ARBO Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) is thrilled to be celebrating its 100th anniversary this year! ARBO is one of the oldest continuously operating organizations in optometry and has pursued its mission of assisting licensing boards since 1919. For 100 years, ARBO has provided its members with programs and services to assist in evolving the efficiency and competence of the optometric licensing boards.

ARBO began as the International Association of Boards (IAB) in 1919. The vision of the early leaders was to create a venue to bring boards of optometry together to create uniformity, share knowledge, and advance optometric regulation for the benefit of the public. The organization’s name was changed to the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry in 1999, but the mission remains the same. For 100 years, ARBO has served its member boards well by developing programs to help ease the burden on regulatory boards and by being a conduit of information regarding licensure and regulation.

In the early years, ARBO’s projects included setting standards for licensure, establishing a common educational model, accreditation of optometry schools, and developing a uniform national examination for licensure. Today, ARBO continues to be involved in some of these activities through its representation on the National Board of Examiners in Optometry and the Accreditation Council for Optometric Education.

ARBO created the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) in 1993 to accredit continuing education on behalf of optometric licensing boards. Over time, ARBO has evolved the COPE accreditation program to align it with other healthcare accreditation systems to support collaborative, interdisciplinary care for better patient outcomes and improved community health.

ARBO’s OE TRACKER® program was established in 2005 for optometrists and licensing boards to electronically track, report, and audit attendance of CE courses. Usage of OE TRACKER by licensing boards and optometrists has increased exponentially since then. Currently, there are over 56,000 optometrists in OE TRACKER with over 4.3 million attendance records.

“This is a milestone year for ARBO. I’m very proud to be involved with an organization that has such longevity and relevance. Looking back, it appears that in many cases the issues that were raised by past ARBO leaders were ahead of their time and ahead of the thinking of the majority of the profession. The next century will offer many changes and challenges for optometry and ARBO will keep advancing as well to continue to protect the public we serve,” says Rick Orgain, OD, ARBO President.

To commemorate its many accomplishments and historical significance to present-day optometry, a celebration is planned at ARBO’s 100th Annual Meeting, June 16-18, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. Members and Staff of the regulatory boards of optometry are invited to attend the meeting as well as past ARBO Presidents and volunteers who have contributed to the success of the organization. For more information on the annual meeting, see page 5.
I hope each of you is having a great day. This second year as your ARBO president has flown by. I have enjoyed most of the ride, and the optometrists you have elected to serve with me are the most outstanding individuals I’ve ever had the honor of working with. Concerning all of the issues facing ARBO and the regulatory boards of optometry, these board members are in lock step promoting your mission. I want to offer a few thoughts as I look back and then forward.

I’m very proud of what ARBO has accomplished in the past year. The National Board Exam Review Committee has continued their review of the NBEO exam process on your behalf. They made recommendations to the NBEO that they will share with you at the annual meeting. The committee and the ARBO Board are also working to make sure our members have direct input into the restructure of the Part III exam. You rely on this exam when making a decision to grant a license, and we want to make sure your needs are met.

OE TRACKER has continued to grow due to more member boards using the program for auditing and increased use of our very popular mobile app by optometrists and CE providers. I’d like to thank the OE TRACKER Committee for leading the way for this incredible growth. The Contemporary Issues Committee is focusing on telemedicine this year, and they’re working on developing resources for you in response to your request at the annual meeting in Denver last year.

One of the past year’s highlights is the new structure of our COPE Committee. As you know, after many years of discussion, we’ve added representatives from AAO and ASCO to the committee (AOA declined our invitation to participate). This is an incredibly positive step which brings new expertise to the COPE accreditation process and will help us continue to advance the program.

COPE has been very active over the past few years. Changes have been made as directed by you through resolutions passed at our annual meetings. The COPE provider accreditation process was created at the request of the profession to have optometry’s CE accreditation be more like medicine. COPE also achieved “substantial equivalency” with the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medication Education.

COPE joined the Joint Accreditation for Continuing Education in the Health Professions collaborative to participate in interprofessional continuing education, which is an important step as healthcare moves towards interprofessional practice. These were significant achievements to validate our program and ensure the quality of COPE accredited CE.

