



Board Update

Board Report

Bullet Notes—June 17, 2009

Hello everyone, me again, with another board meeting update....It was the meeting that we put all the Committees together.

Here they are...

Registration- Laurie, Todd, Heather and Jo-Anne

Investigation- Laurie, Lillian (Public Rep), Kelly

Education- Todd, Laurie, Nada and Kelly

Legislation- Heather, Sandra, Anne and Nada

Advertising and Public Relations- Sandra, Todd and Amanda

Community Outreach and Professional Relations- Anne, Rob and Amanda

Standards of Practice- Laurie and Heather

School Vision Screening- Nada

Legislation

The Regulated Health Professions Act has received "Royal Ascent" so Umbrella Health Legislation is going to here soon! Now the hard work starts as the Opticians of Manitoba works on it's own Regulation. The legislative committee will be rolling up its sleeves.

Did you know that being part of a committee is NOT limited to Council members? Did you know that YOU can be on a committee and CONTRIBUTE to what happens with your professional association without COMMITTING too much time.

So, what could you do for a Committee? Would you like to be involved in how the new Legislation is written for Opticians? Then become part of the Legislation Committee. Would you like to help decide what new items need to be added to our Standards of Practice, Heather and I would welcome your input, join us! What about the commercials we see or the events planned to get Opticians together, Sandra and Anne would welcome some support. Come on, throw your hat in the ring...

Seriously, we are always looking for alternate points of view and sometimes even to share the load. If you have any interest in any of these topics, give us a call and we will put you in touch with the appropriate committee.

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Well, enough *cannot* be said about the Teddy Bears Picnic. What an event! Hats off to Anne Passalis for organizing this event. It showcased Opticians in the most positive light. I was there in the morning Vision Screening Bears (& monkeys & horses & cats...) who were then passed over to the volunteers to make eyeglasses for those that needed them (pipe cleaners) and sunglasses (with imaginary polarized lenses) for those that didn't. Perhaps some had Transitions because Transitions were very supportive to the OOM with this project. There was a line up at the tent ALL day, the kids were excited, all the parents got lots of info about Opticians, and Anne was interviewed by the Press. Watch this space for volunteer requests for next year. It was a ton of fun and we got education credits too!!



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Promoting Opticians

Have you guys been listening to CLEAR and heard our tagline?

Have you watched CITI TV and seen the commercial? By the time you get this there may be a second commercial running...

City TV sends us a report showing when the commercials ran. We paid for 36 spots and received an additional 51 spots at no charge. I think we can agree that this is great value.

The Goldeyes game was a great success. The tickets that we had were sold out to about 50 fine Opticians and their family members. I have it from reliable sources that we received a shout out by the announcer and that our name and participation was noted on the reader/score board. We know they do this for everyone, but isn't it great that the OOM got their name out there. Sounds like all those in attendance had a great time too!!

OCC Branding Project

Okay, one more thing, the OOC has come up with a new Branding Concept. They are not asking to tattoo us, but they have come up with a LOGO and concept that gives Canadian Opticians some exposure in the minds of Canadians. The presentation is short and entertaining. I do believe that we are going to get the OCC to do this pres-



entation as a Continuing Education Seminar. It is worth your time as this concept is a brilliant way for all of us to promote our profession and continue with the momentum we've been building.

That's it for now folks, until next time...

Laurie Humphreys
Secretary/Registrar

Upcoming Events

Sight Testing Round Table

Fort Garry Hotel
September 1, 2009
6:30—9:00

Call to Meeting will follow in an upcoming mailing and on the OOM website by mid-August (www.opticiansofmanitoba.ca)

Student Orientation

Fort Garry Hotel
September 9, 2009
Salon 'A'
6:30

OOM Grad and Education Day

Fort Garry Hotel
October 24, 2009
Con Ed 9:30—3:00
Dinner & Awards Ceremony 6:30—9:00

Schedule of Events will follow in an upcoming mailing and on the OOM website by mid-August (www.opticiansofmanitoba.ca).

**Vision Canada
Conference & Trade Show**
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Calgary
November 13 –15, 2009

Obituary

It is with sorrow the Opticians of Manitoba notes the passing of long time member and master Optician, David Hoffman. The following obituary appeared in the newspaper.

DAVID HOFFMAN September 3, 1945 - July 9, 2009 Sadly and far too soon, David passed away on July 9, 2009. Beloved husband of Anne and devoted father to Aviva (Scott), Efrem and Ari. Dear brother of Lynne (Bruce). Son of the late Allan and Ruby Hoffman. Although leaving us much too soon, we cherish our memories of a kind, hardworking, loyal, musical and witty individual. Graveside service was held Sunday, July 12, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at the Shaarey Zedek Cemetery, Armstrong and Main. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

The New Health Professions Legislation will change profoundly the way your regulatory works. You need to become familiar with these changes. The following are explanatory notes from the government. The full text of the Act can be found at:
<http://web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/39-3/b018e.php>.

Explanatory Note

This Bill changes the way health professions are regulated in Manitoba.

