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**PRACTICE AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE
 MEETING MINUTES**

March 8, 2019

Teleconference locations:

Department of Consumer
 Affairs
 HQ2 – Pearl Room
 1747 North Market Boulevard
 Sacramento, CA 95834

Stevenson Ranch Library
 25950 The Old Road
 Stevenson Ranch CA 91381

California Eye Professionals
 41637 Margarita Rd., Suite 100
 Temecula, CA. 92591

Moraga Country Club
 2nd Floor Cafe
 1600 St Andrews Dr.
 Moraga, CA 94556

Charter College – Oxnard
 Campus
 2000 Outlet Center Drive
 #150
 Oxnard, CA 93036

Link for audio of meeting here: <https://www.optometry.ca.gov/meetings/index.shtml>

Members Present	Staff Present
Madhu Chawla, OD, Chair	Shara Murphy, Executive Officer
Martha "Ruby" Garcia, CLD, SLD	Evan Gage, Assistant Executive Officer
Debra McIntyre, OD	Mina Hamilton, Legal Counsel
Lillian Wang, OD	Marc Johnson, Policy Analyst
	Jessica Swan, Administrative Analyst
Member Absent	Guest List
Mark Morodomi, JD	On File

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Establishment of a Quorum

Audio of discussion: 0:31

Dr. Chawla called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. and roll was taken: Dr. Chawla was present in Stevenson Ranch, CA; Ms. Garcia was present in Oxnard, CA; Dr.

McIntyre was present in Temecula, CA; Mr. Morodomi was absent, CA; Dr. Wang was present in Moraga, CA. 4-0 quorum was established.

One member of the public was identified at the Sacramento location.

2. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda

Audio of discussion: 1:37

There was no public comment made at any of the teleconference locations.

3. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Meeting Minutes

a. January 11, 2019

Audio of Discussion: 1:45

There were no changes made to the January 11, 2019 PEC meeting minutes.

Lilian Wang moved to approve the January 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Debra McIntyre seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Chawla	X				
Garcia	X				
McIntyre	X				
Morodomi				X	
Wang	X				

There was no public comment made at any of the teleconference locations.

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Continuing Education Course Approval Requests Pursuant to Title 16, California Code of Regulations § 1536

Audio of Discussion: 2:37

- A. 1. Advance Cataract Surgery
- 2. Medical and Surgical Glaucoma Management
- B. Surgical Myopic Treatment Webinar
- C. SCRC Annual Educational Update – 2019
- D. Macular Degeneration
- E. Diabetic Retinopathy
- F. 1. Best of Last Year
- 2. Diabetic Retinopathy

- 3. Intraoperative Aberrometry
- 4. New Implant Technologies
- G. 1. Intraocular Implants the Future is Bright
- 2. Pressure Control Glaucoma Therapy
- 3. Guidelines to Acute Retinal Ischemia & Eye Stroke
- 4. Keratoconus
- H. 1. Oculoplastics
- 2. Diabetic Retinopathy
- I. 1. Glaucoma Cases
- 2. Surgery Post-Op Care
- J. Keratoconus
- K. 1. Anterior Segment
- 2. Functional Vision
- 3. Pharmacology
- 4. Practice Management
- L. 1. Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Devices
- 2. Toric IOLs
- 3. Multifocal IOLs
- 4. Correction of Ptosis & Upper Lid Malalignments
- M. Multimodal Imaging
- N. 1. Glaucoma Update - KAISER
- 2. Controversies in Glaucoma - KAISER
- 3. Advances in Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration - KAISER
- 4. Diabetic Retinopathy and Macular Edema - KAISER
- 5. Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration - KAISER
- 6. Retinal Issues Following Cataract Surgery - KAISER

Dr. Chawla recused herself from the discussion of item N due to her affiliation with Kaiser. During the discussion, the Committee felt item B was lacking information about two of the guest speakers and item C's materials did not contain a Curriculum Vitae for the author of the materials. These items will need to be re-submitted for approval by the Committee.

There was no public comment made at any of the teleconference locations.

