

Resolution

**HONORING DOUGLAS K. PENISTEN, OD, PHD,
AS HE RETIRES FROM THE ASCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND AS DEAN OF NORTHEASTERN STATE UNIVERSITY
OKLAHOMA COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY**

Whereas, Douglas Penisten, OD, PhD has been an outstanding leader in optometric education, the optometric profession, and in public health throughout his more than four-decade career; and

Whereas, Optometric education and the profession have benefitted enormously from Dr. Penisten's expertise, diplomacy and leadership as Dean of Northeastern State University Oklahoma College of Optometry, from 2009 to 2024, Dr. Penisten also serves as a Professor, and mentor to the College's many faculty, staff and students; and

Whereas, Dr. Penisten's over 40 years of service in a variety of leadership positions in higher education which include efficient service as Acting-Head of Department from 1980 to 1982 and instructional and committee roles from 1980 to 1984 as Senior Lecturer and Chair of Curriculum, Library, and Bursary Committees at the Department of Optometry, University of the North Pietersburg, Republic of South Africa; Visiting Lecture of Optometry, The New England College of Optometry, 1994 to 1995, Clinical Consultant at the College of Optometry, Indiana University, from 1984 to 1988; Assistant Professor through Professor of Optometry at the College of Optometry, 1988 to present; and

Whereas, Dr. Penisten's dedication to improving the health of the citizens and communities is evident through his work in optometric public health that spans decades as member of the American Academy of Optometry; American Optometric Association; a founding member of the Association of African Optometric Educators; World Council of Optometry on which he served on the Education Committee, the Program Committee, and in other role; Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; the National Board of Examiners in Optometry in several capacities such as the Optics and Refractive Error Subcommittee; member of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education from 1993 to 2002 with numerous roles such as Vice-Chair and Chair of the Long Range Planning Committee; and

Whereas, Dr. Penisten has also served optometric education on a national scale, serving on the Board of Directors of Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry 2009 to present, serving on the Academic Affairs Committee, the International Education Committee, and presenting numerous papers at Association meetings including Residency Accreditation and Long Range planning in Residency Programs; and

Whereas, Dr. Penisten has disseminated knowledge about vision science and the practice of optometry, authoring 39 papers, chapters, proceedings, and monographs, published in numerous optometric and other vision-related journals as well as historical journals concerning radio; therefore be it

Resolved, that ASCO and its members express their respect, admiration and friendship for Dr. Penisten; and be it further

Resolved, that the ASCO family extends its very best wishes to Dr. Penisten upon his retirement; and further wish him health, happiness and fulfillment in the years ahead.