



The Examiner

The Bi-monthly newsletter of the College of Optometrists of British Columbia

December 2023 | From Rick C Gambrel, Registrar.

Happy Holidays from the College. We hope that you have time to enjoy some relaxing days with family and friends.

Bylaws and Policies

The College office deals with complaints of many kinds, most involving failure to follow the Bylaws or Policies of this College. Over the past year some of the common themes have involved:

- Bylaw 111 – if you operate under an Optometric Corporation, you MUST indicate so on all of your stationery and advertisements.
 - Bylaws 128 & 129 – Registrants must not hold themselves out to be a specialist of any kind.
 - Policy 1.2.8 (9-10) - Dilation protocol and recording of such on records.
 - Policy 1.2.2 (3)(2) – refusal of care – firing a patient.
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Bylaw Amendment

The College bylaws have been amended to extend the expiring terms of board members after a one month public notice period during which no comments were received.

The amendment extends the term of office of the elected CDOBC Board member for one year. This provides for those elected board members whose terms would have expired on April 15, 2024, to continue to serve on the CDOBC Board for the limited time remaining until amalgamation on June 28, 2024, when the terms of all CDOBC board members will expire under section 25.05 of the *Health Professions Act*. Keeping these elected members on the CDOBC Board in the lead up to



Our Mandate

Our mandate is to serve and protect all British Columbians, ensuring that regulated Optometrists deliver qualified, safe, and ethical care to their patients.

Holiday Closure

College office will be closed

December 23, 2023 to
January 1, 2024

Board Meeting

March 11, 2024

amalgamation allows for ongoing experience and informed governance in the final meetings of the Board. The amendments are like those previously enacted by other health professions colleges as they prepared for amalgamation under the HPA. In view of the amendments, no election of CDOBC board members will occur in 2024 prior to amalgamation. The updated bylaws will be posted to the website in the near future.

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