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AAO Conference
& Optifair 2019

2019 OPTOMETRIST AWARDS

CATEGORIES AND AWARDS

The awards celebrate the efforts and achievements of individuals and optometrists who go above and beyond to support the Alberta Association of Optometrists mission.

HONOURARY MEMBER

Description

This award will honour and recognize an individual who has rendered exceptional service in promoting the purposes for which the Association stands.

Eligibility

An individual, who is not an optometrist and has rendered invaluable service or has significantly contributed to the advancement of optometry in Alberta.

Criteria

Nominees are individuals who satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) the person has made a significant contribution and impact to optometry;
- 2) the person has been an active participant in the Alberta Association of Optometrists; and
- 3) the person has demonstrated leadership qualities.

Selection

A nomination form must be completed and submitted to the AAO.

- The AAO Council will determine the award recipient(s).
- The AAO Council will notify the recipient of their selection.
- The Award will be presented at the annual Awards Luncheon at the AAO Conference.

Past Honourary Member Award Recipients

Mr. Adrian Berry
Mr. Alex Cairns
Mr. Glenn Campbell (1998)
Dr. Howard Gimbel
Mr. Richard Fraser
Mrs. Peggy Sloan (2008)
Mrs. Bonnie Sniedze (2011)

**The Mission of the
Alberta Association
of Optometrists**

**To establish optometry as every
Albertan's first and continual access
point for world leading eye care.**



LIFETIME MEMBER

Description

This award will honour and recognize an optometrist who has made an outstanding contribution to the profession.

Eligibility

The AAO Lifetime Membership Award will be awarded to a member of the AAO. Any AAO member is encouraged to nominate those persons who meet the criteria adopted for this award. A maximum of one Lifetime Membership Award may be awarded each year. Recipients of the Lifetime Membership Award are not required to pay annual Association dues and are entitled to all of the rights, privileges and benefits of a full-time member.

Criteria

- 1) The nominee has maintained an active AAO membership for at least 20 years in Alberta.
- 2) Nominees will have made one or more outstanding contributions or a series of significant contributions to advance, to promote, and/or improve the profession of optometry in Alberta over a period of at least 10 years.
- 3) Nominees must be an active member of the AAO at the time of nomination. If a nominee passes away before receiving the award, the award will be presented posthumously.
- 4) The nominee must not be a current Council member of either the Alberta Association of Optometrists'(AAO) or the Alberta College of Optometrists'(ACO) to avoid a conflict of interest.

Selection

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- The AAO Council will determine the award recipient(s).
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Past Lifetime Member Award Recipients

Dr. Donald Akitt

Dr. Ken Armstrong

Dr. John Baker

Dr. Stuart Boyle

Dr. Scott Brisbin

Dr. Grant Campbell

Dr. Joseph Cloarec

Dr. Frank Crowe

Dr. Carmen Dawdy

Dr. George Edworthy

Dr. C.R. French

Dr. Patrick Gaudet

Dr. Lyn Graham

Dr. A.J. Harrison

Dr. Allan Jones

Dr. James Lampard

Dr. Sadie Lampard

Dr. Ralph LeDrew

Dr. Ron Lindberg

Dr. Angus Miller

Dr. Donald McCrimmon

Dr. Ivan McNabb

Dr. Walter Mitson

Dr. Dorrie Morrow

Dr. Fred Nuttal

Dr. Clifford Palmer

Dr. Sharad Patel

Dr. Eric Ratledge

Dr. Shawn Rooney

Dr. Charles Ross

Dr. James Rowand

Dr. Cec Rowland

Dr. Tom Satchwell

Dr. J. Drayton Spence

Dr. Al Starko

Dr. Les Walker

Dr. Harold Willis



AAO SERVICE AWARD

Description

This award will recognize an individual who has dedicated a significant amount of their time and energy to serving optometry outside of their practice over the past year.

Eligibility

All full-time or part-time members of the AAO are eligible to be nominated for this award. There is no predetermined limit to the number of service awards to be given in any particular year.

Criteria

Nominees are optometrists who satisfy the following criteria:

- 1) dedicated significant personal time to serving optometry outside of their practice hours over the past year;
- 2) is an active member of the Alberta Association of Optometrists;
- 3) has demonstrated leadership qualities; and
- 4) has demonstrated a positive attitude and made a significant impact in the community.

Selection

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Past AAO Service Award Recipients

Dr. Riaz Ahmed (2018)

Dr. Guy Ambrosio (2013)

Dr. Barton Anderson (2017)

Dr. Jennifer Ash (2015)

Dr. Samuel Boucher (2010)

Dr. Kim Bugera (2004)

Dr. Heather Cowie (2013)

Dr. Carolyn Fyffe (2006)

Dr. Kenneth Gellatly (2017)

Dr. Larry Gies (2004) (2013)

Dr. Alison Harapiak (2010)

Dr. Karen Hayward (2013)

Dr. Kevin Hesterman (2009)

Dr. Susan Joe (2013)

Dr. Zain Jivraj (2013)

Dr. Nasir Khan (2013)

Dr. Andrea Lasby (2016)

Dr. Dianna Leong (2004)

Dr. Dan Lowe (1999)

Dr. Debbie Luk (2012)

Dr. Lori Lukey (2004)

Dr. Ruby Mangat (2013)

Dr. Craig McQueen (2013)

Dr. Diana Monea (2016)

Dr. Aaron Patel (2018)

Dr. Simon Reid (2013)

Dr. Stan Russo (2013)

Dr. Andrea Saetre (2009)

Dr. Rina Singh (2013)

Dr. Shane Smith (2013)

Dr. Nohad Teliani (2013)

Dr. Kevin Tsen (2013)

Dr. Femida Visnani (2013)

Dr. Salina Wazir (2013)

Dr. Marilyn Wong (2004)

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT

Nomination Process

Please submit your nomination of up to 500 words (2 pages double-spaced), addressing all of the criteria referenced for the respective award category. All nominations can be emailed to bwik@optometrists.ab.ca.

Your Name: _____

I HEREBY nominate _____ to be the recipient of a:

Lifetime Membership Honourary Membership AAO Service Award

Nominated by: _____
(signature) (print name)

Seconded by: _____
(signature) (print name)

Reasons to support this nomination: Specific accomplishments/contributions, years in practice, positions held etc. as relevant to the award category. Additional information may be attached if space is insufficient. Please note that every nomination must include **"a seconder"** in order to be considered.

**Nominations must be submitted to the
AAO office no later than August 23, 2019.**

No entries will be accepted after this date.