Lilian Wang moved to approve items A, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L and M, and to not approve items B and C. Debra McIntyre seconded the motion. The Committee voted unanimously (4-0) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Chawla	X				
Garcia	X				
McIntyre	X				
Morodomi				X	
Wang	X				

Debra McIntyre moved to approve item N separately from the other items, due to Dr. Chawla recusing herself from approval. Lilian Wang seconded. The Committee voted (3-Aye, 1-Recusal) and the motion passed.

Member	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent	Recusal
Chawla					X
Garcia	X				
McIntyre	X				
Morodomi				X	
Wang	X				

5. Update and Discussion and Possible Action on Staff Research Regarding the Following:

Audio of Discussion: 22:17

a) Posting to Optometry Website of Approved Continuing Education Course List with New Individual Course Identifiers

Mr. Gage reported that staff would be compiling and posting an approved course list, with new CE course identifiers, on the Board’s website soon. Certificates will no longer be issued with the words “approval pending,” on them. Providers will need to receive a course approval number prior to issuing a certificate. Dr. Wang questioned this and Policy Analyst Marc Johnson explained that the application form itself may be updated to add the type of CE being applied for (i.e. therapeutic, glaucoma, or general). Mr. Johnson explained that changes to the form will require regulatory changes. Staff will be looking to pursue this in the future.

Dr. Chawla asked if the approved course list on the Board’s website would have a search feature. Ms. Murphy explained that the first implementation would be a pdf which can be searched; however, in the future staff will research ways in which a searchable database may possibly be created and added to the website.

b) Continuing Education Approval Criteria and Length of Approval for Approved Courses for other Department of Consumer Affairs’ Boards and Bureaus, the Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE), the American Optometric Association, and Other Relevant Entities to Identify Current Industry Practices

Mr. Gage reported that staff will begin this process with the courses approved today, and more information will be brought back to the Committee later. Dr. Chawla asked, and Mr. Gage confirmed, that the trend is toward a two-year approval period. He stated that the goal is to make our process as COPE-like as possible until it can be required down the road.

c) Inclusion of Course Numbers on Continuing Education Course Certificates

Discussion commenced on the inclusion of course numbers. Staff can ask that CE providers include the course numbers on the certificates themselves. If/when the Board requires this, regulations will be required. Ms. Murphy noted that this is a method of preventing bad actors from giving out certificates that state: “approval pending.” The additional regulatory step would eliminate this problem. Staff plans to request course number inclusion on certificates for the time being and following up with regulatory changes in the future to make this practice mandatory.

d) Designation of the Type of Optometry Licensees that Can Teach Certain Courses

e) Possible Changes to Regulatory Language Related to Continuing Education for Optometrists

Ms. Murphy announced that staff have been asked if webinars are considered live or self-study/internet courses. Committee Members discussed this matter. Dr. Wang asked for a further definition of what live webinar courses may consist of and what the requirements are; Ms. Murphy suggested creating a workgroup to look at these issues. She noted staff would be reviewing other Boards’ policies with online education and other states as well. Dr. Chawla requested that staff do some research and bring this item back to the Committee to determine whether a workgroup is needed.

Dr. Wang presented her concern that if webinars are considered live courses and optometrists increase the number of webinars taken as a result, they will miss out on the benefits of human interaction during courses. Ms. Murphy suggested creating a limit on the number of these courses an optometrist can take. Ms. Garcia noted that webinars may save the optometrist money.

There was no public comment made at any of the teleconference locations.

6. Update and Discussion Regarding Strategic Plan Enforcement Objectives and Deliverables

Audio of Discussion: 01:02:43

Ms. Murphy explained that staff has requested this discussion be tabled as it was a typo error to include enforcement. She requested to research the licensing and examination strategic goals and bring them back to the Committee in June.

There was no public comment made at any of the teleconference locations.

7. Future Agenda Items



Audio of Discussion: 01:03:10

Dr. Wang requested a discussion on updating of the 2015 Law Book. Ms. Murphy explained that staff is currently researching the cost of updating the law book. At the next meeting the Committee will be updated with the cost and timeline for completion of the law book.

Dr. McIntyre requested a discussion on redesigning the application to include the type of classes applied for (i.e. glaucoma, etc.).

There was no public comment made at any of the teleconference locations.

8. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 11:37 a.m.