COPE held a training workshop on April 1, 2016, to educate CE providers on its new accreditation criteria and changes to the COPE accreditation processes. More than 100 people attended the workshop which took place at the Loews Chicago O’Hare Hotel in Rosemont, Illinois. Attendees of the workshop included Optometry/Medical Schools, State/Regional Optometric Associations, Insurance/Health Benefits Companies, Media/Journals, Ophthalmology Practices, National CE Providers, Medical Education Companies, International CE Providers, and State Boards of Optometry.

The workshop was designed to assist optometric CE professionals in developing strategies to ensure their organizational compliance with the COPE Accreditation Criteria, Standards for Commercial Support, and COPE policies. COPE officially announced its proposed new accreditation criteria and process changes in May 2015. The announcement continued COPE’s ongoing effort to move its CE accreditation system towards equivalency and ultimately joint accreditation with other healthcare professions, to support the overall direction towards collaborative, inter-disciplinary care for better patient outcomes and improved community health. Starting in 2017, CE providers will be able to choose to become an Accredited Provider, which allows them greater freedom and flexibility, or to continue to have their activities individually accredited by COPE.

The workshop provided participants with specific details and clarification on each accreditation option as well as an interactive platform to engage with their CE colleagues and members of the COPE Committee and ARBO Staff. Speakers at the workshop included representatives from COPE, the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council on Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the Alliance for Continuing Education in the Health Professions (ACEhp). Steve Singer, PhD, Vice President for Education and Outreach at ACCME and Dimitra Travlos, PharmD, Assistant Executive Director and Director of CPE Provider Accreditation at ACPE provided insight into the CE/CME planning process and facilitated a group discussion among workshop attendees to brainstorm ways to begin to plan their programs under the new COPE processes. There was also a presentation on best practices in CE/CME from Diana Durham, PhD, Associate Director for Accreditation at Veterans Health Administration Employee Education System (VHA EES). Ed Dellert, RN, MBA, CCMEP and member of the ACEhp Board of Directors, was the final speaker at the COPE Training Workshop.
Within a short few weeks, we will be coming up on ARBO’s 97th Annual Meeting to be held in Boston, Massachusetts. The Annual Meeting is the forum for our Member Boards to share with one another, to discuss issues facing regulatory boards, and to develop policies that ensure current and future protection of public welfare.

What are the critical topics facing optometric regulatory boards this year? If one of regulatory boards' primary responsibilities is to ensure the competency of its licensees, what systems can we put in place, what programs and tools does ARBO provide for its Member Boards, to ensure public protection?

**Entry Level Competency**
ARBO has enjoyed a long-standing partnership with the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. The NBEO provides a nationally accepted, standardized, statistically validated, entry-level examination, which is accepted by all of ARBO’s U.S. Member Boards. The Applied Basic Science, the Patient Assessment and Management, and the Clinical Skills Exam parts are evolving in delivery format and in content on an ongoing basis. Feedback from ARBO Member Boards, through the National Board Examination Review Committee and through participation in other NBEO content development committees, is critical to ensure exam content relevancy to current practice at the highest scope of practice. ARBO’s close relationship with NBEO helps to confirm a high quality entry-level licensure exam for new licensees, ultimately to ensure that only qualified clinicians are eligible to practice.

**Maintenance of Licensure**
Continuing Education is currently the tool used for maintenance of licensure in Member Board jurisdictions. But is all CE created equal? Is the learning outcome different for a live lecture compared to an interactive online delivery format? The updated COPE Accreditation Criteria have been adopted from the CE accreditation criteria used in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and other health professions. The criteria incorporate adult learning theory to improve knowledge, performance, and patient outcomes. Ultimately, regulatory boards, and by extension the ARBO House of Delegates, are responsible for developing and enforcing CE accreditation standards.

**Continuing Competency**
One of the challenges facing health care professions today is the concept of ongoing continued competence. What assurances can we provide to patients that our licensees are competent to provide quality patient care? Can a Continuing Professional Development program be developed for member boards to utilize for disciplinary purposes? Could the program evolve to become a method for demonstrating competence? These are important questions to consider as patients start demanding greater transparency and may begin to expect demonstrated competence, beyond classroom knowledge.

