



MISSOURI OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION (PARAOPTOMETRIC SECTION)

WHAT IS A PARAOPTOMETRIC?

A paraoptometric is anyone who works for or with an optometrist. They are educated and trained to provide assistance to doctors of optometry and provide paraoptometric services to patients. Examples of paraoptometrics include back room technicians, receptionists, billing clerks, opticians, vision therapists, office managers and contact lens technicians.

A paraoptometric's occupation is more than just a job. Together with the optometrist, paraoptometrics play a valuable role in providing quality eye care to each patient who enters the office. Paraoptometrics who make a career of their job strive to upgrade their skills and abilities in order to assist the doctor in providing the highest level of professional care possible.

GOALS OF THE PARAOPTOMETRIC SECTION

The Missouri Optometric Association Paraoptometric section works closely with the Missouri Optometric Association and helps its members achieve their goals. Goals of the MOA Paraoptometric section are to:

- Aid in the advancement of the optometric profession
- Recognize paraoptometrics as valuable optometric personnel
- Aid its members in securing educational advancement and instruction in their duties
- Bring to its members a realization of their responsibilities to the public
- Inspire its members with a desire to render more efficient service, and to promote a desire for mutual improvement
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BENEFITS OF PARAOPTOMETRIC SECTION MEMBERSHIP

- Discounts on continuing education. Education at the MOA Annual Convention includes diverse topics such as optical, contact lenses, low vision and eye health. There are also hands-on topics such as new instrumentation and new techniques that are practical and enhance the skills and professional development of the paraoptometric.
- In addition to enhancing professional knowledge, education courses also allow paraoptometrics to meet and establish networks with colleagues. This sharing of information and exchange of ideas is sometimes as valuable as the education itself.
- A newsletter dedicated solely to paraoptometrics. This newsletter will include news and educational articles to keep you up to date on the latest developments in optometry.
- A membership certificate to display proudly, representing your dedication, commitment and ongoing professional enrichment
- An opportunity to get involved with your peers by volunteering for the MOA paraoptometric section.
- We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join our association. If you are already a member please encourage others in your office to join. Please fill out a copy of the enclosed membership form and mail it to the address on the form as soon as possible. Remember the first year of para membership is free.

Sincerely,
Bernadette Mims
MOA Paraoptometric Association President