

ALLIANCES MANAGEMENT

Each the NAEVR and AEVR Boards Elect New Officers and Directors

During a May 27 call, each the NAEVR and AEVR Boards elected a slate of 2021-2023 Officers that included Paul Lee, MD, JD (Kellogg Eye Center/University of Michigan) as President; Iris Rush, CAE (Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, ARVO) as Vice President; Gregory Skuta, MD (Dean McGee Eye Institute/University of Oklahoma College of Medicine) as Treasurer; and Kelly Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD (University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry) as Secretary.



Vice President Iris Rush, CAE



Treasurer Gregory Skuta, MD



Secretary Kelly Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD

Additionally, each Board elected three new Directors to serve in the class of 2021-2024: T. Rowan Candy, MCOptom, PhD, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Optometry and Vision Science (Indiana University School of Optometry); Marissa Goldberg, Chief Executive Officer (Doheny Eye Institute); and Stephen McLeod, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology (University of California San Francisco).



T. Rowan Candy, MCOptom, PhD



Marissa Goldberg



Stephen McLeod, MD

Dr. Lee recognized three term-limited Directors participating in their last meeting—Linda Hazlett, PhD (Wayne State University School of Medicine), Bartly Mondino, MD (Jules Stein Eye Institute/University of California Los Angeles), and Earl Smith, III, OD, PhD (University of Houston College of Optometry)—as follows:

“The Boards of each NAEVR and AEVR thank Dr. Hazlett, Dr. Mondino, and Dr. Smith for their dedicated service and commitment to the Alliances. Each has a record of significant individual accomplishments in their service to the Alliances and have played vital roles as Directors during a time of great success in NAEVR advocacy for vision research funding increases and AEVR education about the value of vision research.”

With these elections, each Board consists of the bylaws-limited number of 15 Directors, as presented in the box to the right.

Each NAEVR and AEVR Recognize Diversity

On November 6, 2020, each the NAEVR and AEVR Board adopted a Diversity Policy and created a Boards Diversity Evaluation Working Group, chaired by Dr. Judy Kim, to gauge the Alliances' implementation of and adherence to the policies. Although the policies were immediately posted on the Web site's "About the Alliances" section, the Working Group has directed a number of "public-facing" actions to acknowledge each Alliance's policy, including attaching it to any NAEVR or AEVR solicitation for participation in activities, as well as presenting the following statement in the *Contributor Report*:

“Each NAEVR and AEVR is committed to a diverse, inclusive, and equitable environment where all Board members, staff, volunteers, and members feel respected and valued regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation or identity, disability, education, or any other bias.”

Directors on Each the NAEVR and AEVR Boards:

- Paul Lee, MD, JD, Director, Kellogg Eye Center, University of Michigan, NAEVR/AEVR President
- Iris Rush, CAE, Executive Director, ARVO, NAEVR/AEVR Vice President
- Gregory Skuta, MD, Vice President for Faculty Development & External Relations, Dean McGee Eye Institute, Past Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, NAEVR/AEVR Treasurer
- Kelly Nichols, OD, MPH, PhD, Dean and Professor, School of Optometry, The University of Alabama at Birmingham, NAEVR/AEVR Secretary
- T. Rowan Candy, MCOptom, PhD, Executive Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Optometry & Vision Science, Indiana University School of Optometry
- Steven Feldon, MD, Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Director, Biomedical Research Development, University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry
- Marissa Goldberg, CEO, Doheny Eye Institute
- Mark Gordon, MS, Global Head, Regulatory Affairs, Alcon
- Brian Hofland, PhD, President, Research to Prevent Blindness
- Judy Kim, MD, Professor, Ophthalmology, Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery and Director, Teleophthalmology and Research, Medical College of Wisconsin
- Peter McDonnell, MD, Director, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Stephen McLeod, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California San Francisco
- S. Grace Prakashaporn, MD, MPH, Associate Professor, Ophthalmology and Pediatrics and Director, International Outreach, Duke University Eye Center
- Rajesh Rajpal, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Global Head of Clinical and Medical Affairs, Johnson & Johnson Vision
- Michael Robinson, MD, Vice President, Global Therapeutic Area Head, Ophthalmology, Allergan, Inc, an AbbVie Company