

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board

Board Meeting

Open Meeting

Date: March 18, 2010
Call to Order: 11:05 a.m.
Location: Illinois Division of Professional Regulation
320 West Washington, Room 376
Springfield, Illinois
Adjournment: 2:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Gary G. Gray, O.D., Chairperson
Michael A. Chaglasian, O.D., Vice-Person
(via conference call)
Pamela A. Lowe, O.D., Secretary
Mary Lou French, O.D., Member
Dennis Rabe, O.D., Member
P. Douglas Becherer, O.D., Member

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: D. R. Gordon, O.D, Optometric Coordinator
Sal Segretti, Optometric Investigator
Kim Scott, Board Liaison

Guests: Michael Horstman, I.O.A., Executive Director

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Chairman Time	Dr. Gray called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Dr. Gray asked Board Members, Staff and Guests to introduce themselves. Dr. Gray explained that minutes of the 01/21/2010 meeting would be reviewed at the May meeting of the Board. Dr. Gray asked the	

	members to review their contact listing and submit any changes to Mr. Scott after the meeting.	
Renewal Statistics	Mr. Scott reviewed the renewal statistics with the Board and stated that it had been a rather smooth renewal for Optometry. Mr. Scott answered several questions for the Board regarding renewal procedures.	
Optometric Investigators Report	<p>Mr. Segretti reported to the Board that he began this reporting period with 21 cases, 18 new cases were opened 5 went to Legal and there 24 pending cases.</p> <p>Mr. Segretti reported that there had been a number of new calls regarding the sale of “colored contact lens” lately.</p> <p>The Board asked several questions regarding the sales of the lens and the complaints received.</p> <p>Mr. Segretti stated that there seems to be a renewed interest by the public in the lens due in part to several recent movies where the stars used them.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon gave an overview of the history of the Department’s work to stop the illegal sale and distribution of cosmetic lens to the Board.</p> <p>Mr. Segretti stated that he was currently working with local authorities on some undercover work involving the illegal sales of colored contact lens.</p>	The Board thanked Mr. Segretti for his report and continued hard work on the behalf of the Department and in particular Optometry.

<p>Optometric Coordinator</p>	<p>Dr. Gordon reported to the Board that he was not currently overly busy, but was still making progress with the work load he has.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon explained for the benefit of the new Board Members the Open Meetings Act and possible problems that they needed to avoid.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon shared his contact information with the Board and stated that they could call him anytime that he might be of assistance to them.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon stated that the Board may discuss the issue of Board Certification at the May meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman distributed some informational material regarding Board Certification for the Board's review and information.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon stated that Mark Thompson will be at the May meeting to assist in the discussion of Board Certification and possible problems with the Illinois Optometric Practice Act.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman explained the packet of information he had distributed to the Board for their information.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman answered a number of questions regarding the information for the Board.</p> <p>The Board discussed the issue at length.</p> <p>Dr. Rabe inquired if insurance companies require this or would</p>	<p>Dr. Gordon is to send the material to Mark Thompson, General Counsel to review before the May meeting.</p>
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	<p>Optometrist telling the companies they were Board Certified be a violation of the Act. Mr. Horstman stated he felt this would be a private statement and therefore the Department would have no control over it.</p>	
Legislative Update	<p>Mr. Horstman reported to the Board that the I.O.A. had developed language to be used in a Bill which would allow Optometrist to expunge their disciplinary record for some, but not all disciplinary actions. The language was developed with the cooperation of the Medical Society and the Department. Patient related discipline would not be eligible under the legislation if enacted into law.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman explained the fee splitting legislation and informed the Board that Medical would like to expand the Bill.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman discussed a Bill that would require all office personal to wear name badges and how it could affect Optometric practices. The Board discussed the aspects of this requirement and how it would affect on current office practices.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman discussed the current Illinois budge and how he felt it could affect Optometry.</p>	<p>The Board thanked Mr. Horstman for his information and insight into the legislative process.</p>
Orals Certification	<p>The Board reviewed the</p>	<p>Motion was made and</p>

	<p>qualifications and requirements currently in force in other states for consideration of accepting applicants from those states on the basis of Endorsement for the purpose of meeting Illinois Oral Certification requirements. This experience would have been five years in length in order to be considered.</p>	<p>seconded to approve the following states as being acceptable for the five year requirement: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, D.C., Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia Wisconsin, and Wyoming. Motion passed.</p>
C.P.T. Code Review	<p>The Board reviewed the current C.P.T. Code listing as approved within the scope of practice and reviewed possible additions to the current listing.</p>	<p>Dr. Lowe made a motion to approve the current listing with the following additions as being within the scope of practice of Optometry: 96110, 96111, 99406, 99407, 97110, 97532, 97533, 97535, 97537, 99366, 99367, 99368, 99441, 99442, 99443, 99444, 65756-55. Dr. French seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>
Meeting Date Change	<p>The Board discussed changing the November meeting date as there was a conflict in the scheduling for several of the Board Members. Dr. Gray asked Dr. Chaglasian if there would be any problem on the part of the I.C.O. if the date was moved to a</p>	<p>Dr. Becherer made a motion that the November meeting be moved to December 2, 2010. Dr. French seconded the motion.</p>

	December date. Dr. Chaglasian stated that would not be a problem.	
Adjournment		Dr. Lowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. French seconded the motion. Motion carried.