

# The GREEN Sheet



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## 2005 Annual Meeting Official Announcement

In accordance with ARTICLE VI, Section 2.C of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Bylaws, I hereby announce that the Nominating Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Dr. Jeffrey L. Kraskin, Chair, District of Columbia
- Dr. Larry J. Barger, Ohio
- Dr. Dane Dansie, Utah
- Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Montana
- Dr. Steve J. Reto, Pennsylvania

I also hereby announce that two (2) members of the ARBO Board of Directors will be elected for four (4) year terms: one in the place of Dr. Donovan L. Crouch, who will have completed the maximum two terms as Director. The other is the position of Dr. Janet L. Carter, who is eligible for re-election.

Individuals wishing to be considered by the Nominating Committee for service on the ARBO Board of Directors shall send a statement to that effect, along with a current C.V., to Mr. Thomas Eichhorst, Executive Director, at the ARBO office, who will distribute it to the Nominating Committee. The candidate should be available at the ARBO Annual Meeting for an interview by the Nominating Committee. For more information, see ARTICLE V, Section I of the Bylaws, which is on the ARBO website at [www.arbo.org](http://www.arbo.org).

In addition, four nominees (who are AOA member optometrists) will be selected for consideration by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) for a three-year term as a representative from ARBO. Dr. Robert Nyre is eligible for renomination and reappointment.

*Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D.  
Secretary-Treasurer*

## ARBO 86th Annual Meeting Advance Information

June 19-21, 2005

Gaylord Texan™ Resort & Convention Center • Dallas, Texas

All optometry board members and staff are encouraged to join us in Dallas and attend the 86th Annual Meeting of ARBO.

A registration form for the ARBO Annual Meeting is on page 5. Hotel information is on page 4.

### SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, June 19

- Continental Breakfast
- Concurrent Sessions:
  - State Board Executives/Administrators' Workshop
  - Board Member Training by Dale J. Atkinson, J.D., ARBO Legal Counsel
- NBEO Workshop (mandatory for stipend disbursement)
- New Attendee Orientation
- Lunch
- House of Delegates General Session (1:00 p.m. start)

#### Monday, June 20

- Continental Breakfast
- House of Delegates General Session
- Legal Update by Mr. Atkinson
- Lunch
- House of Delegates General Session

#### Tuesday, June 21

- Continental Breakfast
- House of Delegates General Session
- Elections
- Special New Technologies Presentation
  - by J. James Thimons, O.D. (COPE approval pending)
  - Underwritten by Allergan*
- Adjournment by 1:00 p.m.

### OTHER SPECIFIC AGENDA ITEMS:

#### Take Action on:

- 2004 Minutes
- 2005-2006 Budget
- Resolutions

#### Hear/Respond to/Comment on Reports from:

- ACOE
- AOA President
- AOA State Legislative
- AOSA
- ARBO/NBEO Directors
- ASCO
- CELMO
- Contemporary Issues
- COPE
- Executive Director
- FARB
- Financial
- OE TRACKER
- NBERC
- President
- Secretary-Treasurer

...and of course...reports from the MEMBER BOARDS about activities in their jurisdiction

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## 2004-2005 ARBO MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Board Meeting	September 24-25, 2004 Toronto, Ontario, Canada (at the office of the College of Optometrists of Ontario, an ARBO member board)
Regional Meeting	October 5, 2004 Great Western, Portland, Oregon
Board Executive Committee Meeting	December 18, 2004 Tampa, Florida (in conjunction with the American Academy of Optometry)
COPE Administrators' Training	February 4, 2005 Scottsdale, Arizona
Board Meeting	February 4-5, 2005 Scottsdale, Arizona
COPE Administrators' Training	Friday, February 25, 2005, Noon - 5 p.m. SECO, Marriott, Atlanta
Regional Meeting	Saturday, February 26, 2005, 1 - 5 p.m. SECO, Marriott, Atlanta
Regional Meeting	Saturday, March 19, 2005, Noon - 2 p.m. Southwest, InterContinental, Dallas
Regional Meeting	Saturday, May 14, 2005, 1 - 3 p.m. Midwest, Stephens Center, Rosemont, Illinois
COPE Administrators' Training	Friday, May 20, 2005, 8 a.m. - Noon Mountain West, Bellagio, Las Vegas
Regional Meeting	Friday, May 20, 2005, 2 - 5 p.m. Mountain West, Bellagio, Las Vegas
ARBO Annual Meeting	Sunday, June 19, 2005 - Tuesday, June 21 Gaylord Texan, Dallas
COPE Administrators' Training	Friday, June 24, 2005, 1 - 5 p.m. Gaylord Texan, Dallas