**Tele-health Regulation**
How is a quality eye exam defined? If the skills of an optometrist are in diagnosis and treatment, if care is measured through patient outcomes, can the exam information and data be gathered remotely using technology or a technician? What regulatory guidelines need to be in place to ensure patient care is not compromised? Optometry is not alone in this era of tele-health. We can surely learn from other health professions and apply what is in the best interest of the public.

Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated Annual Meeting Planning Committee, and with the support of the entire ARBO Board of Directors, we have an engaging and full agenda for our Annual Meeting. I hope you will join in the discussion, and I look forward to seeing you all in Boston!

Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO
ARBO President
Happy Spring from the ARBO office. It’s hard to believe that our Annual Meeting is right around the corner. This year is really flying by! Hopefully, you’ve already made your plans to travel to Boston to attend the meeting. The Planning Committee has been hard at work and they’ve made some changes to the agenda to add more small group breakout sessions and more presentations on regulatory issues. I think you’ll really enjoy this year’s program.

All of our committees have been working hard since the last meeting. The COPE Committee has finalized the new accreditation process and they had a very successful workshop to train our COPE Administrators on the new accreditation criteria, policies and procedures. The OE TRACKER Committee has continued their outreach to different jurisdictions to stress the importance of 100% audit and to increase utilization of the OE TRACKER mobile app. The Contemporary Issues Committee has been researching several hot topics including telemedicine, license mobility and social media. All our committees will report on their activities at the annual meeting.

Our staff has also been extremely busy as usual working with our many committees and preparing for changes to the COPE program. We’re also devoting a substantial amount of time keeping up with all the spring CE activities that are going on. COPE course submissions have increased this year and OE TRACKER is being used by multiple Member Boards for auditing purposes. The OE TRACKER mobile app is also being used by more CE Providers to track attendance of courses at their meetings.

I’m looking forward to seeing you all in Beantown next month. Boston is a very exciting city to visit with a lot of things to do. Hopefully, you’ll have the opportunity to stay an extra day or two after the meeting and take in some of the historic sites.

As always, if you have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

ARBO would like to extend condolences to the family of Dr. John Duncan Robinson, who passed away on March 4, 2016. A 1954 graduate of Pennsylvania College of Optometry and Executive Director of the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry, Dr. Robinson was a Life Member of ARBO, serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the organization from 1967-1984 and holding a position on the Board of Directors from 1985-1992.

Dr. Robinson was also a member of the North Carolina State Optometric Society, Southern Council of Optometrists and the American Optometric Association, as well as a Life Member of the American Optometric Foundation. He was elected to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry in 1982, was elected President in 1989 and served as the president until retiring form the Board in 1992.

Dr. Robinson was honored for his efforts by the North Carolina State Optometric Society in 2002 with the establishment of the “John D. Robinson Clinical Excellence Award.” This yearly award is presented to a North Carolina optometrist showing “excellence in clinical practice and ophthalmic medicine.” He was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame in October 2006.

ARBO is very appreciative of Dr. Robinson’s service to the organization and throughout the optometric community. He will be greatly missed.
COPE Workshop Recap (continued from page 1)

guest speaker at the workshop. He introduced the Alliance and the services that are available to continuing education professionals through the organization.

Following the workshop, attendees reported having a better understanding of why COPE accreditation is evolving and how the new requirements, which align COPE with other healthcare accreditors, will strengthen their CE programs. Dr. Susy Yu, ARBO President, commented, “The workshop was a huge success! We brought together a community of optometric CE professionals to learn the new processes and share ideas with each other. We had such a great response to the workshop that we’re planning to make this an annual event.”

With the workshop proving to be beneficial for attendees, the COPE committee will look into the possibility of hosting an additional training workshop in 2016 for those individuals who were unable to make it to Illinois.
Part III CSE: A Digital Point of View - The Technical Side of Testing at the NCCTO

When the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) decided to open a single test center for the Part III Clinical Skills Examination (CSE), the National Center of Clinical Testing in Optometry (NCCTO) was born. A tremendous amount of planning was devoted to the creation of its individual facets. The planning process was facilitated through guidance from the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) and National Board of Medical Examiners (NBME) that already had developed similar test centers for their osteopathy and allopathic candidates, respectively. The intent underlying the NBEO’s vision for a single test center was to provide each candidate with a standardized clinical skills testing environment. One of the most vital components of the NCCTO is the audio/visual system that digitally captures the entire examination from start to finish.

Education Management Solutions (EMS) was tapped to supply the NCCTO with its state-of-the-art audio/video system, SIMULATIONiQ™ (SIMiQ). This system allows the test center to create 1080p high-fidelity HD videos of a candidate’s total performance during the exam. This provides our Remote Examiners (REs) with videos that can be streamed over the internet, thus enabling the REs to evaluate candidates’ performances from any location of their choice. Since our Part III REs are not required to come to the NBO headquarters to evaluate candidate exam videos, the NBO is able to maintain the Part III exam fee at its current modest level as compared to other similar board-level exams.

Utilizing Panasonic WV-CS5 cameras and the Integrated Audio/Video Control Technology from Crestron Electronics, our NCCTO control room is able to capture the most detailed images from all areas of the exam room. We have the capability to capture video even at a single lumen of light. The images (below) demonstrate the excellent quality of the photographic equipment.

With the SIMULATIONiQ™ Enterprise AV Application, the NCCTO staff can retrieve a video as soon as a test session has ended. If a candidate fills out an Incident Report (IR), the video can be reviewed immediately and any reported incidents can be addressed. If the NCCTO staff believes that the IR is due to any type of in-house administrative error or technical problem, the candidate can be retested prior to leaving the NCCTO. This saves the candidate all of the time and expense involved in a re-test at a later date, which is especially appropriate when the testing incident is beyond the candidate’s control.

The SIMiQ AV Control Application also provides a constant display of system status, to include confirmation that the system is recording, which is a critically significant, indispensable component of the testing process. This leaves the NCCTO control room staff with no doubt that video and audio images are being captured for staff and RE review. Remote Examiners have access to their assigned videos for a minimum of two weeks and have the ability to rewind/review the video as often as is necessary.

The NCCTO provides online versions of the Part III Clinical Skills Examination evaluation forms, the candidate guide, and an orientation video. All of these resources and more are available on the NBO website. Candidates are strongly encouraged to review all of this information prior to presenting for their Part III exam session.

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97th ARBO Annual Meeting in Boston Rapidly Approaching

Meeting Information

ARBO’s 2016 Annual Meeting will be held at The Westin Boston Waterfront from June 26 – 28, 2016. Members and staff of the Regulatory Boards of Optometry in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand are invited to attend this important meeting to discuss current regulatory issues. The ARBO Annual Meeting provides an excellent forum for keeping up-to-date with regulatory issues. This is a great opportunity to interact with your regulatory colleagues discussing hot topics and shared concerns in the regulatory community. You definitely won’t want to miss this meeting! To register, please visit our website: http://www.arbo.org/2016_meet.php

Registration Fee: $475 for Voting and Non-Voting Delegates.

SPECIAL RATE: Register one delegate at full price by May 13, 2016, and get a second delegate registration at no charge!

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting materials will be provided electronically. Be sure to include your e-mail address when you register and remember to bring your laptop, tablet, or other web-enabled device with you to the meeting.

Hotel Information

The Westin Boston Waterfront is located in the heart of the emerging Boston Seaport district less than three miles from Logan International Airport. You’re just blocks away from historic Faneuil Hall, Quincy Market, the New England Aquarium and Financial District. Boston’s waterfront is bursting with new shops, public Green space and brilliant social and cultural activity. Hotel reservations can be made through the ARBO website or by calling 800-228-3000 and referencing the ARBO meeting.

The Westin Boston Waterfront
425 Summer St
Boston, MA 02210
Phone: 617-532-4600 or 888-627-7116
www.westinbostonwaterfront.com

Group Room Rate:
$239 (plus taxes and fees) per night (single/double)

In Room High-Speed Internet:
Free for ARBO meeting attendees!

Parking:
36 USD daily (Self); 46 USD daily (Valet)

Travel Assistance Available Again This Year!

