Section Update: And Then There Were Three

The Council of the Canadian Association of Optometrists formally approved the establishment of two new CAO Sections at its Spring, 1986 meeting held in Toronto, February 28, March 1 and 2, 1986.

As previewed in the March CJO, the two new Sections are as follows: Sports Vision and Contact Lenses. With Children's Vision in place, that makes a total of three Sections now officially operating under the terms of the national Association's By-law Number 52.

The Sports Vision Section's creation was initiated at the 1985 Biennial Congress under Section Co-ordinator and (then) CAO President Dr. Ralph Rosere. The formational meeting was actually held later that year in the Calgary, Alberta offices of Drs. Gene and George Edworthy. The Section is already well along with plans for the provision of optometric vision and eye care services in conjunction with the 1988 Winter Olympic Games, to be held in Calgary.

The Contact Lens Section's foundation was built upon the Constitution as was proposed for the Canadian Optometric Contact Lens Society in 1983, itself a rebirth of the original Canadian Contact Lens society from many years previous. CAO Councillor for Manitoba Dr. Keith Letts served as CAO liaison for the Section and shepherded the Terms of Reference through to their acceptance by the CAO Council at its Spring, 1986 meeting.

Following then, are the Terms of Reference as approved by CAO Council for each of the two new Sections. CAO members who wish to apply for membership in either of the two new Sections, or in the Children's Vision Section, are invited to complete the application form elsewhere in this issue. The form can also be used to request further information about any of the existing CAO Sections.

Need for a Sports Vision Section

With an increasing awareness by the public, athletes, coaches and governments on Sports Vision provided to athletes in the United States by optometrists, and because a large number of optometrists in Canada have exhibited a keen interest in this specialty, it is imperative that these optometrists be brought together to share their knowledge and experiences in the Sports Vision field and to promote these services to the athletic world of Canada for the benefit of all Canadians.

There is a need to provide the means whereby optometrists interested in Sports Vision would have the opportunity to have current information on new techniques, equipment, etc. to provide more effective means of delivering these services to the public.

Purpose of a Sports Vision Section

1. Enhance sports vision services to the Canadian public.
2. Promote, advance and enhance the identity of Optometry as the profession providing this service.
3. Provide education, research and screening programs in the area of sports vision.

4. Provide a source for information on the subject of sports vision to the profession and to the public; and
5. Provide a forum for members of the C.A.O. having an interest in the sports vision area of Optometry.

Canadian Association of Optometrists
Bylaws of the Section on Sports Vision

Article I
Name and Purpose

Section 1
This Section shall be known as the Sports Vision Section.

Section 2
The purpose of this section is to enhance the vision care of the public served by practices providing sports vision services; to promote, advance, and enhance the identity of Optometry as a profession providing these services; to assist in the provision of continuing education; to provide a forum for members of the C.A.O. having an interest in this area of Optometry; and to provide a source for information on this subject to the profession and to the public.

Article II
Membership

Membership shall be open to any members of the Canadian Association of Optometrists. Unless otherwise specified, each member of the Section shall pay to the Canadian Association of Optometrists annual section dues of $50.00 except student members of the Canadian Association of Optometrists who shall pay annual section dues of $5.00.

Article III
Officers and Selection Delegate

Section 1
The officers of this Section shall be a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary.

Section 2
There shall be a Council, which shall consist of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and the last retiring Chairperson, together with two other members, to be elected by the Section as hereinafter provided.

Section 3
The Council shall select the Section liaison to the Canadian Association of Optometrists Council.

Article IV
Nomination and Election of Officers

Section 1
At least ninety days before the Annual Meeting of the Section in the year that the terms of office expire, the Chairperson shall appoint a nominating committee of three members of the Section not candidates for office. The nominating committee shall, at the Annual Meeting, submit its nominations for the following offices: Chairperson, Vice-
Chairperson, Secretary and two members of the Council. The report of the nominating committee shall not preclude any member of the section from making a nomination for any office from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Section 2
Except for the last retiring Chairperson, Council officers and members shall be elected biennially by the Section members at the Annual Meeting of the Section. A majority of the votes cast on a particular office shall be required for election to that office.

Section 3
Terms of office. All terms of office herein specified shall begin at the close of the Annual Meeting at which the election takes place, and shall end two years hence at the close of the next Annual Meeting.

Article V
Duties of Officers

Section 1
Chairperson. The Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson, in the absence of the Chairperson, shall preside at all meetings of the Section, and of the Council. He or she shall formulate and present annually to the Canadian Association of Optometrists a report of the work of the Section for the then closing year. He or she shall appoint the Chairperson of any committees within the Section who are to hold office during his or her term as Chairperson. He or she shall plan and superintend the program of the Section at the Biennial Congress of the Canadian Association of Optometrists during his or her term, subject to the directions and approval of the Section Council. He or she shall superintend the performance of all activities of the Section. He or she shall keep the Council fully informed and carry out its decisions. He or she shall perform such other duties and acts that usually pertain to his or her office or as may be designated by the Council.

