

Editorial • President's Address

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Hello to everyone from the Board of Directors of OEPF, the Optometric Extension Program Foundation. OEPF is very proud of being a primary producer of education in Optometric Behavioral Vision.

We recently welcomed two new members to the Board, Drs. Cathy Stern and Bradley Habermehl. They join Drs. Pam Schnell, Amy Pruszenski, and me, Eric Hussey, on the Board. Both are passionate about OEPF's mission and goals and will work diligently to promote them. We are very fortunate to have them on the Board and appreciated their immediate contributions to our recent meeting.

Leaving the Board is Dr. Eric Ikeda. We wish him a restful retirement from the Board. Eric piloted OEPF through some complex times, including throughout the pandemic, and he constantly worked to improve our existing structures and financial stability.

OEPF remains the largest publisher of optometry-specific books. Three new books have been published this year, including the updated Applied Concepts in Vision Therapy 2.0 book. (Buy it here! <https://www.oepf.org/product/applied-concepts-in-vision-therapy-2-0/>) and Vision the Forgotten Sense by Ken Lane: <https://www.oepf.org/product/vision-the-forgotten-sense/>

The Essential Playbook by Nancy Torgerson and Kristi Jensen is coming out in a few weeks. This book is now available in pre-sale at <https://www.oepf.org/product/the-essential-playbook-how-to-maximize-outcomes-in-optometric-vision-therapy/>. The new book by Patti Andrich, Indicators of Primitive and Postural Reflexes Assessment (IPRA) is also already available in pre-sale at <https://www.oepf.org/product/indicators-of-primitive-and-postural-reflexes-assessment-ipra/>.

Finally, for all of our OEPF Clinical Associates, the A+ Manual of Vision Therapy Exercises by Beth and Greg Gilman is now available for free on your rewards page under "Learning Opportunities from OEPF" on the CA dashboard. The printed version of the manual will soon be available in pre-sale at <https://www.oepf.org/product/a-vision-a-manual-of-vision-therapy-exercises/>. Make sure to look out for the next books coming out by the end of the year, and many more in the publishing pipeline!

The Clinical Curriculum is consistently adapted to better suit your needs as a community, with numerous innovative presentations. One important

accomplishment is that the Art and Science course now is fully COPE approved. That should help in many states for continuing education credits. Part of working on and with the Clinical Curriculum is recognizing our alumni. Take a look at the Alumni Hall of Fame at <https://www.oepf.org/alumni-hall-of-fame/> on the OEPF.org website. It's quite an impressive group of people. Thank you!

The last years have been very different times for education in general. OEPF has responded to the new marketplace with more lectures offered online and with new speakers and emerging topics in the field of optometry. Being flexible to changing times and making sure that you all get the most value out of our courses is very important to us, and we will strive to continue this. Please send us feedback, topics that you would like to see, and speakers that you would like to hear. We'll do our best to make that happen.

Research has been a new emphasis. Many of you may remember the research surveys that we sent on COVID and myopia. Those results are published in a special issue of our Journal, Optometry and Visual Performance. (<https://www.ovpjournal.org/ovp---volume-10---covid-issue.html>) OEPF has also started looking at the extra testing that is done in behavioral offices and is involved with an update of the Primary Mental Abilities test. Other topics will follow. Research involvement is a long-term goal towards which we have started working. When you see a research survey come around, please participate.

OEPF is actively listening to our community, the backbone of which is our Clinical Associates. Thank you for being an integral part of OEPF. You will see an increasing number of initiatives and programs directed toward you as Clinical Associates based on the feedback that you send us and trends that we see. Thank you again! Be sure to let any Board Member know of any questions that you might have, and our capable Executive Director Line Vreven is always available to you.

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