If you require travel assistance in order to attend the Annual Meeting, please let us know. ARBO and NBEO are jointly offering two financial support programs for the 2016 meeting:

$500 Travel Stipend: Travel stipends will be available to one person from each jurisdiction who attends both the NBEO Workshop and the ARBO Annual Meeting. This stipend is available to those jurisdictions that REQUIRE parts I, II, TMOD or III of the National Board Exam. To apply or for more information, please contact Andrea Moss of the NBEO at 704.332.9565 or moss@optometry.org.

$500 Travel Scholarships: A limited number of travel scholarships are available and will be rewarded on a first come, first served basis ($500 per jurisdiction). Scholarships are only available to those delegates whose Board does not cover 100% of travel expenses. To apply, please send a request on your Board letterhead, noting that your Board does not pay 100% of your travel expenses, to Ron Cassel of ARBO at rcassel@arbo.org or fax to 888-703-4848 by May 26, 2016.
# 97th ARBO Annual Meeting Agenda

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7:00 am    Continental Breakfast

Plenary Session:

8:00 am    Call to Order
            Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO, ARBO
            President

8:15 am    Adoption of 2017 Budget

8:30 am    Elections: ARBO Board of Directors
            • 4-Year Term Director Position #1
              (Dr. Ernest Schlabach, not eligible for re-election)
            • 4-Year Term Director Position #2
              (Michael O’Hara, JD, PHD, eligible for re-election)

9:00 am    Judicial Council/Resolutions Committee Report

9:15 am    Federal Service CE Policy Review
            Felix Barker, OD

9:45 am    Concurrent Breakout Sessions:
            • Industry Presentations
            • Executive Director/Administrator Workshop: What’s New With COPE
              Sierra Rice

10:45 am   Introduction of 2016-2017 ARBO Officers

10:50 am   Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) Report
            J. Bart Campbell, OD

11:05 am   Regulation in the News
            Dale Atkinson, Esq.

12:00 pm   Old Business

12:15 pm   New Business

12:30 pm   Passing of the Gavel

We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

Save the Date for Future ARBO Annual Meetings:

June 18-20, 2017, in Washington, DC
June 17-19, 2018, in Denver, CO
June 16-18, 2019, in St. Louis, MO
ARBO Annual Meeting Invitation to Member Board Executive Directors and Administrators

Dear Executive Directors and Administrators,

The ARBO Member Board Executive Director/Administrator Committee wishes to take this opportunity to offer our special invitation to attend the ARBO Annual Meeting June 26-28, 2016, in Boston. The theme of the meeting this year is “New Perspectives in Optometric Regulation”. The General Session will be full of information with opportunities for interaction with Boards from other jurisdictions. The agenda also includes four specific breakout sessions for Executive Directors and Administrators.

Executive Director/Administrator Workshop Sessions:

- **Sunday, June 26th, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm:** What’s New in Your Jurisdiction? Discussion Moderated by Patricia Bennett and Jan Murray
- **Monday, June 27th, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm:** Q & A with Dale Atkinson, Esq. on telemedicine issues, North Carolina Dental Board Decision, etc.
- **Monday, June 27th, 12:30 - 1:30 pm:** Lunch and Discussion of Board Resources for Consumer Safety *(Bring information on your favorite tool to share.)*
- **Tuesday, June 28th, 9:45 am – 10:30 am:** What’s New with COPE, Sierra Rice, ARBO Program Manager

These sessions for Executive Directors and Administrators, along with other networking opportunities, make this an excellent meeting to attend. Public members attending the ARBO Annual Meeting are also invited to join these breakout sessions. You should have already received registration material from the ARBO office. Additional information on the meeting can be found at www.arbo.org. We look forward to seeing you in Boston!

Patricia Bennett and Jan Murray, Co-Chairs
Member Board Executive Director/Administrator Committee

COPE Committee Meets

The COPE Committee held their annual committee meeting on April 2 in Chicago, following the COPE Training Workshop. The committee began their meeting by discussing the feedback received from attendees of the COPE Training Workshop held on the previous day, which was organized to help COPE Administrators and other CE providers learn more about the upcoming COPE accreditation changes that will take place in 2017. There were numerous questions posed by attendees at the workshop, and the committee worked together to formulate answers to those questions so that ARBO Staff could follow up with the attendees in a timely manner and the committee could add those questions into the FAQ’s for the new accreditation processes.