Section 2
Vice-Chairperson. Upon the death, resignation or during the disability of the Chairperson, or upon refusal to act, the Vice-Chairperson shall perform the duties of the Chairperson for the remainder of his or her term or disability, as the case may be. The Vice-Chairperson shall aid the Chairperson in the performance of his or her responsibilities in such a manner and to such extent as he or she may request.

Section 3
Secretary. The Secretary shall be the custodian of all books, papers, documents, and other property of the Section, except money. He or she shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Section and of the Council, whether assembled or acting under submission. With the Chairperson he or she shall prepare a summary or digest of the proceedings of the Section for its Annual Meeting for publication in an Annual Report. He or she, in conjunction with the Chairperson as authorized by the Council, shall attend generally to the business of the Section. He or she is to keep an accurate record of all monies appropriated to and expended for the use of the Section.

Article VI
Duties and Powers of the Council

Section 1
The Council shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section subject to the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Association of Optometrists and the Bylaws of this Section. It shall especially authorize all commitments and contracts which shall entail the payment of money, and so authorize the expenditure of all monies appropriated for the use of benefit of the Section. It shall not, however, authorize commitments or contracts which shall entail the payment of more money during any fiscal year than the amount which shall have been previously appropriated to the Section for such fiscal year.

The Council may delegate any of these powers to the Chairperson or the Secretary. The Council may further authorize the Chairperson at the beginning of his or her term to appoint an Executive Committee with the approval of the Council to act in instances when time will not permit the calling of a meeting of the Council. Action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Council.

Section 2
The Council may authorize the Chairperson to appoint committees from Section membership to perform such duties and exercise its powers as the Council may direct, subject to the limitation of these Bylaws and the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Association of Optometrists.

Section 3
The Council during the interim between Annual Meetings of the Section may fill vacancies in its own membership or in the office of the Secretary, or in the event of a vacancy in all the offices of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. Members of the Council and all officers so selected shall serve until the close of the next Annual Meeting of the Section. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Section delegate, the Council shall select a successor.

Section 4
A majority of the Council shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. All binding action of the Council shall be by majority vote of the members present.

Section 5
The Council of the Section during the interim between meetings of the Section shall have full power to do and perform all acts and functions which the Section itself might do or perform, not inconsistent with any action taken by this Section. Any such action taken by the Council shall be reported to the Section at its next meeting.

Article VII
Meetings

Section 1
The Section shall hold business meetings annually at the place and time so designated by the Council of the Section.

Section 2
Every two years the annual meeting of the Section will be
Before you order your here's something

If you’ve been having trouble working with Varilux 2 lenses, we’re not surprised.

Just look to the left and you’ll see why.

These are computer-generated contour maps of 12 seemingly “identical” Varilux 2 lenses.

Measured on a lensmeter, all 12 yield the same result—plano distance, +2 add. But computer plots of their actual surface designs tell quite a different tale.

As you can plainly see, they aren’t “identical” at all.

Viewing areas differ in size and in shape, especially in the near and intermediate zones. And the astigmatic patterns vary from lens to lens.

Inconsistencies like these can cause problems in dispensing. If a “pair” of lenses aren’t alike you may have trouble with fitting and with adaptation, especially on your more demanding patients.

Maybe you should look for a more reliable progressive, like the one at right . . .

* Twelve Multi-Optics Varilux 2 and twelve Sola VIP lenses were obtained from ordinary shelf stock. The lenses were all surfaced to a plano distance, +2.00D near add. Using a standard measuring device the data was processed by a computer and the computer then plotted the surface astigmatism of each lens so the results could be analyzed.

The first contour line plotted, bordering the distance, intermediate and near vision zones denote astigmatism of about 0.50D or more. Each succeeding contour line marks an increase of 0.50D of astigmatism.
next pair of progressives, you should see.

We hate to be blunt but the situation here is a whole lot better.

Here's the progressive you don't have to worry about ... the consistent and reliable Sola VIP.*

These are 12 "identical"* Sola VIP lenses.

Just like the other brand, their lensmeter results were the same: plano distance, +2 add.

But unlike the other brand, the computer-generated contour maps of VIP lenses all look alike.

All the nears are extra-large, and the intermediates leave ample room for easy fitting. The shapes are all the same, too, with gently changing curves to minimize peripheral distortion.

In every lens.

This consistent design allows consistently successful dispensing. Without mis-fittings and endless follow-ups. Without worry or wasted time — for you or your patients.

So before you order your next progressives, remember what you saw here. The lens you can rely on is Sola VIP.

12 “identical” Sola VIP lenses.

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Canadian Association of Optometrists.

**Section 3**
Special meetings of the Section may be called by the
Chairperson upon arrival of the Council, at such time and
place as the Council may determine.

**Section 4**
The members of the Section present at any meeting shall
constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**Section 5**
All binding action of the Section shall be by a majority
vote of the members present. Each member of the Section
who is not a student member of the Association shall be
entitled to vote on any matter coming before the Section.
Those members of the Section who are student members of
the Association shall be considered as a group for purposes
of voting and therefore entitled to one vote on any matter
coming before the Section.

