

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
National Life Building, North, FL 2, Montpelier, Vermont
Approved Minutes
Meeting of March 31, 2010

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:27 A.M.

Members participating: Jon D. Eriksson, O.D. Chairman; Lois M. Shiozawa, O.D.; Daniel M. DaPolito, O.D. and Bonnie Liberty.

OPR Staff present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel and Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant. Carla Preston, Unit Administrator, participated by phone.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the September 30th meeting. Dr. DaPolito made a motion, seconded by Dr. Shiozawa, to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2009 meeting as written. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Reports

Ms. Preston informed the Board that the Office of Professional Regulation (OPR) has recently gone live with online renewals. This means that for the next renewal, which is due by July 31, 2010, optometrists will be able to renew their licenses online and pay by credit card.

Ms Preston explained that the licensee would be sent notification by mail informing them of the online renewal process. The notification will include a User Id and Password that the licensee will utilize to access their renewal online. The licensee will answer all of the questions and pay the appropriate fee. The following business day the renewal clerk at OPR will print the updated certificates and mail them to the licensee.

The Board felt that two check boxes would need to be present within the online renewal. One box would allow licensees to attest that they have completed the continuing education requirements while the other box would allow them to attest that they have maintained current CPR certification as required.

The Board will perform a random audit following the renewal. They discussed auditing 20% of the licensees. The Board also discussed the possibility of having a continuing education record available that licensees would maintain in the event that they are selected for the random audit.

OPR will work on building a test renewal that one of the professional members can try at the next Board meeting.

4. Hearings/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigations

2009-280 – The Board Reviewed the Report of Concluded Investigation. Dr. Eriksson made a motion, seconded by Dr. Shiozawa, to accept the Investigative Team's recommendation and conclude the case without formal prosecution. Motion passed. Dr. DaPolito, Investigating Member, did not participate in the vote.

5. Legislation/Rules

The Board started to discuss proposed changes to 26 V.S.A. §1719(b)(3)(A). The Board decided it would be best to table this discussion until the next meeting.

6. Licensing

Dr. Eriksson made a motion, seconded by Dr. DaPolito, to approve the following applicants for licensure as Optometrists with endorsements for Therapeutic Pharmaceutical Agents, Diagnostic Pharmaceutical Agents and Glaucoma/Pharmaceutical (Act 108) Endorsement pending receipt of the original copy of his licensure verification. Motion passed unanimously.

David M. Nigh, O.D.

Nathan L. Stocke, O.D.

7. Newsletter topics

The Board is hoping to have a newsletter ready to be mailed out around the same time as the renewal. Topics to include are: continuing education requirements and OPR Bill changes.

8. Correspondence

The Board reviewed the information from Dr. Richard Leven concerning his co-management of five new glaucoma patients. Dr. Leven submitted the names of eight patients, seven of whom were acceptable. Based on the information submitted, the Board found that Dr. Leven had met the requirements and may treat glaucoma patients independently

9. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, Inc. - Correspondence

10. Public Comment

11. Other Business Introduced by the Board

12. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 8:30 AM.

13. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kemp, Administrative Assistant
Office of Professional Regulation