A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
VERA J KOHLER, CPOA

I would like to thank everyone that attended education at Seven Springs. It was a milestone for PPA celebrating our 40th Anniversary with excellent education!

It was great to be honored with the presence of our Past Presidents, along with the Paraoptometrics of the Year and five National Paraoptometrics of the Year. It was their dedication and guidance that we are the association we are today.

I was honored to be awarded Paraoptometric of the Year. Without the support of my friends, that I would never have had if I had not joined the association, POA and the doctors that supported and encouraged me to attend education and join the association, I would not be what I am today. Thank you everyone for believing in me. I have not done it any better than anyone else; I have just done it longer. Remember behind every great doctor is a dedicated Paraoptometric.

Camille Seganos, CPOA received the Past President Incentive award and will receive free registration for education for either the Fall Education being held in St. College or the next Spring Education in the Pocono next May. Congratulations Camille. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Congratulations to our 2019 PPA Board of Directors:
- Roberta Beers, CPOT: President
- Lisa Scarborough, CPOA: President Elect
- Staci Humphrey, CPOA: Vice-President of Education
- Amanda Lunsford, CPOA: Vice-President of Communications/Public Relations
- Cindy Whitman, CPO: Secretary/Treasurer

Committee Chairs:
- Margi Herr: Recording Committee
- Dawn Deppe: Girl Scout Patch
- Susie Hlawatti, CPO: Education Monitor
- Katie Mansfield: Library
- Carol Schartner, CPOA: Nominations and Evaluations

Thank you everyone for all of your dedication to PPA. This is what will carry this association forward.

Yours in Paraoptometry,
Vera J Kohler CPOA
President Elect:

President Elect - Roberta Beers, CPOT

The year 1978 was an important year for the Pennsylvania Paraoptometrics. That was the year a group of Paraoptometrics led by Carol Schartner embarked on a journey to create the Pennsylvania Paraoptometric Association. They saw the need for a well educated staff. If you were to ask Carol, it was very challenging at the time. Now that she can look back Carol is very proud of what the association has become.

We celebrated our 40th anniversary during this year’s 2018 Spring Education. We were pleased to see so many of our Past Presidents and Past Paraoptometrics of the Years attend this meeting and were present for our 40th anniversary party. Carol Schartner and Vera Kohler our first president and our current president plus all in-between made the Pennsylvania Paraoptometric Association what it is today.

During spring education, we were pleased to bring back the CPO and CPOA Review courses. These courses help a paraoptometric study to become certified.

Remember the Pennsylvania Paraoptometric library has study materials that you can borrow to study for whatever level of certification you are working toward.

If you have any questions on the certification or about PPA don’t hesitate to contact myself or any of PPA board members.

Hope to see you at our next education in September.

Message from the Vice President of Continuing Education:

Lisa Scarborough, CPOA, ABOC

Spring Congress has passed and Fall Education is on the horizon. I hope everyone enjoyed the speakers and social activities as much as I did! It was nice to see so many longtime friends and to make some new friends. I appreciate all of the Survey Monkey responses, If you haven’t received the survey please contact me so I can send you the link. This information is very helpful in planning Spring Congress 2019. All of your suggestions and comments are taken into consideration and greatly appreciated!

Fall Education will be held at Hampton Inn & Suites in State College on Saturday September 22, 2018. We will offer 7 hours of continuing education provided by Jill Luebbert. 7 hours are CPC approved, 5 hours are ABO approved and 1 hour is NCLE approved. The class schedule will be emailed by the end of July along with registration information. Guest rooms are $169.00 plus tax per night.
Message from Vice President Communications and Public Relations:
Cindy Whitman, CPO

Welcome summer with all the mixed heat rain and sun.

Check out the newly updated webpage and explore the updates.

You can locate the following information:

- Board of Directors
- Membership
- Education/Events
- Paraeyes
- Letters of Intent
- Awards
- Loaner Library
- PPA Constitution and By-Laws
- AOA Paraoptometric Section Resources

To access the website information, go to: poaeyes.org; click on Para.

Please like our Facebook page where everyone can post an event for their profession and see what’s happening with PPA. Request friend with your information to become a Facebook friend.
Message from Secretary/Treasurer

Amanda Lunsford, CPOA
Pennsylvania Paraoptometric Association

Secretary/Treasurer

We have $4252.83 in our checking account and $15,425.51 in our saving account. There are 106 members that have renewed for 2018 including 3 honorary members.

Recording Committee:
Margi Herr

As the Chair of the Recording Committee, I file and record continuing education forms as they are returned to me. Everything is current; all hours have been recorded to date.

April Conde CPOA, ABO has reached 40 or more hours of Continued Education.