## ARBO BOARD OF DIRECTORS STATE LIAISON APPOINTMENTS 2004—2005

An ARBO board member has been assigned as liaison to each member board. Here is the listing:

Alabama	Dr. Easton
Alaska	Dr. Sorenson
Arizona	Dr. Jones
Arkansas	Dr. Smalling
California	Dr. Carter
Colorado	Dr. Jones
Connecticut	Dr. Smalling
Delaware	Dr. Terry
Dist. of Columbia	Dr. Terry
Florida	Dr. Easton
Guam	Dr. Jones
Georgia	Dr. Easton
Hawaii	Dr. Sorenson
Idaho	Dr. Carter
Illinois	Dr. Crouch
Indiana	Dr. Sorrell
Iowa	Dr. Crouch
Kansas	Dr. Eyster
Kentucky	Dr. Eyster
Louisiana	Dr. Smalling
Maine	Dr. Smalling
Maryland	Dr. Terry
Massachusetts	Dr. Carter
Michigan	Dr. Sorrell
Minnesota	Dr. Sorrell
Mississippi	Dr. Smalling
Missouri	Dr. Crouch
Montana	Dr. Carter
Nebraska	Dr. Crouch
Nevada	Dr. Carter
New Hampshire	Dr. Easton
New Jersey	Dr. Terry
New Mexico	Dr. Jones
New York	Dr. Easton
North Carolina	Dr. Eyster
North Dakota	Dr. Crouch
Ohio	Dr. Sorrell
Oklahoma	Dr. Smalling
Ontario	Dr. Jones
Oregon	Dr. Sorenson
Pennsylvania	Dr. Terry
Puerto Rico	Dr. Sorenson
Quebec	Dr. Carter
Rhode Island	Dr. Smalling
South Carolina	Dr. Eyster
South Dakota	Dr. Crouch
Tennessee	Dr. Eyster
Texas	Dr. Jones
Utah	Dr. Sorenson
Vermont	Dr. Easton
Virgin Islands	Dr. Sorrell
Virginia	Dr. Eyster
Washington	Dr. Sorenson
West Virginia	Dr. Terry
Wisconsin	Dr. Sorrell
Wyoming	Dr. Sorenson

## ACCME PRESENTATION TO ARBO

Murray Kopelow, MD MSC FRCPC, Chief Executive of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), addressed the COPE Committee and the ARBO Board and other attendees at the pilot COPE Administrators' Training Session in Scottsdale, Arizona, on Friday, February 4, 2005.

Dr. Kopelow described the CME system of which ACCME is a part and the current issues confronting CME and ACCME. He explained the role of accreditation in CME, the ACCME accreditation process and requirements, including educational standards and the recently established Standards for Commercial Support of CME.

Dr. Kopelow is the chief staff executive of the ACCME, headquartered in Chicago. A Canadian pediatrician by background, he recently became a U.S. citizen, and was warmly made welcome by the attendees.



*Dr. Murray Kopelow*



## ARBO LAUNCHES THE COUNCIL ON ENDORSED LICENSURE MOBILITY FOR OPTOMETRISTS (CELMO)

### Program Designed to Enhance the Interstate Mobility of US ODs

The Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) announced the launch of its new program to promote licensure mobility (CELMO) in a news conference February 25, 2005, at the SECO International 2005 Annual Meeting.

The purpose of CELMO is to assist state boards of optometry in reviewing applications for licensure from established practitioners in other jurisdictions. It is designed to provide a licensure mobility vehicle by which state boards can address the issue of licensure by endorsement in a uniform and consistent manner. ARBO acknowledges that each individual state board of optometry reserves the right to make its own determinations regarding licensure and this program in no way lessens that power, authority, and responsibility.

CELMO applicant eligibility requirements will include the following criteria.

- Holding a doctor of optometry (OD) degree from a school or college of optometry accredited by the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE).
- Having been in active practice for three of the last four years.
- Having the authority to prescribe medications (TPAs) in the state of current practice.
- Be in good standing with every state board from which a license is currently held.
- Reporting of all disciplinary actions taken by any state board or other entity.
- Paying all applicable CELMO fees.

