

**Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation**

**Division of Professional Regulation**

**Illinois Optometric Licensing and Disciplinary Board**

**Board Meeting**

**Open Minutes**

**Date:** May 21, 2009  
**Call to Order:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Michael Bilandic Building  
Conference Room N-505  
160 N. LaSalle Street  
Chicago, Illinois  
**Adjournment:** 12:30 p.m.  
**Board Members Present:** Gary Lasken, O.D., Chairperson  
David Culver, O.D, Vice-Chairperson  
Ansel Johnson, O.D., Secretary  
Michael A. Chaglasian, O.D., Member  
Gary G. Gray, O.D., Member  
Pamela A. Lowe, O.D., Member  
**Board Members Absent:** Frank Bussone, Member  
**Staff Members Present:** D.R. Gordon, O.D. Optometric Coordinator  
Sal Segretti, Optometry Investigator  
Kim Scott, Board Liaison  
**Guests:** Michael Horstman, I.O.A. Executive Director  
Diane L. Nickolson, A.R.B.O. Executive Director  
Donovan Crouch, O.D. A.R.B.O.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>Chairman Time</b>	Dr. Lasken welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board. Dr. Lasken read a note from Board Member Frank Bussone who was unable to attend the meeting because of a previous commitment on his schedule. Dr. Lasken inquired if everyone had a chance to	

	<p>review the proposed Agenda and if there were any additions to the current Agenda. There were several additions added to the Agenda by Dr. Lasken.</p>	
<b>Minutes Approval</b>	<p>Dr. Lasken asked if the Board had reviewed the proposed minutes of the 03/20/09 meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Culver requested the minutes be amended to reflect two spelling mistakes contained within the minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Scott stated the minutes would be amended to reflect the corrections.</p>	<p>Dr. Culver made a motion that the amended minutes be approved.</p> <p>Dr. Chaglasian seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<b>Orals Certification</b>	<p>Mr. Horstman stated that there according to his records 200 Optometrists out of the currently licensed 2,000 who have not taken the required course. Mr. Horstman stated that he has a reservation for the first weekend in May for a course for those who have not taken the course if it is necessary.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman stated that he had sent the proposed Rule changes to the Endorsement language to the Division's Rules Coordinator and the Division should take care of getting them introduced.</p> <p>The Board inquired how the 2010 renewal will be processed with the Orals Certification being a requirement for renewal.</p> <p>Mr. Scott explained that it</p>	

	<p>would be handled very similar to the way the T.P.A. requirement was handled previously been handled by the Division. Each licensee has their license updated to reflect Orals Certification when proof of passage is given to the Division. Those licensees who do not have the certification upon their license will not receive a renewal.</p> <p>The Board discussed the different aspects of the renewal process and the certification at length.</p>	
<b>Optometric Investigators Report</b>	<p>Mr. Segretti reported that since his last report there are 21 active investigations, 6 new had been opened, 13 cases had been closed and there were 14 pending with Legal at this time.</p> <p>Mr. Segretti reported that all the contact lenses cases had been taken care of and were finished.</p>	The Board thanked Mr. Segretti for his time and dedication to the citizens of Illinois.
<b>A.R.B.O.</b>	<p>Dr. Crouch thanked the Board for allowing Ms. Nickolson and himself time to address the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Crouch gave the Board a brief background on A.R.B.O. and himself with special attention to the mission of A.R.B.O. as a group.</p> <p>Ms. Nickolson further explained the mission of A.R.B.O. and their benefit to the Boards of Optometry throughout the United States. Ms. Nickolson discussed the upcoming</p>	