**Section 6**
Except as may be otherwise required by the Constitution
or Bylaws of this Association or of the Section, all meetings
shall be governed by the parliamentary rules and usages
contained in the then current edition of the Beauchesne's
Parliamentary Rules and Forms.

**Article VIII**
**Miscellaneous Provisions**

**Section 1**
The fiscal year of the Section shall be the same as that of
the Canadian Association of Optometrists.

**Section 2**
All bills incurred by the Section, before being forwarded
to the office of the Canadian Association of Optometrists for
payment, shall be approved by the Chairperson or the
Secretary, or if the Council shall so direct, by both of them.

**Section 3**
No salary or compensation shall be paid to any officer,
council member, or member of a committee.

**Section 4**
Any action of this Section must be approved by the
Canadian Association of Optometrists before the same
becomes effective as the action of the Canadian Association
of Optometrists. Any resolutions adopted by the Section
shall be reported by the Chairperson of the Section to the
Council of the Canadian Association of Optometrists for the
Association’s approval and recommendation.

**Section 5**
These Bylaws shall become effective upon approval
thereof by the Council of the Canadian Association of
Optometrists.

**Section 6**
All printing for this Section or for the Council or any
committee of the Section shall be done under the supervision
of the headquarters office of the Canadian Association of
Optometrists.

**Article IX**
**Amendments**

**Section 1**
These Bylaws may be amended at any Annual Meeting of
the Section by a majority vote of the members of the Section
present and voting, provided such proposed amendment
shall first have been approved by a majority of the Council
and providing, further, that no amendment so adopted shall
become effective until approved by the Council of the
Canadian Association of Optometrists.

**Contact Lens Section**
During the C.A.O. Congress, Regina, July 4, 1985,
participants expressed interest in establishing a Contact
Lens Section. This section is established under the C.A.O.
By-law #52.

**I Objectives**
(1) to provide a means for the communication of technical
information.
(2) to develop an intra-professional referral registry.
(3) to provide a means of sharing information (case reports,
etc.).
(4) to establish a speakers roster in the contact lens field and
also establish criteria for rating such speakers.
(5) to act as an advisory body to C.A.O.
(6) to provide the general public with information
regarding contact lenses.

**II Scope**
The scope and purpose of this Section is to enhance the
contact lens care and services provided to the public by
C.A.O. member optometrists; to promote, advance and
enhance the identity of Optometry as a profession and
optometrists as professional providers of contact lens care;
and to provide a forum for members of the C.A.O. having an
interest in the area of contact lens care.

**III Functions**
The functions of this Section shall include:
(1) promoting the sharing and dissemination of information
by published articles in *The Canadian Journal of
Optometry*, by news bulletins and educational seminars
at section meetings.
(2) the development of a registry for intra-professional
referral.
(3) the development of a speakers roster.
(4) the development of a C.A.O. policy statement on
contact lenses.
(5) acting as an advisory body to C.A.O.
(6) to perform any other functions as may be directed by
C.A.O. Council.
IV Rules

(1) Officers of this Section shall be a chairperson, chairperson elect, and secretary-treasurer.
(2) Officers will be elected every two years at the C.A.O. Biennial Convention by the members of the Section who are present.
(3) The by-laws for this Section shall be approved at the next C.A.O. Biennial Convention by the members of the Section who are present.
(4) Membership is open to anyone who:
   (a) is a member in good standing of C.A.O.
   (b) pays the initial registration fee of $25.00.
   (c) pays the annual dues as decided by the Executive.
(5) All activities undertaken on behalf of this Section shall be approved by the executive committee of this Section.

Section Update: Aviation Vision

CAO Secretary Treasurer and Councillor for BC, Dr. Tom Adamack, recently submitted to CAO proposed Terms of Reference for a CAO Section on Aviation Vision. Council will examine the proposal at its Summer, 1986 meeting, slated for mid-June in Vancouver. The September, 1986 issue of the CJO, assuming approval of the Terms of Reference, will present them in this Section.

The following application form is designed for those members of CAO who wish to apply for membership in any of the currently approved Sections of the Association. Elsewhere in this issue is a Section status update. Please ensure that the completed form (i) clearly identifies the Section for which you wish to apply (If for more than one Section, please use a separate form for each); (ii) fulfills the terms for membership in the Section.

If you wish information about any of the approved Sections of the Canadian Association of Optometrists, please contact the national Association at the address given on the form.

The Canadian Association of Optometrists
— Application for Section Membership —

I would like to apply for membership in CAO’s

(Approved Sections as at June '86: Children's Vision; Sports Vision; Contact Lenses)

NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS:

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Postal Code

Telephone

I am a member of the Canadian Association of Optometrists.

(If an application fee is required by the Section for which you are applying as indicated in the Terms of Reference, please ensure that it is enclosed with your completed form).

Return this form to: CAO, Suite 207-77 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, Ontario. K1P 5L6

(Signed) (Date)