

Minutes
South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry
January 15, 2006
Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

Board Members Present:

Daniel B. Gosnell, Chairman
C. Milton Corley, Jr., Vice Chairman
Leonard B. Harrington, Jr.
Ray A. Sansbury
William M. Whitlock

Present: Angela M. Combs, Board Administrator

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Session of the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry was held at The Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Drive, in Columbia, South Carolina. Whereas, proper notice of date, time, place and agenda information having been properly provided to THE STATE NEWSPAPER and ASSOCIATED PRESS and proper notice also having been posted at the LLR Office Building 24 hours prior to the time scheduled for the meeting and a quorum having been determined, Chairman Gosnell called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Mr. Corley, seconded by Mr. Sansbury, and passed to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Mr. Harrington, seconded by Mr. Whitlock, and passed to approve the December 8, 2005 minutes as written.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS:

Chairman Gosnell welcomed the Board members. He stated the Board met with the South Carolina Association of Opticians to report on the recent activities of the Board; Ms. Gloria J. Rinehart was presented the J. Dan Gosnell Award for the highest passing score of the apprentices that had taken the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry Practical Examination in 2005. Chairman Gosnell reserved further remarks to be within the business of the meeting.

REPORTS / INFORMATION:

In the administrative report, Ms. Combs reported licensee and apprentice totals to be 426 licensed opticians and 161 licensed contact lens dispensers for a total of 587 licensees and 70 apprentices. The financial printout was made available for review. Ms. Combs reported that at the December 2005 Practical Examination fourteen candidates passed and seven failed.

Ms. Combs presented a draft copy of the upcoming Board member *election notice* for review. Chairman Gosnell's term expires September 13, 2006; Board member Harrington's term expires May 11, 2006. The Board approved the notice for use; a mail out to all licensed opticians will be scheduled the first part of February.

Ms. Combs provided each Board member a copy of the *Statement of Economic Interests* form; forms are to be filed at the State Ethics Commission by April 17, 2006.

Ms. Combs informed the Board that South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation (SCLLR) was sponsoring a *Board Member Forum* February 17, 2006. Board members will individually be sent an invitation from Ms. Adrienne Youmans, SCLLR Director.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Opticianry Practice Act Legislation: The Board discussed introducing Opticianry Practice Act legislation in 2007. **Motion** was made by Mr. Corley to not pursue a Practice Act change at this time. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

National Committee of State Opticianry Regulatory Boards (NCSORB) Annual Meeting: Chairman Gosnell will attend the annual NCSORB meeting being held January 28-29, 2006 in Savannah, Georgia. Ms. Combs presented an agenda as information for the Board.

Lapsed License Notification to Employer: The Board discussed sending letters notifying employers of employees with lapsed licenses. The Board would like to pursue this type of notification. Ms. Combs will consult with the Board's advice attorney.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next general Board meeting will be held April 23, 2006 at the Ocean Drive Beach and Golf Resort, North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

There being no further business, Chairman Gosnell adjourned the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angie M. Combs
Administrator