



American Academy of Ophthalmology: Annual Meeting History

Past Meeting Dates, Locations and Presidents

The Academy evolved as part of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology (AAOO), which was founded in 1896 primarily to provide continuing education to eye, ear, nose and throat doctors. The American Academy of Ophthalmology was incorporated as an independent organization in 1979 when the AAOO was divided into separate academies for each specialty.

Since 1896 the Academy has held an annual meeting. Today, the Academy brings together over 14,000 ophthalmologists and health professionals from around the world for five days of learning and networking. Approximately 5,000 presenters teach sessions, labs and courses in 30 topics.

Year	Location	Dates	President
1896	Kansas City, MO		Hal Foster, presiding
1897	St. Louis, MO		Adolf Alt
1898	Chicago, IL		B.E. Fryer
1899	New Orleans, LA		J.E. Colburn
1900	St. Louis, MO		W. Scheppegegrell
1901	Cincinnati, OH		Max A. Goldstein
1902	Chicago, IL		Christian R. Holmes
1903	Indianapolis, IN		William Ballenger
1904	Denver, CO		Edward Jackson
1905	Buffalo, NY		Hanau W. Loeb
1906	St. Clair, Michigan		Casey A. Wood
1907	Louisville, KY		J.A. Stucky
1908	Cleveland, OH		Derrick T. Vail, Sr.
1909	New York, NY		Otto J. Stein
1910	Cincinnati, OH		Wendell Reber
1911	Indianapolis, IN		J.J. Kyle
1912	Niagara Falls, Ontario		George F. Suker
1913	Chattanooga, TN		John W. Murphy

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1914	Boston, MA		J.M. Ray
1915	Chicago, IL		Joseph Beck
1916	Memphis, TN		John E. Brown
1917	Pittsburgh, PA		W.L. Dayton
1918	Denver, CO		Allen Greenwood
1919	Cleveland, OH		J.M. Ingersoll
1920	Kansas City, MO		L.M. Francis
1921	Philadelphia, PA		Emil Mayer
1922	Minneapolis, MN		Walter Parker
1923	Washington DC		Thomas Carmody
1924	Montreal, Canada		Walter Lancaster
1925	Chicago, IL		Horace Newhart
1926	Colorado Springs, CO		E.C. Ellett
1927	Detroit, MI		Ross Hall Skillern
1928	St. Louis, MO		Luther Peter
1929	Atlantic City, NJ		Harris P. Mosher
1930	Chicago, IL		William H. Wilder
1931	French Lick, IN		John F. Barnhill
1932	Montreal, Canada		S. Hanford Mckee
1933	Boston, MA		Harry S. Gradle
1934	Chicago, IL		John M. Wheeler
1935	Cincinnati, OH		Wells P. Eagleton
1936	New York, NY		Frank E. Burch
1937	Chicago, IL		Lee W. Dean
1938	Washington DC		Harry S. Gradle
1939	Chicago IL		George M. Coates
1940	Cleveland, OH		Frank E. Brawley

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1941	Chicago, IL		Frank Spencer
1942	Chicago, IL		Ralph Lloyd
1943	Chicago, IL		James Babbitt
1944	Chicago, IL		Lawrence Post
1945	Meeting canceled		Gordon B. New
1946	Chicago, IL		Gordon B. New
1947	Chicago, IL		Alan Woods
1948	Chicago, IL		Carl H. McCaskey
1949	Chicago, IL		Conrad Berens
1950	Chicago, IL		J. Mackenzie Brown
1951	Chicago, IL		Derrick Vail, Jr.
1952	Chicago, IL		James M. Robb
1953	Chicago, IL		Fredrick Cordes
1954	New York, NY		Walter Theobald**
1955	Chicago, IL		Algernon Reese
1956	Chicago, IL		Albert Furstenberg
1957	Chicago, IL		Erling Hansen
1958	Chicago, IL		LeRoy Schall
1959	Chicago, IL		John Dunnington
1960	Chicago, IL		Dean Lierle
1961	Chicago, IL		Dohrmann Pischel
1962	Chicago, IL		Lawrence Boies
1963	New York, NY		A. D. Ruedemann
1964	Chicago, IL		John R. Lindsay
1965	Chicago, IL		Edwin Dunphy
1966	Chicago, IL		Francis LeJeune
1967	Chicago, IL		Wendell Hughes

