



Resolution

THANKING MS. LASHAWN SIDBURY DUCKETT, CMP, CAE FOR HER MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO ASCO

Whereas, LaShawn Sidbury Duckett, CMP, CAE, has served as a trusted and highly productive employee of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry for almost fifteen years, first as a Senior Program Associate starting in August of 2007, and eventually being promoted into the position of Director of Meetings and Special Interest Groups in 2015;

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett has contributed significantly to the expansion of ASCO's career and leadership development activities for the faculty and administrators at optometry schools and colleges. She has been involved in the establishment and development of ASCO's headliner events such as the Future Faculty Program (which began in 2011); the Summer Institute for Faculty Development (which first began in 2006 but developed greatly under Ms. Sidbury Duckett's tenure); and the Optometric Education Leadership Institute (which began in 2020);

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett has served meritoriously as staff liaison to many of ASCO's committees, task forces, and Special Interest Groups;

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett's considerable skills were put to use many times to help improve ASCO's operations. She has been a strong proponent of the use of technology to enhance member services and improve staff productivity, and led the effort to secure ASCO's first-ever Association Management Software (or AMS); to implement ASCO's online community board, ASCO Connect; and to secure an online event registration platform. During the pandemic, she led the effort to seamlessly move ASCO's meetings, educational programs, and other events to a virtual format. And she has been leading the exploration for the establishment of ASCO's learning management system;

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett's dedication to continual advancement and improvement of her knowledge and skills, that served in developing herself professionally, and making her an even greater asset on the ASCO staff team. During her time at ASCO, she completed her undergraduate degree and started work on her graduate degree; she was recognized as a Certified Meeting Planner, or CMP, by the Events Industry Council, and as a Certified Association Executive, or CAE, by the American Association of Association Executives; and she was selected for and participated in a highly selective program called the Diversity Executive Leadership Program run by ASAE;

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett's dedication to service extended beyond ASCO through her volunteer activities on many association industry committees and task forces;

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett has been recognized multiple times for her achievements during her tenure at ASCO: In 2019, she was recognized as a "Top 40 Under 40 by Connect Meetings, and in 2021, she was awarded a President's Award from the American Optometric Association; and

Whereas, Ms. Sidbury Duckett has been a beloved employee, colleague, mentor, and friend to so many; now be it

Resolved, that ASCO's leaders, members, and staff wholeheartedly thank Ms. Sidbury Duckett for her outstanding contributions, professional expertise, and diligent service to the association and all of optometric education; and be it further

Resolved, that ASCO extends its very best wishes to Ms. Sidbury Duckett for much success in her career as she moves on to her new position at the National Science Teachers Association.