

MINUTES

**UTAH
Optometrist Licensing Board
MEETING**

August 8, 2012

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

CONVENED: 9:03 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 09:45

Bureau Manager:

April Ellis

Board Secretary:

Yvonne King

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

Dee Zarkos

Guests:

Clive Watson, UOA
Annette Mahler, UOS

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approval of the February 8, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes.

Dr. Duclous seconded by Dr. Peterson made a motion to approve the February 8, 2012, Board Meeting Minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Nomination for Chair

Dr. Purdy, seconded by Ms. Gibbs made a motion to nominate Dr. Peterson for Board Chair. Dr. Peterson, seconded by Dr. DuClous, made a motion to nominate Dr. White for Board Chair. Four members voted for Dr. Peterson, and Dr. Peterson voted for Dr. White. The motion carried for Dr. Peterson to be the new Board Chair.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

Mark Steinagel

Mr. Steinagel introduced Ms. Ellis as the new Bureau

Manager for Bureau Six.

Mr. Steinagel also explained a letter that went out to Optometrists regarding the dispensing of drugs for prescribers and pharmacists. The purpose of the letter was to make the pharmacist and prescribers aware that if they are dispensing drugs, they are to notify the Division.

Mr. Steinagel then explained that he did not think this that the notification requirement pertained to the Optometrist profession but would look into it.

Four Hour CEU Requirement/Controlled Substance

Ms. Ellis stated that the new four hour continuing education requirement with respect to control substance does not go into affect until the next renewal cycle. Ms. Ellis then stated that the only way around that was a statutory change.

Dr. Seeholzer asked if the online class in conjunction with the renewal counted towards the continuing education requirement with respect to controlled substance. Ms. Ellis stated that she believed it would count for half an hour.

Mr. Watson stated that he would look into incorporating the new continuing education requirement for control substance into their education program to fulfill the change.

It was noted that the continuing education taught by the Division was severely over-booked. Ms. Ellis stated that she would talk with Tom Harper, program manager to see if they could schedule more classes.

Micro Currents for Macular Degeneration

Dr. Purdy stated he received notice that a doctor was advertising treatment for macular degeneration, using micro-currents and claimed a 90% success rate but with no real proof that it worked.

Dr. Purdy's concerned was if this is a legal procedure or are these false claims.

The Board believes there was nothing illegal with the procedure at this time.

Board Certification

Dr. Seeholzer discussed a press release regarding a ruling in favor of the American Board of Optometry, (ABO) for the need of Optometric Board Certification.

Dr. Seeholzer stated that he did not know how this will impact the state licensing.

CORRESPONDENCE

NBEO Ethics Policy

This was reviewed with no action taken.

ADJOURN:

09:45

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.

Date Approved (ss)
Chairperson, Optometrist Licensing Board

Date Approved (ss)
Bureau Manager, Division of Occupational & Professional Licensing

Awaiting Approval