

MINUTES

**UTAH
Optometrist Licensing Board
MEETING**

August 11, 2010

**Room 475 – 4th Floor – 9:00 a.m.
Heber Wells Building
Salt Lake City, UT 84111**

CONVENED: 9:13 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 11:07 a.m.

Bureau Manager:

Clyde Ormond

Board Secretary:

Jacky Adams

Board Members Present:

Jeffrey H Seeholzer, OD - Chairperson
Russell W Purdy, OD
Lanny DuClous, OD
Scott Peterson, OD
Wendy D Gibbs

Board Members Absent:

Michael L Cohen, OD
Dee Zarkos

Guests:

Annette Mahler, Utah Ophthalmology Board
Clive Watson, Utah Optometric Association

DOPL Staff Present:

Tom Harper – Program Manager

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Welcome Mr. Lanny DuClos OD, Scott Peterson OD, and Dee Zarkos as new Board Members

Mr. Ormond issued the Oath of Office to Dr. DuClos and Dr. Peterson and welcomed them to the Board.

Election of 2010-2011 Board Chairperson

Dr. Seeholzer seconded by Dr. Peterson made a motion to elect Dr. Purdy as the 2010-2011 Board Chairperson. Dr. Purdy declined, and nominated Dr. Seeholzer as the 2010-2011 Chairperson Dr. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Board Training

Mr. Ormond conducted a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the Duties and Responsibilities of a Board Member.

Approval of the May 6, 2009 Board Meeting
Minutes

Dr. Purdy seconded by Ms. Gibbs made a motion to approve the May 6, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

HB 28 Controlled Substance Database
Amendments

Mr. Ormond explained House Bill 28 amended Title 58 Chapter 37f to require any individual, other than a veterinarian, who is licensed to prescribe a controlled substance, who is applying for a license, or who is renewing a license, to register to use the database and to take a tutorial and pass a test relating to the database and the prescribing of a controlled substance.”

Mr. Harper then conducted an extensive tutorial of the Controlled Substance Database. Where it was clarified:

1. the Division anticipates utilization of the Database to reduce the number of unintentional and undetermined drug related deaths, in Utah.
2. All medical facilities and pharmacies in Utah report to the Database, except for Military, and Federal Hospitals.

It was further explained, the Database is a quick effective tool for Doctors to utilize which will protect public safety. Mr. Harper strongly recommended for the Utah Optometric Association assist licenses with implementing Standards of practice in this area.

ARBO 2011 Conference

The Division has been notified the 2011 ARBO Conference will be held in Utah. Mr. Ormond questioned what role the Division will have at the Conference.

After a brief discussion it was determined Mr. Ormond will contact ARBO for guidance.

AOS – Certification

Dr. Seeholzer reviewed a letter from the AOS (American Optometric Society) which was received by the Division on August 10, 2010. The letter reflects the AOS’s opinion that the use of AOA (American Optometric Association) / ABO (American Board of Optometry) definition of “Board Certification” to mean “A voluntary process that establishes standards that denotes that a doctor of optometry has exceeded the requirement(s) necessary for licensure. It provides the assurance that a doctor of optometry maintains the appropriate knowledge skills and experience needed to deliver continuing quality patient care in optometry”, is “misleading and deceptive to the public”.

After a detailed discussion Mr. Ormond will research Title 58 Chapter 16a to determine if Optometrists may represent

themselves as “Board Certified”. It was then determined to table this issue until clear definitions have been established.

As an FYI, Mr. Ormond then explained the Division may be proposing a Bill at the 2011 Legislative session, which will allow fine authority, as a disciplinary action for all of the Division’s professions.

ADJOURN:

11:07 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

February 9, 2011

(ss) Jeffrey H. Seeholzer, OD

Date Approved

Chairperson, Optometrist Licensing Board

February 9, 2011

(ss) Clyde Ormond

Date Approved

Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing