



Candidates for 2023 PAO Election of Council Members for the year 2024 - 2025



GLENN S. ANGELES, MD

Medical School: **University of Santo Tomas 2005**

Residency: **The Medical City 2011**

PBO Certified: **2016**

Subspecialty: **General Ophthalmology**

Hospital Affiliations: **The Medical City**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **None**

Brief Platform Statement:

I am focused on advancing innovation and fostering collaboration in our field of expertise. By combining our expertise and embracing cutting-edge technologies, we can elevate eye care to new heights and achieve better health outcomes for our patients.

I am committed to leading the integration of novel technologies and methods into ophthalmic treatment. We can improve precision, effectiveness, and patient satisfaction by promoting the use of teleophthalmology and AI-assisted diagnostics.

I will develop a collaborative environment among ophthalmologists, researchers, institutions, and other stakeholders in the industry. We can collaboratively improve our abilities and techniques by sharing thoughts, knowledge, and expertise, thereby increasing the bar for eye care delivery for every Filipino.

By incorporating innovation and collaboration into our practice, we will be ensuring that every patient receives the greatest degree of attention and care. Together, we can create a future in which every member of the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology upholds quality in eye care as a standard, not merely as a goal.

- ***Treasurer, The Medical City - EVI***



LYLL KAREN B. ARRIOLA, MD

Medical School: **Cebu Institute of Medicine, 2003**

Residency: **Cebu Velez General Hospital 2008**

PBO Certified: **2011**

Subspecialty: **Medical and Surgical Retina; Uveitis and Immunology**

Hospital Affiliation: **Cebu Doctors University Hospital;
Chong Hua Hospital (Fuente and Mandaue);
Perpetual Succour Hospital; Cebu Velez General Hospital
and Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation:

ACES Eye Referral Centers and Maayo Medical

Brief Platform Statement:

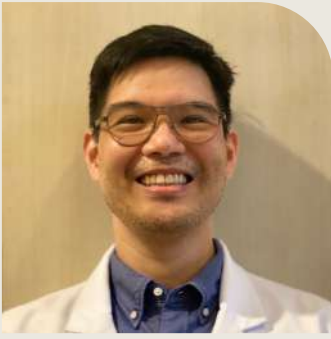
Inclusivity, Advancement, and Stability

Inclusivity through activities that are spread across the country giving our members all over the Philippines the opportunity to be part of PAO.

Advancement through the support of members who want to be part of national and international arenas. Our members have much to offer colleagues not only on the local or national level, but also the international level.

Stability through the strengthening of our different local societies who need the support of the national society in improving services to advance eye care in our country.

- ***Current Secretary, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology***



CARLOS EMMANOEL M. CHUA, MD

Medical School: **University of Santo Tomas 2003**

Residency: **St. Luke's Medical Center 2008**

PBO Certified: **2009**

Subspecialty: **Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus**

Hospital Affiliations: **St. Luke's Medical Center (Quezon City and BGC);
Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital; and
Paulino J. Garcia Memorial Medical and Research Center**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation:

**Chua Center Angeles Pampanga;
Nueva Ecija Eye and Laser Center**

Brief Platform Statement:

I plan to increase the visibility and awareness of pediatric eye disease and how this affects the whole family and the community. I would also encourage and promote strong partnerships or linkages with other national and international societies so that our members could have better access to the necessary information they need to help their patients. I would like our members to have access to further skills training in the form of face to face post graduate skills labs or courses in collaboration with local and international societies and partners. I would also like to continue and enhance the PAOs social service commitment to our less fortunate brothers and sisters.

- ***Past President, Philippine Society of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus***



LEE ALLEN D. CLOMA, MD

Medical School: **UERM Memorial Medical Center 1997**

Residency: **UERM Memorial Medical Center 2002**

PBO Certified: **2005**

Subspecialty: **Neuro Ophthalmology**

Hospital Affiliation: **Quirino Memorial Medical Center;
UERM Memorial Medical Center;
Clinica Tamesis; United Doctors Medical Center; and
Tarlac Provincial Hospital**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **Santos Clinic, Malolos City**

Brief Platform Statement:

Earlier this year, I was asked if I would consider running. My reflex prompted me to respond with a direct NO to a junior colleague and deadma to a senior colleague. You have to understand that being a member of the council was not in my goals. My priority is my family to be the best husband, father, son, brother, in that order.

Case closed, so I thought. Until I received an email that I was nominated by a very junior colleague. I brought it up to my wife and children. Everyone had their own valid opinion. I've always tried my best to be an example to my children. To do what is right regardless. So, when I was asked - why I wouldn't run, I could not really come up with a reason that will show a good example to my children. I want my children to be able to accept challenges and use their abilities and talents to contribute to a better society.

The recourse I take is clear: to exemplify being involved, to contribute my abilities and talents to our community.