All of ARBO’s programs, COPE, OE TRACKER, and NBERC, are tools that were created to help you do your job as a regulator. ARBO is now 100 years old. We’ve followed our mission to assist our members in protecting the public for a century. That’s not going to change. ARBO will continue to work hard to provide your board with tools and services that allow you to save time, money and energy when fulfilling your requirements as regulators. We will help you address the many issues facing your board, such as teleoptometry, license portability, and more.

My advice to you going forward is always remember to wear your regulator hat. You answer only to your legislators and the public. Make sure that your board is free from any real or perceived conflict of interest or encroachment from commercial or corporate interference. Don’t accept what you hear about ARBO without asking for facts. If you have questions, ask any ARBO Board member. Our board believes in total transparency, and we are happy to answer any questions you have.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as your President. I hope to see everyone in St. Louis for our 100th anniversary. We have some big things planned for this meeting, so you won’t want to miss it!
A Note from the Executive Director

Spring is here, and it’s hard to believe that our annual meeting is right around the corner. ARBO’s 100th Annual Meeting is taking place at the Four Seasons Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 16-18. Hopefully, you’ve already made your plans to attend the meeting. The planning committee has developed a very informative meeting agenda, and we’re also going to have some special surprises for our 100th anniversary. We’ve heard from some of you in the past that you felt the meeting was too long, so we’re trying a different schedule this year. The annual meeting will start at 12:30 pm on Sunday, June 16th, but there will be some special meetings and breakout sessions on Sunday morning that you might want to attend. Check out the meeting agenda on page 7 for more information on those.

Our committees have been working hard this year. The COPE Committee, with new members from AAO and ASCO, has started working together. I’m sure you can expect big things from them in the near future. The OE TRACKER Committee has continued outreach to promote the importance of 100% audit and to increase utilization of the OE TRACKER mobile app. The Contemporary Issues Committee has been researching tele-health/tele-medicine, and they are working on a model policy that members can adapt for their own needs. All of our committees will report on their activities at the annual meeting.

Our staff has also been extremely busy as usual working with our committees and preparing for the 100th annual meeting. I’m excited to report that we’ve added two new people to the staff: Brittany Howard and Jessi Woodrome. They’re both excellent additions to our team, providing high-level customer service to all our customers. Hopefully you’ll be able to meet them in St. Louis. We are also spending a great deal of time keeping up with all of the spring CE activities. COPE course and activity submissions have increased this year and OE TRACKER is being used by more members, CE Providers, and optometrists than ever before.

Just a reminder, if you haven’t sent me your Board report yet, please make sure and send it by May 20th. It’s important to give an update on the activities of your Board, even if you’re not able to come to the meeting. I’m looking forward to seeing you all in June at the Gateway to the West!

ARBO is thrilled to announce the recent addition of two new staff members to the team: Brittany Howard and Jessi Woodrome! Brittany and Jessi are both Program Coordinators, providing daily customer service support via phone and email and uploading CE credits into OE TRACKER.

Ms. Howard joined the ARBO team in October 2018. She holds two degrees, a Bachelor’s in Psychology and a Master’s of Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resource Management, and brings with her over 5 years of customer service and human resources experience. A native of Pittsburgh, PA, Ms. Howard loves to travel, paint and enjoy quality time with her family, friends and Chihuahua, Sarobi.

Ms. Woodrome began working with ARBO in December 2018. In addition to her 15 years of customer service experience, Ms. Woodrome holds an Associate’s Degree in Science with a concentration in Medical Administration. Originally from Cleveland, OH, her favorite pastimes include painting, drawing, reading and spending time with friends and family.

Ms. Howard and Ms. Woodrome are both excited to join the ARBO family and look forward to working with our members. Please be sure to welcome them the next time you call the ARBO office!
Dr. Susy Yu Elected to NBEO Board

Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO, was elected to the National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Board of Directors in December 2018. Dr. Yu has served on the ARBO Board of Directors since 2009 and was President of ARBO for the 2015-2016 term. She also previously served on the California State Board of Optometry for 8 years. Dr. Yu is the Director of Business Strategy and Operations Support for Vision Essentials by Kaiser Permanente in the Southern California region. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Yu!

