



Resolution

HONORING JOHN G. FLANAGAN, PHD, DSC, MCOPTOM, FAAO, FARVO AS HE RETIRES FROM THE ASCO BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND AS HE COMPLETES HIS 10TH YEAR AS DEAN AT UC BERKELEY

Whereas, Dr. John Flanagan has been an outstanding leader in optometric education, the optometric profession, vision research and public health throughout his more than four-decade career; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan earned his Bachelor of Science in Optometry and Vision Sciences from Aston University in 1980, Master of Clinical Optometry degree from British College of Optometrists in 1981, and PhD in Vision Sciences from Aston University in 1985; and

Whereas, Optometric education and the profession have benefitted enormously from Dr. Flanagan's expertise and leadership while most recently serving as 8th inaugural Dean and Professor at the Herbert Wertheim School of Optometry and Vision Science University of California, Berkeley 2014-present, as Professor Emeritus 2014-2017, and as Distinguished Professor Emeritus 2017-present at the School of Optometry and Vision Science at the University of Waterloo in Ontario, Canada; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan's career reflects a deep commitment to optometric education and the profession in didactic teaching of professional programs at the University of California, Berkeley, 2014-present, and at the University of Waterloo 1985-2014, and graduate courses at the University of California, Berkeley 2016-present, and at the University of Waterloo 1987-2012, and in the supervision of 48 graduate students, 12 post-doctoral fellows, and 58 summer students; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan's career reflects a deep commitment to serving the academic community in the advancement of the profession of optometry as one of the four founding members of the Optometric Glaucoma Society and since serving as Board Member, Program Chair, President, and Executive Vice President 2002-present, in serving the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry as Board Member 2014-present, President 2020-2021, Chair of the Diversity and Cultural Competency Committee 2017-2019, and, as Member of

the American Glaucoma Society 2008-present, as Member of the California Optometric Association 2014-present, Board Member for the Glaucoma Research Foundation 2015-present, as member of the American Optometric Association 2014-present, as Delegate for Alameda Contra Costa County Optometric Society, House of Delegates, California Optometric Association in 2017 and 2019, College of Optometrists of Ontario 1986-present, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology 1986-present, Imaging and Perimetry Society 1984-present, British College of Optometrists 1981-present, to name a few; and

Whereas, Vision research and public health have benefitted tremendously from Dr. Flanagan's expertise as he has published 377 abstracts and presentations, authored over 180 peer-reviewed publications, written 14 book chapters and 3 books, has 7477 citations with an h-index of 50 and i10-index of 121 from refereed journal publications, has given numerous invited continuing education and lectures to both professional and academic audiences around the world, holds 4 patents, and has held continuous federal research funding for over 34 years; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan's contributions to vision science research in glaucoma and diabetic eye disease have enlightened our understanding in the basic mechanisms of human glaucoma (glial cell activation, neuroprotection), ocular imaging, clinical psychophysics, ocular blood flow and studies of vascular reactivity; and

Whereas, Accolades for Dr. Flanagan's contributions to the academic, research, and professional communities include receipt of the President's Award from the American Optometric Association in 2020, Optometrist of the Year Award by the Alameda Contra Costa Counties Optometric Society in 2021, Borish Scholar Award by the School of Optometry at the University of Indiana in 2023, and Certificate of Honor from the City and County of San Francisco in 2024; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan received a Doctor of Science *honoris causa* from Aston University, has been named Life Fellow by the British College of Optometrists, Fellow in the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, and was inducted into the inaugural cohort of the American Academy of Optometry's Hall of Fame; and

Whereas, Dr. Flanagan being held in the highest esteem throughout the vision science and optometry communities; therefore be it

Resolved, that ASCO and its members earnestly thank Dr. Flanagan for his collegiality, service, and contributions to optometry and vision science; and be it further

Resolved, that the ASCO family extends its very best wishes to Dr. Flanagan as he completes his deanship with the sincere hope for much happiness and good health in the many years ahead.