



# Resolution

## Thanking Dr. Fraser C. Horn for an Exemplary Year of Service as ASCO President

**Whereas**, Dr. Fraser C. Horn, Dean and Professor at the Pacific University College of Optometry, has completed an exemplary term as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Horn provided outstanding leadership representing the Association through its role in addressing a multitude of substantive challenges and issues of great importance to optometric education and the profession of optometry, thereby providing a robust framework for the Association's continued success; and

**Whereas**, Dr. Horn's successful leadership of ASCO as well as his previous contributions as a member of the Board of Directors, President-Elect, Secretary, and Chair of the Chief Academic Officers Group, is rooted in his broad experience as an inspired educator, clinician, administrator, researcher, and contributor to the scientific literature, all of which has been recognized with honors, including being voted the Clinical Faculty of the Year in 2008, 2009, and 2011, the Staff Member of the Year in 2020, and the Dean of the Year in 2025, all by Pacific University College of Optometry students; as well as his receipt of the Ally Award from the Oregon Athletic Training Association in 2022; and

**Whereas**, as President, Dr. Horn devoted boundless energy on behalf of optometric education and the profession by leading ASCO's participation in a successful negotiation of the new Council on Optometric Practitioner Education Memorandum of Understanding between the American Academy of Optometry, the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, and ASCO; by providing support for the ongoing work of ASCO's Attributes Task Force in identifying, defining, and cataloguing the competencies needed by graduates of the schools and colleges of optometry; by creating a task force charged with building a stronger and mutually beneficial relationship with the National Board of Examiners in Optometry to benefit both the profession and the public;

by establishing a task force charged with monitoring rulemaking efforts by the Department of Education on Title IV student financial aid programs and to develop ASCO's submission in response to the Department's call for public comments; and, by leading the Board's decision to close ASCO's physical office space, thereby saving the organization thousands of dollars each year; therefore be it

**Resolved**, that the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry respectfully and wholeheartedly expresses its gratitude and sincere thanks to Dr. Horn for his dedicated leadership and service in challenging times; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the entire ASCO community extends its very best wishes to Dr. Horn and his family as he begins a two-year leave of absence from Pacific University in July 2025 to assume the position of optometry programme development lead at South East Technological University in Waterford, Ireland, to establish a new optometry degree program, becoming only the second university in that country to do so.