New COPE Governing Committee Established

ARBO has established a new Governing Committee for the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE®) which adds participation of other optometric CE stakeholders to the COPE accreditation program. After many years of discussion, an agreement was reached with the American Academy of Optometry (Academy) and the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) to add representatives from their organizations to COPE. This collaboration with the Academy and ASCO is another step in ARBO’s continued efforts to evolve the COPE accreditation system to assure the ongoing advancement of the quality of optometric continuing education.

COPE accredits optometric continuing education for use by ARBO’s member regulatory boards/colleges in assessing and determining eligibility for licensure by optometrists. COPE accreditation serves the public, regulatory bodies and the profession by promoting improvement in competence, performance and patient outcomes. In recent years, some of COPE’s highlights have been achieving substantial equivalency with the Accreditation Council on Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) and joining the Joint Accreditation for Continuing Education in the Health Professions collaborative.

"ARBO is pleased to announce this historic collaboration with the Academy and ASCO. We’re looking forward to enhancing communication and broadening decision-making by adding their expertise to COPE. I’m confident that they will make valuable contributions to the COPE accreditation process to have a positive impact on optometrist learning, performance and patient health outcomes," states Richard Orgain, OD, ARBO President.

"After several years of profession-wide discussions, the Academy is pleased to announce that we signed a Memorandum of Understanding agreement to form a multi-organizational COPE Governing Committee. The collective strengths and unity of our organizations will ensure the highest standards of optometric continuing education and the sustained advancement of the profession," states Brett G. Bence, OD, FAAO, Academy Past President (2015 & 2016).

"As optometric educators, the faculties from our 23 institutions set high standards for ourselves and for our students,” says David Damari, OD, FCOVD, FAAO. President of ASCO and Dean of Michigan College of Optometry at Ferris State University. “ASCO is pleased to join our colleagues from ARBO and the Academy on this agreement regarding the governance of and standards set by COPE. This collaborative effort will benefit all optometrists as they continue on the path of life-long learning begun in the schools and colleges of optometry.”

The duties of the committee include setting standards, policies and procedures for the COPE accreditation program, making accreditation determinations based on compliance with COPE accreditation criteria and policies, and preparing and presenting an annual report to the ARBO House of Delegates and the boards of directors of the participating organizations. Appointments to the COPE Governing Committee were made in January 2019, and the committee is having its first face-to-face meeting in late April.

Committee members include: ARBO appointees; Jim Campbell, OD, Chair; Luanne Chubb, OD, FAAO; Steve Odekirk, OD; Bob Smalling, OD; Susy Yu, OD, MBA, FAAO and Jeff Yunker, OD; AAO appointees: Brett Bence, OD, FAAO; Bart Campbell, OD, FAAO; and Mark Eger, OD, FAAO; and ASCO appointees: Kristin Anderson, OD, FAAO; Richard Madonna, OD, MA; and Caroline Beesley Pate, OD, FAAO. The American Optometric Association was also invited to participate in the COPE Governing Committee, however, they declined.
Join Us for the 2019 ARBO Annual Meeting in St. Louis!

**Meeting Information**

ARBO’s 100th Annual Meeting will be held at The Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis from June 16–18, 2019. 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 theme of the meeting this year is “Looking Back, Seeing Ahead—20/20 Vision for the Next Century.” The ARBO Annual Meeting provides a 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!

**Registration Fee:** $500 for Voting and Non-Voting Delegates. To register, please visit our website: https://www.arbo.org/2019_meet.php

**SPECIAL RATE:**
Register one delegate at full price by May 18, 2019, and get a second delegate registration at no charge!

**Hotel Information**

**Four Seasons Hotel St. Louis**
999 North Second Street  
St. Louis, MO 63102  
Phone: (314) 881-5800

**Location**
The Four Seasons is in the heart of downtown St. Louis’s entertainment district with epic views of the Gateway Arch. St. Louis, once the launching point for settlers travelling farther west, is today a destination in its own right. The city teems with cultural opportunities and a diversity of shopping and dining options.

**Group Room Rate**
$175 (plus taxes and fees) per night (single/double). Hotel reservations can be made through the ARBO website or by calling 314-881-5757 and referencing ARBO. Room reservations must be made by May 24, 2019, in order to take advantage of the group rate.

Travel Assistance Available This Year!

If your Board has restricted travel allowances and you require additional support in order to attend, please let us know. ARBO and NBEO are jointly offering two financial support programs for the 2019 Annual Meeting.

**$500 Travel Stipend:** Travel stipends are available to one person from each jurisdiction who attends all of the NBEO presentations at the ARBO Annual Meeting. *This stipend is available to those jurisdictions that require parts I, II, TMOD or III of the National Board Exam.*

**$500 Travel Scholarship:** Travel scholarships are also available for Boards that do not cover 100% of your travel expenses. A limited number of scholarships are available and they will be rewarded on a first come first served basis (up to $500 per jurisdiction).

To apply for the travel stipend or scholarship, please fill out the travel support request application on the next page and email it to Ron Cassel at rcassel@arbo.org or fax it to 888-703-4848 by May 24, 2019.
ARBO 2019 Annual Meeting Travel Support Request Application

Please fill out this application and email it to Ron Cassel at r cassel@arbo.org or fax to 888-703-4848 by May 24, 2019.

_____ I would like to apply for the **NBEO $500 Travel Stipend**. I plan to attend all of the NBEO presentations at the ARBO Annual Meeting.

_____ I would like to apply for the **ARBO $500 Travel Scholarship**. My Board does not cover 100% of my travel expenses to come to the ARBO Annual Meeting and I plan to attend all three days of the ARBO Annual Meeting (Sunday afternoon, Monday and Tuesday morning) in St. Louis.

ARBO Member Jurisdiction Represented: __________________________________________

Date of Application: __________________________________________________________

Delegate Name: ______________________________________________________________

Email: _______________________________________________________________________

Phone #: ____________________________________________________________________

After your attendance has verified at the meeting in St. Louis you will be sent a check. Please provide the address where you would like your check sent.
## Preliminary ARBO Annual Meeting Agenda

*(Session Times and Titles Subject to Change)*

### SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

**8:00 am**  Registration

**Morning Breakout Sessions:**
- Member Board Executive Meeting: 8:00 am-12:00 pm
- Nominating Committee Meeting: 8:00 am
- Resolutions Committee Meeting: 10:00 am
- New Attendee Orientation: 10:00-11:00 am
- NBEO Psychometrics Overview: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

**12:30 pm**  Call to Order

- Statement of Quorum
- Missouri Board Welcome
- Adoption of Agenda
- President’s Report
- Executive Director’s Report
- Secretary-Treasurer’s Report
- Judicial Council Report
- Nominating Committee Report

**1:45 pm**  Presentation of John Robinson Founder’s Award

**2:00 pm**  Board Member Training

**3:15 pm**  OE TRACKER Committee Report

**3:30 pm**  COPE Committee Report

**3:45 pm**  Member Board Breakout Session

**5:30 pm**  Recess

### MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2019

**7:30 am**  Registration and Breakfast

**8:30 am**  Call to Order

- Statement of Quorum
- Finance Committee Report
- Resolutions Committee Report

**9:00 am**  Presentation: *Legal Update*

**10:15 am**  Presentation: NBEO Update

**11:00 am**  Presentation: *Telehealth Considerations for Regulatory Boards*

**12:00-1:00 pm**  Lunch

**1:00 pm**  Telehealth Panel Q&A

**1:30 pm**  Contemporary Issues Committee Report

**1:45 pm**  Member Regulatory Stories

**2:30 pm**  NBEO Presentation

**3:30 pm**  NBERC Report

**3:45 pm**  Member Executive Committee Report

**4:00 pm**  Member Board Reports

**5:00 pm**  Final Nominating Committee Report

- Remarks from Board of Directors Nominees

**5:30 pm**  Recess

**5:30-7:30 pm**  President’s Reception

### TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2019

**7:30 am**  Breakfast

**8:30 am**  Call to Order

- Statement of Quorum

**8:45 am**  Adoption of 2020 Calendar Year Budget

**9:00 am**  ARBO Board of Directors Election:

- 4-Year Term Director Position #1 (Dr. James Campbell, eligible for re-election)

- 4-Year Term Director Position #2 (Dr. Susy Yu, not eligible for re-election)

**9:20 am**  Resolutions Committee Report – Final

**9:30 am**  Presentation: *Regulation in the News*

**10:45 am**  Introduction of 2018-2019 ARBO Officers

**11:00 am**  Industry Presentations

**11:15 am**  Presentation: Optometry School Applicant Pool

**11:45 am**  Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE) Report

**12:00 pm**  Old Business

**12:15 pm**  New Business

**12:30 pm**  Adjourn

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**Join Us For Future Annual Meetings:**

- **2021 Annual Meeting**—June 20-22, 2021, in Newport Beach, California

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**Celebrating 100 Years**

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Member Board Executive Breakout Session Information

The ARBO Member Board Executive Committee is pleased to invite all Member Board Executives to attend a special breakout session on Sunday morning (June 16th) before the ARBO meeting begins. This session for Member Board Executives, along with other networking opportunities, make this an excellent meeting to attend.

