# BE PART OF THE VISION

**Member Benefits** 



#### Together for Better Vision, Better Lives

# Our purpose is to ensure the economic growth of the optical industry and the success of our members.

Realizing this goal depends on the support and dedication of companies that care deeply about the continued advancement of the industry.

Together, we can secure an abundant future for the \$65 billion optical industry and provide the eyewear and eyecare people need to look and feel their best.

"The Vision Council is *the* industry association. We encompass membership from all over the industry - from the supply side with frames, lenses, equipment, to retail and all the above. We bring us all together and advocate for what's best for our businesses, what's best for the industry."

#### **OUR MEMBERS**

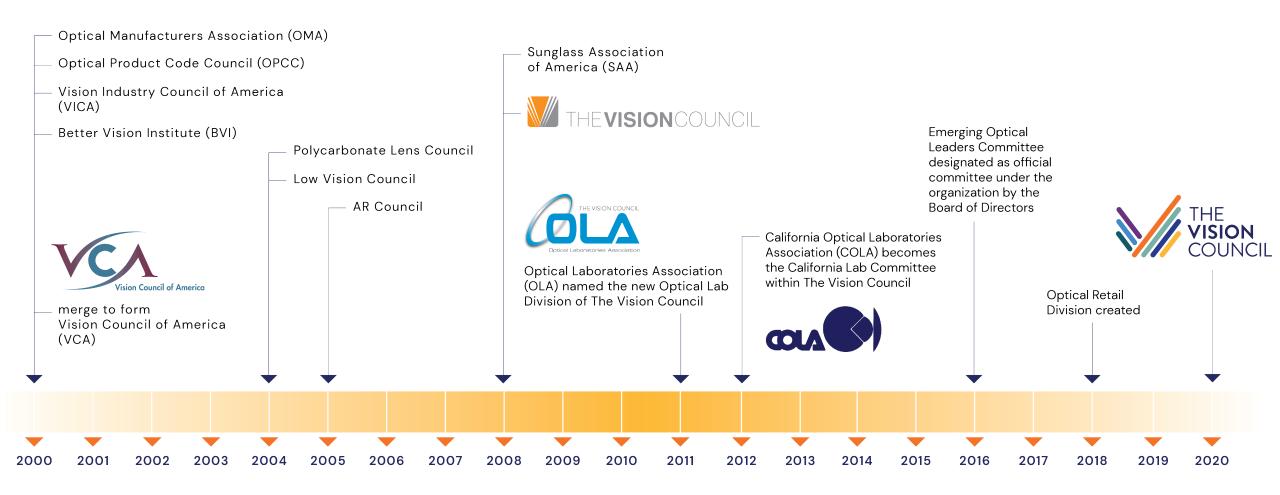
The Vision Council exists to represent any company, brand, or corporation whose business involves the manufacturing, distribution, or sale of optical products and services.



## We offer membership to diverse segments of the optical industry including:

- Contact Lens
- Eyewear & Accessories
- Healthcare
- Lens, Lab & Lens Processing Technology
- Over the Counter (Sunglasses & Readers)
- Retail
- Technology

#### **Evolution of The Vision Council**



#### **OUR VALUE – MEMBER BENEFITS**







Research & Data

**Technical Standards** 

**Community Building** 



**Government Relations** 



**Trade Shows** 



Consumer Education & Workforce Development

### Research & Data





#### inSights Research Program

- Reports that provide a comprehensive perspective on the state of the optical industry
  - Market inSights
  - Consumer inSights
  - Provider inSights
  - Business Sentiment inSights
  - Focused inSights
- 2. Respected and relied upon by industry and national media
- 3. Custom opportunities for visibility and data analysis through The Vision Council Visionaries sponsorship program



"There's a lot of research that The Vision Council has provided and it's hard to find industry knowledge anywhere else. I think that really sets The Vision Council apart."

In 2023:

reports published

Market value of reports downloaded by members

# Government Relations & Technical Standards





#### **Advocacy & Regulatory Affairs**

- 1. Expert team works with policymakers on key industry issues
  - Employment and labor
  - Healthcare and managed vision care
  - Tariffs and trade
  - Workplace safety and manufacturing standards
  - Chemical compliance
- 2. Real-time updates and advice on policy changes and advocacy efforts
  - Member webinars and newsletters
  - 1:1 office hours
  - PolicyWatch, a state-level regulation & legislation monitoring service
- 3. Opportunity to engage with your representatives and have a voice on Capitol Hill
  - VisionPAC
  - Annual fly-in and congressional connections

"The government relations advocacy that we do out there, which helps drive our business on a government level, is incredibly important."

The Vision Council is actively monitoring 15+ pieces of federal legislation pertaining to industry interests



#### **Technical Standards**

- Leading voice in development of ophthalmic standards domestically and internationally
  - Prescription lenses
  - Ophthalmic frames
  - Sunglasses and Readers
  - Contact Lenses
  - Ophthalmic equipment and medical devices
- 2. Industry standards for data communication and lens descriptions
- 3. Real-time information, updates and advice on industry standards
  - FDA agent access
  - Optical Product Codes

The Vision Council is the Secretariat for ANSI Accredited Standards Committee "ASC Z80-Ophthalmic Optics," which oversees 28 national standards

"The Vision Council's optical industry standards help protect us as a company and protect our customers."