The committee meeting also included discussion on yearly financial and course audit information and COPE policies including distance learning, interactive vs. non-interactive webinars, course instructional time, and attendance certificates. The committee wrapped up with the meeting with an update on the COPE Advisory Committee activities and discussion on the next phase of preparation leading up to the new accreditation implementation in January 2017.

Committee Members: James Campbell, OD, WV, Chair; Douglas Ayre, OD, KS; Thomas Bobst, OD, OH; Jill Martinson-Redekopp, OD, ND; Michael Ohlson, OD, IA; Richard Orgain, OD, TN; Bill Rafferty, OD, NC; Jerry Richt, OD, TN; Robert Smalling, OD, AR; Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO, CA, Ex-Officio; Donna DeLay, Staff; Lisa Fennell, Staff; Sierra Rice, Staff
ARBO Committee Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on an ARBO committee for the 2016-2017 administrative year, please consider the committee(s) that interest you. A list of current committees is shown on the following page. The Board of Directors will be making committee appointments and volunteers will be notified of appointments in early July. The Directors attempt to have all committees regionally balanced; therefore you may or may not be selected to serve depending on a variety of circumstances.

☐ I wish to be considered for the following ARBO Committee(s) for 2016-2017:

1. ________________________________    4. ________________________________
2. ________________________________    5. ________________________________
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Your Jurisdiction: ______________________________________________________

Name: _________________________________________________________________

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Office Phone: ________________________________    Cell Phone: ________________________________

Email Address: ___________________________________________________________

Expiration of Your Board Term (if applicable): _______________________________

Please fax, or scan and email, the completed form to Lisa Fennell at 888.703.4848 or lfennell@arbo.org by June 3rd.

Forms will also be available onsite during the Annual Meeting.
ARBO Committees

Bylaws Committee
This committee reviews the ARBO Bylaws to recommend changes to be voted upon at the following year's Annual Meeting.

Contemporary Issues Committee
The purpose of this committee is to research and gather information on contemporary issues in optometry and report their findings and recommendations to the House of Delegates at the ARBO Annual Meeting.

Council on Endorsed Licensure Mobility for Optometrists (CELMO)
This committee develops and implements policy/programs for a license mobility vehicle by which state optometry boards can address the difficult task and burden of how to deal with the issue of licensure by endorsement in a uniform and consistent manner.

Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE)
COPE's primary purpose is to administer a centralized, uniform CE accreditation process of programs/events offered on a national and regional basis. The COPE Committee also: oversees the implementation of guidelines for selecting and monitoring course reviewers, evaluates the requirements for course and CE administrator approvals, conducts periodic quality assessment reviews, and continuously refines the policy and procedures for the functioning of COPE.

International Affairs Committee
This committee seeks and encourages international membership in ARBO and maintains reciprocal relations with other international organizations. The International Committee gathers information relating to licensing and regulation boards of optometry in all jurisdictions of the world, and recommends methods to establish and maintain reciprocal relations among them.

Judicial Council/Resolutions Committee
The Judicial Council's purpose is to review and approve all resolutions passed by the ARBO House of Delegates and is charged with reporting its deliberations to the President. After the resolutions review is complete, the Judicial Council is renamed, becomes the Resolutions Committee, and is then charged with reviewing and screening resolutions for appropriateness when they are submitted to the House of Delegates for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

Member Board Executive Directors/Administrators Committee
The purpose of the Member Board Executive Directors/Administrators Committee is to develop content for inclusion at the Annual Meeting for the benefit and education of member board executive directors/administrators and staff.

National Board Examination Review Committee (NBERC)
This committee reviews the content of the examinations developed and administered by the National Board of Examiners in Optometry. The committee presents a report to the NBEO and to the House of Delegates at the ARBO Annual Meeting with recommendations on how examinations may be improved to meet optometry board needs.

