

Meeting Minutes  
Iowa Board of Optometry  
July 12, 2012  
Lucas State Office Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room #526  
Des Moines, Iowa

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am by Vice Chairperson, Sharon Tharp.

**Roll Call:**

Members Present:

Sharon Tharp, OD; Carolyn Warkentin, Public Member; Charles Follett, Public Member;  
Richard Jacobson, OD; Barbara Washburn, OD; Scott Ihrke, OD; Michael Portz, OD

Staff Present:

Judy Manning, Board Executive; Julie Bussanmas, AAG; Barb Huey, Bureau Chief; Barb Christiansen, Administrative Assistant

Guests Present:

Tess Young, Iowa Academy of Ophthalmology and Gary Ellis, Iowa Optometric Association

**Review Agenda:**

**Election of Officers:**

A nomination was received from Portz for Barb Washburn to serve as Chair. A second was received from Tharp. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A nomination was received from Ihrke for Sharon Tharp to serve as Vice Chair. A second was received from Portz. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Discipline Committee needs another member - Barb Washburn will serve on this committee.

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jacobson to approve the April 5, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. A second was received from Portz. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Public Comment:**

Gary Ellis IOA, reported to members regarding dark window exemptions in the state of Iowa. Those that have dark tinted windows will be grandfathered in. Individuals must carry the exemption at all times or face a violation. Optometrists will sign off on the exemptions.

**Reports:**

Chair: Barbara Washburn reported about the ARBO meeting held in Chicago in June 2012. All Optometrists in Iowa are now therapeutically licensed. Adjustments need to be made to the rules because of this change.

Board Executive: Judy Manning welcomed Dr. Jacobson to the board. Judy reported that there were 3 licensees who could not renew their licenses because they did not meet the TPA requirements. Those individuals who were inactive have had a hold put on their licenses so they could not come back and reactivate at the DPA level.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey welcomed Dr. Jacobson. Barb gave an update on the progress of the new software system. Also a security system for the sharing of confidential information is being researched.

AAG: Julie Bussanmas gave an update on the Board Member Guidelines for 2012.

**Administrative Rules:**

Review of Licensure Chapter 180 to remove DPA language and modifying the definition of TPA to just read optometrist. Judy went over the changes to Chapter 180 that have been made. This document was in draft form, also a copy of the chapter 180, 181 and 182 changes made to the law. It will be at least a year before the code editor completes this process. Judy discussed the areas that might need to be included in the rules of the board practice chapter and not just the code. Barb Washburn questioned the endorsement section she would like a few members (rules committee) to review and clean up the chapters in question. Washburn, Tharp, and Jacobson will serve on the rules committee. The committee will review the rules prior to the next scheduled meeting and provide suggested changes to Judy for the Board to review.

**New Business:**

Barb Washburn gave a report about attending the ARBO meeting. A handout of the report was distributed to members. Barb presented several projects that other states are researching. Barb passed around a pair of glasses that corrects myopia. There are dials on each side of the glasses and the individual would dial until the vision is clear. Julie felt that these glasses need to be regulated by the FDA and not at the state level.

Petition for Waiver: John McCall – asking to waive licensure. Dr. McCall has now provided an application to the board office. The waiver will not be reviewed.

Letter from AK State Board of Optometry: This was just information for the board to review and no response necessary.

**Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Warkentin to enter into closed session at 11:52am to discuss confidential material related to applications and complaints according to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1) a and d. A second was received from Ihrke. Roll Call taken: Jacobson – aye; Washburn – aye; Warkentin – aye; Follett – aye; Tharp – aye; Portz – aye; Ihrke – aye. Motion carried.

Board returned to open session at 12:24pm.

**Follow-up from Closed Session:**

A motion was made by Tharp to close Case # 12-001. A second was received from Ihrke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Follett to close Case #12-002. A second was received from Ihrke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Portz to close Case #12-003. A second was received from Ihrke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Washburn to proceed with order on Case #10-004 as discussed in closed session. A second was received from Jacobson. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Warkentin to close Case #11-004. A second was received from Portz. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

**Next Meeting:**

Next meeting is October 4, 2012

**Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn Tharp/Follett at 12:28pm