	<p>annual meeting and how the Board could benefit from attendance at these meetings.</p> <p>Dr. Crouch discussed several changes to the national test that have been suggested to the N.B.E.O. by A.R.B.O. which are very important.</p> <p>Dr. Culver inquired how people were appointed to the Test Review Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Crouch explained the process of appointment, with Ms. Nickolson further explaining the process.</p> <p>Dr. Chaglasian asked several questions regarding the process, which Dr. Crouch and Ms. Nickolson explained for him.</p> <p>Ms. Nickolson explained how C.O.P.E. benefits the A.R.B.O. membership. Ms. Nickolson explained the C.O.P.E. course approval process for the Board and guests with an emphasis on the new C.O.P.E. guidelines. Ms. Nickolson explained that C.O.P.E. guidelines are mandatory for participation in the program unlike other programs. The Board asked several questions about C.O.P.E., which Ms. Nickolson answered for the Board.</p> <p>Ms. Nickolson explained the complaint investigative process in response to an inquiry by the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Crouch explained how</p>	
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	<p>C.O.P.E. Reviewers are selected and approved to the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon asked if the Course Presenters are ever audited by C.O.P.E. explaining that Illinois had such a process contained within the current Act. Ms. Nickolson explained the complaint process, but random audits are not conducted by C.O.P.E. at this time. Dr. Gordon further explained the audit procedures used by Illinois to Ms. Nickolson. Ms. Nickolson stated they sounded very good to her and she was taking them back to the C.O.P.E. Executive Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Gordon inquired as to what were the C.O.P.E. “referral source” restrictions currently. Ms. Nickolson explained the current referral restrictions and invited Dr. Gordon to participate in a C.O.P.E. meeting during the annual meeting he is going to attend.</p> <p>Mr. Horstman explained it is the appearance of the a conflict of interest that is the major problem. Ms. Nickolson attempted to explain the current C.O.P.E. position to the Board.</p> <p>The Board discussed the issue at length. Ms. Nickolson explained C.E. should be driven by education and not how to make a buck.</p>	
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<p><b>O.E. Tracker</b></p>	<p>Dr. Crouch the “Tracker” works and its value to the member Boards of Optometry. Mr. Crouch stated there are currently 40,000 licensed Optometrist in the U.S.A. and 32,000 are registered with the O.E. Tracker. Dr. Crouch shared with the Board the Illinois sign-on and password for the O.E. Tracker.</p> <p>Ms. Nickolson stated there are no charges to the Boards for using the O.E. Tracker. Dr. Crouch explained the workings of the program to the Board and how it could be best utilized by the member Boards.</p> <p>Dr. Crouch stated that individual Optometrists will be charged a \$20.00 fee to use O.E. Tracker beginning July 1, 2009.</p>	<p>Dr. Lasken thanked Ms. Nickolson and Dr. Crouch for attending the Board meeting to explain the O.E. Tracker and updating the Board on A.R.B.O. current operations.</p>
<p><b>Optometric Coordinator Report</b></p>	<p>Dr. Gordon reported to the Board on his current activities in the Division as Optometric Coordinator. Dr. Gordon asked the Board of what they thought should take place during an eye examination and if they charged for dilation as a separate procedure.</p> <p>The Board discussed the issue at length and came to the consensus that the practice may not be illegal, but it was not best practice.</p>	<p>The Board stated that if such offices were advertising the additional charges they should receive a visit by the Optometric Investigator.</p>
<p><b>Legislative Report</b></p>	<p>Mr. Horstman reviewed current legislation that would affect Optometry that was being considered by the Illinois General Assembly.</p>	<p>The Board thanked Mr. Horstman for his report and insight.</p>

	The Board asked several questions regarding the legislation, which Mr. Horstman answered for the Board.	
<b>C.P.T. Codes</b>	<p>Copies of the current listing of C.P.T. Codes was distributed to the Board for review.</p> <p>The Board was asked to add #99358, #99359, #65756, #76259 and #76513.</p> <p>The Board reviewed the codes and the medical reasons for the use of the code.</p> <p>It was the consensus of the Board that codes were within the scope of the practice of Optometry and should be added.</p>	<p>Dr. Culver made a motion to approve the C.P.T. Code listing as amended.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>
<b>Dr. Lasken</b>	Dr. Lasken stated this would be his last meeting and wanted everyone to know how he has enjoyed his many years of service on the Board. Dr. Johnson and Dr. Culver seconded Dr. Lasken's feelings.	
<b>Adjournment</b>		<p>At 12:00 Dr. Culver made a motion to adjourn the meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Johnson seconded the motion.</p> <p>Motion carried.</p>