ASSOCIATION *of* SCHOOLS *and* COLLEGES *of* OPTOMETRY

Resolution

THANKING DR. MARK COLIP FOR AN EXEMPLARY YEAR OF SERVICE AS ASCO PRESIDENT

Whereas, Mark Colip, OD, President of the Illinois College of Optometry, has completed an exemplary term as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO); and

Whereas, Dr. Colip provided outstanding guidance leading the Association in a broad series of accomplishments including appointing and the OD Graduate Attributes Task Force; hosting the National Optometric Leadership Conference Call; reinstituting the ASCO-AAO Joint Board Executive Committee meeting; serving on the National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine Admissions Workshop Planning Committee; providing the ASCO Webinar to assist schools in navigating the Supreme Court decision striking down Affirmative Action in Admissions; reviewing and updating the ASCO Board By-Laws; and implementing an improved ASCO dues structure for member schools; in total, addressing current issues and supporting the Association's future success; and

Whereas, with extensive expertise as a passionate educator and skilled administrator, Dr. Colip has garnered acclaim through numerous roles within and beyond ASCO, including the AOA Quality Improvement and Data Committee; Near Southside of Chicago Planning Board, AOA-ASCO Workforce Study Communications Team; AOA-ASCO Workforce Study Project Team Expert Panel ; ASCO-AOA Joint Project Team on Further Developing a Robust, Diverse and Highly Qualified National Applicant Pool for the Doctor of Optometry Programs; ASCO Student Affairs Committee; Liaison to the Optometry Admissions Test (OAT); ASCO National Association of Advisors to the Health Professions (NAAHP); and Clinical Skills Examiner for the National Board of Examiners of Optometry; and

Whereas, Dr. Colip has personally dedicated limitless energy towards advancing the promotion of the optometry profession and fostering career growth opportunities including serving in program development for the Illinois College of Optometry in the roles of Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs and Acting-Director of Institutional Advancement; as well as Chair of the American Optometric Association (AOA) Research and Information Center – Executive Committee; Editor of the "ICOasis" column for the Journal of the Illinois Optometric Association; Consultant for the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education; and Volunteer Optometrist for multiple Medical Wings International medical missions; therefore be it

Resolved, the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry extends its heartfelt appreciation and genuine gratitude to Dr. Colip for his exceptional leadership and dedicated service during today's complex challenges. and be it further

Resolved, the entire ASCO Board of Directors and professional staff eagerly anticipate continued collaboration with Dr. Colip in his esteemed position as Immediate Past President.