This committee maintains your years of service. The years of service are awarded in increments of 5 years and presented during the annual general business meeting. We are proud to announce the following members have achieved a milestone in education certificate.

- Carol Schartner CPOA- with 40 Years
- Roberta Beers CPOT- with 30 Years
- Lisa Scarborough CPOA, ABO- with 20 Years
- Amanda Lunsford CPOA- with 10 Years

Remember one of the benefits of being a member of PPA is to retain your hours of education slips that you turn in at education. If you are certified and it is time to recertify all you need to do is contact me and I will send you a copy of any slips for the hours of education you need to send to the CPC.

You still have time to earn education certificates this year at Fall education in State College September 22nd.
Don’t forget to join our group on Facebook (Pennsylvania Paraoptometric Association) it’s a great place to share ideas/photos and keep in touch with the other PPA members. Go to Facebook and request friendship.
PPA’s Loaner Library

PPA is here to help you to improve your job skills. If you need help studying for your CPO, CPOA or CPOT exam, did you know PPA has a library with study materials for just that?

The Lending Library is slowly but surely getting requests for testing materials! I am working on spreading the news on Social Media & helping other Paraoptometrics earn their certifications! We do not currently have materials for each certification but if you or your doctor have materials that you no longer need and are willing to donate them to the Lending Library, please let me know! We would be happy to put those materials to good use!

If you are interested in borrowing study materials, contact me as soon as you know your testing date so that we can get you set up for success! I look forward to hearing from you soon!

Katie Mansfield, CPOA
Chairperson for Lending Library

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All materials can be borrowed on a four-week schedule. If you need to keep material longer, please contact the librarian for availability.

A form is provided to you on the web site with the proper procedure for borrowing the materials @ poaeyes.org.
Happy Summer everyone!

At this time, I have a couple of interested groups that I will send packets to within a couple weeks, when I have completed the current project. The current GS packet was beautifully updated not too long ago by Cindy Whitman and Roberta Beers, though the digital version of the packet seems to have suffered some corruption on the jump drive, so I’m in the process of putting that back together from paper copies, and at the same time I want to make the logo clearer by making sure the original is a digital version. A digital version will allow for a much crisper image.

I’m about halfway done and hope to be completed by the time we meet on the 28th. Once completed, I will start marketing and making sure the POA website is updated as well. One change that is now complete is I removed the wording in the GS patch intro/cover letter regarding having approval from the GS councils, since this is outdated information. Current GS councils are different now, and some are non-existent. However, I will soon be able to reach out to every council I can find to make them aware of the patch and obtain their approval so that we might reinstate that wording.

I have some ideas about looking to market this patch outside of Girl Scouts, as I believe vision awareness can be promoted more widely. I’m checking into this aspect, and this will likely be my fall project.

So, for now, I ask everyone out there for any ideas you might have about promoting this worthy program contact me at ddeppe@restoreeyecare.com or call 814-272-0262.

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What a wonderful 40th Anniversary celebration with so many great people!

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I am a... Allied Health Professional, Office Manager, Biller/Coder, Optician, Certified Paraoptometric Technician, Business Manager, Receptionist, Optometric Assistant...I am a Paraoptometric!
Happy Anniversary
Pennsylvania Paraoptometric Association
40 Years
and more to come!
Some pictures from our 40th Anniversary Conference at Seven Springs Resort.

First is our Paraoptometric of the Year for 2018:

With many years as member of our association with support and perseverance to encourage others to embark on a great journey in paraoptometry. Congratulations Vera Kohler, CPOA receiving her award from Roberta Beers, CPOT.
A big thank you to our great speakers Dr. Robert Reed and Mary Jamison.

The 2019 PPA Board of Directors being sworn in from left to right:

Roberta Beers, CPOT President, Lisa Scarborough, CPOA President Elect, Staci Humphrey, CPOA Vice President of Continuing Education, Amanda Lunsford, CPOA Vice President of Communications and Public Relations, Cindy Whitman, CPO Secretary/Treasurer, Vera Kohler, CPOA Immediate Past President.
Education Monitor Susie Hlawati CPOA introducing Dr. Reed in one of his classes. Each of his Classes were GREAT! And enjoyable.

Theola Amundson, CPOT holding our future PPA member. She is the daughter of Amanda Lunsford, CPOA. What a grand idea of an old generation teaching the future generation.
Left to Right: Peggy Welch, CPOA, Vera Kohler, CPOA, Amanda Lunsford, CPOA, Deborah Tindall, CPOT, NCLE, ABOC, COA; Roberta Beers, CPOT; Carol Schartner, CPOA; Theola Amundson, CPOT.
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