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Please e-mail any submissions to our newsletter editor, Dawn N. Tomasini at dawn.tomasini@va.gov

President's Column

Brian Kawasaki, O.D., M.B.A.

Hello NAVAIO Members!

In this issue of the Optimum VA, we would like to introduce you to your NAVAIO board members for the next two years. We have some board members who have been serving the organization for several years now and we also have some new faces this year. Feel free to contact any of us if there's anything we can do to help you or if you have any questions about the NAVAIO. Our email addresses are on the cover page.

We are also happy to announce a new feature to our newsletter this year. There will be a section for our members to share news about themselves. One of the goals of NAVAIO is to build camaraderie and we'd like to start by getting to know each other better. Please send your news to our Editor, Dr. Dawn Tomasini, and she will be sure to have it published. Photos are always welcome, too.

Our board members this year will be working hard on adding content to our quarterly newsletter, but we also depend on you, our members, to contribute as well. If you have any interesting cases, research, or other news that you'd like to share, please do! A newsletter publication schedule along with deadline dates for submissions has been included in this article for your reference.

We are working towards making the NAVAIO your resource for information about the VA and VA Optometry. Do you have questions about systems redesign, setting up a student or residency program, or taking the ACMO exam? Send us your questions through the "Contact Us" section of our website for now (www.navao.org) and we will try our best to answer them or put you in contact with members who can help you. We plan on working with our new website hosts to make the NAVAIO online area more interactive for our members with features such as forums for questions and discussions. We will also be revising our online FAQ sheets and adding new ones during the coming year. Please let us know if you have suggestions for new FAQ sheets that you'd like to see included.

Also included in this issue is a list of all the NAVAIO Committees along with brief descriptions of their responsibilities. I'd like to thank each of our Committee Members for so generously giving of their time and talents to help our organization. We will need to build a strong and solid volunteer foundation in order to achieve our future goals for the NAVAIO. Please let me know if you're interested in volunteering. We can always use help on the committees, especially with special projects throughout the year.

Thanks for taking the time to read this column. I hope you enjoy the rest of our newsletter. I'm looking forward to working with our board over the next two years and hope to see you at our annual meeting next year in San Francisco!

Happy New Year!

Brian

Meet the Board Members

Brian S. Kawasaki, O.D., M.B.A.

PRESIDENT



Some of you are probably wondering: “Who is this Brian Kawasaki person? I’ve never heard of him before and how did he get to become President of our organization?” Those are good questions. Well, the honest truth is that I was lucky to become President this year since the elections were uncontested! ☺ However, I promise to do my best over the next two years to make the NAVAIO an organization that you are proud to be a part of.

I was born and raised in San Francisco and spent most of my life there until I moved to southern California for optometry school. I received a Bachelor’s degree in Applied Science and Business from the University of San Francisco in 1996 and Doctor of Optometry degree from the Southern California College of Optometry in 2000. After optometry school, I moved back home and completed a residency in Primary Eye Care at the San Francisco VA Medical Center in 2001. After my residency, I moved back down to southern California again and started as a Staff Optometrist at the VA San Diego Healthcare System. While living in San Diego, I took night classes and received a Masters of Business Administration degree from California State University San Marcos in 2007. In November 2007, I transferred to the VA Southern Nevada Healthcare System in Las Vegas and have been there since then. I’m a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and also an optometry officer in the U.S. Army Reserve. I was activated earlier this year for 12 months and am currently stationed at Camp Shelby, MS. I’ll be heading back home by February 2010. This is my second mobilization since joining the Army Reserve in 2002.

I met my wife, Cindy, in optometry school (we were classmates). We’ve been married for 8 years and have two girls: Nia (4 years old) and Emmy (1 year old). My hobbies include reading and running (but not both at the same time!).

David G. Storer, O.D.

VICE-PRESIDENT



I have been asked to provide a brief personal background as the new Vice President of NAVAIO, so here goes.

I entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966 at the age of 17 and I was awarded a BS degree in Naval Engineering upon graduation. I subsequently served on active duty in the U.S. Navy for 26 years as a Line Officer aboard seven U.S. Naval Warships in varied assignments from Division Officer to Commanding Officer, as well as a

number of shore duty assignments, including the War Gaming Department at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island. My last assignment was Director, East Atlantic Operations, CINCIBERLANT (a NATO command) that is located in Lisbon, Portugal.

My wife, Sandy, and I were married at the end of June week at the Naval Academy in 1970 and we have 3 sons. My two oldest sons, Chad and Wes, are both married and our youngest, Aaron, who was born in Lisbon, is in his second year at Purdue. Our family has completed a total of 19 moves, from Hawaii to numerous cities on both the west and east coasts as well as in the mid-west, and Europe.

Upon my retirement from active duty, I returned to school to complete pre-med undergraduate requirements. I entered the optometry profession in 1999, upon graduation from the Michigan College of Optometry (MCO). My optometry professional experience has included a VA residency at the Battle Creek, Michigan, VAMC and four years as an associate with an ophthalmology practice in Michigan. I was accepted for a position at the Crown Point, Indiana, Outpatient Clinic, where I have served since 2004. I have been active in overseas medical missions and have participated in eight missions, the most recent of which was to Guyana, South America in 2009 that included 14 optometry students from MCO.

I was elected as NAVAIO Secretary in 2007 and completed that term with my election to the office of Vice President, NAVAIO, in 2009. As an advocate for our profession, I believe that the responsibilities of the office of Vice President, will require of me to support the President in NAVAIO efforts to ensure that VA optometrists are protected from any potential professional fallout, should any develop within the VA, from the evolving AOA Board Certification program requirements. I also believe that the NAVAIO officers fill a vital advocate role by providing a voice and conduit for VA field optometrist views and positions to the VA Central Office, regarding career development issues that may affect VA optometrists. Accordingly, I am very interested in the opinions of VA field optometrists regarding these, or any other professional issues, that the field believes should be addressed to Central Office by NAVAIO.

I commit to dedicate myself to support both our membership and the President of NAVAIO, in these efforts, over the next two years.

Janel L. Chou, O.D.

SECRETARY



Hi, I'm Janel Chou, the new secretary of the NAVAIO and here's a little bit about me. I was born and raised in Northern Virginia and received my bachelors degree in biology from the University of Virginia. I went on to optometry school at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry in FL and graduated in 2005. I did my residency in Primary Care at the Salem VA Medical Center and am currently working at the community based outpatient clinic in Virginia Beach tied through Hampton VA Medical Center. I am a staff optometrist there and the teleretinal coordinator for both sites.

As the secretary, my duties include transcribing the minutes of the monthly VA Optometry Service conference calls and distribute them to the members through our

website as well as transcribing the minutes of the annual meeting and documenting the events at the annual banquet at the academy. I will carry out any correspondence of the association as determined by the president.

On a personal note, I am married and love living near the beach. My interests outside of optometry lie in art and the marine sciences. I am excited to see what this new year holds for NAVAO and am confident that with your continued support and input, we can continue to make strides in optometry and provide the best care for our patients.

Makesha Sink, O.D.

TREASURER



My name is Makesha Sink and I have been a VA optometrist in Hampton, VA and member of NAVAO for 6 years and running. I graduated from Southern College of Optometry in 2001 and completed my residency at the Memphis VAMC.

As treasurer, I will work to maintain proper records and sound financial decisions for the organization and will work closely with the other executive board members in making decisions for the best interest of the organization and you, its members. We will work to continue to unite VA optometrists and strengthen optometry's presence in the VA system and also be an organization that represents VA optometrists in the optometry field as a whole. By continuing to work together, we can better serve our nation's veterans and our careers as VA optometrists in this great nation.

Gay K. Tokumar, O.D.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT



Dr. Tokumar graduated from the University of California Berkeley School of Optometry and completed a Hospital-Based/Low-Vision Residency at the Kansas City VA Medical Center. She is presently the Chief of the Optometry Section at the Hampton VA Medical Center.

Dr. Tokumar is currently serving as the Immediate Past President of the NAVAO and previously held the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Newsletter Editor. As Immediate Past President, she continues on the Board to provide guidance based upon her previous experience with the Association's activities. Dr. Tokumar is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and is a member of the Academy's Lectures and Workshops Committee.

