

Vermont Secretary of State
Office of Professional Regulation
BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
89 Main St, 3rd Fl, Montpelier, VT 05620-3402
Approved Minutes
Meeting of October 16, 2013

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 A.M.

Board Members Present: Jon Eriksson, OD, Chair; Daniel M. DaPolito, OD, Vice Chair; Bonnie Liberty, Public Member, Secretary; Albert Pristaw, OD; and Jean Peterson, Public Member

OPR Staff present: Larry Novins, Board Counsel; Aprille Morrison, Licensing Board Specialist; and Ronald Klein, Executive Officer.

2. **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair called for approval of the Minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting. Dr. DaPolito made a motion, seconded by Ms. Liberty, to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013 meeting as presented. Motion passed.

3. **Budget Discussion**

Chris Winters, Director of the Office of Professional Regulation, presented the Optometry Board with their 2014 budget. The Office's recommendation at this time is to decrease Optometrist renewal fees as the Board now has a significant budget surplus. Dr. Dapolito made a motion to reduce biennial renewal license fees by \$100.00 for the July 2014 renewal cycle. Dr. Eriksson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

All other fees will remain the same.

4. **Hearing/Stipulations/Reports of Concluded Investigations et al:**

9:15 am – Stipulation and Consent Order in the matter of Michael Taub, docket numbers 2012-704 and 2013-327. Dr. Eriksson made a motion to accept the stipulation and consent order as presented. Ms. Peterson seconded the motion. Dr. DaPolito did not participate in the vote as he was the Investigative Team member. Motion passed.

5. **Discussion of Application Approval Process**

Dr. Pristaw addressed the board regarding the current approval process for applicants for licensure as an Optometrist in Vermont. Dr. Pristaw will prepare a written report for Board members to review at the January 29, 2014 meeting, with his concerns and suggestions for changes in the applicant approval process.

6. **Formal Application Approval**

Dr. DaPolito made a motion to formally approve the following applicants for licensure in Vermont. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eriksson. Motion passed.

Christopher Nisbet – Examination
Marques Bostic – Endorsement
Rebecca Barcelow

Joel Tuite – Endorsement
Nicholas Pittman – Examination

7. **Continuing Education Request for approval**

Dr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the American Academy of Optometry's request for seven (7) hours of continuing Optometric education for the course "Seattle 2013 – Scientific Program" to be held October 23 thru October 26, 2013. Dr. Pristaw seconded the motion. Motion passed.

8. **Legislation/Rule Making**

The new Administrative Rules were passed into Law in early September and are posted on the Vermont website. Mr. Klein wanted to remind the Optometry Board that anyone currently holding a DEA registration is required to register with the Vermont Prescription Monitoring System (VPMS) no later than November 15th. A letter was previously sent out to all licensees by the Office of Professional Regulation.

9. **Discussion Items**

Scope of Practice Questions – Ronald Klein. Mr. Klein presented the Board with two scope of practice questions that he had received from the public. Mr. Novins informed the Board that they do not have the authority to answer specific practice questions. Mr. Klein will respond to the questions.

Letter from Amy Tseng re: CPT Code 65778. Mr. Klein will respond to Ms. Tseng's questions.

E-Mail from AOA House of Delegates resolution and motion regarding optometric continuing education. This was an FYI for the Board.

Mr. Klein informed the Board that the Office is trying to schedule a Board member retreat the first week of December. Once a date has been specified Ms. Morrison or Mr. Klein will be in touch with the members.

10. **Election of Officers**

Dr. Pristaw made a motion for Dr. Eriksson to remain Chair, Dr. DaPolito to remain Vice-Chair and Ms. Liberty to remain Secretary. Dr. DaPolito seconded the motion. Motion passed.

11. **Meeting Schedule**

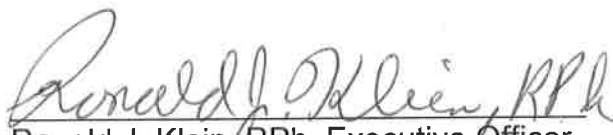
The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 8:30 am. The following dates have been approved by the Board for 2014 meeting dates, March 19, June 18 and October 15.

12. **Adjournment**

Dr. Eriksson adjourned the meeting at 10:29 am.



Bonnie Liberty, Secretary
Vermont Board of Optometry



Ronald J. Klein, RPh, Executive Officer
Vermont Board of Optometry