COPE, the national clearing house of continuing education programs accepted in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, is the foundational premise of the continuing education portion of CELMO. ARBO member boards listed as CELMO states consider the CELMO certification as the highest standard of COPE approved continuing education and consider the CELMO certificate to be a significant credential when evaluating an actively practicing optometrist for licensure by endorsement.

Steven Eyler, OD, ARBO Board Liaison to CELMO stated, "It is ARBO's hope that the CELMO program will act as a 'bridge' between those few states that have active licensure by endorsement, those many states that would like to have licensure by endorsement, but do not know how to go about it; and those many, many states, who have just started to seriously consider the endorsement process." CELMO Chair, Beverly Miller, OD adds, "With all the uniformity and commonality now present within the US optometric community, the time is right for a national program that attempts to level the playing field of licensure".

CELMO is patterned closely after ARBO's COPE program, which historically took ten years to include all state Boards. The first CELMO application was accepted in January of 2005, and ARBO already has several state boards supporting the CELMO concept. Priority has been placed on having 50 plus ODs and a dozen state boards in the CELMO program before the ARBO Annual Meeting this coming June in Dallas.

## DR. DAVID SULLINS PASSES AWAY Optometric Leader Was Honorary Member of ARBO

Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr., died on February 6 after a long battle with cancer. A 1965 graduate of Southern College of Optometry, he was a past president of the American Optometric Association (AOA) serving as president during the 1989-1990 program year. He also was the Chair of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) 1996-2001.



Dr. W. David Sullins, Jr.

His retirement from ACOE in 2001 was the impetus for the ARBO House of Delegates in Boston in 2001 to adopt Resolution 6, which notes that "the member boards of this Association wish formally to acknowledge Dr. Sullins' distinguished contributions to the Council on Optometric Education, the Association, and the profession". . . and "bestow on Dr. Sullins an Honorary Membership in this Association."

ARBO President Janet L. Carter, O.D., joining the praise for Dr. Sullins, stated that he was a great leader and mentor of the profession, and that he will be sorely missed.

Dr. Sullins was the first optometrist to achieve flag rank in the military, as a Rear Admiral in the United States Navy Reserve. ARBO Executive Director Thomas E. Eichhorst, J.D., (the only other ARBO Honorary Member) noted that Dr. Sullins, as a young Navy optometrist, was assigned to care for the Marines in Vietnam. It was there that he gained real respect for the USMC, and the Marines for him. After that experience, he became a special friend to all of us who have ever served in the Corps.

Several Memorials have been established:

AOA Endowment Fund:

Dr. Sullins Memorial Fund  
243 N. Lindbergh • St. Louis, MO 63141

SCO:

Sullins Family Endowed Scholarship Fund  
1245 Madison • Memphis, TN 38104

Navy:

RADM Sullins MSC Scholarship Fund  
PO Box 4629 • Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Condolences may be sent to: Leslie Sullins, 895 Country Road 319, Niota, TN 37826.

The ARBO Board of Directors has made a contribution to AOA's Fund as a Memorial to Dr. Sullins.

*A PERSONAL  
INVITATION*

**C'MON DOWN**

I want to personally invite "all y'all" to the ARBO Annual Meeting in Dallas this June. You will find registration information in this issue of TheGREENSheet, and the form on page 5. Once again the meeting will be held at the same hotel as AOA for the convenience of our delegates. Those of you who attended in Orlando last year know what a beautiful and family-friendly property the Gaylord is. It should be a great meeting!

There is plenty of interest for delegates and other board members and execs at this meeting. We are planning an exciting agenda of speakers and special presentations! We even plan on again providing two hours of COPE-approved continuing education for the OD attendees. There will also be special workshops for Executive Directors and Administrators. In addition, the Annual Meeting is where the business of ARBO is conducted. Please come and let us know what we can do to better serve your board. We will have an election to fill open seats on the Board of Directors, as well as to select our representative to ACOE. Each active member board is entitled to one vote in the election; don't let yours not be cast!



Janet L. Carter, O.D.  
President  
Association of Regulatory  
Boards of Optometry

In addition, perhaps the best part of the ARBO Annual Meeting is the opportunity to meet and mingle with your fellow regulatory board members. There is always a good discussion of issues and problems affecting the individual boards, and a chance to learn "how they did it."

Fellowship, education, and a chance to participate in the future of your organization await all who attend in Dallas. C'mon down!!

