

Final

**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY
PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATION COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 13, 2006**

- TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Room 4, Richmond, Virginia.
- CHAIRMAN:** Paula H. Boone, O.D., Chair
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** W. Ernest Schlabach, Jr., O.D.
- STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.
Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director
Jack Kotvas, Attorney General's Office
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** No others were present.
- PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.
- REVIEW OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved as presented.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **◆ Action** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2006 meeting.
- DISCUSSION ITEMS:** **Professional Designation Regulatory Violations/Disciplinary Matrix**
Dr. Boone presented recommended disciplinary guidelines to insure uniformity of sanctions regarding violations of the professional designation regulations as follows:
- First offense: Confidential Consent Agreement including required fees.
Second offense: Informal Conference including a \$500.00 fine and required fees.
Third offense: Informal Conference including a \$1000.00 fine and required fees.
Additional offenses: Informal Conference including a higher fine and required fees.
- On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee requested revisions to the proposed guidelines and voted to present the following recommendations to the full Board:

First offense: Confidential Consent Agreement including required fees.

Second offense: Pre-Hearing Consent Order to include a \$500.00 fine, required fees and reprimand.

Third offense: Informal Conference including a \$1000.00 fine, required fees and reprimand.

Additional offenses: Informal Conference with higher fines, required fees and additional sanctions.

Request from Paul T. Edwards, O.D.

Website Clarification

Dr. Edwards requested clarification of the professional designation regulations, 18 VAC 105-20-50.B.4, relating to website and e-mail address compliance.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the Board does not have jurisdiction over website and e-mail addresses. The Committee made note that the advertising content of web pages must comply with the Optometry Professional Designation and Advertising Regulations and Statutes.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the meeting adjourned 10:25 a.m.

Paula H. Boone, O.D., Chair

Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director