Dr. Jane Gwiazda, Professor of Vision Science and Director of Research at the New England College of Optometry, has been appointed to the National Advisory Eye Council for the National Institutes of Health National Eye Institute (NEI). The Council is a diverse group of professionals who provide guidance to NEI programs, including research and training. The twelve members meet three times a year in Bethesda, Md., to provide a second-level review of grant and cooperative agreement applications and to discuss other issues that relate to the NEI. Appointments to the committee last for four years.

Dr. Gwiazda is known internationally as an expert in myopia research. She served as lead investigator and chair of the Correction of Myopia Evaluation Trial (COMET). Dr. Gwiazda previously conducted research on infant vision development, and in the past two decades her research interests shifted to include both the risk factors for myopia development and the evaluation of treatments for slowing myopia progression.