

FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE OPTOMETRIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Newsletter of the Optometric Historical Society for January, 1970 (volume 1, number 1) listed 33 OHS founding members who had paid their \$5 membership dues for 1970. The April, 1970 newsletter noted that one founding member had inadvertently been left off that list making a total of 34 founding members. Those 34 persons responded to a brief release to the optometric press dated October 31, 1969, announcing the formation of the OHS. The following is a list of those founding members:

J.J. Abrams, Indianapolis, IN
 E.B. Alexander, Duncan, OK
 Irving Bennett, Beaver Falls, PA
 Marvin R. Berman, Dover, DE
 Bruce J. Brewer, Bloomington, IN
 Lester Caplan, Baltimore, MD
 Maria Dablemont, St. Louis, MO
 H. Ward Ewalt, Pittsburgh, PA
 F.H. Gathercole, Fitchburg, MA
 J.R. Hale, Sunnyside, WA
 J.R. Hillard, Louisville, KY
 Arthur E. Hoare, Costa Mesa, CA
 Karl O. Hoefert, Casa Grande, AZ
 H. W Hofstetter, Bloomington, IN
 Earl J. Hunt, Johnstown, PA
 Ernest H. Kiekenapp, Minneapolis, MN
 Henry A. Knoll, Rochester, NY

Robert S. Lamborn, Tucson, AZ
 James P. Leeds, Indianapolis, IN
 John R. Levene, Bloomington, IN
 Robert W. McMaster, Southbridge, MA
 Maxwell Miller, Pottsville, PA
 Raymond Myers, Bloomington, IN
 S.M. Oppenheimer, Memphis, TN
 Albert L. Paul, Laurel, MD
 H.H. Rosser, York, PA
 E. LeRoy Ryer, Hawthorne, NY
 Sol Tannebaum, Park Forest, IL
 M.D. Torrence, Hutchinson, KS
 Bernard Watkins, Branchville, NJ
 J.M. Weber, Trenton, NJ
 Grace Weiner, Burbank, CA
 Minerva H. Weinstein, Bronx, NY
 Lester D. Welch, Fremont, CA

PRESIDENTS OF THE OPTOMETRIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following fifteen persons have served as presidents of the Optometric Historical Society over its fifty year history. The years of their OHS presidencies are given in parentheses. This is a distinguished group of leading academicians and practitioners, including former optometry school deans, American Optometric Association presidents and award winners, American Academy of Optometry presidents and award winners, a former American Optometric Student Association president, and Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry. All have been optometrists except for Henry A. Knoll who held a Ph.D. degree in physiological optics and had a close relationship with optometry throughout his career. Nine of the fourteen optometrists in the group held M.S. or doctoral degrees in addition to their optometry degrees.

Henry Hofstetter (1970-1974)
 John R. Levene (1975-1976)
 Henry A. Knoll (1977-1979)
 James P. Leeds (1980-1984)
 Jerome J. Abrams (1985-1988)
 T. David Williams (1989-1990)
 Meredith W. Morgan (1991-1995)
 Charles Haine (1996)
 Walter W. Chase (1997-2000)

Douglas K. Penisten (2001-2004)
 Jay M. Enoch (2005)
 Charles Haine (2005-2006)
 Melvin Wolfberg (2007-2008)
 Irving Bennett (2009-2012)
 John F. Amos (2013-2015)
 Ronald R. Ferrucci (2016-2018)