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### **New Acting Registrar Appointed**

Vancouver - Raheem Savja, Chair of the College of Opticians of British Columbia (COBC) today announced the appointment of Connie Chong as Acting Registrar, effective February 6, 2012. Ms. Chong replaces retiring Registrar Nick Atkinson.

"I have enjoyed working with the Board, Committees and members of the College. I recognize BC opticians as among the highest caliber of eye care professionals with whom I have worked," said Mr. Atkinson. "I admire their continued dedication to their profession and the health care consumer they serve".

Ms. Chong has served the COBC since 2007 and was previously the Deputy Registrar. She holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Calgary and is a University of British Columbia Masters of Health Administration candidate. She has a background in nonprofit management. She is currently a member of the Opticians Council of Canada national public awareness campaign's steering committee.

"I am honored to take on the position of Acting Registrar of the College of Opticians of British Columbia," said Ms. Chong. "I look forward to continue supporting the strategic work of the Board and working with the staff, volunteers and registrants to transform the way the COBC regulates opticians in the public interest. It has been remarkable to witness several initiatives advance in the past five years and the collaborative relationships developed between opticianry organizations in Canada."

"The Board is confident Ms. Chong's innovation and leadership skills will help the COBC become a better organization," said Mr. Savja.

The College of Opticians of British Columbia regulates and improves the practice of opticians in the public interest by ensuring that BC Opticians provide quality professional care to help people achieve better vision.

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