

**Ohio State Board of Optometry
Board Meeting**

**Vern Riffe Center
77 S. High Street
Columbus, Ohio**

January 12, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

President Presiding

President Roark convened the meeting at 9:42 a.m. The meeting was held in South A, 31st floor of the Vern Riffe Center.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were:

Dennis Roark, O.D., Board President
Karen Riccio, O.D., Board Secretary
Larry Barger, O.D., Board Member
Patricia Scharf, Board Member
Stanley Warn, O.D., Board Member
Mr. Mike Everhart, Executive Director
Mr. Jeff May, Investigator

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Todd Baker from the Ohio Ophthalmological Society and David Corey representing LensCrafters.

Approve Minutes

President Roark called for a motion on the minutes of the October 20, 2010 Board meeting. Dr. Barger moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by Dr. Riccio. The motion was then passed by the Board.

New Licensees

Mr. Everhart advised that there were two completed applications for licensure as listed in Annex A. After review of the packets Dr. Barger made a motion that the two applicants listed in Annex A with all materials submitted be granted Ohio optometric and therapeutic licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Riccio and passed by the Board.

There were two applications with missing materials. After review, Dr. Warn moved that the two applicants listed in Annex A with missing material be granted Ohio optometric and therapeutic licensure upon receipt of the necessary items. Dr. Riccio seconded the motion which was passed by the Board.

Dr. Riccio made a motion that Barry Gellis, O.D. and Craig McManis, O.D. be granted Ohio optometric and therapeutic licensure via endorsement. Ms. Scharf seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.

The Board next reviewed one applicant for licensure reinstatement. Dr. Barger moved that Kerri Jones, O.D. be granted reinstatement of her Ohio optometric and therapeutic license. Motion was seconded by Dr. Riccio and passed by the Board.

Continuing Education

Dr. Riccio explained the recap on continuing education courses received at the Board office since the October 20, 2010 meeting. (Annex B) There were 47 courses reviewed and approved. Dr. Riccio made a motion that courses 2011-061P through 2011-107P be approved as listed. Motion was seconded by Ms. Scharf and passed by the Board.

Therapeutic Optometry Matters

There were no drug-induced side effect reports received since the October 20, 2010 meeting.

The Board members considered one application for therapeutic certification from Patricia Noonan, O.D. Since the TMOD scores will not be released until January 19, 2011, Dr. Warn moved to approve the issuance of a therapeutic certificate to Dr. Noonan upon evidence from NBEO of successfully passing the TMOD. The motion was seconded by Dr. Riccio and passed by the Board.

Licensure Matters

The Board reviewed one application for waiver of continuing education requirements. The request was due to the optometrist being out of the country on active duty military for an extended period of time. The doctor was requesting to complete 25 hours on line. Dr. Barger moved to approve the waiver which was seconded by Dr. Riccio and then passed by the Board. Although active military licensees are exempted by Ohio law from completing C.E., the Navy was still requiring this optometrist to complete the hours.

Administration

Dr. Barger addressed the Board concerning his recent attendance at a COPE meeting. He discussed ARBO's current relationship with the AOA, COPE matters, board certification, CELMO and the NBEO's recent change to a single-site testing location.

Mr. Everhart informed the Board that the annual ARBO dues for 2011 have been paid in the amount of \$900.00.

The Board was provided a copy of the draft 2010 Annual Report for their review. Board members were requested to contact the office with any changes no later than January 19, 2011.

Mr. Everhart discussed recent fee increases from the Office of Information Technology (these costs include computer usage, phone lines, internet, E-licensing, etc.) Yearly costs have increased from an average of \$2,340 to \$6,138. A meeting was held last month with OIT to discuss these costs but were unsuccessful in any reductions (these cost increases have affected all boards not just Optometry.) Additionally the boards were not notified of the fee increases until after the budgets had been submitted.

Board members were provided copies of the previous changes to the continuing education rules. Due to required filing dates and the end of this legislative cycle, the Public Hearing for these rule changes will occur at the April meeting with an anticipated effective date of October 1, 2011.

Patient Complaint Investigations

The Board members reviewed the recap of patient complaints received since the October 20, 2010 Board meeting. One new complaint was received during this period with that complaint being finalized. Seven complaints were pending prior to the October 20, 2010 meeting, and three were completed prior to this meeting and four remain pending further investigation. (Annex C.)

The Investigator's Activity Report, Annex D, was reviewed by the Board members. In addition to the four complaints that were filed, fifteen on-site inspections were conducted, no advertising violation letters were sent out. Four office inquiries/office complaints were initiated and completed. The staff traveled 1,442 miles during the period. The Board members also reviewed the summary of completed complaints and had no questions concerning the complaints.

Optometric Advertising Violations

No advertising violation notification letters had been sent out. A list of the 2010 violations was provided to the Board for their information. (Annex E.)

Other Investigative Matters

Mr. May presented an overview of the current status of 2011 license renewals. Twenty four optometrists had failed to either submit the required continuing education or pay the renewal fee for 2011. Upon contact by the Board of the twelve in-state doctors, one doctor paid the fee, four went inactive and seven were determined to not be presently practicing. Of the twelve out of state doctors one paid the fees, one went inactive and ten will be sent certified letters.

Board Member Assignments

Dr. Roark provided a listing of the following Board member assignments for 2011.

Investigation of Complaints	Dr. Dennis Roark
ARBO, COPE and NBEO Liaison	Dr. Larry Barger

Continuing Education	Dr. Larry Barger
Legislation	Dr. Karen Riccio Dr. Stanley Warn
Budget	Ms. Patricia Scharf Dr. Karen Riccio
OSU Senior Class Re: Laws and Rules	Dr. Karen Riccio
Pharmacology Matters	Dr. Stanley Warn

Approve Expenses

A motion was made by Dr. Riccio and seconded by Ms. Scharf to approve the Board member expenses for this meeting. The motion was passed by the Board.

Date of the Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2011.

Adjourn

Dr. Riccio made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Barger. The Board passed the motion and the meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Dennis Roark, O.D.
Board President

Karen Riccio, O.D.
Board Secretary