To help make a strong and relevant PAO by promoting membership participation through encouraging understanding, optimism and enthusiasm.

- *Training Officer, QMMC Department of Ophthalmology*



RAINIER VICTOR A. COVAR, MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines College of Medicine 1997**
Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2002**
PBO Certified: **2009**
Subspecialty: **Glaucoma /Low Vision Rehabilitation**
Hospital Affiliations: **Philippine General Hospital; Rizal Medical Center;
The Medical City and Manila Doctors Hospital**
Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **Asia Pacific Eye Center;
Healthway Qualimed - Philippine General Hospital and
The Medical City, SM North EDSA Satellite Clinic**

Brief Platform Statement:

EXTRAORDINARY PAO: Locally Relevant. Globally Recognized.

For the past 14 years, I have served the PAO as a member of the CCEO, as your councilor, and your treasurer. For the next two years, I envision an **EXTRAORDINARY PAO**.

As a purposeful and pragmatic VOICE in the council, I will remain committed to the pursuit of the following:

EDUCATION- providing access to continuing education via scientific conferences, regular practice updates, virtual educational portals and giving platforms for international exposure.

EMPOWERMENT- giving our members opportunities for training, research, and practice of our profession, including easing the integration of foreign-trained fellows and new members to PAO.

ENGAGEMENT- harnessing our subspecialty societies/interest groups and chapters to foster cooperation, camaraderie, and community involvement.

EXPANSION - amplifying our financial gains while appropriately allocating budget for projects, advocacies, and possible reduction of rates for retired members.

EMINENCE- firmly re-establishing PAO as an influential leader in the Asia-Pacific by supporting more publications and speaking engagements internationally, possibly subsidizing fees to foreign conferences.

Let us build on this shared vision for PAO. I will be ready to LISTEN to you, to our members and partners, and generate new ideas to shape our FUTURE with.

*Together let us **ELEVATE** Filipino ophthalmologists!*

- **Current Treasurer, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology**



NORMAN ERIC F. FAJARDO, MD

Medical School: **UERM Memorial Medical Center 1995**
Residency: **East Avenue Medical Center 2002**
PBO Certified: **2003**
Subspecialty: **Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus**
Hospital Affiliations: **East Avenue Medical Center and
Philippine Children's Medical Center**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **Asian Eye Institute**

Brief Platform Statement:

Kapag nahalal bilang miyembro ng konseho, nais kong tumulong ihanda ang PAO sa pagdami ng miyembro nito at sa mga pagbabago sa patakaran ng kalusugan sa ating bansa. Ito ay sa pamamagitan ng pag papa lakas ng partisipasyon ng mga lokal chapters at mas maigting pakikipag ugnayan sa mga ahensya ng gobyerno at pribadong organisasyon.

- *Current Councilor, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology*



MIRIAM LOUELLA D. FERMIN, RPh, MD, MHM

Medical School: **FEU-NRMF Institute of Medicine 2002**
Residency: **FEU-NRMF Medical Center 2008**
PBO Certified: **2014**
Subspecialty: **Neuro-Ophthalmology**
Hospital Affiliations: **FEU-NRMF Medical Center;
Ospital ng Makati and Veterans Memorial Medical Center**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliations: **Novagen Eye Center and Baliwag Eye Clinic**

Brief Platform Statement:

The COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020 brought the world to a standstill and has challenged the medical community in unprecedented ways. Amidst the uncertainty, we were forced to adapt rapidly to new circumstances, and the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology (PAO) have demonstrated that. We have successfully navigated the difficulties posed by the pandemic and have emerged stronger and more determined to embrace more challenges now, particularly in the realm of medical research. My vision is to further enhance PAO's efforts in promoting medical research to address ophthalmologic health challenges. This can be done by:

- 1. Forging partnerships and collaborative research activities and linkages with renowned national and international institutions, fostering interdisciplinary expertise;**
- 2. Utilizing ethical standards in the conduct of research; and**
- 3. Invest in cutting-edge technologies to accelerate research processes.**

- *Current Councilor, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology*



ELEONORE B. IGUBAN, MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines College of Medicine 2009**
Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2012**
PBO Certified: **2013**
Subspecialty: **External Disease and Cornea; Vitreo-Retina**
Hospital Affiliations: **Rizal Medical Center; The Medical City; Alabang Medical Center and The Health Centrum - Roxas City**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **Premier Eye Referral Center**

Brief Platform Statement:

My vision for a PAO council is one that is “For the People, By the People”. The PAO council must be a COLLECTIVE VOICE that will echo the sentiments of the membership. We will strive to PRESERVE VISION by prioritizing ethical patient care, promoting research, and pushing for widespread public awareness. We will ADVANCE and IMPROVE EYE HEALTH CARE by instituting and pioneering progressive policies for ethical and effective patient care and continued professional development of the Filipino ophthalmologist.