## ROOMS AT THE GAYLORD TEXAN™ AWAIT ARBO ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES

**Make your reservations now through  
[www.optometrymeeting.org](http://www.optometrymeeting.org)**

With the kind assistance of the Board of Trustees of the American Optometric Association (AOA), and the AOA staff, especially Executive Director Dr. Mike Jones and Meetings and Conventions Director Jim Goodman, ARBO is again able to meet in the AOA headquarters hotel.

It's the brand spankin' new Gaylord Texan™ Resort and Convention Center, located in Grapevine, Texas, near the DFW Airport, north of Dallas.

The hotel sits on 150 acres bordering Lake Grapevine, with a 4 1/2 acre indoor garden, numerous restaurants and services. Similar to the concept of the Gaylord Palms in Orlando, where Floridian ambiance enveloped last year's annual meeting, the Gaylord Texan™ resounds with themes and wide open spaces of the Lone Star State.

The special rates for AOA/ARBO are \$199 per night single or double; \$219 per night triple or quad.

**Hotel reservations should be made through the AOA Congress website at [www.optometrymeeting.org](http://www.optometrymeeting.org).**

**On the first screen, in the left margin, select the link "Make your hotel reservations now"**

**From there, simply follow the on-screen directions, being sure to select "I am an ARBO attendee" on Item #1.**

**NOTE: Registrations for the ARBO annual meeting itself are still made directly with ARBO. The registration form is on page 5 of this issue.**

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## COPE ANNOUNCEMENT RE: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT COURSES

At its November 16, 2004, conference call meeting, the ARBO Board of Directors voted to "delete the doctoral level requirement for instructors for Practice Management courses submitted for COPE approval." NOTE: All other courses still require that the principal instructor have a doctoral level degree (or be a faculty member at an accredited school or college of optometry with the rank of assistant professor or higher).

**MISSION STATEMENT:** *The mission of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry is to represent and assist member licensing agencies in regulating the practice of optometry for the public welfare.*



# ARBO 86th ANNUAL MEETING

June 19-21, 2005

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center  
Dallas, Texas

## DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

The following must be completed and received at the ARBO office by June 1, 2005.

- Register your Board's official voting delegate to the Annual Meeting of ARBO, and all other non-voting delegates from your Board who are attending, by completing the registration form and returning it to the ARBO office, 1750 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 503, St. Louis, MO 63144, with your payment.
- Each Board registering will be assigned time to make a five-minute report to the delegates on its activities during the past year. Boards presenting written reports are asked to submit a copy of your handout to the ARBO office; ARBO will photocopy and distribute the materials on your behalf.
- Boards proposing resolutions or nominating individuals for office are asked to send their resolutions and endorsements to the ARBO office for forwarding to the Resolutions or Nominating Committee.

**Member Board** (please print or type):

Voting Delegate (\$375 Registration Fee):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Voting Delegate (\$275 Registration Fee):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Due:**

\_\_\_\_ Voting Delegates (limit 1 per state) x \$375 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Non-Voting Delegates x \$275 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Total Amount Due:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please remit check for correct amount or, for your convenience, we accept Visa or MasterCard.

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_  Visa  MasterCard

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- A separate registration form will be sent from the NBEO for your Board to receive the travel stipend.
- ARBO's Federal Identification Number is 23-7091523
- All registrations and payments for the Annual Meeting **must be** received by ARBO by **June 1, 2005**.
- Non-Member Observer attendees use a different registration form; contact the ARBO office at 314/785-6000 for further details.



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**INTRODUCING . . . Jenny Atchison and Kim Ziemnik . . . AOSA Vice Presidents**

Because of its initial importance to the optometry students, the AOSA President is that organization’s liaison to the NBEO. Second in chronological importance are the state boards, represented by ARBO. Thus, it is fitting that the AOSA Vice President is their liaison to ARBO.

Capably serving in that role for the 2004-2005 year was Jenny Atchison, a 4th year student at Northeastern State University College of Optometry. A native of Hennessey, Oklahoma, Jenny has a B.S. in Accounting degree from Oklahoma State University and a B.S. in Vision Science degree from Northeastern State. After graduation, she plans to apply for an Ocular Disease Residency at BVA (Better Vision Ahead) in Oklahoma City, and then go into private practice.

Just elected VP for 2005-2006 is Kim Ziemnik of Bay Village, Ohio, a third year student at The Ohio State University College of Optometry. A graduate of North Carolina State University with a B.S. degree in Biochemistry, Kim plans to return to North Carolina to join a group practice after graduation next year.



Jenny Atchison (left) and Kim Ziemnik

Thanks for your efforts, Jenny!

Welcome, Kim!

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