

## SVOSH President's Conference Call - September 2017

### Schools on Call:

- Melissa Pongratz - AOSA
- Shannon Koenders - Intern
- Shriya Ruparel - SCO
- Jolinda Tam - WUCO
- Kaitlyn Skinner - Waterloo

### President's Symposium

- All arrangements are taken care of by National Vision. When you land in Atlanta you will have instructions or someone will be there with a sign to pick you up.
- **Last year's** travel information (likely the same):

Transportation to hotel provided by Strictly Business Limousine  
(Instructions will be sent separately via email)

Hotel: Sonesta Gwinnett Place  
1775 Pleasant Hill Road  
Duluth, GA 30096  
(770) 923-1775  
Individual room charges paid by company

### Photo Contest and Video Contest Wrap Up

- Video Contest ends on the 15th, get your vids in!

### Annual Meeting

- **Talk about the V/I Annual Meeting at your first meetings of the semester! Especially encourage members who are attending AAO anyway to register (it's free!)**
  - <http://vosh.org/annual-meetings/annual-meeting-2017/>
- If you won't have a representative at the Meeting, your chapter can (and should!!) still submit a poster (make sure you print! We can not accept just a PDF format)
  - ~\$36 total: \$24 for printing and \$10-12 for shipping
  - If cost is an issue, please contact myself (Melissa) or Dr. Ciszek so we can try to cover it through VOSH.

### World Sight Day

- Great idea from WUCO: reach out to undergraduates and pre-optometry clubs as well!
- Silent Auction: where to get items? Contact equipment companies and try to have equipment donated as well as community shops. Some companies may just give a check and you can go buy items.
  - SVOSH members making and selling crafts (lining it up with homecoming or CE is always successful!)
- T-Shirt Design Contest and Sale: take a school picture in them!

### Pre-Optometry Involvement

- May be contacted by pre-optometry students in the future about joining a SVOSH chapter

### VOSH Website - Student Members Only Page

- Please let us know what you would like to see posted there, or if anything is incorrect (we like constructive criticism!)
- Would love to have more videos (example: short videos of clinical techniques)

### Possible Caribbean Trip in the spring (mentioned last month)

- Exact trip may not be happening but other possible trips in the works!
  - Possibly in Ecuador

### Starting New Trips

- Waterloo: 2nd year board members trying to set up a new trip to Senegal (try contacting Dan Twelker, incoming VP)
- Lots of information on VOSH website like what to take, where to get medications, etc.
- Also a timeline of what should be done at different stages when setting up a clinic ("Form Trip Manual" on the SVOSH only page)

### NOVA and AZCOPT still missing from allpresidents group!!!

- PLEASE ACCEPT YOUR INVITATIONS. please.

### Mentorship Program

- Don't forget to send in your application if you are interested!

### Fundraising

- ICO sells clinic guide booklets

### Lapel Pins

- Natalie Venezia is working on creating something - possibly both VOSH and SVOSH pins

### Membership and Retention

- WUCO: offer free membership for 3rd and 4th years if they have been active/accumulated a certain number of points
- Waterloo: No membership dues
- RSO: Membership dues help pay for t-shirts and excess goes to fundraising events
- Membership after graduation: reach out to your local state or regional chapters, pay dues (VOSH dues: \$35)
  - You aren't restricted to joining the chapter from your state/region AND you can still go on trips with other chapters
  - Networking opportunities for new graduates!

**No call next month - October. Resume in November.**