



COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRISTS OF BC

Board Meeting Minutes April 18, 2010
Approved July 26, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present:

Dr. Gerald S. Komarnicky, Chair
Dr. Dale Dergousoff, Inquiry Committee Chair
Dr. Mario Pozza, Registration Committee Chair
Dr. Michael Dennis, Discipline Committee Chair
Dr. Murray Hurlbert
Mr. David MacPherson, Public Member
Ms. Barbara Buchanan, Public member
Dr. Lawrence MacAulay, Registrar
Dr. Bart McRoberts, Deputy Registrar
Stanka Jovicevic, CAO/Assistant to the Registrar

Absent:

Dr. Rebecca Counts, Quality Assurance Chair
Mr. Thomas Beasley, Public Member, Patient Committee Chair

Guests:

Dr. Rick Orgain from ARBO
BCAO, Dr. Antoinette Dumalo, Dr. Paul Neumann, Dr. John Kemp

- Dr. G. Komarnicky, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00am.
- A quorum was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.
- Chair reminded the Board members that special rules were adopted that limit discussion to 3 minutes per person during the first round of debate and to 2 minutes per person during the second round.
- Duty of the College is to be fair, objective, unbiased and transparent in all of our considerations. We make policies to serve the regulatory functions of the College and act in the public interest. The Board works in courteous spirit and majority prevails, we speak with one voice and all discussions are directed towards the Chair.
- Dr. Komarnicky announced that the current Board of the College will complete its business in the form of its reports and motions. The Registrar will administer Oath to the new Board Members of the College. The new board members are not voting members until the Oath takes place.

1.1 CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

It was moved, seconded and carried that

The Board of the College adds the following items to the Agenda:

- Discussion regarding Board members response to the Minister's Announcement.

The Agenda was approved with the noted additions.

It was moved and carried that,

The current Board of the College welcomes non Board members to the table.

1.2 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was moved and carried that:

The Board of the College accepts the February 6, 2010 Minutes as circulated.



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2. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

It was moved and carried that:

The Board of the College adopts correspondence received as submitted.

It was moved and carried that:

The Board of the College approved the SmytheRatcliffe as the new Auditor for the College.

3. REPORTS:

Moved and carried that:

The Board of the College accepts reports as presented.

- Dr. Komarnicky advised that he worked with Mr. Beckett (on April 13, 2010) and the College will be moving forward with proposal to include oral glaucoma agents for angle closure? glaucoma management.

4. FINANCIAL REVIEW

It was moved and carried that:

The Board of the College adopts financial report as presented.

Action:

Each committee to develop and present a budget to the finance advisory group for the next meeting.

5. MOTIONS

5.1 It was moved and carried that,

The College Board directs the Registrar to proceed with an investigation and injunction against opticians apparently practising optometry as per section 13 (2) (a) of the HPA and the Optometrists Regulation, provided it is recommended by the legal counsel(s) to the College.

5.2 It was moved that,

The Board composes the letter to Minister Falcon protesting the change for regulation without consultation

Failed

The College has previously addressed the proposed Optometrists Regulation amendments.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Trademark for the College name - \$500-600 cost.
- Examiner to be done by the College staff.

7. Oath of Office, HPA 17.11 (2) administered by the Registrar, Dr. Lawrence MacAulay.

Elected Board Members, one year term, Dr. Tanya Flood and Dr. Murray Hurlbert; by acclamation two year term Dr. Robin Simpson and Dr. Jeffrey Mann; by acclamation three year term Dr. Dale Dergousoff and Dr. Kenneth Lawenda.

8. It was moved and carried that,

The Board of the College appoints Dr. Dale Dergousoff - Chair of the Board of the College, Dr. Tanya Flood, Vice Chair, Dr. Kenneth Lawenda, Registration Committee Chair, Dr. Robin Simpson, Inquiry Committee Chair, Dr. Michael Dennis, Discipline Committee Chair, Dr. Murray Hurlbert, Quality



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Assurance Chair of Projects, Dr. Jeffrey Mann, Quality Assurance Chair of Policies, Ms. Barbara Buchanan, Patient Relations Committee Chair, Dr. Gerald Komarnicky, Pharmaceutical Advisory Committee Chair.

9. It was moved and carried that,

The board of the College allows the BCAO to address the new Board.

- BCAO members concerned that the public is being put at risk by the proposed regulation;
- 82% joined the BCAO and have contributed to their campaign against the proposed amendments;
- asked the Board to reconsider reinstatement of the Bylaw 144, as they believe that the College is only body that can ensure that the BCAO has sustainable funding for public education for the next couple of years.

10. Dr. Rick Orgain of Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry, presentation about the OE tracker.

Action:

- The CAO to look into implementation of OE tracker into Alinity, the cost and administrative time.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- Review of NBEO vs CSAO
- Strategic plan with regards to our response to regulations
- Review of Bylaw 144 – this topic went in camera in accordance with Bylaw 15.7(a)

It was moved and carried that:

the Board of the College brings the topic of collection of fees for a health profession association as defined in the act to the next College AGM for input by the registrants.

It was moved, seconded and carried that:

Dr. Bart McRoberts becomes the new Registrar of the College of Optometrists of BC.

Dr. Dergousoff thanked Dr. McRoberts for taking on this big challenge and thanked Dr. Lawrence MacAulay for his contribution and dedication as a Registrar of the previous Board of Examiners in Optometry and current College. He also thanked the previous Board Members.

12. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the College scheduled for June 27, 2010 at 9:00am in Vancouver.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm.