

**Ohio State Board of Optometry
Board Meeting**

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

December 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

President Presiding

President Riccio convened the meeting at 9:55 a.m. The meeting was held in Room South A on the 31st floor of the Vern Riffe Center.

Roll Call

Present for the meeting were:

Karen Riccio, O.D., Board President
Stanley Warn, O.D., Board Secretary
Thomas Bobst, O.D., Board Member
Jeff Fogt, O.D., Board Member
Thomas Nye, O.D., Board Member
Michael Everhart, Board Member
Mr. Jeffrey Greene, Executive Director
Mr. Jeff May, Investigator
Mrs. Nancy Ott, Administrative Assistant

The following persons were also in attendance at the meeting: Jennifer Flatter from The Success Group; David Corey representing Luxottica; Ms. Charissa Payer from the Attorney General's Office, Rick Cornett and Linda Fette representing the Ohio Optometric Association.

Approve Minutes

President Riccio called for a motion on the minutes of the October 10, 2012 Board meeting. Dr. Bobst moved to approve the minutes which was seconded by Dr. Fogt. The motion was then passed by the Board.

New Licensees

Dr. Riccio advised that there were three applications pending due to missing material. Dr. Warn made a motion that the following optometrists be granted Ohio optometric and therapeutic licensure upon receipt of their missing material and with an effective date of January 2, 2013: Sophia Fotinos, O.D. (NBEO scores), Amy Schnegg, O.D. (NBEO scores and final transcript) and Jennifer Thatcher, O.D. (license verification from California and query from the National Practitioner's Data Bank.) Dr. Bobst seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Board next reviewed two applicants for licensure reinstatement. Dr. Nye moved that Ehryn Cartwright, O.D. be granted reinstatement of her Ohio optometric and therapeutic license with an effective date of January 2, 2013. Motion was seconded by Dr. Warn and passed by the Board. Dr. Bobst moved that Laura Storm, O.D. be granted reinstatement of her Ohio optometric and therapeutic license with an effective date of January 2, 2013 upon receipt of a final C.E. certificate and query from the National Practitioners Data Bank. Dr. Warn seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Continuing Education

Dr. Warn explained the recap on continuing education courses received at the Board office since the October 10, 2012 meeting. (Annex A) There were 42 courses reviewed. Dr. Warn made a motion that courses 2013-051P through 2013-092P be approved as listed. Motion was seconded by Dr. Fogt and passed by the Board.

Therapeutic Optometry Matters

There were no drug-induced side effect reports received since the October 10, 2012 meeting.

Administration

NBEO Report – Dr. Bobst updated the Board on his participation on the COPE Committee.

There was nothing to report for the AOA.

OOA Reports - Rick Cornett discussed several legislative issues, including House Bill 143 (Concussions Bill) and HB 613 (Human Trafficking.)

The Board was updated on the continuing implementation of the OE Tracker Program for continuing education reporting.

The Board was updated on the on-going renewal process and the number of optometrists yet to renew.

Presented to the Board a copy of the North Carolina State Board of Optometry's Policy Statement regarding the use of the term "Board Certified." After some discussion it was decided that Mr. Greene would put together a similar worded Policy Statement for the Board to review and possibly approve at the March, 2013, meeting.

Also presented to the Board a survey of all State Boards completed by ARBO regarding the approval of continuing education hours for the presenters/lecturers. After a great deal of discussion, the Board decided to keep our current wording in our rule of not allowing credit to lecturers or presenters.

The Board was asked to review our Ohio Administrative Rules before the next meeting in March and to bring any updates or changes due to our five-year review coming up in July, 2013.

The Board was updated regarding Mr. May conducting a complaint investigation involving two of the Dental Board members. The Dental Board requires that any complaints on their Board members must be investigated by another agency.

Patient Complaint Investigations

The Board members reviewed the recap of patient complaints received since the October 10, 2012 Board meeting. No new complaints were received during this period and no complaints were pending.

The Investigator's Activity Report, Annex B, was reviewed by the Board members. Thirty-five on-site inspections were conducted. No advertising letters were sent out. Two office inquiry/office complaints were initiated and completed. The staff traveled 1,886 miles during the period. There were no summaries of completed complaints for the Board to review.

Optometric Advertising Violations

There were no advertising violations notification letters sent out.

Other Investigative Matters

The Board members discussed procedures for dilation of patients.

Approve Expenses

A motion was made by Dr. Warn and seconded by Dr. Bobst to approve the Board member's expenses for this meeting. The motion was passed by the Board.

Election of Officers

Dr. Riccio made a motion for nomination of Board President and Board Secretary for 2013. She nominated Dr. Warn for Board President and Dr. Bobst for Board Secretary. Dr. Fogt seconded the motion which was then passed by the Board.

Board Meeting Dates

The next Board meeting is scheduled for March 13, 2013.

Adjourn

Dr. Warn made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Dr. Bobst. The Board passed the motion and the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Karen Riccio, O.D.
Board President

Stanley Warn, O.D.
Board Secretary