Katherine L. Wang, O.D.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



I was born in Colorado and raised in Golden, Colorado until I moved to southern California for undergrad at UCLA (go Bruins!) and received a Bachelor's of science degree in biochemistry. I worked for 3 years in a lipid research lab until I figured out I wanted to go to optometry school. I received a Doctor of Optometry degree from Illinois College of Optometry in 1998. I then completed a primary care residency at Wilmington VA Medical Center in Delaware. I moved to San Diego where I worked in private practice for a year and then joined the San Diego VA Healthcare system and have been there ever since. I am a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry & NAVAIO member. My hobbies are reading, scrapbooking, stamping, walking and golf.

As the newly appointed NAVAIO membership director, my duties (together with the membership committee) will include: inviting new hires to join NAVAIO, inviting current resident and fellows as well as VA optometrists who are not members to join NAVAIO, and maintaining the NAVAIO membership directory.

Dawn N. Tomasini, O.D.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR



Hi all! I have been the newsletter editor for the past two years and have recently been reappointed. When I took on the role two years ago, I changed the layout of the newsletter and tried to make it more informative with relation to what is going on in the VA. This term we are trying to expand even further and become more personal. We want to hear from our membership! We are encouraging all members to participate by submitting ideas, questions and concerns along with personal and professional accolades.

On that personal note, here is some info about myself. I grew up on Long Island where I attended the State University of New York at Stony Brook and majored in History. I am a '99 graduate from the State University of New York College of Optometry. I completed a residency at the VA Hudson Valley Healthcare System in '00 and have been on staff here ever since. I perform direct care at our Port Jervis CBOC and supervise student externs and residents at our main campuses in Castle Point and Montrose, NY. I have lived in the beautiful Hudson Valley for the past 12 years with my husband, David, who is employed by the New York City Police Department. We have three children; William, age 5 who just started kindergarten, Nicole, age 3 and Lauren who was born this past year on the 4th of July. My true passion is travel. I love seeing new places, especially places of historical significance, and learning about different cultures. For now, traveling has taken a back seat to motherhood and my curiosity will have to be satisfied by reading historical fiction and watching the travel channel.

Minna Huang, O.D.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE (Director of Events)



I was born in New Jersey and spent most of my early childhood in the east coast and Midwest. My parents moved to LA in 1982. I received a B.S. in Integrative Biology from UC Berkeley and my O.D. from The Ohio State University College of Optometry. After optometry school, I worked in private practice for two years and then completed a residency in Primary Eye Care at the West LA VA in 2003. Since then, I have been working at a VA CBOC in southern San Diego.

My husband David and I have been married for 5 years and we enjoy travelling. We have a 15 month old daughter Sarah. Sarah is going to be a big sister in May 2010! We are all looking forward to our new baby's arrival.

2009 Annual NAVAQ Business Meeting

David G. Storer, O.D.

This year's annual NAVAQ dinner was a special night for VA Optometry. The dinner provided an opportunity for VA optometrists to meet socially and professionally with not only other field optometrists, but also many influential professionals within optometry. Representatives from most of optometry's key professional organizations attended the dinner. Speakers for the evening included long-time friend to NAVAQ Dr. Alden Haffner and the AOA President-elect Joe Ellis, both of whom addressed the attendees on current key issues of interest to NAVAQ optometrists.

Dr. Gay Tokumaru, outgoing President NAVAQ, was awarded a plaque by the newly installed President NAVAQ, Dr. Brian Kawasaki, in recognition of her contributions to NAVAQ optometry during the two terms in office as President that she served. Dr. Kawasaki expressed the deep gratitude felt by all NAVAQ members for Dr. Tokumaru's willingness to serve our membership. Dr. Kawasaki introduced the other newly installed officers who were in attendance at this year's dinner: Dr. David Storer, Vice-President and Dr. Makesha Sink, Treasurer. Dr. Janel Chou, Secretary, was unable to attend this year's dinner.

The dinner was attended by nearly a hundred VA optometrists, their families and invited guests. The highlight of the evening for attendees was the dinner's keynote speaker, Dr. Debbie Hettler, O.D., MPH., FAAO, the Clinical Director, Associated Health Education Office of Academic Affiliations, V.A. Central Office. Dr. Hettler spoke on "The Role of the Office of Academic Affiliations, in VA Optometry." Dr. Hettler is an engaging speaker and she was able to bring to the field attendees at the dinner, detailed information on issues related to Academic Affiliations that were of timely importance to the field. Dr. Hettler's presentation was warmly received by all the dinner's attendees. The NAVAO membership looks forward to opportunities to hear again from Dr. Hettler in future forums.

