

MINUTES
IDAHO STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
April 16, 1999

The meeting of the Idaho State Board of Optometry was called to order by Dr. Chris Card, Chairman, Friday, April 16, 1999, at 10:05 a.m. at the office of the Bureau of Occupational Licenses, Owyhee Plaza, 1109 Main Street, Suite 220, Boise, Idaho.

Board Members Present: Dr. Chris Card, Chairman
 Dr. Stanley Matsuura, Member
 Dr. Kenneth W. King, Jr., Member
 Dr. Dick Vester, Member
 Dr. James Dean, Member

Also Present: Carmen Westberg, Bureau Chief
 Roger Hales, Administrative Attorney
 Budd Hetrick, Jr., Deputy Bureau Chief
 John Kersey, Supervising Investigator
 Dee Ann Randall, Administrative Secretary

Minutes

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by Dr. Matsuura and carried that the minutes of the October 22, 1998 board meeting be approved.

Carmen Westberg

Ms. Westberg reported that the current bureau fund balance for the optometrists is \$4,300. The special board account fund balance is \$49,260.

Discussion was held regarding submitting with the 2001 budget a request for a \$50,000 ongoing appropriation for legal costs. Ms. Westberg will pursue this matter, and if possible, proceed with implementation.

Ms. Westberg informed the board that in the spring or early summer, a copy of the FY2000 optometry board budget would be sent to the Chair of the Board along with a form to request additional items to be included in the FY2000 budget.

The Board/Bureau contract is currently being rewritten by the Attorney General's Office. When available, it will be sent to the Board for their review. Ms. Westberg requested that the Board empower the Chairman to sign the new contract. No Board action taken.

The legislation submitted to increase the annual renewal fee by \$25.00 in the bureau fund was successful. This increase is for the implementation of the Freedom of Information Act that will be effective January, 2000. The amount of increase that will be set by rule has not been established yet.

Complaints

John Kersey reported that to date no new complaints have been received for 1999. Since the last board meeting a total of two complaints were received in 1998. Both remain under investigation. A total of five complaints were received during 1997, of those three remain under investigation. One file is being recommended for closure after legal review. One file was closed since the last board meeting, the complaint was withdrawn.

Budd Hetrick

Mr. Hetrick informed the Board that the web page is on line and working. If the Board wants any additional information added to their web page, please let Mr. Hetrick know and, if possible, it will be added.

Mr. Hetrick reviewed the new renewal application forms with the Board. Changes were discussed and made accordingly.

Mr. Hetrick discussed with the Board the different classifications within the optometry licensing, those being, optometrist, optometrists who are DPA certified and optometrists who are TPA certified.

It was the decision of the Board to change the prefix on license numbers to O (Optometrist), OD (Optometrist authorized to obtain and use topically applied diagnostic pharmaceutical agents) and ODP (Optometrist authorized to prescribe, administer and dispense therapeutic pharmaceutical agents) for easier clarification, continuing education requirement, compiling lists etc.

Continuing education credit will be allowed for Internet courses, these courses will be given credit the same as home study courses, a maximum of six hours credit.

Rules Regarding Changing from Reciprocity to Endorsement Licensure

Roger Hales discussed with the Board the change in law that will be effective July 1, 1999 wherein licensure by reciprocity will be changed to licensure by endorsement.

Moved by Dr King, seconded by Dr. Matsuura and carried that Roger Hales prepare draft rules regarding licensure by endorsement.

Brian Weber

The Board reviewed the application of Brian Weber, optometrist licensed in Florida, applying for Idaho licensure. Disciplinary action had been taken by the Florida Board against Dr. Weber regarding inappropriate advertising. His name was placed in an advertisement without his knowledge. A letter of guidance was issued to Dr. Weber by the Florida Board.

Upon review of this matter with Roger Hales, and Dr. Weber's application, the Board approved Dr. Weber for Idaho licensure.

Lawrence Ellett

Lawrence Ellett, optometrist licensed in Idaho, cancelled October 1, 1977 requested information on reinstating his Idaho license. Upon review of the laws and rules, Dr. Ellett will be required to take and pass Part III and the TMOD national examinations. Ms. Randall is to notify Dr. Ellett of these requirements.

NASCAS Meeting

Moved by Dr. King, seconded by Dr. Matsuura and carried that Dr. Vester attend the National Association of State Controlled Substance Authorities conference to be held October 26-30, 1999 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Dr. Vester will be reimbursed for expenses incurred for attendance at this meeting.

National Association Meeting

Moved by Dr. Vester, seconded by Dr. Dean and carried that a representative of the board attend the national meeting in San Antonio, Texas on June 20, 1999 and be reimbursed expenses.

Time and Place

The time and place for the next board meeting was scheduled for August 13, 1999, in Boise, Idaho, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Dr. Christopher Card, Chairman

Dr. Stanley Matsuura, Member

Dr. Kenneth W. King, Jr., Member

Dr. Dick Vester, Member

Dr. James Dean, Member

Carmen Westberg, Chief
Bureau of Occupational Licenses