

**Iowa Board of Optometry
CONFERENCE CALL
Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2011
10:00 a.m.**

**Originating Site: Lucas State Office Bldg, Conference Room 526
Des Moines Iowa 50319**

An electronic meeting of the Iowa Board of Optometry was held on January 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in the Professional Licensure Board Room, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa. 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:

A conference call meeting of the Iowa Board of Optometry was called to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Professional Licensure Board Room, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa.

Roll Call:

Michael Ohlson, OD; Barbara Washburn, OD; Jeffrey Foreman, OD; Sharon Tharp, OD; Charles Follett; and Carolyn Warkentin

Member Absent: Terry Brown, O.D.

Staff Present:

Judy Manning (Board Executive), Karla Hoover (Office Secretary), September Lau, (AAG) and Barb Huey (Bureau Chief)

Public Present: Jill Gonder (Iowa Optometric Association)

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the October 7, 2010 minutes was made by Chuck Follett and seconded by Dr. Jeff Foreman. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment: Ms. Gonder informed us that the IOA is continuing discussions with WPS concerning disputed procedural codes. There are still four codes which are under discussion. It is hoped that a resolution will be reached soon.

Reports

Chair: Dr. Michael Ohlson - No report

Board Executive: Judy Manning –The request for the 2011 annual membership dues for ARBO has been received and submitted for payment. These dues cover ARBO activities such as OE

tracker, national board review committee, etc. The next ARBO meeting is in Salt Lake City in June. Ms. Manning does not know if Bureau money will be available to help defray the cost for an Iowa Board member to attend this meeting.

Judy Manning introduced Barb Huey, the new Bureau Chief to our committee. Ms. Huey took on this post in July 2010 when Eileen Gloor retired. Ms. Huey informed us that she has worked for the Public Health Department and at the county and state levels for many years. At this time, one of the major undertakings at the Bureau is the conversion to the new software system - "AMANDA". AMANDA is in its second phase of testing. AMANDA should help centralize information and reduce the amount of information stored on paper. It will be used for new license applications as well as renewals, etc. AMANDA should be fully operational in approximately 15 months. Ms. Huey also informed us that a new executive officer has been hired to work with the AMANDA project as well as working with several professional Boards.

AAG: September Lau – No Report

Administrative Rules:

It was the consensus of the Board to notice changes to Chapter 4.3(5) as follows:
Board meetings shall be governed in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21, ~~and the board's proceedings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.~~

New Business:

NBEO Injections Survey: This survey was received in October 2010. The NBEO wanted to know if Iowa would require new licensees to submit proof of passing the NBEO injections skills test. They also wanted to know if we anticipated the requirement that all existing licensees pass this NBEO injections skills test within the next 5 years. Dr. Ohlson explained that our current laws allow the administration of injections by optometrists for anaphylactic reactions only. Since the injection test is part of the NBEO and since new licensees need to pass the NBEO test to obtain a license in Iowa then, yes, they will need to complete that part of the NBEO test. There is no need to change the administrative rules. As for current licensees, since all licensed optometrists passed the NBEO as a condition of getting their license, they will not need to retake the new NBEO examination to maintain their license.

Closed Session:

Dr. Barb Washburn made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Chapter 21.5(1)"d" at 10:20 a.m. Motion was seconded by Chuck Follett.

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

Dr. Jeff Foreman made a motion to return to open session at 10:50a.m. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Warkentin. Motion carried unanimously.

Action taken as a result of closed session

10-003 - A motion to close this case was made by Dr. Michael Ohlson and seconded by Carolyn Warkentin. Motion carried unanimously.

10-004 - A motion to close this case was made by Dr. Michael Ohlson and seconded by Dr. Jeff Foreman. Motion carried unanimously.

10-005 – A motion to close this case was made by Dr. Michel Ohlson and seconded by Chuck Follett. Motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting:

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on April 7, 2011.

Future Meetings:

July 7, 2011

October 6, 2011

Adjournment: Dr. Barb Washburn, O.D. made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:54 a.m. Motion was seconded by Dr. Jeff Foreman, O.D. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Washburn, O.D.