1. Professional Development

Continued promotion of professional development and learning among members and members-in-training through CME activities and other collaborative opportunities.

2. Partnerships and Networking

Solid partnerships with health organizations, regulatory bodies, industry partners and community representatives are vital to building a cohesive, streamlined and well- directed national eye care system that support improved access and efficient distribution of effective and ethical eye health care for all Filipinos.

3. Participative Membership

Keeping the membership updated and well-informed about the activities of the PAO via different modalities of communication should be prioritized to enable them to participate and benefit from the strategic endeavors of the Academy. Mentorship programs and other opportunities to assist new ophthalmology graduates in their professional growth shall be established together with the Young Ophthalmologists’ Network

4. Public Awareness Campaigns and Preventive Vision Care

Increasing public awareness about the need for regular eye check-ups, early detection and management of eye disorders as well as discerning misinformation by means of social media campaigns, public health forums, and screening programs should be done especially for preventable causes of irreversible blindness.

5. Promoting Research Opportunities

We will support initiatives toward developing innovative treatment options to improve patient outcomes. Activities to enhance research capabilities and promote research opportunities will also be made available to our members.

Together, we will build on the accomplishments of our predecessors and navigate towards a better and brighter Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology.

- Current Secretary, Vitreo Retina Society of the Philippines**



MARK ANTHONY T. IMPERIAL, MD

Medical School: **UERM Memorial Medical Center 1996**
Residency: **Cardinal Santos Memorial Medical Center 2002**
PBO Certified: **2003**
Subspecialty: **Orbit and Oculoplastic Surgery**
Hospital Affiliations: **Asian Hospital & Medical Center;
St. Luke's Medical Center;
UERM Memorial Medical Center; and
Cardinal Santos Medical Center**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation:

**Asia Pacific Eye Center (Biñan, Laguna)
and Lucena Eye Center**

Brief Platform Statement:

- 1. Continuing medical education not only focused on resident trainees but for the majority of the members.**
- 2. Foster greater camaraderie among the members thru social and sport activities.**

- *Current Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, UERM Memorial Medical Center***
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FRANCES MARIE R. LINGAD, MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines College of Medicine 2009**
Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2012**
PBO Certified: **2013**
Subspecialty: **External Disease and Cornea**
Hospital Affiliations: **Eastern Visayas Medical Center; Divine Word Hospital
and Manila Doctors Hospital (Visiting)**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **Our Lady of Fatima EENT Center**

Brief Platform Statement:

Provincial representation in the Council, particularly from the Visayas

- *Current President, Ophthalmology Society of Eastern Visayas***



CESAR A. PEREZ JR., MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines College of Medicine 1998**
Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2001**
PBO Certified: **2002**
Subspecialty: **Glaucoma**
Hospital Affiliations: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital;
Asian Hospital and Medical Center and Alabang Medical Center**
Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **None**

Brief Platform Statement:

If given the chance, I will be a council member who will listen to many members of the academy and patients, and convey their messages and aspirations for further improvement of our field and eye care.

- ***Current Training Officer, DOVS, University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital***



RAYMOND NELSON C. REGALADO, MD

Medical School: **St. Luke's College of Medicine 2008**
Residency: **St. Luke's Eye Institute 2012**
PBO Certified: **2013**
Subspecialty: **External Disease and Cornea**
Hospital Affiliations: **St. Luke's Medical Center (Quezon City and BGC);
Fatima University Medical Center;
Amang Rodriguez Memorial Medical Center;
Ospital ng Makati; and United Doctors Medical Center**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **None**

Brief Platform Statement:

I have been, and will always be in service of the Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology, its members, and its patients. I strive to do what I can, when I can, wherever I can. If there is one thing I would like to impart to the new generation of ophthalmologists, it is this: be where you are needed. I would want to help others find a voice, be heard, and eventually, lead.

- ***Current Councilor, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology***



ROSENY MAE C. SINGSON, MD

Medical School: **University of Santo Tomas 1991**

Residency: **University of Santo Tomas 1995**

PBO Certified: **1996**

Subspecialty: **Oculoplasty**

Hospital Affiliations: **Asian Hospital and Medical Center;**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **None**

Brief Platform Statement:

To bring eye care to areas without it. Bring together the Ophtha community as one in this endeavour in promoting quality eye care for all.

- ***Current Councilor, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology***



EDMIN MICHAEL G. SANTOS, MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines, College of Medicine 1996**

Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2000**

PBO Certified: **2001**

Subspecialty: **Retina**

Hospital Affiliations: **Asian Hospital and Medical Center and**

University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **Philippine General Hospital - Qualimed**

Brief Platform Statement:

With over 15 years in ophthalmology in the academe and in clinical practice, Dr. Mike Santos brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to address the evolving challenges in eye care.

