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Virginia Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel  
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**A message from your President**

I say this every year - time seems to fly by quicker each year. It is spring already and it has arrived with a vengeance: all pollen sufferers know what I mean.

This will be my last message as President to you, my term will end at the June meeting. I want to say it has been a privilege to be your president, I have met people I would otherwise have not and have gone places I normally would not visit. I hope I have served you well and I am proud to have served in this extraordinary organization.

Sue Goodman-Franz will take over as president at the meeting in June. She has been affiliated with VSOMP for many years and no doubt will do a fantastic job.

The annual spring meeting will be held on Friday June 22 - all day classes and Saturday June 23 - half day classes. Jenny Simmons, chairperson of the meeting has done a wonderful job of securing our speakers. We offer 11 group A credits from 11 speakers. The Sheraton National at Arlington is the venue. Registration information is included in this edition of the Envision.

I want to take a moment to thank each and every one of the board members for your total support. I consider all of you friends and look forward to continuing our relationships.

Patti

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**A friend's eye is a good mirror.**  
**-- Irish Proverb**

## Virginia Society of Ophthalmic Medical Personnel

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Spring Meeting at the Sheraton National Hotel  
Arlington, VA (near Arlington National Cemetery)  
June 22 – 23, 2012

*This course has been approved for eleven JCAPHO "A" CE credits*

### *Friday, June 22, 2012*

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7:30am Registration  
8:00am Kenneth Karlin, M.D.  
9:00am Jurij R. Bilyk, M.D.  
Wills Eye Institute, Thomas Jefferson University, Jefferson Philadelphia, PA  
10:00am Terrence O'Brien, M.D.  
Professor of Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, the University of Miami, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine  
11:00am Peter Netland, M.D., PhD  
Chairman and DuPont Guerry, III Professor in Ophthalmology, University of Virginia School of Medicine  
Noon Lunch  
1:00pm Tom Sullivan  
2:00pm Andrew G. Lee, M.D.  
Chair, Dept. of Ophthalmology, the Methodist Hospital: Professor of Ophthalmology, Neurology, and Neurosurgery at Weill Cornell Medical College, Houston Texas  
3:00pm Paul Weber, JD, ARM  
Vice President Risk Management-Legal Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Co.  
4:00pm Sai Chavala, M.D.  
Assistant Professor, Ophthalmology Kittner Eye Center, University of North Carolina  
5:00pm Meeting Ends for the Day

### *Saturday, June 23, 2012*

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7:30am Annual Business Meeting/Breakfast  
8:00am Paul Sieving, M.D., PhD  
Director National Eye Institute, National Institute of Health, Bethesda MD  
9:00am Steven T. Charles, M.D.  
Clinical Professor, University of Tennessee, Adjunct Professor, Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons; Vitreoretinal Surgeon  
10:00am E. Joy Woodke, COE, OCS  
Practice Administrator, Oregon Eye Consultants  
11:00am Victor Perez M.D.  
Associate Professor in Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, the University of Miami, Leonard M. Miller School of Medicine  
Noon Meeting Ends

**Venue & Accommodations:** Sheraton National Arlington is located at 900 South Orme Street, Arlington, VA 22204; 703-521-1900; <http://deals.sheraton.com/Sheraton-National-Arlington-Virginia-Hotel-829/>  
Make reservations directly with Sheraton National to take advantage of Virginia Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons/VSOMP group rate of \$179 per night single/double occupancy, plus 11% tax. Use Sheraton National's StarGroup online reservations system & provide the Group name or call 1.888.627.8210. All individual lodging reservations must be accompanied by a one night's deposit for room & tax. **Cut-off date for the group rate is Monday, May 7, 2012.** Cancellations must be received by Sheraton National Hotel by 4 pm at least one day prior to date of arrival.

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### Registration Form

Name/Certification: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone - Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Practice Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee \$50.00

Conference Fee: \$350

Total Due: \$400.00

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