



Resolution

THANKING DR. MELISSA E. TREGO FOR AN EXEMPLARY YEAR OF SERVICE AS ASCO PRESIDENT

Whereas, Melissa E. Trego, OD, PhD, Dean and Associate Professor of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University, has completed an exemplary term as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; and

Whereas, Dr. Trego provided outstanding and self-less leadership representing the Association through its role in addressing a multitude of serious challenges and issues of great importance to optometric education and optometry as a whole, such as undertaking and committing to an on-going dialogue with the American Optometric Association about the role of subspecialties within optometry; support of future planning for ASCO's continuing applicant pool development activities; addressing ASCO's budgetary needs with a proposed change to Active Member dues; providing clear and consistent direction for an interest in the ASCO staff; and leading the Board of Directors in completing ASCO's new Strategic Plan, thereby providing a robust framework for the Association's future success; and

Whereas, Dr. Trego's broad experience as an inspired educator and administrator, which have been recognized with numerous positions both within and outside of ASCO, including National Optometric Leadership Committee; Member, Blue Sky Group, Innovation in Health Profession Education (IHPE), National Academy of Science, Engineering, and Medicine; Task Force Member for Part III National Boards of Examiners in Optometry; Legislative Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania Optometric Association; Accreditation Team Chair Training and Member, Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE); Clinical Director for Southeastern Pennsylvania, Opening Eyes, Special Olympics International; Examiner; National Board of Examiners in Optometry – Part 3; and

Whereas, Dr. Trego, personally devoted seemingly boundless energy to help further the promotion of the profession and careers in optometry, serving in numerous service positions and guiding development of programs for Salus University and the College of Optometry such as the COVID Advisory Committee, the Dean's Council, Scholars Program Development (accelerated 3-year optometry degree program), Member of Committee for PhD Program in Biomedicine and subsequent faculty searches, Chair of Accreditation Council on Optometric Education Self-Study and Site Visit Preparation; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry respectfully and wholeheartedly expresses its gratitude and sincere thanks to Dr. Trego for her 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. Trego in her role as Immediate Past President.