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LOW VISION EDUCATORS

Met: July 9-11, 2015, Pacific University College of Optometry

Chair: Dr. Tracy Matchinski

Actions: Dr. Sharon Lee became SIG Chair; two new steering committee members elected: Dr. Swati Modi and Dr. Rebecca Marnioff

Additional Topics Discussed: Review and discussion of the not-yet-finalized Advanced Competencies in Low Vision Rehabilitation document; methods for teaching near magnification; testing on near magnification



Members of the Low Vision Educators SIG at their July 2015 meeting.

OPHTHALMIC OPTICS EDUCATORS

Met: July 23-25, 2015, Michigan College of Optometry

Chair: James Brady

Actions: Marilyn Smith and Dr. Natalie Hutchings, University of Waterloo, were appointed Chairs of the SIG; the SIG is recommending to the ASCO Board that ASCO become a member organization of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Standards Committee (ASC) Z80 (The Low Vision Educators SIG also supports this recommendation.); members decided to incorporate an Educating the Educator session into each workshop; the SIG will meet next on July 21-23, 2016, in Ontario, Canada.



SIG Chair James Brady, left, presents Dr. James Sheedy with a plaque commemorating his presentation of the Joe Bruneni Lecture in memory of Daryl Meister.

Topics Discussed/Speakers: Dr. James Sheedy, who was instrumental in forming the Ophthalmic Optics Educators SIG in 1996, was honored for his contributions in ophthalmic optics and delivered the Joe Bruneni Lecture (“Blue Light-Good or Bad?”) in memory of Dr. Daryl Meister (Dr. Sheedy received this award in 2005 as well.); Education and Scholarship in Ophthalmic Optics (Dr. Sheedy); Research Ideas in Ophthalmic Optics (Vision Research Institute); Measuring Devices from Manufacturers (Essilor, Hoya, Carl Zeiss); ANSI Membership for Ophthalmic Optics (Dr. Karl Citek)

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