Marty,



I want to thank you for your many years of service to the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and the profession of optometry. Although I did not serve with you for the entire length of your service to ASCO I believe, if memory serves me correctly, that I have known you for almost all of your years as Executive Director. I joined the ASCO Board in 2000 and had the opportunity to observe you as you guided the organization forward through many issues amid a wide variety of board members, officers, and management styles. Personally, I had the pleasure of serving as president of ASCO for two terms and enjoyed working with you very much. I am indebted to you for the guidance provided during this time and sharing those years of service with me.

During your tenure, ASCO has become a better known organization within the optometric profession. Clearly I believe the members of the profession understand the importance of optometric education in a manner they did not previously comprehend. Among your many talents as ASCO's Executive Director, there are two that stand out in my memory. The first was your ability to organize meetings and make sure all of the appropriate subjects were covered. Second, and perhaps of even more value to ASCO, was your institutional memory. Your unique ability to recall when certain actions were taken and why they were taken served the organization well.

On a personal note, I have enjoyed our many conversations over the years and above all appreciate your friendship. Marty, I wish you many years of happiness and success as you leave this chapter of your career and know you will contribute to all of your future endeavors in a meaningful way.

Again, thank you for all of your efforts in leading optometric education and the profession forward.

Warmest regards,

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