

Conference Call Meeting Minutes
IOWA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

January 3, 2013

Origination Site: Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

An electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Optometry was held on January 3, 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 10:00 am by Dr. Washburn, Chair

Roll Call:

Members Present:

Dr. Barb Washburn, Dr. Scott Ihrke, Dr. Michael Portz, Dr. Sharon Tharp, Carolyn Warkentin, and Charles Follett

Members Absent:

Dr. Richard Jacobson

Staff Present:

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

Guests Present:

Gary Ellis, Iowa Optometric Association and Sandy Jaques, Ophthalmology Society

Approval of Minutes

Motion made by Scott Ihrke to approve the meeting minutes of October 4th as amended, 2nd by Carolyn. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Public Comment:

Gary – legislative session starts in less than two weeks. Obama Care and health care reform will be watched closely.

Reports

Chair – no report

Judy sent an e-mail that was received from ARBO regarding a policy statement from the North Carolina Board and asked if board members want to discuss at the next meeting. The Board did not express an interest at this time.

Barb: No report. At the next face to face meeting a board analysis cost by board will be available for members to review and discuss.

AAG: No report

New Business:

Letter from Dr. Kortenber – Dr. Kortenber failed to renew his Optometry license by the expiration date of June 30, 2012 and did not reactivate his license until October 9th. He is requesting that the board retroactively renew his license. Julie explained to the board members that Iowa law requires that a licensee renew their license prior to the end of the expiration date and there is no procedure to renew a license retroactively. Judy will send a letter to Dr. Kortenber and let him know the board has no authority to retroactively renew his license.

Administrative Rules:

Chapters 180, 181 and 182. The changes that were discussed at the last meeting have now been updated and Judy reviewed the changes with the members. The board gives consensus to notice these rules, schedule a time for public comment, and then bring back to the board for adoption.

Complaints:

Motion to enter into closed session at 10:18am Portz/Follett. Roll call taken: Washburn, aye; Warkentin, aye; Follett, aye; Tharp, aye; Portz, aye; and Ihrke, aye. Motion carried.

Motion to return to open session at 10:58 am Warkentin/Ihrke. All ayes, opposed none, motion carried.

Motion to close 12-007 Washburn/Ihrke. Motion carried.

Motion to close 12-008 with a cease and desist letter Portz/Washburn. Tharp is recused from this case. Motion carried.

Motion to close 12-009 Washburn/Ihrke. Motion carried.

Motion to close 12-004 Portz/Ihrke. Motion carried.

Next board meeting will be held on April 4th.

Motion to adjourn at 11:07 am Washburn/Warkentin. Motion carried.