
- He holds the rank of colonel in the United States Army and has been deployed overseas three times, to Bosnia, Afghanistan, and Kuwait.

Convention Photos



2003



1997



75th Anniversary Convention Program

DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM

SATURDAY, April 22 (See Note)

8:30 A.M.	Registration—"Lobby"
** 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon	Board of Trustees' Meeting— West Hunt Room (2nd Floor)
**10:00-11:30 A.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSION "A Discussion of Practice Development & Management With Special Emphasis Upon Factors Involved In Forming a Professional Corporation"—N. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor). Messrs. F. Pentecost Cosby, Esq., Attorney at Law, and Frank J. Otte, Esq., Attorney at Law, Indianapolis, Indiana
12:00 Noon	Lunch as you please
** 1:30-5:00 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSION "Advanced Differential Diagnosis of Internal Retinal Pathology and Cataracts"—N. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor). Dr. Paul F. Shulman, Illinois College of Optometry, Chicago, Illinois
2:00 P.M.	Woman's Auxiliary Meeting— West Hunt Room (2nd Floor)— "Come & Get Acquainted"
4:00 P.M.	Registration Closes
5:15 P.M.	Robert W. Tubensing Chapter, A.A.O. Meeting—East Van Camp Room (Main Floor)
5:15 P.M.	Society Presidents' Meeting— West Van Camp Room (Main Floor). Dr. Wm. F. Brigham, Pres. N.E. Society, Chm.
7:00 P.M.	Dinner—S. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor)
8:30 P.M.—"?"	Auxiliary "Progressive Raffle" (cas, diamonds, etc.) and Fun Night—Hunt Room (2nd Floor)

NOTE: Hospitality Rooms open, except at designated hours (*). Suggested closing hour for Hospitality Rooms is 2:00 A.M.

SUNDAY, April 23 (See Note)

8:30 A.M.	Registration—"Lobby"
8:30 A.M.	Past Presidents' Breakfast— Tabard Room (13th Floor)
8:30 A.M.	Inspirational Breakfast— S. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor), Dr. David Eads, Chm.
**10:00 A.M.	House of Delegates—N. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor)
10:00 A.M.-11:30 A.M.	Auxiliary Film Showing— West Hunt Room (2nd Floor)
12:00 Noon	Registration Closes
**12:30-2:00 P.M.	75th IOA Commemorative Luncheon Program (Everyone Invited)—S. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor). Keynote Address by Dr. James B. Kessler, Commis- sioner for Higher Education, State of Indiana. Dr. D. R. Reed, Master of Ceremonies
** 2:15-3:30 P.M.	Invitational Memorial Lecture (Everyone invited) "The State of Visual Science and the Art, Science and Practice of Optometry" —N. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor). Dr. S. Howard Bartley, Professor Emeritus, Dept. of Psychology, Michigan State Uni- versity
** 3:45-5:15 P.M.	EDUCATIONAL SESSION "A Pharmacist Looks at Optometry's Need To Know About Drugs and Drug Actions"—N. Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor). Messrs. Lew Mundell, R.Ph., and Larry Miller, R.Ph., South Bend, Indiana
3:45-4:45 P.M.	Woman's Auxiliary Reception for I.U. Dames—East Van Camp Room (Main Floor)
** 7:00-9:00 P.M.	75th IOA Diamond Anniversary Banquet (Head Table—Black Tie), Windsor Ballroom (Main Floor), Dr. Jack W. Bennett, Master of Ceremonies
9:15 P.M.—"?"	Dancing—Hunt Room (2nd Floor)

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Convention Programs

Indiana Optometric Association 



Program

For the

107th

Annual

Convention

April 30 - May 2, 2004

Sheraton Hotel & Suites
Keystone at the Crossing
Indianapolis, Indiana

2004

**97th ANNUAL
CONVENTION**



**Indiana Optometric
Association**

April 15, 16, 17, 1994

Radisson Hotel • Indianapolis 

1994

GLASGOW LAS VEGAS LONDON
**96th ANNUAL
CONVENTION** MIAMI
TAMPA NASHVILLE PALM SPRINGS
INDIANA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION
AT THE RADISSON HOTEL
INDIANAPOLIS
ITALY DALLAS GERMANY
PARIS BOSTON ZURICH SAN DIEGO
MADRID SAN FRANCISCO NEW YORK
PHOENIX LOS ANGELES
STOCKHOLM HAWAII JAPAN CHICAGO



