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ASCRS Appoints Representatives to AAO Board of Councilors

The American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) today announced that Mark Packer, MD, has been appointed as representative of the ASCRS membership on the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) Board of Councilors and that Connie S. McCaa, MD has been appointed as Alternate Representative.

Dr. Packer is part of the practice of Drs. Fine, Hoffman & Packer, LLC, Ophthalmologists in Eugene, Oregon. He is Clinical Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Oregon Health & Science University. Dr. Packer's clinical research is concentrated in the area of new phacoemulsification and intraocular lens technology. He is currently Principal Investigator for the United States FDA monitored investigation of the Pharmacia Z9000 Tecnis Intraocular Lens. He is also an investigator for the C and C Vision CrystaLens, the Carl Zeiss Meditec Phacolaser and the Visioncare Implantable Miniaturized Telescope.

Dr. Packer has authored or coauthored more than 60 journal articles and textbook chapters, delivered over 100 presentations at scientific meetings and performed live surgery on four continents. Some of his recent publications include "Immersion A Scan Compared to Partial Coherence Interferometry" and "Refractive Lens Exchange with the Array Multifocal Lens," both appearing in *The Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery*.

Dr. McCaa is the director of the cornea, external disease, and refractive surgery service and Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Mississippi Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi. Dr. McCaa attended medical school at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, followed by post-graduate training in Cornea and External Disease at Louisiana State University Eye Center in New Orleans. She is also Professor of Biochemistry and Associate Professor of Physiology and Biophysics. Dr. McCaa is active in all aspects of refractive, corneal and anterior segment surgery including LASIK, LASEK, intracorneal implants, lamellar and penetrating keratoplasty. She has also published studies in corneal dystrophy.

The duties of the three-year councilor terms, beginning January 1, 2003, include those of liaison between the AAO and ASCRS, representation of the interests of ophthalmologists in the councilor's state of residence, coordination of joint society activities, development of policy recommendations, communications and other functions.

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The American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery is an international educational and scientific organization whose 9,100 member ophthalmologists specialize in cataract and refractive surgery. The American Society of Ophthalmic Administrators, with over 2,000 members, represents ophthalmic practice professionals who specialize in reimbursement, marketing, and business management. For more information, visit our website, www.ascrs.org.