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Arkansas Optometric Association Holds Annual Spring Convention

Little Rock, AR -- The Arkansas Optometric Association recently held its Annual Spring Convention at The Peabody in Little Rock, Arkansas, April 25th-April 28th, 2013. More than 300 optometrists and paraoptometricians throughout Arkansas and the surrounding states attended the meeting, which included membership meetings, continuing education courses and an exhibit hall.

Installation of the 2013-2014 Board of Directors took place during the Membership Meeting on April 28. Dr. Robert Fitzhugh of Stamps was elected President; Dr. Susan DeBlack of Conway was elected President-Elect; Dr. Sabre Wright of Harrison was elected Vice-President; Dr. Chevron Ergle of Jacksonville was elected as Secretary/Treasurer; Dr. Patricia Westfall of Searcy was elected as the Immediate Past-President; Dr. Bryan Armstrong of Benton and Dr. C.F. Hyman of West Memphis remained on the board as directors; Dr. Matt Jones of Blytheville and Dr. Belinda Starkey of Springdale were re-elected to the board of directors, and Dr. Dan Hennessey of Little Rock and Dr. Jeff Netzel of Bentonville were elected as new directors to the board.

Awards were given to deserving individuals during the Awards Ceremony on Friday, April 26th. Dr. Kenny Wyatt of Mountain View, Dr. Dale Morris of Forrest City and Dr. Harry Denison of Fordyce received the Lifetime of Excellence Award. Dr. Joseph Sugg of Heber Springs received the Young O.D. of the Year Award and the Special Service Award was given to the Auxiliary to the Arkansas Optometric Association.

The Arkansas Optometric Association represents Arkansas optometrists, who provide primary eye care services. Improving the quality of eye care and vision health and increasing its availability to all Arkansans are primary objectives of the Association. In addition, the association makes a concerted effort to educate consumers on how to take care of their eyes and maintain good eye health and vision. The Arkansas Optometric Association is an affiliate of the American Optometric Association. The vision of ArOA is to be the trusted resource in eye health and vision care. The mission is to preserve, promote and advance Optometry in Arkansas. To find an Optometrist in your area, go to aoadrlocator.org. ###