Vision Village: Committed to equitable eye care access, Dr. Mike Santos aspires to bridge the urban-rural gap by advocating for a referral system, mobile clinics and telemedicine services in underserved areas.

Education Empowerment: As an educator, Dr. Mike Santos aims to enhance training programs, ensuring a skilled workforce to serve every corner of our nation.

Collaboration Champion: Dr. Mike Santos believes in fostering collaborations, not only with international ophthalmology societies, but also with NGOs, government bodies, and fellow medical professionals for a stronger eye care ecosystem.

Innovation Advocate: With the advent of and eventual integration of AI and teleophthalmology, Dr. Mike Santos envisions modernizing patient care while preserving the human touch.

- ***Clinical Associate Professor, University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital***



MARY ELLEN A. SY, MD

Medical School: **Saint Louis University 2000**

Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2005**

PBO Certified: **2006**

Subspecialty: **External Disease and Cornea; Cataract and Refractive Surgery**

Hospital Affiliations: **The Medical City and Ospital ng Makati**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **American Eye Center**

Brief Platform Statement:

The road ahead for the Filipino Ophthalmologist post-pandemic is fraught with uncertainties. Your academy will be facing serious challenges with the looming implementation of Universal Healthcare and the PRC Philippine Qualifications Framework.

The PAO, in the hands of the right leadership and, with the support of the entire membership is well-suited for the task, protecting the rights of every individual member, as we perform our professional task of providing world-class eye-care to our patients.

I am running for a third term as PAO councilor to continue the reforms we have started ---- improved governance with more efficient, streamlined processes in running the different aspects of our organization. I envision a modernized, streamlined PAO responding to the changing times. As I humbly appeal for your vote, I also encourage our young members to take a more active role in the academy. Having served PAO in various capacities for the past 14 years, I believe more than ever in the important role that our academy plays in benefiting the Filipino Ophthalmologist. Let's all get involved!

- ***Current Vice President, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology***



ROLAND JOSEPH D. TAN, MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines, College of Medicine 2008**
Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2011**
PBO Certified: **2012**
Subspecialty: **Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus /
Oculoplastics and Orbit**
Hospital Affiliations: **Southern Isabela Medical Center;
Cauayan Medical Specialists
Hospital; Santiago Medical City; De Vera Medical Center;
Notre Dame de Chartres Hospital; and
Manila Doctors Hospital**

Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation: **None**

Brief Platform Statement:

As ophthalmologists globally move toward evidence-based and patient-centered eyecare, we in the local setting can benefit from more policies anchored in updated and locally representative ophthalmic data particularly on public health, cancer and children's eye health. In line with the Academy's Vision-Mission-Goal, PAO can develop the members by strengthening its research and extension capabilities and producing said needed data. PAO can introduce venues for bigger, collaborative and interprofessional projects and studies among colleagues from different hospitals and chapters in the country, the Asia Pacific region and even internationally. These is a good training ground and stepping stone for our future local ophthalmic colleagues.

Similarly, reviews of published literature have become the basis for standards of care. Aside from producing relevant studies, the reach of Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology can be further increased in terms of indexing. Creation of external linkages and addition of logistical support can also help explore other extension platforms and opportunities.

Lastly, as concerns on surgical missions are on the rise again, previous efforts to establish venues to introduce other ways to provide sustainable eye care services to our community, particularly for our colleagues in training, can be revisited.

- ***Current Training Officer, Southern Isabela Medical Center***



CHARISSE S. TANLAPCO, MD

Medical School: **University of the Philippines, College of Medicine 2008**
Residency: **University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital 2011**
PBO Certified: **2011**
Subspecialty: **Ophthalmic Plastic, Orbit, Lacrimal and Reconstructive Surgery**
Hospital Affiliations: **Ilocos Training & Regional Medical Center;**
Region 1 Medical Center;
The Medical City Pangasinan; and
Jesus Nazarene General Hospital
Ambulatory Surgical Center Affiliation:
San Carlos Eye Center, Pangasinan Eye Center

Brief Platform Statement:

My guiding principle as a PAO Executive Council member has always been to be the agent of better change for the way we want it to be. Handling the Philippine Network of Young Ophthalmologists and the PAO Publications Committee has been challenging yet fulfilling. My more specific goals for the next term will be to promote the Philippine Network of Young Ophthalmologists further and to have the Philippine Journal of Ophthalmology indexed in more international journal indexing platforms to increase its credibility and visibility on the global scale.

- ***Current Councilor, Executive Council, Philippine Academy of Ophthalmology***

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Voting/Canvassing Date: **October 18 - 19, 2023, 8:00AM - 5:00PM/
October 20, 2023, 8:00AM - 10:00AM**

**Declaration of Winners and
Induction of Officers:** **October 20, 2023, 5:15 PM**

Induction of Officers: **October 20, 2023, Closing Ceremony**