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## **OPTICAL WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES NEW LEADERSHIP – ROBYN CRIMMINS NAMED NEW PRESIDENT TO FOLLOW TIARA CLAXTON**

**DALLAS, TX – September 18, 2019** – The Optical Women's Association is proud to announce a new president and two additional board members.

Robyn Crimmins, Division Vice President, Ophthalmic West for VSP Optics and previous vice president of the OWA, has assumed the president position effective immediately. Additionally, Megan Molony, Senior Vice President of Merchandising for National Vision, and Jan Cory, Senior Director of IDOC, will join the OWA Board of Directors.

"I'm honored to have the opportunity to lead the thousand-women strong membership of the OWA and help advance its incredible mission," said Crimmins. "The talent, passion, and dedication that Megan and Jan bring to our board of directors will allow us to build upon the success of the OWA's many programs and provide more ways for up-and-coming female leaders to flourish in our industry."

The OWA would like to give special thanks to departing board members Maureen Cavanagh, VP Essilor Retail-Key Accounts, Sue Downes, CEO of MyEyeDr, and Jean Sabre, owner of Uptown Vision.

We would also like to thank our outgoing president, Tiara Claxton, Southwest Regional Sales Manager for Thelios, who has provided leadership and direction to our association for the past two years. Accomplishments during her term include providing additional value to members by adding a job board, Mentor Library, additional regional events (including events in Canada), Charity of Choice and #DoMore initiatives, a new Leadership Scholarship award, and a refresh of the OWA website. Claxton will remain on the OWA Board as Immediate Past President for two years.

Crimmins added, "Tiara has put her heart and soul into the OWA over these past few years and working closely with her has been my privilege. My goal as incoming president is to build on the momentum created by Tiara and previous leaders like Maureen Cavanagh and to continue their legacy of furthering leadership roles of women in the optical industry."

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About the Optical Women's Association: Founded in 1997 as a non-profit, the Optical Women's Association is committed to supporting and promoting the professional development of women involved in all facets of the optical industry.

As the vision of the OWA evolves and expands, it maintains the focus of the OWA's founding principles and core mission: to enhance and promote the leadership role of women in the optical industry through networking, education and peer support.