

Calendar of Events

May 5, 2025

OAL Leadership Institute Dinner @ State Day

Cecelia Creole Bistro (Loft)
421 North 3rd Street, Suite B
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

06:00 PM - 08:30 PM CST

Brett Bennett OD, 318-613-6060

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The OAL, with the support of Aurora, will be hosting a special dinner on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 6:00pm at Cecilia's Creole Bistro in downtown Baton Rouge (walking distance from the host hotel). We will be in the loft area, an exclusive perk of this venue with stunning views!

While the dinner was originally designed for the OAL Leadership Institute, we have opened it up to all State Day attendees. As a bonus, a special presentation will be offered which will count for 1h of non TPA CE! We hope you will make plans to join us!

Please RSVP using the link attached in this message, I hope to see you there!

*Brett Bennett, OD
OAL President Elect
OAL Leadership Institute Facilitator*

May 14, 2025

Acadiana Society Meeting

ZEA ROTISSERIE & BAR
235 DOUCET RD
LAFAYETTE, LA 70503

06:30 PM - 08:30 PM CST

Bridget Guidry, 337-367-3834

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Please join us for an Acadiana Society Dinner Meeting sponsored by CooperVision on MYOPIA CONTROL. Robin Naomi-Guidry, our local rep, will be our presenter. No CE Credit will be offered from this meeting. After the dinner presentation, we will have a Society Meeting for all the latest updates.

Please RSVP using the link attached in this message. I hope to see you there!

*Bridget Guidry, OD
Acadiana Society President*

June 5, 2025
- June 8, 2025

OAL Annual Convention - Baton Rouge
Crowne Plaza Executive Center
4728 Constitution Avenue
Baton Rouge, LA
all day
Rob Janot, 337-607-5102
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2025 ANNUAL CONVENTION
JUNE 5-8, 2025
CROWNE PLAZA EXECUTIVE CENTER
BATON ROUGE, LA

17 hrs of LIVE CE available to ODs
12+ hrs of CE for Paras
Full Exhibit Hall on Friday preceded by our annual Technology Symposium
Saturday Night Social

June 6, 2025

OAL Young OD / Leadership Institute Dinner
Phil's Oyster Bar
4335 Perkins Rd
Baton Rouge, La 70808
07:30 PM - 09:30 PM CST
Brett Bennett OD, 318-613-6060
bbennett@laeyeandlaser.com
You are cordially invited to attend a dinner meeting for Young ODs / Leadership Institute, scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025 at Phil's Oyster Bar, Baton Rouge, LA, sponsored by VSP. Please note that this meeting is by invitation only.

Please RSVP using the link attached in this e-mail message, even if you acknowledged your attendance when registering for the Convention.

I hope to see you there!

Brett Bennett, OD

June 7, 2025

OAL Past Presidents Breakfast

Bayou / Levee Room, Crowne Plaza Executive Center

4728 Constitution Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA

07:00 AM - 08:00 AM CST

Amanda Hickman OD, (985) 278-0209

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Please make plans to join us for the OAL Past Presidents Breakfast, Saturday, June 7, 2025 in the Bayou / Levee Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge. By invitation only. Great update on legal and legislative items of interest. Please RSVP using the link attached in this message.

I hope to see you there!

Amanda Hickman, OD

OAL Past Presidents Chair

June 25, 2025
- June 28, 2025

**Optometry's Meeting, AOA
Minneapolis Convention Center**

all day

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Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry

Optometry's Meeting® | 5th World Congress of Optometry will be held June 25-28, 2025, in Minneapolis, at the Minneapolis Convention Center. As the profession's premier annual event, Optometry's Meeting intersects peerless, contemporary optometric continuing education and profession development with influential networking and business opportunities among colleagues, industry professionals and our profession's leaders.

June 25 - 28, 2025

Minneapolis Convention Center

Minneapolis, Minnesota

OPTOMETRY'S MEETING HOME

The 128th Annual AOA Congress & 57th Annual AOSA Conference: Optometry's Meeting unites the profession's leaders to advance optometry and engage the associations' official business while also delivering an impactful conference experience that promotes continued practice success and job-readiness skills for every stage of attendees' career.

Over the course of four days, doctors of optometry, paraoptometrics / practice staff and optometry students can tap into an expansive, progressive CE and professional development program, suitable for the entire optometric practice; engage in impactful networking and leadership opportunities alongside colleagues and the profession's leaders from across the country; access the latest ophthalmic goods and services, business solutions and industry connections in the expansive Eye Care Square exhibit hall; enjoy a slate of local entertainment and reception opportunities; and see, firsthand, what it takes to become involved and effect lasting change in our profession by making the AOA a stronger, more effective advocate for the quality care that optometry provides patients.

Optometry's Meeting 2025 hosts the 5th World Congress of Optometry, in partnership with the World Council of Optometry, in Minneapolis, where our globally minded event will focus on advancing universal access to high-quality eye health and vision care, as well as an industry-leading conversation on technological advancements across the eye health care industry.

REGISTRATION

Contact
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October 8, 2025
- October 11, 2025
October 10, 2025
- October 11, 2025

American Academy of Optometry Meeting: Boston

OAL Fall CE Conference

Hotel Bentley

Desoto Street

Alexandria, LA

all day

Rob Janot, OD, 337-607-5102

rjanot@optla.org

8 hrs TPA CE for ODs

June 4, 2026
- June 7, 2026

OAL Annual Convention - Baton Rouge

Crowne Plaza Executive Center

4728 Constitution Avenue

Baton Rouge, LA

all day

Rob Janot, 318-335-0675

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November 11, 2026
- November 14, 2026

American Academy of Optometry Meeting: San Diego