Iowa Board of Optometry
Meeting Minutes
July 8, 2010

Call to Order:
A meeting of the Iowa Board of Optometry was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on July 8, 2010. The meeting was held in the Professional Licensure Board Room, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa

Roll Call:
Dr. Michael Ohlson, Dr. Barbara Washburn, Dr. Terry Brown, Dr. Jeffrey Foreman, Dr. Sharon Tharp, and Carolyn Warkentin

Members Absent: Charles Follett

Staff Present:
Judy Manning (board executive), Karla Hoover (office secretary), Julie Busanmas (AAG)

Public Present:
Chris Halsten (Iowa Optometric Association)

Election of Officers:

Chair: Motion was made by Dr. Brown and seconded by Carolyn Warkentin nominating Dr. Michael Ohlson for Chair for 2010-2011 year. Motion passed unanimously.
Vice Chair: Motion was made by Dr. Brown and seconded by Carolyn Warkentin nominating Dr. Jeff Foreman for Vice-Chair for 2010-2011 year. Motion passed unanimously.
Secretary: Motion made and seconded nominating Dr. Barbara Washburn for Secretary for 2010-2011 year. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee appointments by board chair:

<u>Discipline Committee</u>
Dr. Mike Ohlson
Carolyn Warkentin
Dr. Terry Brown

<u>Licensure Committee</u>
Dr. Barbara Washburn
Carolyn Warkentin
Dr. Terry Brown

<u>Contemporary Issues Committee</u>:
Dr. Mike Ohlson
Dr. Jeff Foreman
Dr. Sharon Tharp

Approval of Minutes:
A motion to approve the April 8, 2010 minutes was made by Dr. Barb Washburn and seconded by Carolyn Warkentin. Motion carried unanimously.

Reports
Chair: Dr. Michael Ohlson provided a summary of the annual meeting at ARBO. There was additional discussion on the following points: NBEO had a problem with piracy of its national test so the 2010 scores were held on to and just recently released. Injections will be part of national testing in the near future. David Swankin spoke about maintenance of licensure. All associations of Board Certifications- ABCMO, ABCO, COVD and ABO were asked to attend the meeting. Former Board member Christopher Olson is now reviewing residency programs. AOA would like COPE to follow ICE guidelines instead of rules so companies can more easily sponsor continuing education.

Board Executive: Judy Manning welcomed Dr. Sharon Tharp to the Board. Our new public member Chuck Follett could not attend today. Judy informed us that on July 1, 2010 two new laws were passed; one concerning the requirement that all optometrists will be TPA certified by July 1, 2012. She also let us know that there have been many early retirements in the Professional Licensure Board this past year. These posts may be filled in the near future.

AAG: Julie Busanmas – Julie informed us that our AAG, Emily Kimes-Schwiesow, has resigned and a new AAG will be working with us next meeting. Julie highlighted points on the Guidelines for Board Members handout and briefly reviewed Policy Statement by Professional Licensing Boards document which was discussed at the last meeting.

Administrative Rules:
Review of Chapter 182.4 – Discussion will be tabled until next meeting

Adopt Changes to Chapter 4.11 – Audit of Continuing Education
A motion was made by Dr. Terry Brown to adopt the changes to Chapter 4.11 regarding audits of continuing education. Motion seconded by Dr. Barbara Washburn. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:
Letter from Annette Hanian, OD from the Arizona Optometric Association – Arizona is planning to run a full scope pharmaceutical bill in their next legislative session. Dr. Hanian would like our board to provide a letter advocating full scope pharmaceutical privileges for optometrists since Iowa citizens have not been harmed by their use. Judy Manning and Julie Busanmas did not feel a letter from our Board would be appropriate. We should not be advocating law changes in another state.

Letter from American Board of Clinical Optometry – The letter was noted.

Old Business:
Advertising as "Board Certified – There was an e-mail from Jay Wood asking for clarification of the term "Board Certified" when advertising. Our AAG, Julie Busanmas informed us that term "board certified" indicates to the general public that the doctor is someone who has gone above and beyond standard licensure for their profession. The term indicates a specialization. The NBEO examination which is used for initial licensure by all optometrists is not going above and beyond and is not what the public would perceive as "board certified". An optometrist should not use the term board certified if this is in reference to the NBEO examination. If an optometrist is board certified, they should indicate on their advertisement their specialty as well as the board who certified them eg. Board certified in vision therapy by COVD.

Closed Session:
Dr. Terry Brown made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Chapter 21.5(1)"d" at 11:05 a.m. Motion was seconded by Dr. Sharon Tharp.

Roll Call: Dr. Michael Ohlson, aye; Dr. Terry Brown, aye; Dr. Barbara Washburn, aye; Dr. Jeffrey Foreman, aye; Sharon Tharp aye; and Carolyn Warkentin, aye.

A motion to return to open session was made at 11:20 a.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Motions
10-001 Dr. Terry Brown made a motion to close. Dr. Sharon Tharp seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
04-005 Dr. Terry Brown made a motion to terminate the probation and return to active licensure. Dr. Jeff Foreman seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting:
The next board meeting will be held on October 7, 2010.

Adjournment:
Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Sharon Tharp and seconded by Carolyn Warkentin. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Barbara Washburn, O.D.