

Ohio State Board of Optometry
Board Meeting

Vern Riffe Office Tower
77 S. High St., 31st Floor
Columbus, Ohio

October 17, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

President Presiding

Gary Hyde, O.D., Board President, convened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. after signing certificates of licensure and payroll at the Board office. The meeting was held in the Board Conference Room, 31st floor of the Vern Riffe Office Tower.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were:

Gary Hyde, O.D., Board President
Beth Workman, O.D., Board Secretary
Larry Barger, O.D., Board Member
Rhonda Riles, O.D., Board Member
Dennis Roark, O.D., Board Member
Ms. Patricia Scharf, Board Member
Mr. Mike Everhart, Executive Director
Mr. Jeff May, Investigator

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Mr. Rick Cornett and Leon Favede, O.D. representing the Ohio Optometric Association, and Aaron Epstein from the Attorney General's Office.

Approve Minutes

President Hyde called for a motion on the minutes of the July 11, 2007 Board meeting. Dr. Roark made a motion to approve the minutes that had previously been mailed to all Board members for review. Dr. Workman seconded the motion and it was passed by the Board.

New Licensees

Mr. Everhart advised that there were 3 applications for licensure as listed in Annex A. After review of the packets Dr. Riles made a motion that the applicants listed in Annex A be granted Ohio optometric and therapeutic licensure. The motion was seconded by Dr. Workman and passed by the Board.

There was one applicant for licensure by endorsement, Terry Adkins, O.D. from Michigan. After review of the packet, Dr. Barger made a motion to grant Ohio optometric and therapeutic licensure by endorsement to Dr. Adkins. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roark and passed by the Board.

The Board next reviewed two applicants for licensure reinstatement. Dr. Workman moved that Kasey Eppley, O.D. and Julie Guillaum, O.D. be granted reinstatement of their Ohio optometric and therapeutic licenses which was seconded by Dr. Barger and passed by the Board.

Continuing Education

Dr. Riles explained the recap on continuing education courses received at the Board office since the July 11, 2007 meeting. (Annex B.) There were 25 courses reviewed with one of those courses only approved in part for 2006-2007 and 48 courses reviewed with one of those courses only approved in part for 2007-2008.

Dr. Barger made a motion that courses 2007-215P through 2007-240 and 2008-001 through 2008-048P be approved as listed. Motion was seconded by Dr. Workman and passed by the Board.

Therapeutic Optometry Matters

Dr. Barger provided an overview of one drug-induced side effect report since the July 11, 2007 meeting. (Annex C.)

Licensure Matters

The Board reviewed two applications for continuing education waivers. Dr. Workman made a motion to approve the waiver for Dr. David Marshall. The motion was seconded by Ms. Scharf and passed by the Board. Next, Dr. Roark made a motion to approve the waiver for Dr. Jeff Oberg which was then seconded by Dr. Barger. The Board passed the motion.

Administration

Dr. Barger informed the Board he attended a COPE meeting this past weekend. He again solicited support for anyone interested in becoming a COPE reviewer and confirmed that packets had been sent for Dr. Riles, Dr. Roark and Dr. Workman.

Rick Cornett reported on matters at the OOA. He first introduced Dr. Lee Favede who will serve as the OOA liaison to the Board. He advised that proponent testimony was provided by Dr. Mel Shipp, Dr. Susan Quinn, and Dr. Beth Muckley during last week's testimony on HB 149 the Optometry Scope Bill. Opponent testimony would be presented today at 2:30 p.m. in the south Senate Hearing Room.

Mr. Cornett also advised that the OOA's Annual Leadership Day would be held at the Buckeye Hall of Fame on November 28, 2007. Board members and staff were invited to attend.

Mr. Everhart provided an update on HB 104, the Fingerprint Bill. The bill has been assigned to the Senate Judiciary - Criminal Justice Committee. No hearing has been scheduled for the bill at this time.

The Board members reviewed the pending Optometry Bill and some of the changes the bill would create.

The Board members discussed the required Ethics Training and confirmed their dates of attendance.

Mr. Everhart presented the Board with the November Newsletter for their review. A few minor changes were made and the letter will be mailed with the optometrist's renewal cards.

Patient Complaint Investigations

The Board members reviewed the recap of patient complaints received since the July 11, 2007 Board meeting. Three new complaints were received during this period with one of the complaints being finalized. Seven complaints were pending prior to the July 11, 2007 meeting and three were completed prior to this meeting with three pending further investigation and one consent agreement is pending. (Annex D.)

The Investigator's Activity Report, Annex E, was reviewed by the Board members. In addition to the three complaints that were filed, fifty-seven on site inspections were conducted, two advertising violation letters were sent out and completed, and three office inquiries/office complaints were initiated and completed. The staff traveled 2,606 miles during the period. The Board members also reviewed the summary of completed complaints and had no questions concerning the complaints.

Optometric Advertising Violations

The two advertising violation notification letters that had been sent out have been responded to by the doctor that corrective action was being taken. A list of the violations was provided to the Board for their information, Annex F.

Other Investigative Matters

The laws and rules seminar for the fourth year optometry students of the OSU College of Optometry will be presented November 28, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

Approve Expenses

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

Dates of the Next Board Meetings

The Board selected the following meeting dates for 2008: January 16; April 16; July 9; and October 2. The October 2nd meeting will be held in Cleveland in conjunction with the East/West Conference.

Election of Officers

Dr. Barger nominated Dr. Workman for 2008 Board President and Dr. Riles as 2008 Board Secretary. Ms. Scharf seconded the nomination which was approved by the Board. The 2008 terms will run from January 1st through December 31st.

Adjourn

Ms. Scharf made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Workman. The Board passed the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.