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REVISED 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. Timothy P. Burrell, South Carolina
- Dr. Dane Dansie, Utah
- Dr. Cynthia Johnson, Montana

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.

I also hereby announce that one (1) member of the ARBO Board of Directors will be elected to a two (2) year unexpired term (vice Dr. Jack E. Terry, who has resigned, effective June 21, 2005).

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 1 of the Bylaws, which is on the ARBO website at 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*

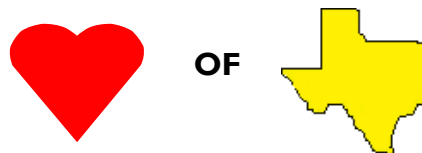
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2005 ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, June 19 - Tuesday, June 21

**GAYLORD TEXAN HOTEL
GRAPEVINE (DALLAS), TEXAS**

BIG AND BRIGHT ... DEEP IN THE



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JUDICIAL COUNCIL REVIEWING RESOLUTIONS

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Chair of the ARBO Judicial Council, announced that the Council will report on its review of the 59 extant resolutions adopted over the years by the ARBO House of Delegates. The ARBO Bylaws require this review every 5 years. The Judicial Council will make a recommendation at the Annual Meeting regarding each resolution, whether it should be continued as an active policy pronouncement or be placed in the ARBO historical archives. The report will be available at the Annual Meeting or by request from the ARBO Office in advance.

Special Invitation to State Board Members:
You are Invited to Attend the
COPE ADMINISTRATOR TRAINING SESSION
FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1 - 5 P.M.
PALOMINO I ROOM - GAYLORD TEXAN
(see page 6 for information)

INDUSTRY PROFILE



Essilor of America

Essilor of America, Inc., is the leading manufacturer and wholesaler of prescription lenses in the United States. Through its subsidiary, Essilor Laboratories of America, Inc., (Essilor Laboratories), Essilor owns the largest and most comprehensive optical laboratory network in the United States. Formed in 1972, Essilor has continually been dedicated to serving Eyecare

Professionals not only through their efforts in providing new and innovative products, but also through extensive research and development efforts. Essilor is committed to helping Eyecare Professionals be more successful in both building their practices and providing products that make for happier patients.

A pioneer in the development and production of ophthalmic lenses, Essilor is the market leader in progressive, high-index and anti-reflective coated lenses. Essilor designs, manufactures and customizes corrective lenses to meet all visual requirements. The industry's most technologically advanced lenses - Essilor's Varilux®, Airwear®, Crizal® and Transitions® demonstrate the company's ability to respond to consumer demand for quality eyewear that is comfortable, attractive, durable and lightweight. Essilor works closely with eye care professionals providing innovative products that meet the lifestyle demands of their patients.

Three key factors – research, product innovation and service to the eye-care professional – distinguish Essilor from its competitors and characterize Essilor as the world leader in ophthalmic optics. One of Essilor's exciting new endeavors for 2005 is its involvement with the Optometric Education tracking program (OE TRACKER). The program sponsors, Essilor of America, Inc., Mikrotec Developers and their Eyesites.net subsidiary and Alcon, are underwriting the development and implementation of the website and OE cards.

Latest Technology

Essilor of America also plans to continue its roll-out and focus on Varilux Ipseo this year. Essilor plans to introduce the Vision Print System (VPS), an actual diagnostic device that provides Eyecare Professionals the ability to measure unique wearers' Head and Eye characteristics. The VPS device will roll-out this year to select Eyecare Professionals.

Philanthropy

As part of its mission to enhance vision around the world, Essilor International is the Official Worldwide Supplier of Ophthalmic Lenses to Special Olympics-Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program™. Last year, Essilor contributed to improved vision for Special Olympic athletes at nearly 100 OE events in 40 countries. Over 17,000 polycarbonate lenses were donated and approximately 20,500 athletes received visual screenings. In addition, almost 8,500 athletes received ophthalmic frames and ophthalmic lenses to improve their sight.

