

Gina M. Cardone, O.D.: Letter of Intent for open NYSOA Treasurer Position

Dear Fellow ODs, As one of your Metropolitan Regional Trustees since 2019, I have an even deeper understanding of how critical organized optometry is and how important it is to be involved in NYSOA. I feel that what I learned in that time has prepared me to advance into the Treasurer position. I have been involved in many changes including bringing back annual meetings and passing the orals legislation. Being involved in the Bylaws Committee in 2019 gave me an understanding of some of its history and how we are organized and adapted over time. Serving on the Membership Committee I have been able to contribute ideas on how to inform new, existing and past members of all the benefits of being an NYSOA member. Being from Long Island, I believe that allowing me to serve as Treasurer will allow a more rounded representation of our member population. I am able to reach more members in this region and ensure that we can keep everyone informed of all of NYSOA's plans to advance and protect our profession. Although I am a member of Suffolk Society, I would occasionally visit Nassau Society at their monthly meeting during my time as Trustee. I also on many occasion answered questions brought up to their society presidents from members. I appreciate your consideration in electing me as your Treasurer. I have a continually growing passion in the importance of protecting and advancing our profession and am ready and willing to be there to do so. I know and can't wait to see what we as an association can do next and look forward to being a part of it.

Sincerely,

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Education

2004-2005 SUNY Optometry New York, N.Y.
Residency in Primary Care, Vision Therapy, and Low Vision at Northport V.A. Medical Center, N.Y.
Graduation date: June 5, 2005

2000-2004 SUNY Optometry New York, N.Y.
Doctorate of Optometry
Graduation date: June 6, 2004

Fall 2003 Northport VAMC Northport, N.Y.
Clinical externship with emphasis in primary care, low vision, and vision therapy

Winter 2003-2004 St. Albans VAMC St. Albans, N.Y.
Clinical externship with emphasis in primary care and glaucoma with training in the use of HRT, GDx, OCT, pachymetry, digital photography and new perimetry programs.

1997-2000 SUNY Albany Albany, N.Y.
B.S., Biology, Cum Laude
Joint admissions program with SUNY Optometry, received degree in 2001

Professional experience

July 2009-Present Cardone Family Optometry, PLLC Patchogue, N.Y.
Optometrist/Owner

Nov 2005-Present Northport VAMC Northport, N.Y.
Optometrist/Resident Supervisor
Adjunct Clinical Faculty- State University of New York College of Optometry
Adjunct Clinical Faculty- New England College of Optometry
Adjunct Clinical Faculty- Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University

February 2019-December 2019 John Iamele, O.D. Huntington, N.Y.
Optometrist

October 2008-February 2019 Floral Park Ophthalmology Floral Park, N.Y.
Optometrist

July 2005-September 2011 John Iamele, O.D. Huntington, N.Y.
Optometrist

July 2005-June 2011 NYC Department of Health New York, N.Y.
Optometrist/Consultant

July 2005-July 2009 Mark Vogel, O.D. Patchogue, N.Y.
Optometrist/Vision Therapist

2004-2005 Myoptics New York, N.Y.
Optometrist

2000-2004 David Orenstein, O.D. Flushing, N.Y.
Optometric Technician
Responsibilities: dispense and repair glasses, teach insertion and removal to contact lens wearers, submit insurance claims, assist in low vision exams

2002-2004 John Iamele, O.D. Huntington, N.Y.

Optometric Technician

Responsibilities: run Humphrey visual fields, dispense and repair glasses, teach insertion and removal to contact lens wearers, submit insurance claims

Professional activities

NYSOA Metropolitan Regional Trustee- 2019-2023

Member of Suffolk County Optometric Society Since 2004, Positions held: Secretary 2005-2020, President 2018-2020

Member of New York State Optometric Association Since 2004- lobbied for Orals bill in Albany, N.Y. in 2003

Member of American Optometric Association Since 2004- attended the 2004 annual meeting

Member of NYSOA Bylaw Committee- 2019-2020

Member of NYSOA Membership Committee- 2019-2023

Member of NYSOA Association Management Exploration Committee- 2023

Member of NYSOA Nominations for AOA Committee- 2023

Presentations & Posters

May 2021- Glaucoma or Not...That Is The Question..

Lecture given to students and residents at Northport VAMC

Gobeille M, **Cardone G**, Tan G, Patel S. SECO, New Orleans, LA February 2019. "*Differential Diagnosis of the Masquerading Macula: Dystrophy or Degeneration?*"

June 2011- Vision Problems: What You Need to Know and Look For-
lecture given to foster parents

February 2011- Bleph to Bump- case presentation given to members of the Suffolk Country Optometric Society

August 2009- Vision Screening Training- lecture given to NYC Department of Health vision screeners as part of their annual training

August 2008- Vision Screening Training- lecture given to NYC Department of Health vision screeners as part of their annual training

January 2007- Vision Screening- lecture given to NYC Department of Education vision screeners as part of their annual training

September 2006- Vision Screening Training- lecture given to NYC Department of Health vision screeners as part of their annual training

June 2006- Vision Development- lecture given to NYC Department of Health vision screening team leaders

June 2005- Diabetes & Other Eye Conditions- a patient education lecture presented to patients/nurses at Northport Veterans Medical Center

March 2005- Review of Nystagmus- lecture given to optometrists for continuing education credit at SUNY Optometry

October 2004- Asymmetric Ocular Hypertension- a case report given to fellow residents at SUNY Optometry

Awards received **September 2004-** Neuroplasticity- lecture given to fellow residents at Northport VAMC

References

Golden Key National Honor Society at SUNY Albany
David J. Kerko Low Vision Award at SUNY Optometry

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