Conference Call Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
April 4, 2013
Origination Site: Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, IA

An electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Optometry was held on April 4, 2013. The meeting was held in accordance with section 21.8 of the Code of Iowa entitled "Electronic Meetings". The Code states that a government body may conduct a meeting by electronic means only if circumstances are such that a meeting in person is impossible or impractical, and if the governmental body complies with the provisions of section 21.8.

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by Barbara Washburn, Chairperson.

Roll Call:
Barbara Washburn, OD; Sharon Tharp, OD; Carolyn Warkentin, Public Member; Scott Ihrke, OD; Michael Portz, OD; Charles Follett, Public Member

Absent:
Richard Jacobson, OD

Review Agenda:

Approval of Minutes:
A motion was made to approve the meeting minutes of January 3, 2013 as corrected. Portz/Follett. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Public Comment: None

Reports:
Chair – reported on punctal plugs with medication in them. Would need rules written to be able to use these. Trying to develop heads up displays for contacts and glasses. Safety issues would be with the DOT. These are glasses with a mapping display in them.

Board Executive Judy Manning reported that Dr. Thomas Hayden and Tamie Stahl will be the new board members replacing Dr. Sharon Tharp and Charles Follett; they will begin serving their first term on May 1, 2013. Judy reported that $900 membership dues to belong to ARBO have been paid for January 1 thru December 31, 2013.

Bureau Chief Barb Huey – No Report

AAG Julie Bussanmas – No Report

New Business:
OE Tracker report – registers and categorizes all continuing education. All of medical world is interested in this tracking process. OE Tracker has developed a QR square for COPE approved courses for smart phone owners. State boards can use the OE tracker for continuing education auditing. Courses such as CPR and mandatory reporting can be loaded on the tracker system.

ARBO Annual Meeting: The ARBO Annual Meeting will be held in June in San Diego, CA. Dr. Mike Portz will attend on behalf of the board.

Letter from Diopsys: The Board discussed the use of Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) and Electroretinography (ERG) testing by Iowa licensed optometrists. The Board felt that Iowa Code Chapter 154.1(a) allows optometrists to employ any means other than the use of drugs, medicine, or surgery for the measurement of visual power and visual efficiency of the human eye and therefore felt the use of VEP and ERG testing are within the scope of practice for optometrists in the State of Iowa.

Administrative Rules:
A public hearing will be held on April 23rd to allow for public comment on the notice of intended action ARC 0680C that revises Chapters 180, 181, and 182. Public comment, if any, will be provided at the July board meeting and the Board will determine if the rules are ready to adopt at that meeting.

A motion was made by Portz to go into closed session at 10:35 am 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: Washburn – aye; Tharp – aye; Warkentin – aye; Portz- aye; Ihrke – aye; Follett – aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Follett to return to open session at 10:55am. A second was received from Ihrke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Follow up from Closed Session:
A motion was made by Follett to deny the request for reactivation and exemption of continuing education for case # 10-004. A second was received from Ihrke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ihrke to accept the Statement of Charges for case #10-004. A second was received from Portz. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Portz to close case #12-005. A second was made by Warkentin. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Ihrke to close case #12-006. A second was received from Follett. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Portz to close case #13-001. A second was received from Follett. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

A motion was made by Follett to close case #13-002. 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 Follett. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Next board meeting
July 11, 2013 - Hearing scheduled at 10am
October 3, 2013

Adjournment:
A motion was made by Follett to adjourn the meeting at 11:00am. A second was received from Warkentin. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.