

Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation

Division of Professional Regulation

Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board

Board Meeting

Open Minutes

Date: November 19, 2009
Call to Order: 9:10 a.m.
Location: Illinois College of Optometry
3240 S Indiana Avenue
Chicago, IL
Adjournment: 11:30 a.m.

Board Members Present: Gary G. Gray Jr., O.D., Chairperson
Michael A. Chaglasian, O.D., Vice-Chairperson
Mary Lou French, O.D., Member
Dennis Rabe, O.D., Member
Pamela A. Lowe, O.D., Secretary

Board Members Absent: None

Staff Members Present: Mark Thompson, General Counsel
Christine Gleason, Office of the General Counsel
D.R. Gordon, O.D., Optometric Coordinator
Kim Scott, Board Liaison

Guests Present: Michael Horstman, I.O.A. Executive Director
Dr. Arol Augsberger, President of ICO

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome Remarks	Dr. Gray welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board.	
Board Meeting Times	Board discussed the meeting time for Chicago and Springfield	Subsequent to discussion, the Board decided that Chicago meetings would start at 9:30 a.m. and Springfield meetings would start at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes Approval	The Board reviewed the proposed minutes for the September 24, 2009 meeting of the Board.	Dr. Rabe made a motion to approve the September 24, 2009 minutes. Dr. French 2 nd the motion. Motion passed.
Board Meeting Dates	Board discussed and reviewed the proposed meeting dates	Subsequent to review, the Board will vote on the meeting dates of July 15, 2010 in Springfield; September 17, 2010 in Springfield; November 18, 2010 at ICO; January 20, 2011 in Chicago; March 17, 2011 in Springfield and May 19, 2011 in Springfield at their January 2010 meeting.
Introduction	Mark Thompson, General Counsel and Christine Gleason, Office of the General Counsel introduced themselves.	
Licensure Statistics	Kim Scott, Board Liaison, gave the Board statistics concerning the number of licenses for Optometry.	
Orals Certification Updates	Michael Horstman, I.O.A. Executive Director, reported that he thought there were about 150 still needing TPA certification. Another course is scheduled for January 2010. Mr. Horstman explained the process of trying to contact these optometrists to inform them of the law. Mr. Scott explained what the Department plans for the 2010 renewal would be like for the TPA renewal.	

	<p>Mr. Horstman explained the Endorsement process and that some states may not qualify and that this would be a Board advisory question.</p> <p>Board discussed the Orals issues and the possible Endorsement requirement.</p>	
<p>Dr. Arol Augsburger, President I.C.O.</p>	<p>Dr. Arol Augsburger, President I.C.O., informed the Board that the Illinois College of Optometry was the oldest Optometry school in the country.</p> <p>Dr. Augsburger thanked the Board for meeting at I.C.O. and that it is always a pleasure to have them.</p> <p>I.C.O. has a 100 percent passing rate for Part III and a 98.6 percent on Part I. The overall passing of the test is above the national average. Accreditation is important to the school and they will be reviewed again this year.</p> <p>Eye Institute under Dr. Chaglasian's leadership is serving a needed function in the community as well as exposing student to adverse cases.</p> <p>Even in the down economy, I.C.O. is doing well.</p> <p>Dr. Augsburger is serving his 8th year as the president of I.C.O.</p> <p>Dr. Augsburger thanked the Board for allowing him to board on the school.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Augsburger offered a tour to members and staff who have not or would like an updated tour of the facility.</p> <p>Dr. Augsburger reviewed with the Board the school's capital plan for the future.</p> <p>Dr. Augsburger explained changes in the neighborhood which does not affect the patients at the clinic.</p> <p>50 percent of the patients at I.C.O. are on Medicaid.</p> <p>Dr. Gray thanked Dr. Augsburger for coming to the meeting and offered the Board's assistance if the school needs it.</p>	
<p>Otos Inc Action Sheet #093372</p>	<p>Board reviewed and discussed Optos Inc.'s application to become a Continuing Education Sponsor.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon reminded the Board of the requirements for a facility to become a Continuing Education Sponsor.</p>	<p>Dr. Rabe made a motion to approve Optos Inc.'s application to become a Continuing Education Sponsor. Dr. French seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>
<p>On-Line CPR Certificate</p>	<p>Dr. Gray brought up the issue concerning on-line CPR certification.</p> <p>Board discussed the issue and requirements for continuing education.</p> <p>Board discussed issue at length.</p>	<p>Subsequent to discussion, Board agreed that an individual could take the on-line course for CPR in accordance with the current Rules.</p>
<p>Optometric Coordinator Report/Update</p>	<p>Dr. Gordon updated the Board on Kiosk operation in Missouri.</p> <p>Board discussed issue at length.</p>	

	<p>Dr. Gordon advised the Board that no action is necessary.</p> <p>Dr. Gray passed a thank you card around from Dr. Eubanks family.</p>	
Investigators Report	<p>Dr. Gordon, O.D., Optometric Coordinator, advised the Board that Sal was unable to attend the meeting due to health problems with his wife.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon advised the Board that they started with 19 cases; 8 cases were open, 4 were closed and 3 cases were sent to Legal.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon updated the Board on upcoming hearings.</p> <p>Board discussed who would attend hearings and agreed to set up a schedule.</p>	
Legislative Update	<p>Dr. Gordon reported on the proposed Rules for patient records and how the proposal came about.</p> <p>Mark Thompson, General Counsel, explained that this is a proposal that the Department wanted the Board to look at.</p> <p>Mr. Thompson stated that this is a tricky issue due to the requirements contained within the Act and creates problems for the Optometrists. These Rules would clarify the requirements and the Departments authority regarding these records.</p>	

	<p>Mr. Thompson asked the Board to review the proposed Rules and to please not share with anyone beyond the Board. Board discussed the proposal and will further discuss at their January 21, 2010 meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon reported that he is trying to contact ARBO concerning some problems. The Board was reminded the January 1, 2010, Optometrist are not required to hang their Ancillary licenses.</p> <p>Michael Horstman, I.O.A. Executive Director, reported on current legislative initiatives that are being reviewed by the IOA.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman stated that it will be a down year for legislation and there is nothing pressing at this time.</p> <p>Expungement of continuing education disciplinary actions will be one issue dealt with in 2010. Mr. Horstman is working with Medical Society on the language and will be taking to the Director for review. Board discussed issue at length.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman reported that the required eye exam has been very positive and seems to be helping.</p> <p>Dr. Gray thanked Mr. Horstman.</p>	
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Adjournment		Dr. Lowe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Chaglasian seconded the motion. Motion passed.
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