

OAO Testimonials

“Being a member of OAO has been important to my optometry career since graduation. Initially, my membership was just a way to obtain liability insurance. I have come to value the association as much more than a connection to quality insurance. They are a valuable resource to me when I have concerns with patient care, TPAs, billing and changes to legislation. Most importantly, without OAO I would have no way of voicing my concerns for the profession. OAO is not just a group, it is a community. My membership is of extreme benefit to me and I feel all optometrists should support our profession by joining.”

Dr. Angela Tamblyn, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science



“As a recently graduated optometrist, I am proud to be an OAO member, and a contributor to the OAO's advocacy efforts supporting the advancement of our profession.

I have found the OAO's "Eye See...Eye Learn" program to be a useful tool in promoting eye care for young students. Additionally, the online member resources have been helpful for me, especially the TPA Web App, which I use regularly. I am also excited about the new Mentorship program the OAO is launching!

Whether you are a new grad or have been in practice for many years, there are OAO programs available to support you.”

Dr. Tannis Rode, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science

“I have been a member of OAO since 1979. About 10 years ago, I experienced difficulties with the college. I went to our Association for help and they were absolutely wonderful in helping me with support, both legally and emotionally throughout the process and in the end, all was resolved.

I will always be grateful to OAO and all those who helped me. I would strongly endorse that all optometrists in the province step up and join OAO.”

Dr. Larry Sheldon, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science



“The depth and breadth of the White Paper is a testament to far reaching consultations at every stage of this process. I am proud of OAO for having the initiative to plan and execute this very important project. The profession of optometry and the people of Ontario will be the beneficiaries of this initiative for many years to come.”

Dr. Mira Acs, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science, OAO Past President, 1993

"I have been proud member of OAO for over 40 years. During this time I've witnessed the evolution of optometry and the impact that OAO has had as a strong advocacy group for its members and profession. Beyond the benefits that have saved me thousands of dollars during my career, OAO serves as a network for sharing ideas amongst colleagues and a springboard for future development of our profession."

Dr. Stan Salsberg, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science



At the Canadian Association of Optometry Students (CAOS) welcome reception for the class of 2019 on Sept. 13, 2015, OAO President Dr. Jeff Goodhew shared inspiring words to students starting out in optometry, and extended a warm, hearty OAO "welcome to the profession," to all!

"As optometry students, we are grateful for the continued support and outreach from OAO to strengthen collaboration between students and ODs.

The partnership between CAOS and OAO has allowed us to be aware and engaged in what's happening in the profession while preparing us to be active advocates when we graduate.

Together, we will continue to invest in the future of optometry."

**Abraham Yuen, Class of 2017, UW
VP Education & Advocacy, CAOS**



"I have attended OAO symposiums for many years and always leave with new practice gems that I can apply immediately in my own office. They are always well-organized and are a very enjoyable event. All optometrists should attend these very valuable educational experiences."

Dr. Michael O'Grady, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science



"I have been attending OAO Symposiums for 36 years and they have always been exceptional. The 2015 event was excellent, with terrific lectures, a very organized trade show and an informative OAO Annual General Meeting.

I encourage everyone to attend the OAO Symposium as it is a place where fellow optometrists congregate, sharing ideas that will strengthen our practice and profession. At the AGM during the event, we are informed on issues affecting our profession and how we are responding to them.

We need education. We need to know about products and Technology. We need to know how our association is supporting and protecting us. The OAO Symposium provides all of this for us. If you came this year, come again and invite a colleague. If you did not come, put it in your calendar for next year. You will be doing your part to strengthen your profession by participating."

Dr. Gordon Young, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science



“My practice has been very pleased with the ESEL program. OAO has created a program that makes it easier for optometrists to raise awareness of the importance of eye examinations for school aged children and the impact that vision and eye health has on learning and success in the classroom.

Several of our local elementary schools have included the ESEL information pamphlets in their FDK (full day kindergarten) registration packages, and we have had a great response from parents bringing in their ‘soon-to-be-JK’ kids in for eye exams over the summer.

We have booked the Fribbit mascot for several community events (a local Harvest Festival, a Health Fair at a local elementary school, and a charity race that we sponsor) and found that children (and adults) flock to our booth to have photos with Fribbit. While Fribbit is entertaining the children, my staff have an opportunity to explain the ESEL program to parents and hand out information about our practice.

The ‘Free Eyeglasses’ have been a great perk, and initial concerns about lost revenue from eyeglass sales have been ameliorated by the increase in new patients and patients purchasing a ‘second pair.’

Just another great perk of being an OAO member!”

Dr. Pui-Yee Ho, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science



“I find the TPA app very helpful and can quickly access it from my computer. All of the necessary info I need is built into the app.”

Dr. Danny Quaglietta, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science

