

Our 2025 Annual Meeting is around the corner



Caring for our children's vision and young people's future

ANNUAL MEETING

NEW ENGLAND COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY

Boston, Massachusetts, USA October 12th, 2025 8:00 am - 1:00 pm



The program

This year's meeting focuses on "Caring for our children's vision and young people's future".

The program offers a great selection of experiences from Jordan, Colombia, Nicaragua, Kenya, Mongolia, Nigeria, and the USA.

Our new President, Dr Vicki Weiss, will be inaugurated, and fellows and volunteers recognised. VOSH/International Awards will be presented at the meeting.

The meeting is hybrid.

You can see the program here.



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VOSH/International Awards



Harry I Zeltzer Life Achievement Award

We're thrilled to announce that Dr. Marcela Frazier, OD, MPH, FAAO is the recipient of the Harry I. Zeltzer **Lifetime Achievement Award!** Originally from Colombia, Dr. Frazier has spent over 20 years inspiring eye care professionals to deliver quality pediatric care across the US and globally. As faculty adviser to SVOSH-UAB, she's empowered generations of young optometrists to engage in humanitarian work. A dedicated researcher and advocate for representation in optometry, Dr. Frazier truly embodies the spirit of this prestigious award. Read more about Dr Frazier here.



Humanitarian of the Year Award

Dr. Levi Uchechukwu Osuagwu, OD, MSc, PhD, FAAO — a brilliant mentor, advocate, educator, and researcher whose work is shaping the future of optometry across Africa and beyond will receive the 2025 Humanitarian of the Year Award.

His leadership in public health and optometry, commitment to mentoring the next generation, and dedication to sustainability and cross-border collaboration are an inspiration to all.

Read more about Dr. Osuagwu here.

Fundraising dinner for African Optometry

Dining with a purpose

This year, we are proud to partner with the African chapter of the AAO, which includes several faculty advisers from our African SVOSH chapters.

Together, we are raising funds to support the vital humanitarian and educational work carried out by SVOSH chapters in Africa.

☐ Join us for a vibrant evening of African cuisine and music!

We are reaching full capacity soon.

Register **here**



If you are attending the AAO meeting in Boston

For those attending the AAO meeting in Boston, please consider attending these sessions led by VOSH volunteers and partners.

You can check the recommended sessions here.

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