

Minutes of the
North Carolina State Board of Optometry
June 5-9, 2002
Myrtle Beach, SC

The North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry met at the Embassy Suites Hotel at Kingston Plantation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, June 5-9, 2002, for the purposes of approving the applicants to take the Summer 2002 Clinical/Practicum examinations, to finalize the examination schedule based upon the number of approved applicants, to review and adopt the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003, to review complaints, to participate in the transcript course offering conducted by the Southern College of Optometry on injections, to monitor continuing education during the Annual Spring Congress of the North Carolina State Optometric Society, and for other purposes. Present were Drs. James Fanelli, President, William Hendrix, Secretary/Treasurer, Joel Banks, David Baxter, Scott Edwards, and Ms. Trudy Mitchell and Mr. James Richardson, Members of the Board. Also present was Dr. John Robinson, the Board's Executive Director.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. James Fanelli, at 7:20 P.M. on Thursday, June 5, 2002. Mr. Richardson was asked to open the meeting with prayer.

On a motion by Dr. Hendrix and seconded by Mr. Richardson, the Minutes of the March 22-23, 2002 as corrected were unanimously approved.

On a motion by Mr. Richardson and seconded by Ms. Mitchell, the Minutes of the April 25, 2002, conference call were unanimously approved.

The President thanked the Members of the Board and Staff for their support and cooperation over the past year during which many critical issues arose and important decisions were made. He commended the Members individually for their willingness to make difficult decisions as the profession continues to evolve in times of rapid scientific and technological advancement

On a motion by Dr. Edwards and seconded by Dr. Baxter and approved unanimously the report of the President was received.

The Secretary-Treasurer presented the Budget Report that covered the period 07/01/01 through 05/31/02, a copy of which had been furnished to each Board Member. With a month remaining in the fiscal year Dr. Hendrix reported that it appeared at this time the Board would finish the year without exceeding the overall budget as previously adopted, despite the fact that the legal and investigative fees are currently approaching 75 % over budget and the Examination/Evaluation expense 20 % over budget. Following the review and the answering of questions by both the Secretary-Treasurer and the Executive Director, Dr. Baxter moved and Mr. Richardson seconded a motion that the Report of the Secretary-Treasurer be accepted. The motion carried unanimously.

The report of the Executive Director was brief and centered on the difficulties being encountered with the electronic scanning of Board records. Because the Board's needs are unique in many respects, and because the software has proven to be difficult to use and modify and contains unexpected flaws that have taken a great deal of time to correct, the overall progress to this point in time has been disappointing. Scanning issues have been more easily resolved to this point in time than retrieval issues. Needless to say, it does little good to scan documents into the system that are not easily retrievable by our staff when the need arises. Mr. Considine will be spending time in the Board office over the next 6 to 8 weeks to address these problems.

The new format derived at the workshop held in May, 2002 for the evaluation of the Procedures is a part of the meeting notebooks. You will note the recommended weighting on a scale of 1 to 3 of each component that was derived by consensus of those present at the meeting and appears in parenthesis preceding each of the evaluation points to be scored. Given your final approval, these documents will be given to Mr. Patterson who will make the necessary programming changes in the examination data base for scoring the Summer 2002 Clinical/Practicum Examinations.

On a motion by Dr. Hendrix seconded by Dr. Baxter and carried unanimously the report of the Executive Director was accepted.

Following a review of the revised formatting and scoring of the Procedures Stations in closed session Dr. Hendrix moved and Dr. Baxter seconded a motion that the revised format with the weighting as presented be adopted. Voting in favor of the motion were Drs. Banks, Baxter, Edwards, Hendrix and Ms. Mitchell. Mr. Richardson abstained.

