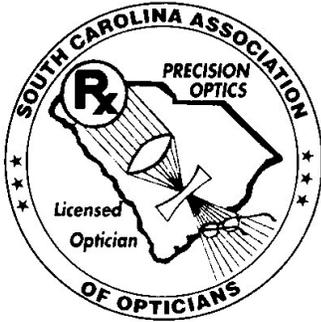


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August, 2017 The President's Letter

I hope that everyone had a great time at our Spring Convention. I want to thank Milton Corley for his hard work putting on this Spring Convention. He has served as our vice president and convention chair for the past three years. He has given many years of service to our association and to the state board. He has decided to take some time off from these responsibilities as he begins his semi-retirement. He still has to answer many calls and questions though. Our Friday night Meet and Greet began with good food and fellowship. It later moved next door where the party continued until the resort staff said it was time to clean up. I believe Dr. McDonald called his preacher during the night to bless our weekend events.

On Saturday morning, Dr. Warren McDonald taught four hours of spectacle education with great information while trying to engage the crowd. B. W. Phillips taught the contact lens education hour. Both are very informed speakers. Keith Hayes taught our apprentices once again and Grant Brown taught the lensometry workshop. Keith and Grant do a great job of teaching the basic tools needed to begin your career in opticianry. There have been many positive comments. We were fortunate to have had Jim Morris representing ABO and Bob Reynolds representing OAA present. Both men spoke briefly about what is happening with their organizations. I'd like to extend a special thanks to Bill Russell (AKA work horse) our sergeant at arms, for moving the crowds between hours and generally controlling the masses. David Gosnell and Jennifer Lentz did a great job of registering people and taking their money at a very fast pace. There are many others that work behind the scenes to allow our event to be successful and their work and dedication is also greatly appreciated.

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**The next Winter Education Hours will be held on
Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Embassy
Suites-Columbia Greystone, 200 Stone Ridge
Dr. Columbia, SC 29210**

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The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry

The South Carolina Association of Opticians is here for you, the optician. Its goal is to organize, promote, educate and encourage growth, professionalism and the progress of opticians. The association strives to promote and protect our profession and to ensure our continued licensure through the current and future challenges of deregulation. One way to achieve this is through the demonstration of strong educational requirements.

The Association has no direct relationship with the SC Board of Examiners in Opticianry other than it has taken the responsibility of offering SCBEO approved continuing education courses that meet the Board requirements for continued licensure.

As the attached regulation shows; The South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry is a state government appointed board whose purpose is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the public. This protection includes situations within the state and within the ability of the board to act when public safety may be compromised.

It is the position of many opticians that that the most effective way to “protect the public welfare” is through the continuation and strengthening of strong educational requirements and through promoting continued advancement of our professionalism.

Check out: <http://www.llr.state.sc.us/POL/Opticians/> and www.scoptician.org

Title 40 - Professions and Occupations CHAPTER 1

Professions and Occupations ARTICLE 1

Board Regulation of Professions and Occupations

SECTION 40-1-10. Extent of regulation.

(A) The right of a person to engage in a lawful profession, trade, or occupation of choice is clearly protected by both the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of South Carolina. The State cannot abridge this right except as a reasonable exercise of its police powers when it is clearly found that abridgement is necessary for the preservation of the health, safety, and welfare of the public.



From the Spring newsletter.

No one claimed the gift card offered by the association by finding their hidden license number.

Got to look close!

Now—find the current hidden license number in this newsletter!

Call 864-607-7714.

Spring Fling dates: April 20—22, 2018 For reservations call 1-800-845-0353

The 2018 Spring Meeting of the Association will again be held in North Myrtle Beach at the Ocean Creek Resort, 10600 North Kings Hwy, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572. It is directly across from the Barefoot Landing. Room prices include sales tax and resort fees!

Cut-off date to use our discount group reservation fees will be March 20, 2018.

Mention S.C. Association of Opticians, and give them our confirmation number—468698.

The Meet and Greet will start Friday night at 6:30pm. More info to follow.

Saturday class registration and check in starts at 7:00am with the meeting called to order at 8:00am. Apprentice classes will run concurrently. There will be a two hour Basic Lensometer Workshop that is SC and ABO approved held after the regular classes.



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Thanks to all of our vendors for their donations and hard work. They are important to our convention and meeting, so it is important that we support them and let them know how important they are to us. Our contributors included Alan Dobbs and Mike Del Vecchio from Essilor, who hosted our Friday Night Meet and Greet. Our vendors were available between classes to exhibit and discuss their products. The vendors who participated were; Clear Vision - Doug, Europa - Lisa, Headstrong - Troy, Imagewear - Liz, Kenmark - Julie, Modern - Wendy, New York Eyewear – Rodney and Kevin, Eastern States – Lauren, and Nouveau – Michelle.

The annual business meeting was held Sunday morning. We voted on an amendment to have an annual election for our area representatives. This was put into place so that more people are able to be involved in our association. The elections were held and the association board member results are as follows: President – Ron Harbert, Vice President – Doug Clarkson, Secretary – David Gosnell, Treasurer – Dan Gosnell. The association's area representatives after the elections are as follows: Charleston – Vicki Chamberlain, Columbia – Cheryl Burgess, Florence – Wayne Ham, Greenville – Wayne Minton, and Myrtle Beach – Bud Laws. Amy Stutsman is the Past President.

If you are working in our profession, I would encourage you to become more involved because your profession needs all interested members to participate at whatever level you feel comfortable. The association is for all members and every member is as important as the next.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have been able to serve the association and I ask all to see what you are interested in within our association. I have been able to meet many great people both at the state level and at the national level. They are what I can call friends not just acquaintances.

We have a strong association, so let's keep moving forward as a whole so please get involved. You can call me at any time. (843) 795-7917.

Sincerely, Ron Harbert

The Columbia Area had a “Meet and Greet” on September 19th at the Carolina Ale House downtown Columbia. Since it had been a while since our last meeting, the purpose was to discuss what we would like to have at our future meetings. Our main discussion topic was an effective way to network and connect with fellow opticians in our area. Several ideas were mentioned and plans are to move forward with this concept. We also added a new member to the SCOA as a result of this meeting. Plans are for our next meeting in February 2018. Cheryl Burgess



The Florence area is planning a meeting for the second week in November. All are invited and welcome. Wayne Ham

Report from the SC Board of Examiners•

Licensee Totals Report – 953 S.C. licensed opticians; 816 opticians practice in S.C.; 137 practice out-of-state, 120 registered apprentices. • S.C. Practical Examination –Twenty candidates signed up for the June 6, 2017 S.C. Practical Exam. Eleven exam candidates passed.

The South Carolina Association of Opticians is sponsoring the 2017 bi-annual state licensing Practical Exam Preparation class to be held Saturday November 4th at Robertson Optical Labs, 411 Commerce Drive NE, Columbia, SC 29223. Registrations at 8:30am and the presentation at 9:00AM.

As it is designed to be a Practical review, knowledge of the lensometer and basic optics are necessary. All practical formulas, charts and measurements will be covered. We will read stock and complete pairs of SV, bifocal and progressives as well as basic prism on individual lensometers. The course will be a minimum of 5 actual class hours with most running longer depending on the individual and collective needs of the participants. Lunch will be provided.

For more information or to reserve your place, please call 843-795-7917, Charleston Vision Center or e-mail charlestonvisioncenter@gmail.com. Fees are \$175 per person and the class will be limited to ten participants.

Check out the new SC Association of Opticians website.

Feedback is encouraged. www.scoptician.org