

The South Carolina Association of Opticians



Insight

2024 Special Newsletter

The 2024 Winter Continuing Education meeting will be January 27-28, 2024 In-Person at: Embassy Suites, 200 Stoneridge Dr, Columbia, SC 29210, 803 -252-8700. Registration is now open.!

Please use the "Contact Us" Feature on the website to register; when you do, **please specify that you want to attend CEs. Please do not just put your name and contact information in and assume we know that means you want to attend CEs.

*Please specify which day you want to attend; if you don't, we'll select Saturday for you.

*Please register one person at a time, with individual email addresses.

*Apprentice CE hours will only be held on Sunday; **please specify if you're an apprentice**.

*We're getting nearly twice as many folks requesting the Sunday meeting, and will have to close registration for Sunday soon. If you can attend Saturday, please pick that day. Thank you.

For group rates, go to the website and click the link.

For more information, click here; <https://scoptician.org/continu...>

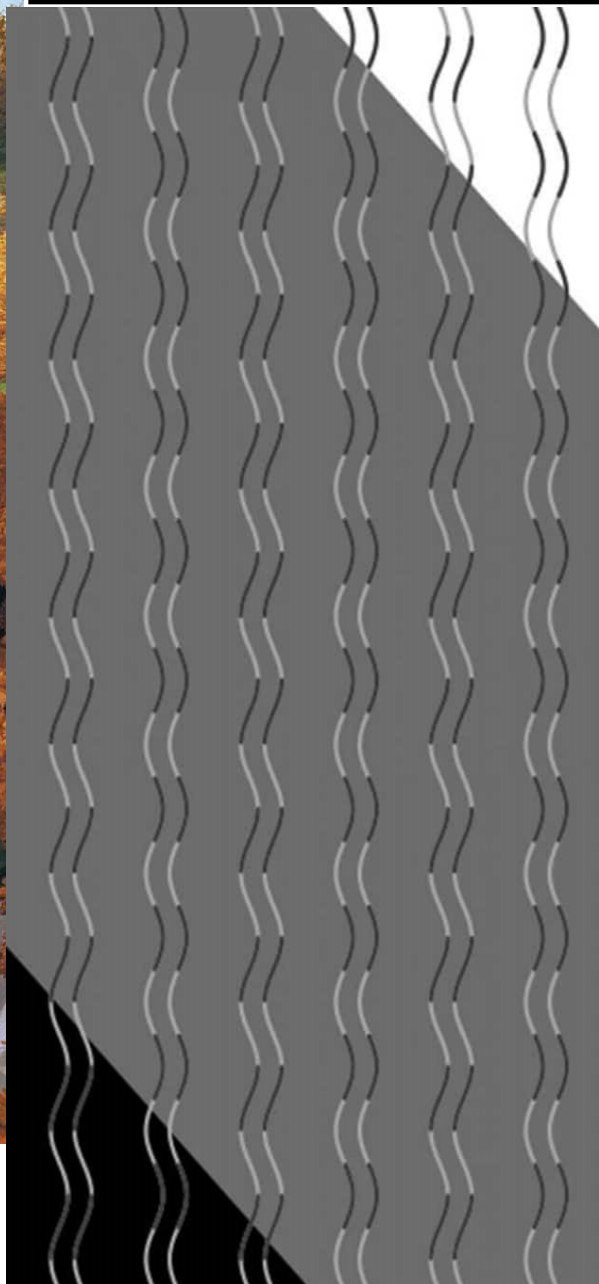
Extremely important: see editorial on page 5!!!!

This will effect our entire membership.

The association has decided to move our second continuing education meeting. Our fall meeting is scheduled for August 8, 2024 in Columbia.



Can we trust our eyes? Check pictures at the top and then at the bottom!



On a dark night, a human eye can see a candle flickering 30 miles away.

Harry Campbell Hammond, Jr., 65 of Greenville passed away on January 7, 2024. Cam was a licensed optician for 4 decades, he taught many people the basics of the optical industry. Cam never met a stranger. During his time on earth he enjoyed riding his Harley, college football, and visiting the train station as well as the Clemson Tigers, The SCAO was blessed with his membership and will keep his family in our prayers.

For additional CE Information, please visit the Board website at <https://www.llr.sc.gov/opti/ce.aspx>.

Continuing education credit will not be waived unless you are living outside of the United States and then it is temporarily waived until your return and must be made up before the next renewal.

CE Broker is the official CE tracking system of the Board. **All licensees shall register CEs to their CE Broker account by October 1, 2025.** If you have not yet activated your account, this can be done by visiting <https://cebroker.com/sc/account/basic/>.

Information about State Licensure can be found by calling 803-896-4681 or visiting the following link: <https://www.llr.sc.gov/opti/>

Remember: when you change your address with the SCLLR, you must also change it with the SC Assn of Opticians.