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1968	Chicago, IL		Francis Lederer
1969	Chicago		Francis Adler
1970	Las Vegas	October 5 - 9	Jerome Hilger
1971	Las Vegas	September 20 - 24	A. Edward Maumenee
1972	Dallas	September 24 - 28	Howard House
1973	Dallas	September 16 - 20	Kenneth Roper
1974	Dallas	October 6 - 10	John J. Conley
1975	Dallas	September 21 - 25	Frank Newell
1976	Las Vegas	October 6 - 10	John F. Daly
1977	Dallas	October 2 - 6	Bradley Straatsma
1978	Kansas City	October 22 - 26	Eugene Derlacki Bradley Straatsma
1979	San Francisco	November 5 - 9	Frederick C. Blodi
1980	Chicago	November 2 - 7	Edward W.D. Norton
1981	Atlanta	November 1 - 6	David Shoch
1982	San Francisco	October 30 - November 5	Marshall Parks
1983	Chicago	October 30 - November 3	Stanley Truhlsen
1984	Atlanta	November 11 - 15	Whitney Sampson
1985	San Francisco	September 29 - October 3	Byron Demorest
1986	New Orleans	November 9 - 13	Thomas P. Kearns
1987	Dallas	November 8 - 12	Arnall Patz
1988	Las Vegas	October 8 -12	Melvin L. Rubin
1989	New Orleans	October 29 - November 2	Robert D. Reinecke
1990	Atlanta	October 28 - November 1	George Garcia
1991	Anaheim	October 13 - 17	George Weinstein
1992	Dallas	November 8 - 12	Froncie Gutman

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1993	Chicago	November 14 - 18	B. Thomas Hutchinson
1994	San Francisco	October 30 - November 3	Ronald E. Smith
1995	Atlanta, Georgia	October 29 - November 2	Richard P. Mills
1996	Chicago, IL	October 27 - 31	Paul Lichter
1997	San Francisco, CA	October 26 - 29	Stephen Obstbaum
1998	New Orleans, LA	November 8 - 11	Elliot Finkelstein
1999	Orlando, FL	October 24 - 27	William Tasman
2000	Dallas, TX	October 22 - 25	Kenneth Tuck
2001	New Orleans, LA	November 11 - 14	George Blankenship
2002	Orlando, FL	October 20 - 23	Thomas Weingeist
2003	Anaheim, CA	November 15 - 18	Michael Redmond
2004	New Orleans, LA	October 23 - 26	Allan D. Jensen
2005	Chicago, IL	October 15 - 18	Susan H. Day
2006	Las Vegas, NV	November 11 - 14	Harry A. Zink
2007	New Orleans, LA	November 10 - 13	C. P. Wilkinson
2008	Atlanta, GA	November 8 - 11	David W. Parke II
2009	San Francisco, CA	October 24 - 27	Michael Brennan
2010	Chicago, IL	October 16 - 19	Randolph L. Johnston
2011	Orlando, FL	October 23 - 25	Richard Abbott
2012	Chicago, IL	November 10 - 13	Ruth Williams
2013	New Orleans, LA	November 16 - 19	Paul Sternberg, Jr.
2014	Chicago, IL	October 18 - 21	Gregory L. Skuta
2015	Las Vegas, NV	November 14 - 17	Russell N. Van Gelder
2016	Chicago, IL	October 15 - 18	William L. Rich, III
2017	New Orleans, LA	November 11 - 14	Cynthia Ann Bradford
2018	Chicago, IL	October 27 - 30	Keith Carter