

**Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
Unapproved Minutes
October 31, 2007**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Members present: Jon Eriksson, O.D. Chairman; Lois Shiozawa, O.D.; Daniel Dapolito, O.D.; and Joyce Zampieri.

OPR Staff: Larry S. Novins, Board Counsel; Carla Preston, Unit Administrator; and Kara Shangraw, Administrative Assistant.

2. The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the May 23rd meeting. Dr. Dapolito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Zampieri, to approve the Minutes of the May 23, 2007 meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

3. **Reports**

The Board reviewed documents submitted from the licensees who needed additional information resulting from the audit of their continuing education and glaucoma management. Ms. Preston will send letters to the optometrists who need additional information or further clarification.

4. **Hearings/Stipulations**

5. **Legislation/Rules**

6. **Complaints**

7. **Licensing**

8. **Newsletter topics**

9. **Correspondence**

- a. The Board reviewed the August 1, 2007 and September 5, 2007 letters from Dr. Steven St. Marie requesting certain drugs be added to the formulary. Mr. Novins provided a copy of the "Protocols for Annual Review of Optometry Formulary," which outlined the process for adding drugs to the formulary. The Board approved the addition of Minocycline to the formulary. The Board would like Dr. St. Marie to provide particular incidents or scenarios that would justify the addition of Erythromycin. The Board did not recommend the addition of Hydrocortisone products, Schedule III drugs.

Correspondence—Continued

The Board feels that these drugs are not sufficient ly utilized in optometrists' practices to justify their addition to the formulary. Dr. St. Pierre will be notified of the Board's findings. The Board will hold a conference call meeting to discuss his response if deemed necessary.

- b. The Board reviewed and noted the September 10, 2007 letter from the Board of Pharmacy regarding "Self Prescribing & Pre scribing for Family Members."
- c. The Board reviewed the October 15, 2007 letter from Dr. Stephen Feltus, President of the Vermont Optometric Society. The Society suggested uniform licensure and asked the Board if it was being considered. The Board discussed the matter but concluded that there was not a clear need for it at this time. Dr. Feltus will be notified of the Board's position.
- d. The Board reviewed and noted the miscellaneous correspondence.

10. Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, Inc. Correspondence

The Board reviewed and noted the "Green Sheet" from ARBO.

11. American Optometric Association Correspondence

12. National Board of Examiners in Optometry Correspondence

13. Public Comment

14. Other Business

The Board held an election of officers which resulted as follows:

Dr. Jon Eriksson, re-elected as Chair
Dr. Lois Shiozawa, Vice-Chair
Dr. Daniel Dapolito, Secretary

15. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kara Shangraw
Administrative Assistant