Essilor is committed to the research and development of innovative products, and the company continues to set new standards within the industry. Through training and education, Essilor is equally dedicated to helping eye care professionals provide the most up-to-date solutions for their patients. The company will continue to develop new and innovative products into the next millennium, while always focusing on its main objective – helping people to “see the world better.”

Essilor of America, Inc. (Essilor) is a subsidiary of Paris-based Essilor International, S.A., a publicly held company traded on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (Reuters: ESSI.PA). Essilor International is the Official Worldwide Supplier of Ophthalmic Lenses to Special Olympics-Lions Club International Opening Eyes Program™.

ESSILOR is a Gold Level Supporter of ARBO for the year 2005

DR. NORMAN WALLIS RETIRES FROM NBEO

Dr. Jack Terry named as successor



Norman Wallis, O.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Norman Wallis has announced his retirement as the Executive Director of the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO), effective June 30, 2005. Dr. Wallis has served 25 years with the National Board. Prior to becoming NBEO's Executive Director, he was President of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, and also served in administrative and faculty positions at the New England College of Optometry, the University of Houston, and Indiana University. Dr. Wallis has also served as President of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry and as a director of the National Board of Medical Examiners.

During Dr. Wallis' tenure with the NBEO, it grew from an operating annual budget of less than \$300,000 to greater than 3 million dollars. Also during this time period three major revisions of the National Boards occurred, and the Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease examination was established. In 1993, the NBEO was the first national board of any US health profession to institute a standardized practical examination as part of the national assessment of entry level competency.

Dr. Janet Carter, President of ARBO, commented that “Dr. Wallis was instrumental in guiding the NBEO to produce an examination that is beyond reproach, and that meets the needs of our member boards in determining qualification for initial licensure. We will miss Dr. Wallis, and wish him well in his future endeavors.” Dr. Carter also noted that Dr. Wallis had briefly served as an interim administrator of ARBO in the time period just before our move to St. Louis in 2002.

The NBEO has hired Dr. Jack Terry to be its new Executive Director, and Dr. Terry is already on the job to ensure a smooth transition. Dr. Terry previously served as the Chief of Optometry and Research Services at the Huntington, WV Veterans Administration Medical Center. Currently serving on the ARBO Board, he has announced his resignation, effective at the close of the ARBO Annual Meeting in June.

ASSOCIATION OF REGULATORY BOARDS OF OPTOMETRY (ARBO)

86TH ANNUAL MEETING

June 19-21, 2005

Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center • Dallas, Texas

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 19

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

Concurrent Session 1:

8:00 a.m. **Board Member Training** - Dale J. Atkinson, J.D., ARBO Legal Counsel

Concurrent Session 2:

8:00 a.m. **Executive Directors/Administrators** - Laurie Mickelson, Moderator

9:45 a.m. **Break**

10:00 a.m. **National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Workshop**
Jack E. Terry, O.D., Ph.D., Executive Director; Leon Gross, Ph.D., Associate Executive Director
(attendance necessary for stipend)

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

12:45 p.m. **New Attendee Orientation** - Donovan L. Crouch, O.D., ARBO Past President

1:00 p.m. **Call to Order** - Janet L. Carter, O.D., ARBO President

Statement of Quorum - Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D., ARBO Secretary-Treasurer

Host State Welcome

President's Report - Janet L. Carter, O.D.

Executive Director's Report - Thomas E. Eichhorst, J.D., CAE

Secretary-Treasurer's Report - Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D.

Approval of 2004 Annual Meeting Minutes - Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D.

Report of Resolutions Committee - Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Chair

Overview of Nominating Committee/Elections Process - Janet L. Carter, O.D.

Nominating Committee Report - Jeffrey L. Kraskin, O.D., Chair

National Board Examination Review Committee (NBERC) Report

Roger R. Seelye, O.D., Chair

NBEO/ARBO Directors' Report

Steven H. Eyler, O.D.; Janet L. Carter, O.D.; Donovan L. Crouch, O.D.; Russell W. Jones, O.D.