New regulatory scheme

At present, there are 21 statutes dealing with different health professions; this Bill replaces those statutes with one umbrella Act, *The Regulated Health Professions Act*. Health professions currently regulated under their own statutes will be designated by regulation as regulated health professions. Those statutes will be repealed over time, and each of the professions will then be regulated under the umbrella Act and that profession's specific regulations.

Reserved acts

Health care provided by health professionals will now be regulated through reserved acts instead of through exclusive scopes of practice. Reserved acts are services or procedures that are done in the course of providing health care and that present a demonstrable risk of harm to persons if they are not performed correctly and competently. Only certain regulated health professions and qualified, skilled members of those professions are allowed to perform reserved acts. In some cases, the Bill permits the delegation of a reserved act to a person who is not a member of a regulated health profession but who is competent to perform the act. (Part 2)

Governance

Each health profession is regulated by a college, the duty of which is to serve the public interest. The governing body of a college is its council. At least 1/3 of the council members must be public representatives. Each college has a registrar who is responsible for maintaining the college's registers and issuing certificates of registration and practice. (Part 3)

Registration

Every member of a regulated health profession must be registered with that profession's college. In order to practise the health profession, a registered member must also hold a valid certificate of practice. Membership in the college is divided into

- regulated members, who are qualified to be full practising members of the health profession; and regulated associate members, who may or may not be practising members of the health profession.

The registration scheme allows for both an internal review and an appeal to court from decisions about registration or certificates of practice. (Part 4)

Business arrangements

Members of the same or different regulated health professions and any other health care provider may practise in association with one another. Also, regulated members may carry on the practice of their profession through a corporation. (Part 5)

Title restriction

Only certain regulated health professions may use the terms "doctor", "surgeon" and "physician". The use of the terms "registered" and "licensed" is also restricted. (Part 6)

Practising the health profession

The practice of a health profession is to be regulated by its council through the use of standards of practice, a code of ethics, practice directions and a continuing competency program. (Part 7)

Professional conduct

The Bill sets out a process to deal with complaints made about members of any regulated health profession. A separate complaints investigation committee and a separate inquiry committee are established for each profession. At least 1/3 of those committee members must be public representatives. Disciplinary measures that may be taken against a member include suspending or cancelling the member's registration or certificate of practice, censuring the member, and requiring the member to take counselling or receive treatment. Employers and others must be notified if a member is disciplined. (Part 8)

Other duties and responsibilities of a college

A college may audit the practice of a member. It may also provide the public with information about its members through practitioner profiles. A college must prepare an annual report on its activities and maintain a publicly accessible website. (Part 9)

Explanatory Note (cont'd.)

The Health Professions Advisory Council

The council is created to provide advice to the minister about matters related to *The Regulated Health Professions Act*, such as changes to the list of reserved acts and health human resource planning and management. The advisory council must consult with any colleges that may be affected by its advice. (Part 10)

New regulated health professions

The Bill sets out a process by which an unregulated health profession may become a regulated health profession. This may include an investigation into the practice of that profession either by the minister or by the advisory council, at the minister's request. (Part 11)

Ministerial inquiry, directive and order powers

The minister is given powers that include launching an inquiry, issuing a directive or appointing an administrator, when it is in the public interest to do so. (Part 12)

General Provisions

Those who employ members of a regulated health profession have a responsibility to ensure that the person is registered and is permitted to practise the profession. Employers, hospitals and regional health authorities must notify the applicable college when they suspend or terminate a member's employment. (Part 13)

Specific College Parts

The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Manitoba and the College of Pharmacists of Manitoba have their own separate Parts to deal with matters unique to those professions, such as the accreditation of non-hospital diagnostic and treatment facilities, and the licensing and operation of pharmacies. Part 15 also deals with interchangeable pharmaceutical products. (Parts 14 and 15)

Regulations and by-laws

The Lieutenant Governor in Council, the minister and the councils of the colleges are given a comprehensive set of regulation-making powers. In some circumstances, they are required to consult with members of the profession or the public. The powers of a council to make by-laws are also set out. (Part 16)

Transitional provisions and consequential amendments

The Bill also provides for the transition from regulating health professions under their individual statutes to regulating them under *The Regulated Health Professions Act*. Consequential amendments are made to several statutes, such as *The Anatomy Act*, *The Health Services Insurance Act* and *The Interpretation Act*, to make the terms used in those statutes consistent with the terms used in *The Regulated Health Professions Act*. (Part 17)

Education Announcements

The OOM has a new space at 83 Garry Street devoted exclusively to education. It combines offices for the administrative staff along with classroom and boardroom space. There is also plenty of room for dispensing equipment. We invite you to drop down some time to take a look.

We have 4 new instructors for the contact lens program this year. We thank them for their spirit of volunteerism and for sharing their skills.

Advanced Practice 1

Instructors

Robert Groshak
Michael Tran

Advanced Practice 2 Contact Lenses

Instructors

Heather Power
Sandra Blanchette

AP 1 Classes will be held on Monday evenings
AP 2 Classes will be held on Wednesday
Both classes will be held at 2708-83 Garry Street