



Resolution

Thanking Dr. John G. Flanagan for an Exemplary Year of Service as ASCO President

Whereas, John Flanagan, PhD, DSc, FCOptom, Dean and Professor at the University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry, has completed an exemplary term as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan, masterfully guided the Association through the turbulent times because of the worldwide pandemic and the resulting effect on academia. He has prudently guided the Association through conversations and decisions in diversity, equity, and inclusion as it affects the educational component of each institution. He was a tireless advocate for students during the many challenges and interruptions encountered in the past year. His careful and deliberate approach through a multitude of remote meetings has been appreciated and has moved the members to a sense of shared responsibility for the profession; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan's successful leadership of ASCO — as well as his previous contributions as a member of the Board of Directors and President-Elect — is rooted in his broad experience as a dedicated educator, administrator, researcher and contributor to the scientific literature, all of which has been recognized with honors, including being named a Distinguished Professor Emeritus at the University of Waterloo, Doctor of science from Aston University, a Life Fellow of the British College of Optometrists, Distinguished Service Award from the Optometric Glaucoma Society, and the Glenn Fry Award from the American Academy of Optometry; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan, has humbly guided many students and graduate students in their pursuit of optometry and vision science. His research and expertise in glaucoma and diabetes has benefitted the profession and patient care. He was one of the founding members of the Optometric Glaucoma Society having served as Program Chair, President and Executive Vice President. He has also served on multiple committees at the School of Optometry and University of California, Berkeley as well as serving on the UC Health Diversity Taskforce and San Francisco Veteran Affairs Dean's Committee.

Be It Resolved, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry respectfully and wholeheartedly expresses its gratitude and sincere thanks to Dr. Flanagan for his tremendous leadership and service in challenging times; and be it further

Resolved, that the entire ASCO Board of Directors and professional staff look forward to continuing to work with Dr. Flanagan in his role as Immediate Past President.