2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:45 p.m. **Contemporary Issues/Continuing Competency Committee Report**

Murray J. Turnour, O.D., Chair; Joe Baker Jr.

Toward a Just Culture for Medical Errors: The Consequences for Regulators

Address by Roy Stephenson, LL.B., Toronto, Ontario, Canada

(Arranged through the auspices of the College of Optometrists of Ontario)

American Optometric Student Association (AOSA) Report

Kim Ziemnik, Vice President

Executive Directors/Administrators Committee Report - Laurie Mickelson, Chair

Report on the Study of Complications Associated with Invalid Contact Lens Prescriptions

Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D.

4:45 p.m. **Report on the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards (FARB),
Particularly on Competency Assessment Activities**

Dale J. Atkinson, J.D., Executive Director; Robert W. Smalling, O.D., ARBO Representative

5:15 p.m. **Recess**



Dr. Jack E. Terry
NBEA



Dr. Leon Gross
NBEA



Dr. Janet L. Carter
President



Roy Stephenson, Esq.
Ontario Counsel

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Monday, June 20

7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**

8:00 a.m. **Call to Order** - Janet L. Carter, O.D.

Statement of Quorum - Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D.

Nominating Committee Report - Jeffrey L. Kraskin, O.D.

Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) Report - Jerry Richt, O.D., Chair;
Robert W. Smalling, O.D., Board Liaison

Council on Endorsed Licensure Mobility for Optometrists (CELMO) Report - Beverly Miller, O.D., Chair;
Steven H. Eyler, O.D., Board Liaison

Information & Data Services Committee Report

Jack E. Terry, O.D., Ph.D., Chair; Robert L. Sorrell, O.D., Board Liaison

Finance/Budget Committee Report - Robert W. Smalling, O.D., Chair

10:15 a.m. **Break**

10:30 a.m. **International Affairs Committee Report** - Thomas Lawless, O.D., Chair

Judicial Council Report - Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Chair

11:00 a.m. **Legal Update** - Dale J. Atkinson, J.D.

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**

1:20 p.m. **Report of the Resolutions Committee** - Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.

1:30 p.m. **COPE Approved Lecture - 1 Hour CE**

“Genomics and the Future of Optometric Practice” by Charles M. Wormington, Ph.D., O.D.
(Supported by an Educational Grant from Allergan)

2:35 p.m. **Break**

2:50 p.m. **Member Board Reports**

4:00 p.m. **Report of the American Optometric Association (AOA)**

Wesley E. Pittman, O.D., President

Report of the AOA State Government Relations Center (SGRC)

Sherry L. Cooper, Manager

5:15 p.m. **Recess**

6:00 p.m. **Reception**

(Sponsored by the Texas Board of Optometry
and the University of Houston College of Optometry)



Dale Atkinson, Esq.
ARBO Counsel



Dr. Charles M. Wormington
CE Lecturer



Dr. Wesley E. Pittman
AOA President

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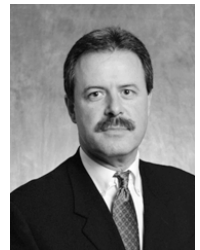
TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Tuesday, June 21

- 7:00 a.m. **Continental Breakfast**
- 8:00 a.m. **Call to Order** - Janet L. Carter, O.D.
- Statement of Quorum** - Robert M. Easton, Jr., O.D.
- Elections**
4 Year Term Director Position #1
4 Year Term Director Position #2
2 Year Unexpired Term Director
3 Year Term as ARBO Representative on the
Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)
(must be an AOA member optometrist)
- Report of the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE)**
Larry Stoppel, O.D., Chair
- Resolutions Committee Report** - Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
- Adoption of the 2005-2006 Budget** - Janet L. Carter, O.D.
- 10:00 a.m. **Break**
- 10:14 a.m. **Introduction of 2005-2006 ARBO Officers**
- 10:15 a.m. **COPE Approved Lecture—1 Hour CE**
“New Technology” by J. James Thimons, O.D.
(Supported by an Educational Grant from Allergan)
- 11:15 a.m. **Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) Report**
George E. Foster, O.D., President
- 11:30 a.m. **The Importance of Coding and Billing in Optometric Education
for Enhanced Patient Care** - Steven Hitzeman, O.D.
(Underwritten by Alcon)
- 12:00 p.m. **Member Board Reports**
- 12:55 p.m. **Good and Welfare**
- 1:00 p.m. **Adjournment**



