

Minutes of Board Meeting
North Dakota Board of Optometry
October 19, 2018

Members Present: Sandi Frenzel, Drs. Taya Patzman, Jeff Yunker, Brian Beattie, Dori Carlson, Tamara Mathison, Alan King, and Legal Counsel David Schaibley by teleconference.

Absent: Ms. Sisk

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. c.d.t. by President Yunker.

Dr. Mathison moved to approve the amended agenda. Dr. Beattie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Beattie moved to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting. Dr. Patzman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Carlson moved to approve the Treasury report. Dr. Mathison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Under old business, the Board reviewed the proposed changes to sections 43-13-19 through 43-13-26 of the North Dakota Century Code as prepared by Mr. Schaibley. The Board suggested some changes. It was moved by Dr. Mathison and seconded by Dr. Beattie to accept the proposed changes, and to find some sponsors to introduce the changes in those sections of the Century Code to the legislature at the next legislative session. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Dr. Yunker reported that he had sent a letter to Dr. Matthew Sanders outlining the Board's requirements for him to renew his optometric license. He sent the letter by certified mail, and received it back twice. Dr. King reported that he had also tried to contact Dr. Sanders by email on two occasions, and has not received a reply. It was the consensus of the Board to wait on taking further action until Dr. Sanders contacts the Board again.

Dr. Yunker reported that he forwarded the complaint received regarding Opternative to the North Dakota Board of Medicine because the prescription was written by a ND licensed physician. The medical board will review the complaint at their next scheduled meeting in Nov.

Dr. Beattie reported to the Board that he made contact with a legislator that says he will be willing to carry our bill with the changes to our Century Code to the legislature if he is re-elected in November. Dr. Patzman also has a couple of contacts that have said they would be willing to carry the bill if they are also re-elected in November. They will make final arrangements after the November elections.

Under New Business, Dr. Yunker gave the Board a report regarding his attendance to the ARBO Annual Meeting in June. The next annual meeting will be in St. Louis in June of 2019, and Dr. Yunker asked for volunteers to represent our Board at the meeting.

Dr. Yunker reported that the complaint lodged regarding a North Dakota optometrist advertising as being a "specialist" has been resolved to the satisfactions of all parties involved.

Dr. Yunker pointed out to the Board that the per diem payment has not been changed for many years and asked to Board to consider increasing the amount to reflect changes in the economy since the last time it was changed. It was moved by Dr. Beattie and seconded by Dr. Carlson to make that change in our Administrative Rules next year. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

It was moved by Dr. Carlson and seconded by Dr. Beattie that we change the per diem reimbursement to \$180 for the next year. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Dr. Yunker informed the Board that there will be a Board Training Seminar sponsored by the Office of the Attorney General at the State Capitol Building on October 30, 2018. Ms. Sisk, Dr. Patzman, and Dr. Mathison expressed an interest in attending.

Elections were held, and Dr. Yunker was re-elected President, Dr. Mathison was re-elected Vice-President, and Dr. Beattie was re-elected Secretary.

It was moved by Dr. Beattie and seconded by Dr. Mathison that Dr. King be allowed to pay Board bills up to \$750.00 without prior Board approval. The motion was approved unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board set the dates for the next regular Board meetings for April 26, 2019 and October 18, 2019. Both meetings will be held at the State Capitol Building at noon central time

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m. c.d.t.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan J. King, O.D.
Executive Director