Also, just a reminder that due to the Bylaws change in June 2018, there is now a designated seat on the ARBO Board of Directors for a Member Board Executive. This year, one position will be open on the ARBO Board which will be filled by a Member Board Executive. If you’d like to run for the Board, please send your CV and a letter of intent to Lisa Fennell, ARBO Executive Director, at lfennell@arbo.org by June 3, 2019.

Member Board Executive Committee:
- Emily Cronbaugh, (WY), Co-Chair
- Margaret Whelan (AZ), Co-Chair
- Pat Bennett (MD)
- Caren Jenkins (NV)
- Jan Murray (KS)
- Tom Ryan (WI)

ARBO MEMBER BOARD EXECUTIVE BREAKOUT MEETING AGENDA

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019

8:00-8:30 am Breakfast in the meeting room
8:30 am Welcome and Introductions
8:45 am Discussion on Topics of Interest:
  - Opioid CE requirements
  - Unregulated occupations
  - Unlicensed activity
  - Bills in legislative session for scope expansion, consolidation, etc.
  - Temporary or provisional license
  - eLicensing
  - Rulemaking moratoriums and other Executive Orders
  - International applicants
  - Verification of Documentation
  - CLEAR webinar on Occupational Licensing Reform
  - Finger Printing/Background Checks
  - Application Determinations - Use of Criminal History
  - Other
10:30 am BREAK
10:45 am Introduction to ARBO MBE Online Community
11:00 am - 12:00 pm Lunch and Q&A with Dale Atkinson

ARBO House of Delegates Plenary Session begins at 12:30 pm

The GreenSheet

OE TRACKER Committee Meets

The OE TRACKER Committee held its annual committee meeting on January 19, 2019, in Charlotte, North Carolina. During the meeting the committee reviewed OE TRACKER administrative statistics from 2018, as well as recent member board and state association utilization of OE TRACKER. Currently, over 95% of all optometrists in OE TRACKER have CE data recorded in their account. Member boards in British Columbia, Kansas, Maine, North Dakota, Ontario, Tennessee and West Virginia and Wyoming, as well as the Colorado and South Dakota Optometric Associations currently pay the yearly OE TRACKER subscription fee for their members/licensees. The member boards paying for their licensees/registrants also require OE TRACKER for license renewal.

The committee also discussed possible OE TRACKER program and mobile app enhancements to benefit optometrists and CE providers, the creation of mobile app marketing tools for both member boards and optometrists, and wrapped up the meeting with brainstorming for 2019 marketing plans and the committee’s yearly report for ARBO’s annual meeting in St. Louis, MO, in June.

Committee Members: Mary Lou French, OD, IL, Chair; Larry Brown, OD, GA; Richard Kniaziw, OD, ON; Jan Murray, KS; Thomas Nadeau, OD, ME; Michael O’Hara, JD, PhD, NE; Rebecca Sparks-Dougherty, OD, KS; Lisa Wallace-Davis, OD, VA; Tom Bobst, OD, OH, Board Liaison; Richard Orgain, OD, TN, Ex-Officio; Lisa Fennell, Staff; Brittany Howard, Staff; Sierra Powell, Staff.

COPE Attends US Health Accreditors Meeting

Ms. Sierra Powell represented COPE at the most recent US Accreditors in Health Professions Meeting on January 23, 2019, in Alexandria, Virginia. This is a biannual meeting where CE/CME accreditors from various healthcare professions come together to discuss current happenings within their organizations and future plans for interprofessional education.

Proessions represented at meeting included certified counseling, dentistry, medicine, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistants, psychology, social work and speech-language-hearing.