Dr. Kawasaki officially closed the dinner by recognizing Dr. Minna Huang who was the principal organizer and coordinator of the evening's dinner and events. Dr. Kawasaki invited attendees to remain as late as they desired. Most attendees remained afterwards to continue the evening's social and professional conversations and discussions that had begun before the dinner. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening and all attendees expressed their anticipation for next year's event in San Francisco.

Constitution Amendments Approved

During the 2009 NAVAO Annual Business Meeting at the AAO meeting in Orlando, the Executive Committee approved the following amendments to the NAVAO Constitution and By-Laws to accommodate optometric research fellows in our membership structure. Only the approved changes are listed here. The Constitution and By-Laws are available in its entirety online at the NAVAO website.

National Association of VA Optometrists Constitution December 1997 Amended November 2009

We, Doctors of Optometry, who are members of the medical staff at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Centers, Hospitals, Outpatient Clinics, Blind Rehabilitation Centers, or Extended Care Centers, or who have an interest in VA optometry programs, in order to achieve our mutual goals of encouraging and promoting the best possible primary eye and vision care for our nation's veterans and promoting the education, training, professional growth, and welfare of optometric staff, **research fellows**, residents, and students, do ordain and establish this Constitution.

Article II

Membership: Any VA staff, attending, or consultant optometrist, or any other optometrist having an interest in VA optometry shall be eligible for membership in the NAVAO with all its benefits, rights, privileges, and duties as provided in the By-Laws. VA **research fellows and** residents shall be also

eligible for membership but without voting rights and may not run for an elected office. Of the members in good standing, hereinafter referred to as Members, those present at a business meeting shall form a quorum. Membership dues shall be specified in the By-Laws.

By-Laws December 1990 Amended December 1992, December 2006, and November 2009

Article I

Section I:

Membership. To establish and maintain membership in good standing and to be entitled to all the benefits, rights (including voting rights), privileges, and duties of the Association, annual dues are to be submitted to the Treasurer or his/her designee by January 31 of each year for general members and by August 31 of each year for **optometric research fellows and** optometric resident members. There will be a \$5 late fee for dues received after this date for general members. Dues will not be accepted for the current calendar year after August 31; dues received after August 31 will be applied to the following calendar year. Dues will not be accepted at the annual business meeting or banquet. Membership may be terminated by quorum majority vote of the Board for failure to pay dues or by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of Members for just cause. The Treasurer or his/her designee will ensure that a financial statement is sent to each Member. All newly hired VA optometrists will be provided free membership in the Association for the calendar year in which their employment at the VA commenced. All Members will receive a Membership Certificate when they initially join the Association. The membership year of the Association will be January 1 through December 31. The membership year for **optometric research fellows and** optometric residents will be July 1 through June 30.

Article II

Dues: The annual dues for membership shall be \$50.00 for all Members except for **optometric research fellows and** optometric residents who shall owe \$25.00. There will be no initiation fee. Dues payments received after January 31 and prior to September 1 of each year shall be assessed a \$5 late fee. The fiscal year of the Association will be January 1 through December 31.

Article V

Nomination and Election Process: The President will call for nominations **three months before the annual business meeting** of every odd-numbered year. Nominations may come from any Member for him or herself or for another Member. Nominations are closed thirty days after the call for nominations. The individuals receiving the most and second-most number of nominations for each office will be contacted by the teller of ballots (an individual selected by the Immediate Past President) and those who wish to run will be given an opportunity to submit a brief profile and statement for publication prior to the election. An individual may run for only one office in an election. Balloting will be performed electronically. Results shall be reported to the teller of ballots, votes will remain confidential. Candidates receiving a plurality for each office will be declared the winner. Election results will be formally announced at the annual meeting. In the event of tie, a runoff will take place at the annual meeting.

New Web Host

VisionSite is honored to be partnering with NAAO to maintain the association's website at www.navao.org. We are excited to have the opportunity to make improvements to the website to better serve the needs of NAAO. We will be continually improving and updating features over time so please check in often!



