

The ASCO Student Affairs Officers met in Seattle, Wash., June 22 during the American Optometric Association (AOA) annual meeting to discuss a variety of timely issues, including ASCO activities, [OptomCAS](#) and the [Optometry Admission Test](#). For the fourth year in a row, a primary topic of discussion was the joint ASCO/AOA effort to further develop a robust, diverse and highly qualified national pool of applicants to schools and colleges of optometry. In addition, the Student Affairs Officers heard presentations from the National Optometric Student Association and on optometry and the Affordable Care Act. Roundtable discussions took place on the topics of admissions, student recruitment and transitional issues for students entering optometry school.

ASCO's Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) also met on June 22 in Seattle, for a workshop centered on the theme of educational technologies. Representatives of VRmagic and Canon gave presentations on teaching procedures with virtual reality and teaching anatomy with virtual reality, respectively. Roundtable discussions took place on the topics of educational technologies, faculty recruitment and retention, and administrative practices.

In addition, members of ASCO's Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice (IPECP) Committee addressed the CAOs about the IPECP Summit planned for February 2016, and the CAO's heard an explanation from the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education regarding its standards revisions.



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