### **Trade Shows**





#### **Vision Expo**

- Largest U.S. optical industry event designed to connect the vision community and promote industry growth
  - Vision Expo East in Orlando
  - Vision Expo West in Las Vegas
- 2. Revenue is directly re-invested into the industry via The Vision Council
- 3. Exclusive membership-only rates and opportunities

450+ exhibitors 20K+ attendees

"The new accounts, new doors, if you can open them with the attendees, the lifetime value of the customer, that's always in consideration today. And I think that finding an environment to engage with the broader community is a big takeaway from the experience."





**The Vision Council** Foundation: Consumer **Education &** Workforce Development





#### The Vision Council Foundation

- 1. Solving the industry's biggest challenges
  - Industry growth & workforce development
  - Public education
- 2. Communication and fundraising platform
- Opportunities for partnership through The Vision Council Visionaries sponsorship program

#### **2023 Social Media Cross-Network Performance**

Audience	Impressions	Engagements
119,803	716,805	46,685



"It's important for us as brands, companies, and members of The Vision Council to utilize all of these resources and communications to elevate our accounts, our doctor's offices, our social channels..."

\$400K

Raised to fund Opening Your Eyes Scholarship

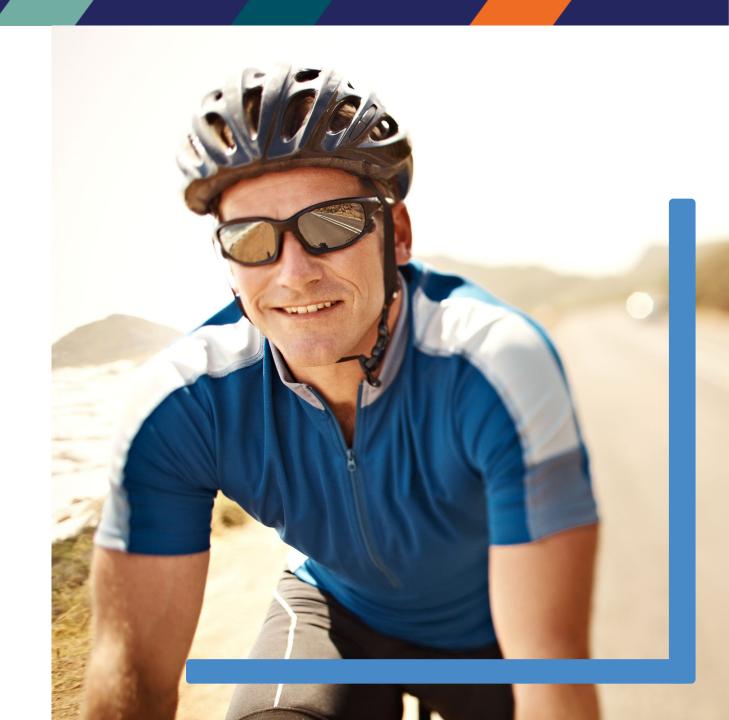
**300M** 

People reached during 2023 National Sunglasses Day campaign

# Public Education Campaigns

National Sunglasses Day
Healthy Vision Month
Annual Eye Exams
World Sight Day





#### **Protect Your Eyes, See the Skies**

- The Vision Council's Total Solar Eclipse Guide is one example of a campaign we did earlier this year.
- The toolkit encouraged safe viewing of the April 8 solar eclipse with downloadable graphics and resources
  - Included a PDF guide, social media images, social post copy, two blog posts and a Spotify playlist















# Community Building





#### Member Engagement

- Annual networking and leadership development events
  - Executive Summit
  - Lab Leadership Forum
- 2. Secure, members-only web portal
- 3. Community building through division and committee engagement

"The Vision Council gives us the opportunity to come together and passionately dream about our overall industry...We celebrate a lot of our successes in the past, but we also collectively dream about the future and where it is going to go. Those things don't happen without The Vision Council pulling us together and keeping us all focused in one direction."



>325

Industry executives and leaders in attendance, for three days of networking, growth and connections

#### **Emerging Optical Leaders**

- Engagement with young leaders across the industry
  - In-person meetings at Executive Summit and the Vision Epos
  - Dedicated EOL Retreat
- Continuous learning and development opportunities
  - Mentorship Program
  - Leadership development training programs
  - Conversations with industry executives
- 3. Contribution to The Vision Council
  - Committee participation opportunities
  - Feedback on programs and initiatives

"The focus of EOL is on professional development, but also getting young people from companies that are going to be the future leaders of their organization to understand the value of The Vision Council, providing them opportunities to engage with other industry leaders through The Vision Council."



#### **Complimentary VMail Subscription**

- Members receive a complimentary subscription to VMail, a daily digital newsletter published by Vision Monday (Jobson) containing optical business and breaking news
- Available to all employees of member companies
- \$95 value per each subscriber





# Access Your Benefits & Get Involved





#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

#### **DIVISIONS**

- Contact Lens
- Eyewear & Accessories
- Healthcare
- ► Lens, Lab, Lens Processing Technology
- Over The Counter (Sunglass & Reader)
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#### COMMITTEES

- Emerging Optical Leaders
- ► Environmental Sustainability & Social Awareness
- Finance
- ► Government & Regulatory Affairs
- Market Research
- Marketing & Communications
- Nominating & Governance
- Program
- **Show**
- Technical

#### **Access Your Benefits & Get Involved**

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Contact <u>info@thevisioncouncil.org</u> for support

- 2. Access resources
  - Research Download Center
  - Division Secured Content
- 3. Register for meetings and events
- Find and connect with other members through the <u>Member Directory</u>
- 5. Consider <u>volunteer leadership</u> <u>opportunities</u>



Scan the QR code to fill out our committee interest form.



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Healthcare

Retail

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