We look forward to helping make the NAAO website an increasingly useful tool for the association and its members. Thank you for working with us!

About VisionSite

VisionSite was founded in 1999 with the mission of helping promote the practice of optometry by helping doctors and associations communicate effectively with their patients and the public. We work with several state and regional optometric associations and are excited to bring that experience to NAAO.

VisionSite specializes in creating professional websites for optometrists and optometric organizations, and we offer a variety of complementary communication tools and services. These include secure online patient forms, graphic design (business cards, stationery, and brochures); search engine optimization services; practice-to-patient eNewsletters; and phone triage tools.



For more information about VisionSite, please visit our optometry website at www.visionsite.com/optometry, or contact us at 866-525-9500 (toll-free) / info@visionsite.com.

Highlights from the VHA/DoD Conference on Sensory Impairment Issues in Traumatic Brain Injury

Gay K. Tokumaru, O.D.

The National VHA/DOD Conference on Sensory Impairment Issues in Traumatic Brain Injury was held December 8-10, 2009 at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers in Chicago, Illinois. The Dept of Veterans Affairs Employee Education System and the VA Vision, Eye Care and Rehabilitation Services sponsored this conference. The conference was well attended by representatives of the VA, including optometrists, ophthalmologists, audiologists, and blind rehabilitation and low vision specialists. There were a wide range of speakers, including optometrists, audiologists, ophthalmologists, DOD surgeons, VHA researchers, Wounded Warrior veterans, and members of multidisciplinary teams.

The program commenced with an inspiring address by Keynote Speaker, the Honorable Tammy Duckworth, who currently serves as the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs. Ms. Duckworth lost both of her legs and partial use of one arm during a mission north of Baghdad in 2004, and previously served as Director of Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs from 2006-2008. Her biography is available online at <http://www1.va.gov/opa/bios/biography.asp?id=90>.

Day 1:

- Included talks on State of the Art neuroimaging, as well as the neuropsychiatry of TBI.
- Highly recommended is the web cast entitled "TBI: Clinical Updates from Neuropsychiatry" by Robin Hurley, M.D., which can be viewed online at http://www.mirecc.va.gov/visn6/TBI_education.asp.
- A trauma panel comprised of an ENT surgeon, neurosurgeon, and OMD discussed the implications of trauma in the field.
- The day was rounded out by presentations by the multidisciplinary teams from Hines in Chicago, Kansas City VAMC, and Northport (NY) VAMC.

Day 2:

- Commenced with presentations from Wounded Warriors: Glenn Miney and Tim Maxwell.
- Dr. Mitchell Scheiman discussed treatment for visual problems with vision therapy techniques with an evidence-based review, followed by a panel presentation on sensory impairment in older adults with both audiology and optometry contributing.
- The day concluded with discussions on current research, including information on the Boston Retinal Implant Project (<http://www.bostonretinalimplant.org/>), as well as presentations by Randy Kardon, M.D., Ph.D., who is the Director of the newly opened Iowa City Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Medical Center VA Research Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Visual Loss. This Center was opened under the VA Research and Development program of the Rehabilitation Research and Development (RR&D) Service, with \$5 million in federal funding over the next five years, for research

focused on prevention and treatment of visual impairments. Please visit the following website for further details: <http://webeye.ophth.uiowa.edu/dept/News/2009/0910VAResearchCtr.htm>.

- The section on Research was wrapped up with presentations from Atlanta R&D and the Rehabilitative Auditory research group from Portland.
- The afternoon session reviewed the visual, ocular, and auditory consequences of blast-related TBI.
- The final afternoon sessions were special topic breakout sessions on vision, hearing, and simulated sensory impairments.

Day 3:

- Started the morning with Wounded Warrior, Jeffrey Mittman, and a presentation by Tom Miller from the Blinded Veterans Association.
- Dr. James Elledge discussed DoD efforts to provide protective eyewear followed by reports from the Defense Centers of Excellence, including discussions of Psychological Health and TBI, the Vision Center of Excellence, and Hearing Loss Center of Excellence.
- Discussions regarding the Continuum of Care (Polytrauma and Blind Rehabilitation Service) and the Palo Alto TBI and Richmond Polytrauma teams concluded the meeting.

NAVAO Committees

The **Executive Committee** is responsible for the management of the business of the NAVAO and advises the President on all policy matters of the Association. The Executive Committee consists of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past President.