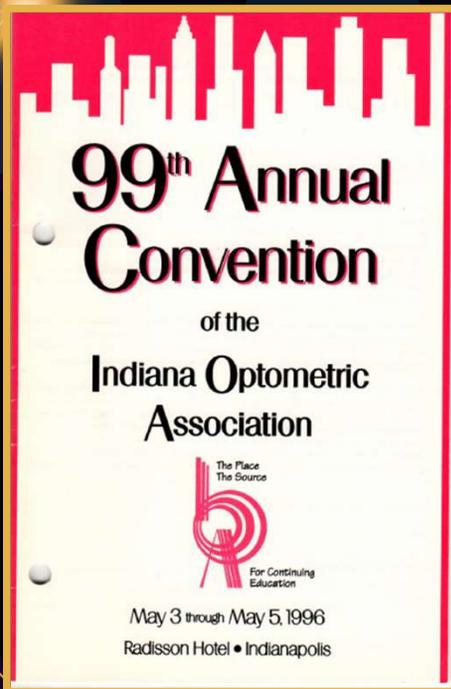
American Airlines 

APRIL 16, 17, 18, 1993

1993



Convention Programs and Memories



1996



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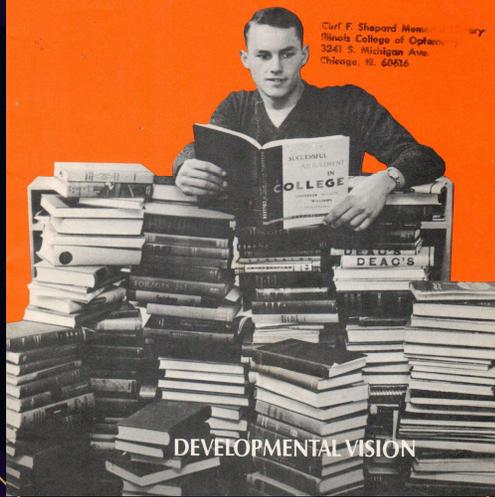


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OPTOMETRY INDIANA

January 1971



1971

ANNUAL REPORT



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SEPTEMBER 1991

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1991

Convention Photos



Dean's Photo: Heath, Bennett, Hofstetter



Convention Band

PAC Fundraisers



Gov. Holcomb Fundraiser 2019



Gov. Pence Fundraiser 2014

Gov. Otis Bowen & Ron Wuensch



To Ron Wuensch
Best Wishes
Otis Bowen MS

JSU SO Class of '79



Share your Memories: Convention 2018

Courtesy of Northwestern Society

Young OD award
winner Dr. Jeni Kohn
with brother, Dr. Rob
Moses and Dad,
Dr. Bob Moses



Young OD award
winner Dr. Jeni Kohn
with Dr. Nicole
Albright



Why is the IOA important to you?



I am an IOA member in order to support our profession as a whole—the IOA continues to work for the greater good of ODs in the state, allowing us to practice full scope optometric care. I also enjoy being an active member in the local society. The meetings provide a time to get to know colleagues and discuss topics such as patient care, practice management, or various treatment protocols which can lead to improved patient care and successful business practices.

**Andrew Fischer, OD, Professional Eyecare Associates,
Huntingburg and Jasper**



Why is the IOA important to you?

I am a member of the IOA because it helps me to connect with other optometrists throughout the state to share experiences, knowledge, and information. Membership and involvement in the IOA allows optometrists to work together as a group to accomplish our goals. We've recently been able to expand our scope of practice by sharing our experiences and advocating for our fellow optometrists. None of that would have been possible without the IOA!

Alice McCaslin, OD, Family Vision Care, Muncie, IN



Why is the IOA important to you?