Nominating Committee
The Nominating Committee's purpose is to make a report at the Annual Meeting of the names selected for vacant directorships of ARBO and the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education. The committee accepts names for nomination before and during the Annual Meeting. The committee reviews pertinent information regarding candidates, conducts an interview process, and presents a slate of nominees to the voting delegates at the Annual Meeting.

OE TRACKER Committee
This Committee oversees the ARBO program designed to capture attendance data at educational meetings, making it available to both the individual optometrist and their boards of optometry to verify attendance information needed for continuing education requirements for license renewal.

Optometric Continued Competence Committee
The purpose of this committee is to identify and establish educational and ethical standards and strategies for optometric licensing boards to implement lifelong learning processes to protect the public.
The ARBO Board of Directors met with the NBEO Board of Directors on March 17, 2016, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to improve communication between the two organizations, to review the relationship that has existed in the past, and to discuss the business relationship moving forward.

The meeting began with introductions and background information by ARBO President, Dr. Susy Yu and NBEO President, Dr. Bill Rafferty. Board members then discussed each organization’s specific programs and the value that each organization provides to the other.

Attendees identified the shared and distinct interests of each organization during the meeting. Small breakout groups discussed the criteria for success of the future relationship. Both Boards agreed that a continued organizational relationship is beneficial and that the specifics of the future relationship will be refined in the near future.

The ARBO Board was represented by President Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO; Vice President Gregory Moore, OD; Secretary-Treasurer Michael O’Hara, JD, PhD; and Directors James Campbell, OD; Michael Ohlson, OD, FAAO; Richard Orgain, OD; Bill Rafferty, OD, FAAO; Jerry Richt, OD; and Ernest Schlabach, OD. Immediate Past President Roger Pabst, OD was not in attendance. Other attendees included ARBO Executive Director Lisa Fennell; Donovan Crouch, OD, consultant to the Board; and Steven Eyler, OD, past ARBO and NBEO President.

NBEQ Board members present included President Bill Rafferty, OD, FAAO; Vice President Jill Martinson-Redekopp, OD; Secretary-Treasurer Elizabeth Hoppe, OD, MPH, DrPH; Immediate Past President Melvin Shipp, OD, MPH, DrPH; and members Lewis Reich, OD, PhD; and Jerry Richt, OD. Members Al King, OD and Fary Cachelin, PhD were not able to attend the meeting. Other attendees included NBEO CEO Jack Terry, OD, PhD, and COO Jill Bryant, OD.

In addition to the NBEO/ARBO participants were attorneys, Ms. Jennifer Semko, Mr. Tom Egan, Mr. Pat Jenkins, Mr. Dale Atkinson, and facilitator Mr. John Bradberry.

ARBO Remembers Dr. Larry Alexander

ARBO remembers Dr. Larry J. Alexander, who passed away April 16, 2016. Dr. Alexander served as a consultant for ARBO and COPE, most recently speaking at the 2014 Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

After graduating from the Indiana University School of Optometry in 1971, Dr. Alexander served as an optometrist in the US Navy and in various states around the country, a professor at the University of Alabama Birmingham School of Optometry for 20 years and an author of a textbook titled Primary Care of the Posterior Segment. He became a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry in 1975.

ARBO would like to extend condolences to Dr. Alexander’s family. The optometric community is greatly appreciative of Dr. Alexander’s contributions and service. He will be missed by all.
ARBO 2016 Call for Nominations

In accordance with ARTICLE VI, Section 2.C of the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Bylaws, the President has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of the following individuals:

- James Bureman, OD, Chair, Missouri
- Marla Moon, OD, Pennsylvania
- Jeffery Yunker, OD, North Dakota
- Scott Peterson, JD, Massachusetts
- Richard Orgain, OD, Board Liaison, Tennessee
- Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO, California, Ex-officio

Two positions will be open on the ARBO Board of Directors this year. Elections will be held at the ARBO Annual Meeting in June:

- One 4-year term – Dr. W. Ernest Schlabach: Not eligible for re-election
- One 4-year term – Michael J. O’Hara, JD, PhD: Eligible for re-election; intending to run

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 CV, to Ms. Lisa Fennell, Executive Director, at the ARBO office by June 1, 2016. Candidates 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, on the ARBO Website at www.arbo.org.

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