Topics discussed during this meeting included updates and recent news among the various organizations and their accreditation programs, as well as plans for consensus information among the groups for CE/CME providers to utilizing when navigating the different accreditation systems. The next US Accreditors in Health Professions Meeting will take place in July 2019.
ARBO Holds Southern Regional Meeting

The 2019 Southern Regional Meeting was held February 23rd in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was chaired by ARBO President Dr. Rick Orgain. Other ARBO attendees were Dr. Don Crouch, Dr. Steve Odekirk and Mr. Ron Cassel.

There were 21 attendees at the Southern Regional Meeting from nine member boards and three optometry schools. ARBO gave reports on the upcoming annual meeting, COPE, and OE TRACKER. The NBEO also gave a report on their recent activities and plans to restructure the Part III exam.

ARBO’s member boards in attendance also gave reports on the activities in their jurisdictions. Some of the additional issues that were discussed at the meeting included: tele-medicine, the new COPE Governing Committee structure, and the OE TRACKER auditing service.

ARBO holds the Southern Regional Meeting every year in conjunction with SECO. Next year the meeting will be in Atlanta. We hope to see you there!

Have You Responded to our Survey on Tele-health?

We recently sent out a survey to all the Member Board Executives regarding tele-health. If you haven’t already done so, please take a few minutes to respond to the survey.

Tele-healthcare is here to stay, and with it comes new challenges for our boards. One of the issues this year’s annual meeting will address is tele-optometry and what do we need to do as regulators to prepare. The more we know, the better prepared we will be for this dynamic change.

ARBO wants to make the meeting as efficient and productive as possible, and we request that your board respond to this short survey. You can type Ctrl and click on the link below to answer the questions online. We will compile all the responses for distribution and discussion at the annual meeting.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KRR9S3Z

ARBO Attends FARB Forum

ARBO board members and staff recently attended the FARB Forum in New Orleans, Louisiana. ARBO Board Members Tom Bobst and Jeff Yunker; Board Consultant Don Crouch; and Executive Director Lisa Fennell joined other regulatory professionals at the meeting. The theme of the meeting this year was “What It Means to be a Regulator.” There were presentations and discussions on competence and conflict of interest, the public sector role in regulation, the effect of occupational licensing on employment, and the purpose of criteria for licensure eligibility. Recent regulatory cases and legislation affecting the regulatory community were also presented. It was clear from the discussions during the meeting that all regulatory boards share similar interests and challenges regardless of the profession involved.

FARB (Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards) is an organization that represents Associations such as ARBO that are made up of regulatory boards for a variety of professions. ARBO is a founding member of FARB and has a representative on their Board of Directors. FARB holds two meetings of interest to regulatory board members and staff each year. One is the Regulatory Law Seminar, and the other is the FARB Forum.

More information on FARB and its upcoming meetings can be found at www.farb.org. The FARB Forum occurs every year and will be held on January 23-26, 2020, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. The next Regulatory Law Seminar will be held October 3-6, 2019, in St. Louis, Missouri.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT OUR **MOBILE APP?**

You can use the *OE TRACKER* Mobile App to:

- **Record attendance** at CE courses into your *OE TRACKER* account in real time.
- View your entire *OE TRACKER CE course history* on the go.
- Quickly and easily e-mail CE certificates to ARBO to upload into your *OE TRACKER* account.

**DOWNLOAD THE APP**

1) **To download the *OE TRACKER* mobile app**: Search for “oe” or “oe tracker” in the app store or Google Play. Select “oe tracker attendance app” and download the app.

**LOG INTO THE APP**

2) **To log in to the *OE TRACKER* mobile app**:

- Click on “Course Attendee”
- Enter your *OE TRACKER* username and password. (If you don’t have a username and password just call the ARBO Office at 704-970-2710.)