Dr. Hendrix presented the proposed Budget for the upcoming Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2002 and ending June 30, 2003. The Budget as presented included a 5 % increase in the salaries of both the Executive Director and the Administrative Secretary. The salary of Ms. Sara Roberts that was adopted in March 2002 remained the same as did the hourly pay of Ms. Mueller. Included as a benefit for the Executive Director and the full time employees was a SEP retirement benefit of 10 %. Following discussion and the answering of questions the following motion was made:

It was moved by Dr. Baxter and seconded by Dr. Edwards that the salaries of the Executive Director and the Administrative Secretary be increased by 5% and the SEP contribution of the Executive Director, the Administrative Secretary and the Administrative Assistant be set at 10%. The motion carried unanimously.

On a motion by Dr. Hendrix seconded by Mr. Richardson and carried unanimously the budget for fiscal year 2002-2003 was adopted.

A proposal for performing the Annual Audit by the Accounting Firm of Waters and Piver was presented. On a motion by Dr. Hendrix seconded by Dr. Baxter and carried unanimously the proposal by the Mr. Waters on behalf of his firm was accepted.

Wednesday, June 6th was spent in a class room and wet lab in a course conducted by the faculty of the Southern College of Optometry. The following practitioners were present throughout the course and participated in all aspects of the wet lab.

Dr. David Anderson
Dr. Joel Banks
Dr. David Baxter
Dr. L. Kenny Bumgarner
Dr. Michael Clark
Dr. Julian Crowder
Dr. Robert Currin
Dr. M. Scott Edwards
Dr. James Fanelli
Dr. Stephen Garrett
Dr. William Hendrix
Dr. John Lewis
Dr. Donald MacQueen
Dr. Robert Mills
Dr. Brett Munn
Dr. Eric Oberdorf
Dr. Scott Philippe
Dr. William Rafferty
Dr. John Robinson
Dr. Rebecca Wartman

On a motion by Dr. Edwards seconded by Dr. Baxter and carried unanimously the Board determined that those individuals who successfully completed the course and who could offer proof of a current certificate in Cardiac Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) be “Privileged” by the Board to perform injections for the treatment of Chalazia.

The Executive Director announced that a total of 57 applications to take the Summer 2002 Clinical/Practicum Examination for licensure has been timely received. This number will take a minimum of 4 days of 3 session each to complete the process.

Dr. Baxter moved and Dr. Banks seconded a motion that those applications for the Summer 2002 Examination that were timely received be tentatively approved with final approval contingent upon all required documents being received prior to the candidate’s admission to the examination. The motion carried unanimously.

Joyce N. Adeleke, O.D.
Kirsten E. Albrecht, O.D.
Amanda L. Barker, O.D.
Dwight W. Barnes, O.D.
Sherry E. Briggs, O.D.
Eric C. Bryant, O.D.
Eric M. Burns, O.D.

Gilbert S. Catino, O.D.
Kelly L. Catino, O.D.
Tiffany L. Chase, O.D.
Bonnie P. Chen, O.D.
Eric C. Dudley, O.D.
Angela B. Ellerman, O.D.
Terry W. Ellington, O.D.
Jamal J. Fox, O.D.
Stephanie L. Fox, O.D.
Christopher P. Glupker, O.D.
Daniel P. Gray, O.D.
Thomas S. Helfrich, O.D.
Allison L. Hilburn, O.D.
Darren W. Hillburn, O.D.
Gary S. Holtzman, O.D.
Robert K. Horner, O.D.
Quyen Tran Immoos, O.D.
Lance Inman, O.D.
Jeffrey T. Joy, O.D.
Asma S. Khan, O.D.
Kevin W. Lafone, O.D.
Irma L. Lopez, O.D.
Andrew J. Lovsin, O.D.
Ethan D. Ly, O.D.
Kelly C. MacDonnell, O.D.
Dustan C. Martin, O.D.
Kristopher R. McFee, O.D.
Firoz H. Mohamed, O.D.
Perry C. Motsinger, O.D.
Nima Naik, O.D.
Jane S. Ogawa, O.D.
Lisa A. Parke, O.D.
Vonda Ray Perkins, O.D.
Rhonda G. Peters, O.D.
Craig M. Poole, O.D.
Lee J. Raykovicz, O.D.
Amy L. Reed, O.D.
Michelle L. Sall, O.D.
Jeffrey P. Schultz, O.D.
Jon B. Scott, O.D.
Jeffrey A. Sterling, O.D.
Gregory J. Stockbridge, O.D.
Russell B. Stone, O.D.
Kenneth Tennant, O.D.
Scott A. Trefts, O.D.
Paul D. Ware, O.D.