Executive Committee Members:

- Brian S. Kawasaki, O.D., M.B.A. (President and Chair)
- David G. Storer, O.D. (Vice-President)
- Janel L. Chou, O.D. (Secretary)
- Makesha Sink, O.D. (Treasurer)
- Gay K. Tokumar, O.D. (Immediate Past President)

The **Finance Committee** monitors funds and assists the Treasurer in the collection and disbursements of funds. The committee also projects future financial demands and sources for the Association.

Finance Committee Members:

- Makesha Sink, O.D. (Treasurer and Chair)
- Weon Jun, O.D.
- Michael McGovern, O.D.
- Glenn Saxon, O.D.

The **Membership Committee** recommends means for membership retention and growth and monitors pertinent data about the membership.

Membership Committee Members:

- Katherine L. Wang, O.D. (Membership Director and Chair)
- Janel L. Chou, O.D. (Executive Committee Liaison)
- Rachel Caywood, O.D.
- Rebecca Czerwinski, O.D.
- Joy Kerns, O.D.
- Susie Lim, O.D.
- David Lynne, O.D.
- Heidi Mayer, O.D.

The **Events Committee** is responsible for planning and overseeing all NAVAO functions, including the annual NAVAO Business Meeting, Reception, and Dinner.

Events Committee Members:

- Minna Huang, O.D. (Director of Events and Chair)
- David G. Storer, O.D. (Executive Committee Liaison)
- Katherine L. Wang, O.D.
- Nancy Wong, O.D., Ph.D.

The **Newsletter Committee** is responsible for maintaining a formal communications link with the membership and assists the Newsletter Editor with publishing the quarterly NAVAO Newsletter.

Newsletter Committee:

- Dawn N. Tomasini, O.D. (Newsletter Editor and Chair)
- Brian S. Kawasaki, O.D., M.B.A. (Executive Committee Liaison)
- Michael Dobos, O.D., M.S.
- Joseph Pruitt, O.D.

We currently have openings on the Newsletter Committee. Please contact Brian Kawasaki at brian.Kawasaki@us.army.mil if you are interested in volunteering.

Keeping in Touch

To start off our “Keeping in Touch” section, our President, Brian Kawasaki and our newsletter editor, Dawn Tomasini have made personal announcements. We encourage our members to share news about themselves, whether personal or professional.



The Tomasini family is proud to announce their latest addition. Lauren Rose was born on Independence Day 2009 and weighed in at 8lbs. 14.5 oz.



NAVAO President, Brian Kawasaki, with his two daughters: Nia (4 years old) and Emmy (1 year old). Brian is currently on a one year recall to active military duty at Camp Shelby, MS and looks forward to returning home to his family in Las Vegas, NV early in 2010.

Director of Technology Position Available

We are pleased to announce the availability of a new board-level position: Director of Technology. This is a Member-at-Large position appointed by the President (with input from the Executive Committee) and will be for a two year term that coincides with the President's term. This position has no term limits.

Below is the description of the Director of Technology position:

Member-at-Large (Director of Technology): The Director of Technology will serve as the NAVAIO board's consultant on all technological matters. He or she will coordinate with the NAVAIO web host to keep website up to date, conduct annual membership registration, membership drives, member surveys, officer elections, online meeting/dinner registration, and other events requiring technological support as directed by the Executive Committee. The Director of Technology will need to communicate and coordinate regularly with the NAVAIO Board and other NAVAIO Committees. He or she will also recommend improvements, enhancements, and modifications to the website to the Executive Committee. The Director of Technology will chair the Technology Committee (to be formed) and report to the NAVAIO Vice-President.

As a Board Member, the Director of Technology is expected to attend the annual NAVAIO Business Meeting and Dinner which occurs in conjunction with annual American Academy of Optometry meeting.

If you are interested in this position, please email Brian Kawasaki, NAVAIO President, at brian.kawasaki@us.army.mil with a statement of interest and CV by Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Please be sure to discuss any previous experience with the NAVAIO, the qualities you would bring to the position, and any other pertinent information. All applicants will be reviewed by the NAVAIO Executive Committee and the selected individual will be notified by the President about his/her appointment to the position.

Once again, the deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, January 13, 2010.