



## **Straatsma Award for Excellence in Resident Education CALL FOR NOMINEES**

### ***Description of the Award:***

The Straatsma Award for Excellence in Resident Education (the "Straatsma Award") was established through the generosity of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO) and private funds to recognize and celebrate an outstanding Program Director in ophthalmology. The award carries the name and honors the accomplishments of Bradley R. Straatsma, M.D., J.D., former Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at UCLA and former Director of the Jules Stein Eye Institute. The award will be presented annually at both the Annual Meetings of the AAO and of the AUPO and will carry a cash prize.

### ***Criteria for Nomination:***

Nominees for the Straatsma Award must fulfill the following criteria:

- Be an Associate Member of the AUPO and a Member or Fellow of the AAO
- Have served as a Program Director at an ACGME-accredited AUPO member program for a minimum of 3 years
- Currently serve as the Program Director
- Embody the qualities of:
  - Commitment to resident education
  - Dedication to the residency training process
  - Active engagement in program leadership
  - Innovation in and/or advancement of residency education at the local and/or national level
- Be the consummate teacher/mentor/advisor

Special consideration in the selection process will be given:

- In recognition of current activities, not simply to length of service or to contributions made many years previously
- To nominees who have published in peer-reviewed literature on subjects related to residency education
- To innovative work
- To those who have achieved a leadership role in medical education
- To achievement in mentoring other educators/future educators

### ***Nomination Process:***

- Candidates must be nominated by their Department Chair
- The Application Packet must include the following items:
  - A letter (not to exceed three pages) from the Chair summarizing the Nominee's special qualifications for the Award and verifying that, if awarded (10 pt. font or greater)
    - The cash prize will be awarded directly to the Awardee and not counted against normal compensation or deposited in department accounts
    - The Awardee will attend both the Annual Meetings of the AAO and of the AUPO to receive the Award
  - Two (2) supporting letters (each not to exceed two pages) from faculty, current residents, or past residents who trained under the Nominee (10 pt. font or greater)
  - A copy of the Nominee's current Curriculum Vitae (10 pt. font or greater)
  - A signed letter from the Nominee (not to exceed two pages) summarizing the Nominee's accomplishments as Program Director and plans for future activities. The Nominee must also agree in the letter to address the Program Director's Meeting at the AAO and AUPO Annual Meetings on a topic(s) related to residency training if chosen as the Awardee (10 pt. font or greater)
- The completed application packet must be compiled by the Department Chair and received by the AUPO office by **Wednesday, May 2, 2012**, at:

AUPO  
P.O. Box 193030  
San Francisco, CA  
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- All completed applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee and a recommendation forwarded to the AUPO Board of Trustees for approval and subsequently to the Senior Secretary for Education of the AAO for approval.
- The Awardee will be notified by July 1, 2012.