



College of Opticians of BC – Annual General Meeting 2017

Meeting Date, Time & Venue:

Sunday, October 22, 2017

4:15pm - 5:00pm

COBC Office, 2855 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC

Meeting called by David McGowan, Chair

Board Members:

Polly Lee (District 1, Lower Mainland)

Aly Jamal (District 1, Lower Mainland)

Raheem Savja (District 2, Vancouver Island)

David McGowan (District 3, Okanagan and the Kootenays), Chair

Stephanie Weir (District 5, Contact Lens Fitter Representative)

Savik Sidhu (Public Appointee)

Diana Skoglund (Public Appointee)

Yvonne Ryder (District 4, Cariboo)

Administration:

Connie Chong (Registrar/Executive Director)

Christopher Dodge (Project Manager)

Meagan Marsh (Project Manager)

Victoria Spooner (Registration Manager)

Guests:

Keon Kwan (Appointed Auditor)

Number of Registrants Online and in Attendance:

~425

Regrets:

Pietro Luongo (Public Appointee)

OUR VISION:

Professionals ensuring safe, quality vision care for all.

OUR MISSION:

Regulating qualified competent Licensed Opticians in the public interest.

OUR CORE VALUES:

1. **Professional:** ensuring our registrants fulfill the standards of practice and code of ethics.
2. **Innovative:** constantly improving opticianry competencies and increasing of technological advancements.
3. **Safety:** ensuring registrants deliver quality, safe vision care.
4. **Integrity:** honest, credible, and practice integrity.
5. **Dedicated:** passionately committed to vigilant regulation of vision care services.



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Item Number	<p>Call to Order</p> <p>The meeting was called to order at 4:15pm.</p>	David McGowan
Chair's Remarks	<p>Introductions</p>	David McGowan
Agenda and Rules of Order	<p>Adoption of Agenda and Rules of Order (Decision)</p> <p>Motion – Be it resolved: That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting on October 22, 2017 be adopted.</p>	David McGowan
Approval of Minutes	<p>Approval of Annual General Meeting minutes from October 16, 2016 meeting (Decision)</p> <p>Motion – Be it resolved: That the minutes for the Annual General Meeting on October 16, 2016 be approved.</p>	David McGowan
Chair's Report	<p>Chair's Report</p> <p>Mr. McGowan reported on the College's activities in 2016/2017. He also acknowledged the work of the Registrar, who will be leaving the College in the new year, and thanked her for her hard work and commitment over the years.</p>	David McGowan
Registrar's Report	<p>Registrar's Report: Adapting to Change</p> <p>Ms. Chong, Registrar, presented on adapting to change. She discussed upcoming and continuous change that is occurring with the College, including the registration of international students, the continuing competency program, and the College's commitment to cultural safety and humility.</p>	Connie Chong
Key Accomplishments	<p>Key Accomplishments</p> <p>Mr. Sidhu shared some key accomplishments of the College from the past year, including a declaration on cultural safety and humility, moving into a new office building with another health regulator, the work toward common standards with optometrists, a new competency program, and streamlining the registration process.</p>	Savik Sidhu
Financial Statements	<p>Finance & Audit Committee Annual Report</p> <p>Motion – Be it resolved: That the Auditor's report is adopted as presented.</p>	Keon Kwan



Solution Sessions	<p>Solutions Sessions</p> <p>Question: What major change is needed to help opticians adapt to the future?</p> <p>Some responses included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">-further education for practical hands-on knowledge-online workshops-access of information as suppliers put more product/information out-embracing technology-changes regarding social media-forums to get together using technology to discuss issues/concerns and about how to enhance practices-reinforcement of expectations to make sure we don't forget things we should know-understanding needs of different cultures in different areas of the province	Raheem Savja
Announcements	<p>Announcements: Election of Office</p> <p>Mr. McGowan announced the names of all nominees and reminded registrants of the upcoming 2017 election. There are two positions on the Board to be filled, for District 1 - Lower Mainland.</p>	Aly Jamal & David McGowan
Board Appreciation	<p>Board Appreciation</p> <p>Ms. Weir acknowledged the work of three outgoing Board members - Mr. Jamal, Ms. Lee, and Mr. Sidhu - thanking them on behalf of the Board for their commitment and hard work.</p>	Stephanie Weir
Adjournment	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>After encouraging registrants to leave any questions for follow up, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. McGowan at 5:00pm.</p>	David McGowan

David McGowan
Chair