

**OPTOMETRY SERVICE  
CONFERENCE CALL**

**AGENDA**

**December 21, 2012**

**3 p.m. Eastern Time**

**1 (800) 767-1750, Access Code: 16019**

1. Announcements:
  - a. Open VA Optometry Staff Positions
    - i. Dr. Horn comment. There are multiple open position available, please see the attachments below.
    - ii. [http://www.navao.org/documents/12\\_2012/Copy\\_of\\_Open\\_Optom\\_etry\\_Positions\\_\(2\).pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/12_2012/Copy_of_Open_Optom_etry_Positions_(2).pdf)
    - iii. [http://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/open\\_VA\\_Optometrists\\_Positions.asp](http://www.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/open_VA_Optometrists_Positions.asp) or <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/>
  - b. VA Core Values and Characteristics (I CARE)  
<http://vaww.va.gov/default.asp>
  - c. Continuous Readiness in Information Security Program (CRISP)  
<http://vaww.vhaco.va.gov/CRISP/>
  - d. VHA Handbook 1058.02, Research Misconduct
    - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook establishes the procedures and other requirements for handling allegations of misconduct in Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) research.
      1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/12\\_2012/VHA\\_Handbook\\_1058.02\\_Research\\_Misconduct.pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/12_2012/VHA_Handbook_1058.02_Research_Misconduct.pdf)
  - e. VHA Handbook 1303.05, VHA War-Related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC)
    - i. This Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Handbook updates War-related Illness and Injury Study Center (WRIISC) procedures and reporting instructions.
      1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/12\\_2012/VHA\\_Handbook\\_1303.05\\_VHA\\_War-Related\\_Illness\\_and\\_Injury\\_Study\\_Center\\_\(WRIISC\).pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/12_2012/VHA_Handbook_1303.05_VHA_War-Related_Illness_and_Injury_Study_Center_(WRIISC).pdf)
  - f. Professional Development: VA MyCareer (<http://mycareeratva.va.gov/>)
    - i. This memorandum explains the concept behind MyCareer website for professional development. Also attached is a fact sheet about the program and guidance for the individual.
      1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/12\\_2012/MyCareer@VA\\_One\\_Year\\_Anniversary.pdf](http://www.navao.org/documents/12_2012/MyCareer@VA_One_Year_Anniversary.pdf)
      2. [http://www.navao.org/documents/12\\_2012/mycareerfaqs.doc](http://www.navao.org/documents/12_2012/mycareerfaqs.doc)
  - g. AFOS Service-Specific Awards for VA OD and Junior OD
    - i. Dr. Horn comment. The AFOS Service Specific awards will be given out at the FSO meeting prior to SECO in Atlanta in February. Award nominations will be due December 15<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Attached is a flyer giving links for nominations and more information about the award.

1. [http://www.navao.org/documents/12\\_2012/AFOS\\_Service-Specific\\_Awards\\_11-2012.docx](http://www.navao.org/documents/12_2012/AFOS_Service-Specific_Awards_11-2012.docx)
2. Optometry Service Field Advisory Committee - Dr. Selvin – unavailable for comment.
3. Optometric Education Programs - Drs. Messer/Slagle – unavailable for comment.
4. Optometry Productivity Workgroup - Drs. Bennett/Horn/Selvin – unavailable for comment.
5. Electronic Medical Records/Information Technology Issues - Dr. Ballinger – unavailable for comment.
  - a. Dr. Horn comment. Dr. Ballinger wanted those that have IT issues to contact him so he can take it to his committee to discuss. If anyone notices the use or discussion of using the Medflow electronic medical record system for ophthalmology at their facility, please contact him.
6. Infection Control/Reusable Medical Equipment Reprocessing - Drs. Horn/Mancil/O'Connor/White
  - a. Dr. Horn comment. This site can help you find documents on reprocessing reusable medical equipment and manufacturers guidelines on infection control quickly. The site is functional but not intuitive. All the information is up to date but it is not all inclusive yet.  
**One Source Document Site:** <http://onesourcedocs.com/member/index.html>
7. Teleretinal Imaging Screening Program - Drs. Cavallerano/Selvin – unavailable for comment.
8. DoD/VA Vision Center of Excellence & Eye Injury Registry - Dr. Barker
  - a. Dr. Barker comment. They have been working on the practice guidelines for TBI, eye injury and combat casualty care. They have four draft sections including primary medical care guidelines, eye care providers, specialty eye care involving ocular motor dysfunction, and the rehabilitation of visual field loss. These have been developed by the joint DoD /VA workgroup. These documents are current in draft format. They now have direct contractors to help manage the formulation of more specific global practice recommendations by bringing these back to the field for validation.
9. TBI Vision Rehabilitation - Dr. Eldred – unavailable for comment.
10. Low Vision Rehabilitation - Drs. Chan-O'Connell/Mancil – unavailable for comment.
11. Optometry Quality Improvement - Dr. Brough – unavailable for comment.
12. VA Systems Redesign/Wait Times - Drs. Boyer/Horn – unavailable for comment.
13. VA Optometric Research & Development - Dr. Mancil – unavailable for comment.  
<http://vaww1.va.gov/OPTOMETRY/research.asp>
14. VHA Optometry Service Websites - Drs. Hamilton/G. Singh – unavailable for comment.

15. VA Optometry Service Directory - Drs. Egusa/Lim/Pewitt – unavailable for comment.
16. VA Residency Trained Optometrist Directory - Dr. Wang
  - a. Dr. Wang comment. Please encourage your residents to submit their information to continue to get updates on open positions available.
17. AFOS Report - Drs. Hunter/Wasik
  - a. Dr. Horn comment. Report from Dr. Wasik. Online registration to the AFOS meeting prior to SECO is open. The Westin hotel rooms in the AFOS block are all within the remodeled section of the hotel. Dr. Wasik wanted to remind everyone to please pay any remaining AFOS dues by Dec 31, 2012. The new online payment system including the ability to sign up for automatic monthly credit card payments is now available.
18. NAVAIO Report - Drs. Kawasaki/Storer
  - a. Dr. Kawasaki comment. January is our annual membership drive month; however, online renewal is now open for those who wish to renew early. We ask that current members please login to the NAVAIO website to renew their membership before the January 31 deadline, after which a late fee will apply. We are also pleased to announce that this year there will be up to three drawings for free membership in 2014 for those who join or renew before the January 31. So please join or renew right away to be eligible for a free year of membership in 2014! We'd ask that you also encourage other optometrists at your facility to join NAVAIO as well. Thank you!
  - b. The Newsletter Committee recently published the latest edition of our Optimum VA Newsletter. An email with a link to the newsletter was sent to all members earlier this week. It is also posted in the "Newsletters" section of the website. Please login to the member's area to view it.