As of June 2002, the AOA Board of Trustees has established a Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC). With the establishment of this new commission, the paraoptometric certification program will take on a new look.

The Commission will be responsible for certification of paraoptometrics and the Paraoptometric Section will accept the responsibilities for education. This completes the evolutionary mission of the National Council on Paraoptometric Certification (NCPC) and is a significant advancement for paraoptometric certification.

The separation of certification from the Paraoptometric Section will allow for many of the goals that the NCPC had already set. We are excited about the future, a future that the NCPC helped create.

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Message from the Chair

I am honored to have been chosen as Chair of the Commission on Paraoptometric Certification (CPC). The plans for the next year are to build on the excellent work of the former NCPC. I would personally like to thank Julia Bailey, CPOT, Cheryl Bruce, CPOT, Mary Jameson, CPOT, Al Levin, OD, Billie Taylor, CPOT, Bill Samuels, and Irwin Shwom, OD for the superior teamwork, professionalism, and expertise used to develop the Commission. They dedicated a great deal of their own personal time and energy into making this happen. I would also like to thank the Paraoptometric Section Council and the AOA Board of Trustees for my appointment to this position. Not to forget the person that holds us all together, thank you Darlene, we could not have done this without you. This commission will expand its experience to establish the only recognized certification in the field of optometry.

Certification Renewal

All certifications are for a three-year period. Continuing education credit must be earned within the three year certification period. If you do not complete the requirements at the time the renewal falls due, you have an additional six months from the actual renewal date to do so. Written permission must be obtained from the CPC. This also requires an additional late fee. Sixteen hours of documented continuing education are required for your renewal of certification. Methods of obtaining these hours are indicated below.

Acceptable Education Sponsors

➢ American Optometric Association
➢ State Optometric Associations
➢ Schools and Colleges of Optometry
➢ State or Local Paraoptometric Associations
➢ Regional Optometric Conferences
➢ Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEP)
➢ Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO)
➢ American Board of Opticianry (ABO)
➢ National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE)
➢ Recognized Paraoptometric Institutions
➢ Providers pre-approved by the AOA Paraoptometric Section

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### Subject Matter

- Practice Management
- Refractive Status of the Eye
- Ophthalmic Optics/Dispensing
- Basic Procedures
- CPR Certification / First Aid
- Special Procedures
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Low Vision
- Ophthalmic Pharmacology
- Contact Lenses

### OR

- Oral presentation of lectures and/or workshops that have been approved by the AOA Commission on Paraoptometric Certification
- Authorship or co-authorship of work-related articles and manuscripts that are approved by the AOA Commission on Paraoptometric Certification

No More Than Four (4) Hours from Each Subject Matter Will Be Accepted

Generally a courtesy reminder is sent early in your renewal year. You can expect your billing invoice in June of your renewal year. It is your responsibility to notify the CPC of any changes in your name or address.

### Renewal Time

July 1st every three years. Registrants who have not renewed their registration by December 31st of their renewal year will be required to take the appropriate examination again.

### Renewal Fees

The three-year renewal fee is $45.00 for members of the AOA Paraoptometric Section, and $100.00 for non-members. A $15.00 late fee will be added for renewals received after July 1st.

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### Certification Examination Schedule

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**CPOA Examination**

**October 19, 2002**
GWCO Congress 2002
Portland, OR

**November 3, 2002**
EastWest Eye Conference
Cleveland, OH

**November 16, 2002**
Asheville, NC

**December 7, 2002**
Various Sites

**April 12, 2003**
Various Sites

**June 27, 2003**
AOA Congress
San Diego, CA

**October 26, 2003**
EastWest Eye Conference
Cleveland, OH

**December 6, 2003**
Various Sites

**CPOT Written Examination**

**December 7, 2002**
Various Sites

**April 12, 2003**
Various Sites

**June 27, 2003**
AOA Congress
San Diego, CA

**October 26, 2003**
EastWest Eye Conference
Cleveland, OH

**December 6, 2003**
Various Sites

**CPOT Practical Examination**

**June 27, 2003**
AOA Congress
San Diego, CA

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**Congrats!**

Congratulations to the new Certified Paraoptometrics listed below. Each passed the CPO examination at the AOA Congress.

Catherine Barry
Erica Bates
Beth Bond
Jaymie Brewer
Rebecca Colley
Anna Damiens
Shelli Devillier

Tammye Doga
Meshelle Foster
Marci Fross
Nadine Goldman
Jennifer Hallman
Genny Hasty
Amy Hilton
Christy Housman
Paula Kloesel
Ryan Krantz
Carolyn Landon
Lori Latham

Sheridon Littlefield
Ashley Malone
April McNabb
Heather Moorman
Jodi Olson
Nadine Pagel
Susan Pierce
Arnold Pizana
Desiree Puckett
Christy Pyles
Anne Stockwell
Rosie Sumrell