

Dear Massachusetts Optician,

The past eighteen months have been challenging for our economy and many of us have felt the impact personally and professionally.

OAM is very aware of how Opticians have been impacted and we want to help. Due to the financial success of our education meetings, and the steady growth of our membership, the Board of Directors has voted to reduce our annual dues from \$90 to \$70.

We extend this offer to our current members and invite all MA opticians to join us at this rate. This is the first time in our history we have done anything like this, but realize that these are exceptional times and want to do our part to help. Membership in OAM and attendance at OAM events is an investment that supports you and opticianry here in MA.

In addition we are aware that opticians are actively seeking continuing education opportunities in order to be compliant with the state regulations that require 6 ABO and 6 NCLE CEC's every 2 year renewal period.

We have scheduled two continuing education meetings in 2010 and attendees will be able to obtain 6 ABO or 6 NCLE, or any combination, at each meeting.

Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup> Westborough Double Tree Hotel –Spring Expo  
Sunday November 7<sup>th</sup> Southbridge Hotel & Conference Center – Annual Meeting

The Southbridge Hotel was formerly the location of the American Optical factory and its business facilities. This historic site has been converted to a beautiful hotel and its numerous optical references throughout offer a sense of connectedness with our profession's past.

We have enclosed a 2010 renewal/new membership form, as well as a registration form for the April 25<sup>th</sup> Spring Expo in Westborough and the new OAM brochure.

On behalf of the OAM Board of Directors, I want to thank our current members for their past support and also welcome new members to take advantage of this offer.

Sincerely,

Thomas Merrill  
President