

**APPROVED**  
**BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**  
**CONTINUING EDUCATION COMMITTEE**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2006**

**TIME AND PLACE:** The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at the Department of Health Professions, Conference Room 4, 6603 W. Broad St., Richmond, VA.

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Gregory P. Jellenek, O.D.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** W. Ernest Schlabach, Jr., O.D.  
William T. Tillar, O.D.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D., Executive Director for the Board  
Emily Wingfield, Chief Deputy Director  
Elaine Yeatts, Senior Regulatory Analyst  
Carol Stamey, Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** There were no others present.

**QUORUM:** With all members of the Committee present, a quorum was established.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment was presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** On properly seconded motion by Dr. Tillar, the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2006 meeting.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:** The Committee reviewed written comment in response to its Notice of Intended Regulatory Action (NOIRA). In response to objections requiring face to face continuing education, the Committee reconsidered the issue and offered an amendment. The amendment included the requirement of four hours of interactive CE either in person or electronically.

To better ensure the quality of CE sponsor credentialing and course information, the Committee requested additional amendment to the NOIRA. Specifically, a requirement that all CE courses be approved through COPE or AMA should be included.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee voted unanimously to amend the NOIRA to eliminate the list of CE providers and Category 2 CE. Further, it would state that the Board is considering requiring all CE courses be credentialed through the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry or the American Medical

Association.

Dr. Tillar noted that there is a need for clarification that the CE course provider supply independent verification of the participant's CE completion rather than allow the licensee to simply indicate what he has or has not taken on a form provided by the CE provider.

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Tillar, the Committee voted unanimously to only accept documentation that provides independent verification of CE by sponsoring organization.

The Committee also discussed the need to require additional CE hours for TPA certified optometrists. On properly seconded motion by Dr. Schlabach, the Committee voted unanimously to amend the requirement from two (2) to four (4) hours of CE.

Given the number and scope of amendments deemed necessary, the Committee recommended that the Board consider issuing a new NOIRA to fully address the scope of issues brought forward.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

On properly seconded motion by Dr. Tillar, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Gregory P. Jellenek, O.D.  
Chair

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Elizabeth A. Carter, Ph.D.  
Executive Director