



Sherrie Young, NCLE-Master, FCLSA, ABOC

Chair, National Contact Lens Examiners Board of Directors

With over 25 years of elite clinical experience, Sherrie Young is a cornerstone of the contact lens opticianry profession and a tireless advocate for the advancement of the field. As the current Chair of the National Contact Lens Examiners (NCLE) Board of Directors and a Fellow of the Contact Lens Society of America, Sherrie's career is defined by technical mastery. Her leadership history includes serving on the CLSA Board of Directors, and she continues to shape the future of the industry as a member of the Board of Directors for the United Opticians of America.

In her clinical practice within a high-volume ophthalmology department, Sherrie manages some of the most complex cases in the field, specializing in advanced corneal disease and prosthetic contact lens design for ocular abnormalities. This deep clinical background allows her to champion the optician as an indispensable healthcare provider. A proud graduate of Iowa State University with her bachelor's degree, Sherrie believes that the "vital role" of the optician is only fully realized through a commitment to higher education.

Sherrie is a vocal advocate for professionals to move beyond basic licensure and soar toward Advanced Certification and the Master designation. Her philosophy is simple: Knowledge is power, and it is the single best investment an optician can make in themselves. By sharing her expertise as a course presenter, Sherrie empowers her colleagues to reject complacency, embrace the challenge of specialty fitting, and lead the future of the ophthalmic community through the pursuit of excellence.



Andrew S. Bruce, LDO, ABOM, FNAO, NCLEM, FCLSA

Andrew Bruce is a licensed Washington State Dispensing Optician and contact lens fitting specialist with over 25 years' experience in the industry. He holds a Masters in both Ophthalmic Optics and Contact Lens Technology, and is a nationally recognized, advanced level speaker (ABO/NCLE) and industry consultant. In addition, he is an approved speaker for COPE and The American Optometric Association (CPC). In 2022, he became a Fellow of The Contact Lens Society of America (CLSA) and has been named a Contact Lens Institute Visionary for three consecutive years.

Beyond his extensive experience and training, Andrew is a prolific writer, having published numerous papers in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, he has also served as Contributing Author and Executive Editor for two academic textbooks published by the Contact Lens Society of America, Technical Advisor and Contributing Editor for The Optical Training Institute's Contact Lens Dispensing and ABO Advanced Prep Courses and Contributing Author and Editor for the latest update of the National Academy of Opticianry's Ophthalmic Career Progression Program (OCP).

Andrew is an Editorial Board Member for Eyecare Business and a frequent contributor to Review of Optometric Business. Additionally, he was recently invited to join the panel of expert contributing writers for CooperVision's new publication, Depth of Focus.

In the past, Andrew has served on the Washington State Dispensing Optician Examination Committee, ANSI Z80 sub-committees, the Board of Directors for the National Academy of Opticianry, and the Board of Directors for the Contact Lens Society of America (CLSA). He continues to serve as a Technical Education Advisor for CLSA's "Eyewitness" magazine, and as an advisor and proctor on their Fellow Examination Committee.

Andrew is also an adjunct instructor at Portland Community College in Portland, Oregon, for their Optician Assistant Program. In addition, he finds great reward in serving as a volunteer instructor for the State of Oregon's Coffee Creek Women's Correctional Facility's Optical Training Program, as well as serving on the Board of Directors of The Oregon Vision Coalition: a volunteer-based, non-profit group committed to supporting a comprehensive approach to meeting the eye health needs of the state of Oregon.

In 2017, Andrew established his company, ASB Opticianry Education Services, with a mission to provide consulting and learning experiences that cultivate independent growth, development, and success. His training programs have helped many gain their ABO/NCLE certification, as well as their Washington State dispensing optician license.



