



College of Opticians of BC – Annual General Meeting 2022

(APPROVED MINUTES)

Meeting Date, Time & Venue:

Thursday, November 24, 2022

9:00am - 10:15am

via Zoom

Meeting called by Peter Luongo, Chair

Board Members:

Raheem Savja

Kim McEachern

Sue Randhawa

Karl Chua

Peter Luongo

Crystal Pollard

Barbara Larkin

Piotr Majkowski

Martin Semaniuk

Administration:

Lisa Bannerman (Registrar/Executive Director)

Madeline Neufeld (Manager of Registration)

Meagan Marsh (Manager of Inquiry and Discipline)

Christopher Dodge (Deputy Registrar/Manager of Quality Assurance)

Sharon Lee (Coordinator of Strategic Initiatives)

Guests:

Rita Gupta (Facilitator)

Jade Tien (Auditor)

Number of Registrants Online:

~35

OUR VISION

Better health through excellence in opticianry regulation to ensure safe quality vision care for all.

OUR MISSION

Regulating opticians in the public interest. We set and enforce standards and promote best practices for vision care in BC.

OUR CORE VALUES

Integrity Ethical & Fair

Transparent Accountable

Relational Collaborative

Innovative



Call to Order	1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement This meeting was called to order at 9:01am.	Peter Luongo
Chair's Remarks	2. Introductions Board members and COBC staff introduced themselves to attendees.	Peter Luongo
Adoption of the Agenda	3. Adoption of Agenda (Decision) <u>Motion</u> – Be it resolved: <ul style="list-style-type: none">That the agenda for the Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2022, be adopted.	Peter Luongo
Chair's Report	4. Chair's Report Mr. Luongo provided an overview of the Cayton Report and its recommendations, with an update on steps taken since its release. He also spoke about Bill 36 and addressed some of the changes it proposes. He also spoke about the formation of the Governance Working Group at the COBC, touching on the Registrar review, bylaw changes, preparation for amalgamation, and Indigenous Cultural Safety as a pillar of the COBC strategic plan. Mr. Luongo also acknowledged that this is his final meeting and thanks registrants, Board, and staff for their work. A question was posed about which colleges will be part of the allied health college, to which Mr. Luongo and Ms. Bannerman replied.	Peter Luongo
Registrar's Report	5. Registrar's Report Ms. Bannerman provided an overview on the Standards of Practice revision and the roll-out of case studies for each. She also spoke about the bylaw changes, as well as the new refracting toolkit and the reasons for creating it. Ms. Bannerman also addressed some of the topics that attendees had stated they hoped to hear more about during the meeting, reminding them that most fall outside COBC purview and would need to be addressed by the OAC. Questions were posed about who appoints Board members, and about who forms the oversight body for colleges. Ms. Bannerman and Mr. Luongo responded.	Lisa Bannerman



Financial Statements	6. Auditor's Report Ms. Tien presented the Financial Statements, explaining the differences between last year's numbers and this year's, specifically referencing grant funding and cost savings due to downsizing office space.	Jade Tien
Report	7. Indigenous Cultural Safety & Humility Ms. Marsh stepped in for Ms. McEachern, who was unable to present due to technical issues. Ms. Marsh provided an overview of the work done to decolonize the complaints process, and presented artwork created in conjunction with this work. She also discussed the new ICSH practice standard and its purpose, and shared a video of the blanketing ceremony held with other health regulators. Ms. Marsh also encouraged registrants to seek out ICSH learning, and to incorporate it into their Continuing Competency Program (CCP). A question was posed about the creation of the new standard.	Meagan Marsh
Announcements	8. Announcements Mr. Luongo advised attendees of the current Board vacancy, and encouraged any interested parties to contact the COBC for consideration. Mr. Luongo also encouraged registrants to consider joining COBC Committees, stressing the importance of the work and welcoming new volunteers to get involved.	Peter Luongo
Board Appreciation	9. Committee & Board Appreciation Ms. Bannerman acknowledged the work of outgoing Committee members, and Mr. Semaniuk and Mr. Majkowski acknowledged the work of outgoing Board members, thanking them on behalf of the Board and staff for their hard work and commitment to public safety.	Lisa Bannerman Marty Semaniuk & Piotr Majkowski
Adjournment	10. Adjournment The meeting was called to adjourn at 10:21am.	Peter Luongo



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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Luongo', written over a horizontal line.

Peter Luongo
Board Chair