

Minutes
Arkansas State Board of Optometry
Office of the Attorney General
Little Rock, AR

October 18, 2007

Dr. Morris opened the meeting with all Board members, Howard Flippin, Executive Director, Ann Booker, Board secretary, and Bill Trice Board Attorney, present. Cathy Edwards, OD, Laura Meyer of Wal-Mart, Vicki Farmer of the Arkansas Optometric Association, Bradley Diner, MD of the Medical foundation, Vickie Walters of the Medical Foundation, Allison Hall, OD, Roy Ashabranner, OD, and Charles McWaters, OD, were in the audience.

Dr. Hubbard made a motion the minutes be approved as printed. Dr. Coffee asked for correction, which was made and Dr. Coffee made the second. The motion passed.

Dr. Flippin and Mr. Trice discussed possible changes in the various applications made to the Board. Dr. Flippin will make changes and present them to the Board at the next Board meeting.

Dr. McWaters and Dr. Ashabranner were found to be in compliance with the Board rule and the Medical Foundation Contract. They are to attend the next Board meeting.

Dr. Flippin informed the Board that out of the 20 doctors that took the Board last summer, all but four are now licensed.

Dr. Flippin reported on the items checked while performing office inspections in Conway, as directed by the Board. There were two violations noted in one doctor's office.

Dr. Haas made a motion to notify the doctor of the violation found. The doctor is to notify the Board of what action he will be taking to correct the violation and is given 45 days to take corrective action. A repeat inspection will be done after 45 days. Dr. Hubbard made a second and the motion passed.

Dr. Cathy Edwards addressed the Board, regarding obtaining an Arkansas license. Dr. Edwards has passed Part I and Part II of the National Boards, in 1989. But has not taken and passed Part III. She is willing to take Part III of the National Board, if the Board is willing to give her a date waiver on Parts I and II. After discussion, it was determined that the Board did not have the authority to wave the 1997 National Board Date.

A letter from Dr Michael Cohen was presented to the Board. He is requesting licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Trice is to notify Dr Cohen that no reciprocity agreement exists between Arkansas and Utah.

A letter from Dr. Yaney was discussed asking the Board's opinion on a notification to patients he desires to place in his office. The Board does not give opinions but did not feel the sign was appropriate.

The Board discussed notifications presented to the Board office. It was determined that the Board rule implied a \$30 fee be implemented for each notification of practice in a different location and change in notifications forms presented to the Board.

Dr. Coffee made a motion the Board be paid for one days travel and expenses.
Dr. Smalling made a second and the motion passed.

The next Board meeting will be December 20th at which time the Board will have a hearing.

Dr. Smalling requested the Board pay travel and expenses of Board members to SWCO and SECO as in the past.

Dr. Morris adjourned the meeting.

Dale Morris, O.D., President

Kenneth Hubbard, Jr., OD, Secretary