Brent McCardle currently serves as the Senior Technical Education Specialist for ZEISS in the US and is part of the Global Core Training Team. Brent has been in the optical industry for 40 years and with ZEISS for over 10 years. He is certified as a Master Optician by the American Board of Opticianry, NCLE certified by the National Contact Lens Examiners, a North Carolina Licensed Dispensing Optician and Kentucky Licensed Ophthalmic Dispenser. He participates on ISO technical lens committee and is Co-Chair of ASC Z80 SC1 committee. His role with ZEISS provides him the opportunity to collaborate on new product and innovations within the marketing team and to work closely with the training and education of eyecare professionals.



Diane F. Drake, LDO, ABOM, NCLEM, FNAO

With over 40 years in the Optical business, Mrs. Drake is an approved speaker for ABO and NCLE as well as an advanced course approved speaker and lecturers both locally and nationally. She is also an approved speaker for Paraoptometrics and is approved for JCAHPO. She is also approved as a COPE speaker. She was president and owner of ALL ABOUT EYES VISION CENTER in Griffin, Georgia for over 19 years. She is a licensed optician in Georgia, advanced certified by both the American Board of Opticianry and the National Contact Lens Examiners and has received her Masters in Ophthalmic Optics Certification by the ABO and Masters in Contact Lens Technology from the National Contact Lens Examiners. She is a Fellow of the National Academy of Opticianry. She is a past President for the National Academy of Opticianry and currently serves as Vice President. She is a past commissioner of the Commission on Opticianry Accreditation of which she served as Vice Chair. She is a Past President of the Opticians Association of Georgia as well as the SouthEastern Opticians Conference. She is a 1995 graduate of the OAA Refractometry program. Mrs. Drake was selected the Optician of the year for Georgia in 1992 and was honored with the prestigious Beverly Myers Achievement award by the National Academy of Opticianry in 1996. She was honored in 1997 as the outstanding optician in the Southeast, receiving the Galen B. Kilburn award. She received the annual Eric Muth award in 2000 for outstanding achievement in technical writing and the pursuit of excellence in ophthalmic optics. She was honored as

being one of the 50 most influential women in Optical in 2004 by Vision Monday. She received the Dan Gosnell award by the SouthEastern Opticians Conference for outstanding optician in 2005. She received the Joseph Bruneni Memorial Education Achievement award from the NAO in 2009. She was inducted into the Opticians Association of Georgia Hall of Fame in 2017. She was the recipient of the first ever Optician of the South by the Southeastern Council of Optometry in 2024. She co-authored the COA Evaluators' Workshop. She has authored numerous articles for various publications as well. **She co-authored the Advanced Opticians Tutorial which was commissioned by the American Board of Opticianry and was updated in 2024 as well as courses for the National Academy of Opticianry.** She co-authored the Basic Opticians Tutorial for the National Academy of Opticianry which was updated in 2019. She authored "Beginning Your Life as a Contact Lens Technician" which is a review book for the NCLE, now in its second edition. She co-authored the update of the Ophthalmic Career Progression Program (a home study program) for the National Academy of Opticianry, which was completed in 2015 and most recently updated in 2021. She most recently authored a question/answer/explanation study guide for Contact Lenses titled "Contact Lens Review Book". She regularly guest lectures for high schools, colleges and universities in her area. She is also active in her local community with local charities.



Dr. Laura Sifferman, OD, FOVDR

After 12 years of practicing in Seattle, I had the fortunate opportunity to move to Alaska. Its people, beauty, wilderness, and adventure makes me so happy and proud to call Alaska home.

I graduated from the University of Washington and continued my education at Pacific University College of Optometry, graduating with honors in 2000.

Past Board Member of the Alaska Brain Injury Network, Past President of the Alaska Optometric Association Board and a Fellow of the College of Optometrist in Vision Development. Past president of the King County Society of the Optometric Physicians of Washington, member of American Optometric Association, College of Optometrists in Vision Development, Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association, and the Optometric Extension Program.

I received a Fellowship of Optometric Vision Development and Rehabilitation.