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Meeting Minutes

IOWA BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

October 6, 2011
Lucas State Office Building, 5th Floor Conference Room #526
Des Moines, Iowa

Call to Order:
A meeting of the Iowa Board of Optometry was called to order at 10:04 a.m. on October 6, 2011. The meeting was held via conference call and in the Professional Licensure Board Room, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa

Roll Call:
Conference Call: Scott Ihrke, O.D., Michael Olson, O.D., Michael Portz, O.D., Sharon Tharp, O.D., Carolyn Warkentin, and Barb Washburn, O.D.

Members Absent: Chuck Follett

Staff Present:
Judy Manning (Board Executive), Barb Huey (Bureau Chief), Karla Hoover (Office Secretary), Barb Christiansen (IDPH) and Julie Bussanmas (AAG)

Public Present: Gary Ellis (~~A~~ IOA),

Approval of Minutes:
A motion to approve the July 7, 2011 minutes was made by Dr. Scott Ihrke and seconded by Dr. Michael Portz. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:
Gary Ellis, Iowa Optometric Association – The IOA is preparing to clarify the language of the optometry practice act. This will be presented in January 2012. If the board would like to read this statement before January, we should contact Mr. Ellis.

Mr. Ellis also informed us that WPS continues to question whether optometrists can use certain codes. WPS is denying the payment for VEP claiming optometrists cannot use this piece of diagnostic equipment because optometrists cannot treat. This topic will be placed on our agenda for the next meeting.

Reports
Chair: Dr. Michael Ohlson discussed some of the latest national optometric news. In June, the AOA directed the ACOE to study methods to expand its scope from accreditation of colleges and residencies to include the accreditation of continuing education providers, i.e. the American Academy of Optometry, SECO, Optometry's Meeting (AOA), AOA state affiliates, regional meetings, etc. This change would not impact Iowa directly due to the nature of our Code and rules. However, this contrasts with the current COPE process of individual course review for bias, course content review, standards of commercial support of optometric CE, on-site review, etc. The Senate Finance Committee has been harshly critical of medicine's provider

accreditation system (ACCME) for its CME, citing the lack of content review for commercial bias, the lack of on-site review, and the potential delay of correction for non-compliance to standards by the provider for up to nine years. The Iowa Board of Optometry should continue to monitor the situation as multiple jurisdictions utilize COPE for CE accreditation.

Board Executive: Judy Manning announced that Dr. Michael Olson's last meeting will be on April 3, 2012. Dr. Olson has served three (three year) terms. Dr. Barb Washburn will be finishing her second term in April and should notify the governor's office if she would like to serve another term.

Mrs. Manning also informed us that the decision to hold a conference call is determined two weeks before the meeting. This decision is based on the extent of topics on the agenda and in some instances the weather. Conference calls are more time effective and less costly when there is little on the agenda. Dr. Michael Portz pointed out that face to face meetings allow better discussions then conference calls and would be his preference.

Bureau Chief: Barb Huey- No report

AAG: Julie Bussanmas - No report

Closed Session:
Dr. Michael Portz made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Chapter 21.5(1)"d" at 10;29 a.m. Motion was seconded by Dr. Michael Olson. Motion carried.

Roll Call Vote: Dr. Scott Ihrke, aye; Dr. Michael Olson, aye; Dr. Michael Portz, aye; Dr. Sharon Tharp, aye; Carolyn Warkentin, aye; and Dr. Barb Washburn, aye.

Dr. Barb Washburn made a motion to return to open session at ~~12:02 p.m.~~ 10:40 a.m. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Warkentin. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to terminate the following case was made by Dr. Michael Olson and seconded by Dr. Sharon Tharp.

06-004 Closed

Next Meeting:
The next board meeting will be held on January 5, 2012.

Future Meetings:
April 5, 2012
July 12, 2012
October 4, 2012

Adjournment: A motion was made by Michael Portz and seconded by Scott Ihrke to adjourn at 10:44pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted

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Barbara Washburn, O.D.