I am a member of the IOA and AOA because I want to continue to provide the best care I possibly can to my patients. I have been fortunate to practice in a time where I can dilate or prescribe the appropriate medication for my patients. I can't imagine NOT being able to provide that care. I want our profession to continue moving forward, not backward. That is why being involved and knowledgeable on the legislation that affects us is so important to me!

**Jennifer Sitko, OD, Midwest Eye Consultants,
Chesterton, Crown Point and LaPorte**



Why is the IOA important to you?

I am an IOA member because I think it's very important to be involved in advocating for our profession, interacting with colleagues across the state, and continue learning about the ever-changing industry. Over the years, I have been able to watch my father, Dr. Gregory Norman, take on different leadership roles within the IOA, and he has taught me the importance of staying up to date on current legislative matters in optometry so we can continue to practice in our current scope, but also fight for the future of optometry. I feel as optometrists, it's our duty to help take part in the changes we face and being a member of the IOA is a great way to help make an impact for optometrists here in Indiana.

Chanler Demerly, OD, Norman & Miller Eyecare, Lafayette and Delphi



Why is the IOA important to you?

I'm a member of the IOA because I want to help the profession of Optometry to the best of my ability. Not only do I want to serve my patients, but I want to serve Optometry by being an advocate so that Optometrists can practice to the full scope of our education and training. This not only benefits us as Optometrists but in turn benefits our patients as we can provide them with appropriate care. Without support from the IOA, our scope of practice would not be what it is today. Optometry is constantly changing, but so is the legislature. This is why it's so important to be involved in the IOA, to help Optometrists work together to better our profession.

Garrett Zgunda, OD, Family Vision Care, Muncie, IN





Why is the IOA important to you?

Being an advocate of organized optometry is crucial for the development of our profession and future clinicians. IOA promotes this development on numerous levels. As an IOA member, I know I will continue to stay up to date with current topics, scope expansion, and involved within our profession.

Lindsey Colliver, OD, Midwest Eye Consultants, Shelbyville



Why is the IOA important to you?



Before I was an officer for my local society, I just paid my IOA dues and really had no idea what they went toward. After being more involved for the last several years, I am amazed at what the IOA does for our profession. The home office for the IOA does so much! When a key legislative issue comes up, we get talking points and exactly how to contact our legislators. They take all the work out of it. In being part of my local society, I have gotten to know my colleagues better and feel that helps to give better referrals and patient care in our community. When attending the board meetings, it has been great to meet other doctors from around the state and discuss practice and patient management. If you are on the fence about being an officer for your local society, just do it! You will gain so much.

Dr. Kristina Jordan, OD, The Eye Site, Inc., Mishawaka, IN



Share Your IOA Memory

Dr. Andy Nemeth of South Bend took me to my very first IOA meeting when I was a student working the summer in his office. I was so impressed with that group! Dr. Nemeth was **THE FIRST** of many optometrists that showed me the path to excellent patient care. It is a privilege to be part of the IOA: we are dedicated to the patients' overall well-being. We are zebras: we coordinate with the entire care team and are instrumental in patient outcomes during these COVID times when other caregivers are so overwhelmed that they cannot see patients.

Caterina Komyatte, OD, Highland



Share Your IOA Memory

As a kid, I was fortunate that my dad brought me along to many IOA spring conventions. I have many fun memories over those weekends. While I didn't understand the role the IOA played at that time, I knew something important was happening. Now, as a practicing optometrist, I have a deep appreciation for the IOA and all the past and present leaders of the association. Thanks to their tireless work, our profession is strong. Because of this, we have the ability to practice at the pinnacle of our training, allowing us to provide excellent care to our patients.

Nathan Morrow, OD, Indianapolis

IOA Mission

The Indiana Optometric Association (IOA) is dedicated to actively supporting Indiana Doctors of Optometry by positively impacting advocacy, continuing education, clinical practice, and networking interests.

IOA Vision

The Indiana Optometric Association is the voice of Doctors of Optometry in service to the eye and vision care needs of the citizens of Indiana.