**RECORD ATTENDANCE**

3) **Record your attendance** simply by scanning the course-specific QR code supplied by the CE Provider hosting the event/activity. *(if the CE provider is using the *OE TRACKER* mobile app).* Touch “Scan QR Code” on your main screen. This will open your phone’s camera to scan the QR code. You will receive instant confirmation that your attendance has been recorded.
SUBMIT CE CERTIFICATES

4) To use the app to send your CE certificates directly to ARBO:
   • Click on “Email CE Certificates”
   • Take a photo of your certificate using your phone’s camera
   • Hit “Send” and DONE!
   • Allow 3–5 business days for course to be visible in your account

VIEW CE HISTORY

5) View your entire OE TRACKER CE course history by clicking “View Course History”.
   If your OE TRACKER subscription fee is paid, you will see a list of CE hours that are currently in your OE TRACKER account with the date range listed at the top. You can see more detailed course information by touching an individual course title.
News From the NBEO

Part III Clinical Skills Examination (CSE®) Restructuring
To ensure the most up-to-date, comprehensive, and contemporary optometric examinations, the NBEO continuously reviews content and clinical skills as part of its ongoing pledge to public protection and meeting the needs of the optometric profession. As previously announced, the NBEO is excited to embark upon the restructuring of the Part III Clinical Skills Examination (CSE). More information will be forthcoming as this multi-year process develops.

LSPE Registration Now Open
Registration for the new Laser and Surgical Procedures Examination (LSPE™) is now open. This exam consists of both a computer-based testing (CBT) portion and a clinical skills portion. LSPE is comprised of a Laser section and a Surgical section allowing candidates to register for either one or both portions of the examination. Candidates eligible to sit for this examination include optometric 4th-year students, residents, or practitioners. For more information about LSPE visit www.optometry.org.

Six-Attempt Limitation Policy
As announced last year, beginning August 1, 2019, there will be a six-time limit for each examination (Part I Applied Basic Science, Part II Patient Assessment and Management, Treatment and Management of Ocular Disease, Part III Clinical Skills Examination, and Injections Skills Examination). Examination attempts both prior to and after August 1, 2019 will count toward this limit. The NBEO will offer an appeals process, requiring submission of a remediation plan, for individuals who wish to appeal the six-time limit.

College of Optometrists of Ontario Council Approves NBEO Part I, II, III Exams as Alternate Standards Assessment Examination
On January 18, 2019, the College of Optometrists of Ontario Council approved the NBEO Part I, II, and III examinations as an alternate standards assessment examination. Passing scores of all three examinations after January 18, 2019 will be required for registration with the college. For more information, please contact the College of Optometrists of Ontario.

About the NBEO
Established in 1951, the NBEO is an independent, non-governmental, non-profit organization whose examinations are universally accepted for optometric licensure in the United States and accepted internationally. The NBEO’s mission is to serve the public and profession of optometry by developing, administering, scoring and reporting results of valid examinations that assess competence.

ARBO 2019 Call for Nominations
In accordance with ARBO’s Bylaws, the Board of Directors has appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of the following individuals:

- Dr. Jeff Kraskin, District of Columbia, Chair
- Dr. Fred Goldberg, Virginia
- Dr. Clay McLaughlin, Oklahoma
- Dr. Rebecca Sparks, Kansas
- Dr. Tom Bobst, Board Liaison, Ohio
- Dr. Rick Orgain, Ex-officio, Tennessee

There are two positions that are open on the ARBO Board of Directors this year. Due to the Bylaws change last year, one position will be filled by a Member Board Executive Director/Administrator.

- One 4-year term – Dr. James Campbell: Eligible for re-election (intending to run)
- One 4-year term – Dr. Susy Yu: Not eligible for re-election

Any person 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 lfennell@arbo.org by May 31, 2019. The candidate should be available at the ARBO Annual Meeting for an interview by the Nominating Committee.
ARBO 2019 Call for Resolutions

In accordance with the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) Bylaws, the Judicial Council/Resolutions Committee consists of the following individuals:

- Dr. Ken Lawenda, Vermont, Chair
- Dr. Jeff Kraskin, District of Columbia
- Dr. Larry Brown, Georgia
- Caren Jenkins, Nevada
- Dr. Pat O’Neill, Board Liaison
- Dr. Rick Orgain, Ex-officio

Please submit any proposed resolutions for the Resolutions Committee to consider by sending them to Ms. Lisa Fennell, ARBO Executive Director, at lfennell@arbo.org, by May 17, 2019. The committee will consider proposed resolutions referred to it by any Active Member Board, any voting delegate, or the Board of Directors that are submitted in advance of the annual meeting in St. Louis.

Only resolutions considered to be of an urgent nature will be accepted during the meeting. The committee will report all proposed resolutions which it has approved to the House of Delegates at the annual meeting for consideration.