Dr. Larry Stoppel
ACOE Chair



Dr. J. James Thimons
CE Lecturer



Dr. George E. Foster
ASCO President



Dr. Steven Hitzeman
Lecturer



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**ADMINISTRATOR
TRAINING
ROUNDUP**

Friday, June 24, 2005

1:00 -- 5:00 p.m.

**Palomino 1
Gaylord Texan
Dallas, Texas**

Program will include in-depth information on COPE as well as information on two new ARBO programs—OE TRACKER and CELMO. An opportunity will be provided for questions and answers and networking with other COPE administrators.

Contact Jennifer Parker at 314-785-6000 or Jennifer@arbo.org to register.

*COPE is a service of the Association of
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**Make your reservations now
through
www.optometrismeeing.org**

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 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.optometrismeeing.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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DELEGATE REGISTRATION FORM

The following must be completed and received at the ARBO office by June 15, 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
- Non-Member Observer attendees use a different registration form; contact the ARBO office at 314/785-6000 for further details.



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ARBO RELEASES UPDATE STUDY OF COMPLICATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH INVALID CONTACT LENS PRESCRIPTIONS Results Indicate The Need For Further Documentation

The Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) has released updated results of its initiative to document complications caused by contact lenses dispensed without a valid prescription. The following is a brief summary of the 196 reports received since January 2003 and is listed by categories. Responses are expressed in percentages of total respondents.

Signs and Symptoms Experienced By Patients: The most reported sign or symptom was stinging (41%), followed by corneal edema (38%), neovascularization / pannus (36%), pain (36%), burning (35%), and foreign body sensation (34%). Others were corneal epithelial defect (33%), conjunctivitis (28%), ocular inflammation (27%), corneal infiltrate (26%), corneal distortion (23%), keratitis (22%), corneal ulcer (19%), dry eye (18%), other (18%), giant papillary conjunctivitis (GPC) (18%), itching (14%), discharge (13%), corneal opacity (10%), blurred vision (6%), and iritis (1%).

Treatment Plans Used to Respond to Signs and Symptoms: The most common treatment plan included the prescription of topical antibacterial/anti-inflammatory medications (44%), followed by lubricants (33%), topical and oral antibacterial medications (26%), other treatment plan (15%), refit contact lenses (9%), and the decrease or discontinuation of contact lens wear (6%).

Patient Outcomes: The most common outcome was long term but not permanent vision loss (19%), followed by other outcomes (15%), return to pre-incident status (14%), permanent vision loss (7%), permanent scarring (4%) and penetrating keratoplasty (1%).

Financial Impact of Complications:

- The patient paid an average of \$75.35 out of pocket expense per incident.
- Third party payers paid an average of \$135.66 per incident.
- The patient loss of income averaged \$30.03 per incident.
- The average total cost per incident was \$241.04.

The actual documentation of patient complications is conducted by the eye care professionals completing the Contact Lens Complications Form provided through ARBO. The eye care professional fills out a form for each incident of a patient who obtained contact lenses without a valid prescription and returns the form to ARBO via fax or e-mail. ARBO compiles the information for this ongoing study. ARBO will periodically update its Summary of Results by providing information to eye care professionals, state attorneys general, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) through the ARBO web site and articles in professional and trade journals.

Eye care professionals can download the Contact Lens Complications Form from the ARBO web site at www.arbo.org. The forms can also be requested by contacting ARBO at (314) 785-6000, FAX (314) 785-6002; e-mail at arbo@arbo.org. A copy of the detailed report is available at no charge by contacting the ARBO Office.

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