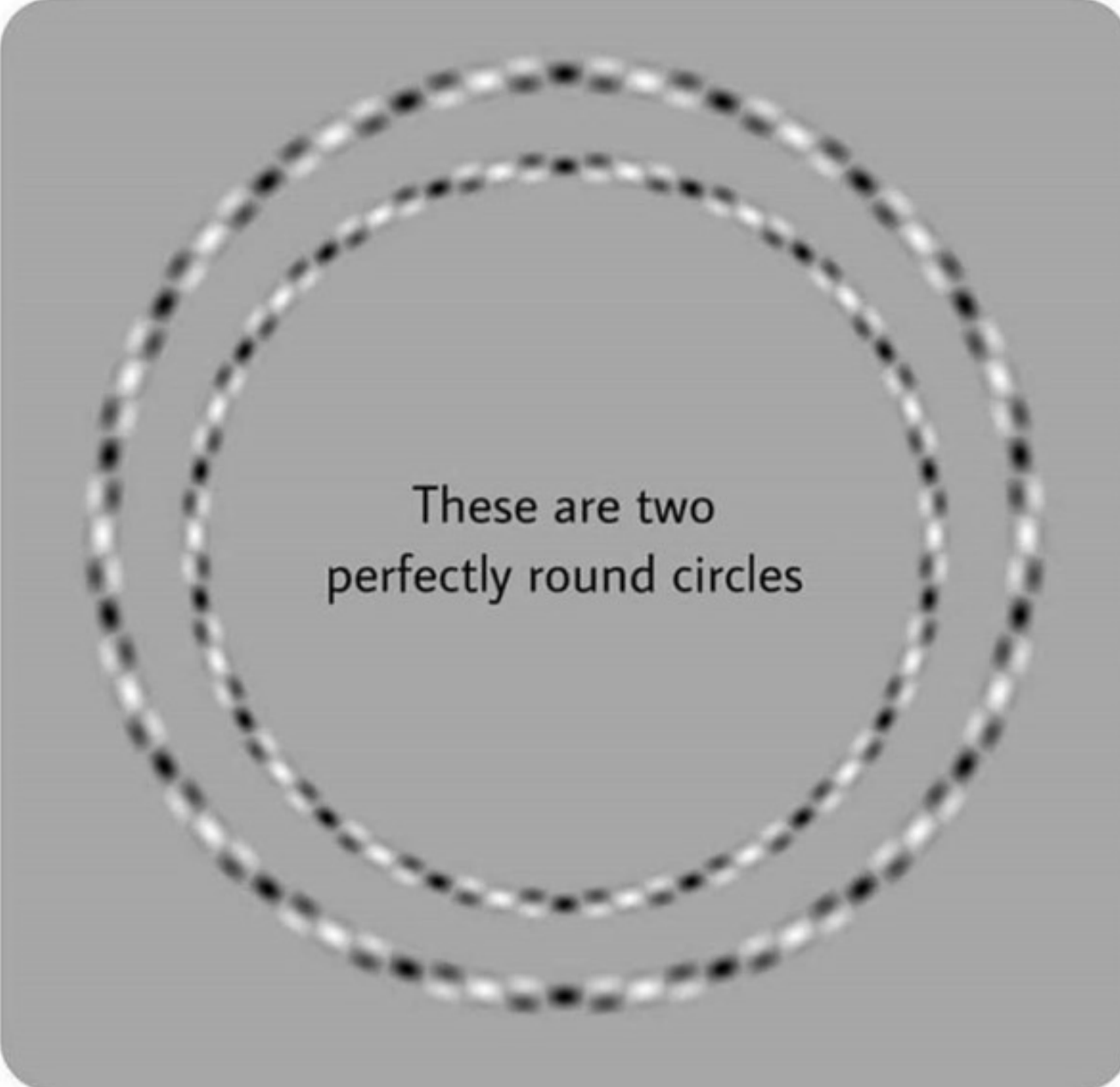
Memberships run Jan 1- Dec 31, each year. Dues are \$125 per year if paid before Dec 31st of the previous year, and a \$50 late fee occurs if paid/postmarked after Dec 31st. To join or update your address, download a membership application here: [SCAO Membership Application](#) and send it in with your payment to:

SCAO or South Carolina Association of Opticians

And mail to:

PO Box 8185 Greenville, SC 29604





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**Our / OUR - membership needs / deserves more,
younger, active representation to guide our / your fu-
ture in our / your chosen profession. Be part of your
future!!!**

Notice of Election: from SCLLR-Opticianry website-

This notice serves to announce an election for the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry.

The South Carolina Opticianry Practice Act states the Board consists of seven members.

Five members must be licensed opticians appointed by the Governor upon nomination by all licensed opticians in this State through an election conducted by the Board (S.C. Code of Law §40-38-10).

**Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the Board elections are being re-run,

Seat One Term: September 2023 – September 2027

- Mr. William “Grant” Brown currently holds a seat position that expired September 13, 2023. Mr. Brown is eligible for re-election.
- • Mr. James Rhodes currently holds a seat position that expired September 13, 2019. Mr. Rhodes is eligible for re-election.
- ***Candidates and voters for election must have a current license to practice as an optician in South Carolina. NOMINATION PROCESS • All candidates for election, including incumbents, must be nominated on an official petition form signed by not less than ten South Carolina licensed opticians qualified to vote in the election.
- If three or more candidates are nominated, then ballots will be prepared with the names of nominees in alphabetical order and sent to each optician licensed in South Carolina. Voters will be given approximately 30 days to return ballot by mail to the Board office or scanned and emailed to contact.opticianry@llr.sc.gov.
- After the election is completed, the Board administrator will certify in writing to the Governor the names of the **top two candidates**.

Editorial:

Grant Brown

We have been told by the LLR representatives that **THEY** (their superiors) have changed the way the nominated prospective Board members are presented to **THE GOVERNOR** by our SC licensed membership. After we, the licensed opticians, vote, the top two for each seat will be presented to be Governor and **HE** will select the one **HE** chooses; **regardless** of your nominee with the most votes.

The Board of Examiners has repeatedly asked who **THEY** are and why the changes. No one -repeat - No one will name or explain who **THEY** are or why.