

# New Jersey State Board of Optometrists

## Regular Session Minutes

December 18, 2002

A regular meeting of the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6th floor on Wednesday, December 18, 2002. **Leonard Steiner, O.D., President of the Board**, announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 321, P.L., notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded:

<b>GORDON COMPTON</b>	<b>Present - left at 1:00 P.M.</b>
<b>MITCHELL FINK, O.D.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>JOSEPH SCHKOLNICK, O.D.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>LEONARD STEINER, O.D.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>LEONARD STRULOWITZ, O.D.</b>	<b>Present</b>
<b>RALPH WHITE</b>	<b>Present</b>

Also present were: **SUSAN H. GARTLAND, Executive Director; CARMEN RODRIGUEZ, Deputy Attorney General; LISA PETROWSKI, Assistant to the Executive Director**

### I. Public Comment

### II. Approval of Regular Session Minutes

#### A. November 20, 2002

A motion was made by Dr. Strulowitz and seconded by Dr. Fink to accept the November 20, 2002 Regular Session Minutes as amended. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### III. New Business

#### A. A-866 (Synopsis- Modifies licensure requirements for optometrists.) Introduction in the 2002 Session

Danielle Swenson, Regulatory Analyst, met with the Board concerning A-866. Ms. Swenson will prepare a comment to A-866 which will be sent to the Legislature.

#### B. Letter from Donald Kanoff, O.D.

RE: N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(1)

Dr. Kanoff advised the Board that he has included his license and therapeutic number on all his new

supplies to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l) <sup>3</sup>An optometrist shall include his or her license and certification number in all advertisements<sup>2</sup>. The Board will keep this information in Dr. Kanoff's licensee file.

**C. Letter from Mitchell J. Fink, O.D. and Amanda B. Fink, O.D.**

RE: N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l)

Drs. Fink advised the Board that they have included their license and certification numbers on their stationary, professional, and recall cards, etc. and anticipate adding their license and certification numbers to their professional sign in the spring of 2003 to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:38- 1.2(l) <sup>3</sup>An optometrist shall include his or her license and certification number in all advertisements<sup>2</sup>. The Board will keep this information in Dr. Mitchell Fink and Dr. Amanda Fink's licensee files.

**D. Letter from Mark Pollack, O.D.**

RE: Prescription Blank

Dr. Pollack inquired whether the law allowed an optometrist to write a contact lens prescription and an eyeglass prescription on one prescription blank. The Board will advise Dr. Pollack that the statutes and regulations do not prohibit writing two prescriptions on one prescription blank.

**E. Letter from Louis J. Fornasier, O.D.**

RE: Compliance with advertising regulations

Dr. Fornasier advised the Board that he has included his license and certification number in his yellow page ad and outside shingle to comply with N.J.A.C. 13:38-1.2(l) <sup>3</sup>An optometrist shall include his or her license and certification number in all advertisements<sup>2</sup>. The Board will keep this information in Dr. Fornasier's licensee file.

## **IV. Old Business**

**A. 9:30 A.M. Discussion on Delegation of duties to ancillary personnel N.J.A.C. 13:38- 2.11 with Danielle Swenson, Regulatory Analyst**

The Board assigned a subcommittee consisting of, Mitchell Fink, O.D., Joseph Schkolnick, O.D., and Leonard Steiner, O.D. of the Board to review proposed language to the regulation on delegation.

## **V. For Your Information**

**A. Memorandum from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry**

RE: Statistical Reports

The Board reviewed the memorandum from the National Board of Examiners in Optometry regarding the statistical reports and considered it informational.

**B. American Optometric Association's December 9, 2002 Bulletin**

The Board reviewed the American Optometric Association's December 9, 2002 Bulletin and considered it informational.

**C. Article, <sup>3</sup>Foolish Regulations<sup>2</sup> in the November 2002 issue of Optometric Management**

The Board reviewed an article, <sup>3</sup>Foolish Regulations<sup>2</sup> in the November 2002 issue of Optometric Management and considered it information. The Board will write Optometric Management concerning its new continuing education regulation.

**D. Letter from Philip R. Keefer, President of Vistakon**

RE: 1-800-Contacts

The Board reviewed a letter from Philip R. Keefer, President of Vistakon regarding 1-800-Contacts agreement with Vistakon and considered it informational.

**VI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Dr. Schneider and seconded by Dr. Kramer to adjourn the Regular Session Meeting at 2:00 P.M. A vote was taken and the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan H. Gartland  
Executive Director

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