Melissa J. Wilkowski, O.D.
Joshua T. Ziebell, O.D.

The dates of the examination were then set to begin on Friday, August 2 and conclude on August 6, 2002 at the Jane McKimmon Center on the campus of North Carolina State University in Raleigh, NC. The Board and Clinical Examiners are to arrive to being setting up the Examination Stations, for orientation and Board Meeting no later than 3:00 PM on August 2, 2002.

On a motion by Dr. Edwards seconded by Mr. Richardson the following were approved as Clinical Examiners for the Summer 2002 Examinations:

Drs. Bonnie Aiken, Michael Clark, Robert Harding, David King, Don MacQueen, Brett Munn, William Rafferty, Robert Rosenstein, Yvonne Shook and Robert Sullivan.

And approved as Alternate Examiners were:

Drs. Kevin Bell, Kenny Bumgarner, Robert Mills, Sandra Moore and Kerry Sullivan.

The motion carried unanimously.

On recommendation Members of the Board the following are to be invited as observers:

Drs. Masherill Koonce and Dr. C. H. Smith

In closed session the Board heard the report of the Examination Review Committee which consisted of Drs. Fanelli and Robinson. It was recognized that Dr. Edwards sat in on the review of 3 of the 4 candidates who appeared for review. Following a lengthy discussion Dr. Edwards moved and Dr. Baxter seconded a motion that the scores of all of the failing candidates be reviewed. The motion failed with Drs. Banks, Baxter and Edwards voting Aye and Dr. Hendrix, Mr. Richardson and Ms. Mitchell voting Nay. Dr. Fanelli broke the tie by voting Nay.

Without further discussion, Mr. Richardson moved and Dr. Edwards seconded a motion that the results of the Winter 2002 Examinations as reported to the candidates following the Board's review of the examination results in March 2002 stand. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Robinson and Mr. Richardson reported on behalf of the Probable Cause Committee relating to the following complaints:

Drs. K. Gregg, N. Mackowsky, F. Munz, and O. Said, and

Dr. E. Glenn Likens

The Committee met with Drs. Gregg, Mackowsky, Munz and Said and their attorney in Raleigh at the Law Offices of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge and Rice. Following an hour and a half meeting a tentative Consent Order was agreed to for each of the licensees; however, there are several aspects of the pleadings that require further investigation before the Committee can recommend an Order to the Board.

The Committee then met with Dr. Likens who was not represented by Counsel. A pleading and a Consent Order were agreed to; however because of the press of time the Order could not be drafted prior to this meeting of the Board. The Committee should be prepared to present its recommended Order to the Board at its August, 2002 meeting in Raleigh.

Drs. Edwards, Fanelli, Hendrix and Robinson will be attending the Annual Meeting of the Association of Regulatory Boards in Optometry in New Orleans, June 22 -25. On a motion by Dr. Hendrix seconded by Ms. Mitchell travel, hotel and meal expenses were authorized for Executive Director. Registration, travel, 4 hotel nights, 5 days meal and 5 days per diem were authorized for the Board Members. The motion carried unanimously.

The Annual Meeting to elect officers was set for Wednesday, June 12, 2002 at 5:30 PM by way of a conference telephone call.

There being no further business the Board officially adjourned at noon on Sunday, June 9, 2002. The next meeting of the Board will be by way of a conference telephone call on Wednesday afternoon, June 12, 2002 at 5:30 P.M.

APPROVED
Raleigh, NC
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