

Victoria Molnar Weiss, OD, the new President of VOSH/International

At its recent Annual Meeting held at NECO in Boston, Dr Victoria Molnar Weiss, was installed as the new President of VOSH/International, Dr. Weiss graduated from the State University of New York College of Optometry. As an optometry student, she joined the SVOSH chapter at SUNY and has been a VOSH member ever since, offering humanitarian optometric services in Honduras, Guatemala, Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua and in the USA.



First SVOSH-SUNY trip to Honduras

Her career started at the William F. Ryan Community Health Center in New York City, a landmark federally based model clinic. Dr Weiss worked on-site with the homeless and other underserved populations with the Kress Vision program and NY Downtown Hospital throughout NYC, using portable equipment.

After relocating to central Virginia, Dr. Weiss helped to establish VOSH-Virginia, leading over 80 domestic volunteer clinics. She regularly volunteers at the Charlottesville Free Clinic whose optometry exam room was set up by VOSH-Virginia with equipment donated by VOSH/International Technology Transfer Program.

As a practitioner, Dr. Weiss examines patients in over 15 nursing homes and assisted living facilities in central Virginia. She evaluates ocular health and determines refractive correction with portable equipment on site. She enjoys collaborating with the rest of the health care team.

The passion to serve communities in need of eyecare has been at the core of Dr Weiss professional and volunteering life. On her priorities during her presidency, Dr Weiss highlighted her commitment to continue strengthening collaboration among VOSH/International chapters, support optometric education and data collection to demonstrate the need for eyecare services and the impact of volunteer optometrists serving those with limited access to eyecare

Dr. Weiss is a Fellow of VOSH/International and of the Virginia Academy of Optometry. She received the 2015 VOSH/International Humanitarian of the Year Award and other honors for her humanitarian work. Dr. Weiss is the current Vice President of VOSH-Virginia, she has served on the VOSH/International Board of Directors since 2019 and is a Lions Club member.

Dr. Weiss was Adjunct Faculty at the SUNY College of Optometry and was an externship site and supervisor for SUNY students from 2016-2021. She is a VOSH Franklin Harms Society Member.

She has accompanied VOSH-Texas to the Guerrero Clinic in Mexico. During that clinic pre and post cataract examinations were done. Surgeries were performed by several local Ophthalmologists and one U.S. Ophthalmologist.

A special treat in 2019 was to join SVOSH NSU Oklahoma College of Optometry in Roatán, Honduras with her husband Doug Weiss, O.D. and sons Jeremy and Justin. They celebrated their engagement in Roatán at a VOSH clinic as students 30 years ago! Drs. Weiss returned in 2024.

Dr. Weiss looks forward to serving as VOSH/International's next President and continuing her lifelong passion of serving those with limited access to eyecare.



VOSH-Virginia working with Sin Barreras, Charlottesville, VA
Dr. Suzanne Mattricino, OD
Justin, Douglas, and Jeremy Weiss