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JEAN SABRE APPOINTED TO OPTICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DALLAS - The Optical Women's Association (OWA) is pleased to announce the appointment of Jean Sabre to its board of directors. Sabre is Owner and Practice Administrator of Uptown Vision in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Expressing how honored she is to be selected to serve, Sabre notes "One of the areas I am most excited about is growing our membership. We have so many dynamic women in our industry that we can reach out to and encourage them to participate and share their story."

Before entering the optical profession, Sabre held management and sales positions throughout the United States with major retailers including Dayton's, Marshall Field, Nordstrom and Barneys New York.

Her husband, Dr. Mark Sabre, established a private optometric practice in Minneapolis in 1991. She has been the practice manager, lead optician and eyewear buyer from the beginning. She is a member of the Transitions Optical ProForum and currently serves on the board of Interlachen Country Club. She was also the recent chairwoman of Interlachen's Golf for the Cure, which raises money for breast cancer research. The club was awarded the 2013 Bronze trophy by the National Breast Cancer Foundation as a result of this effort. Sabre looks forward to attending many optical shows each year including MIDO, Silmo, and both International Vision Expo events. In her spare time, she enjoys running, golfing, skiing and cooking.

Sabre is very motivated to start regional meetings and informal get-togethers. Since some members cannot regularly attend International Vision Expo, she feels more regional and local meetings can help keep members connected on a more regular basis. Online education and regular information updates to our members also have the potential to keep all members in touch with one another more frequently. "I look forward to meeting all of the great women that are a part of this profession." Already in this experience she has found surprise blessings and expresses her appreciation for the opportunity to serve the OWA membership.

About the Optical Women's Association: The Optical Women's Association is a non-profit organization founded in September of 1997 with the mission of supporting and promoting the professional development of women in the optical industry. Projects and programs include the Star Network Mentoring Program; the Professional Optical Women's Workshop, providing women in the optical industry with personal and professional growth opportunities; networking events at both International Vision Expo East and West; and the annual Pleiades award which recognizes and honors individuals who have made a significant difference for women in the optical industry.