

# OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



Board Newsletter

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## CE audit changes

### Making license renewal quicker and easier

As of April 1, 2016 original CE documents are not required for license renewal. Instead, you will be asked to report CE completed within the two year window and not previously reported on the prior year renewal form. The updated reporting form is a fillable pdf that asks you to report the course completion date, course sponsor, course name, COPE number (if COPE approved), and the number of approved hours. Staff will do a complimentary review to ensure that each licensee has met the minimum requirements. Staff will also continue to report carryover CE hours.

After each license renewal month, a percentage of licensees will be selected for audit. If you are selected for audit you will receive a letter with instructions for meeting the CE audit requirements. Selected licensees will have 21 days to send in original CE documents to verify CE attendance. Please remember that the Board doesn't accept OE Tracker from ARBO as original CE documentation. If you have OE Tracker certificates, you'll need to obtain original CE certificates from the course sponsor.

### What happens if you're late responding?

Keep in mind that there are civil penalties for responding late or for not completing your CE hours on time. The penalties are \$250 for failing to respond to the audit within 21 days and \$500 plus possible license suspension if CE is overdue 60 days or more. Failing to meet the deadline or complete on time is also discipline that will be reported to NPDB. Board staff is always here to answer questions. If you're not sure if a course is approved, contact us. Don't wait until your renewal is due or you are selected for audit to ensure that you've met the requirement.

### Volunteer emergency medical service

SERV-OR is a statewide registry to help health care professionals volunteer their services during emergencies. If you'd like more information, visit their website. Medical Reserve Corps is the national organization that oversees these services. They are looking for volunteers at both the statewide and national levels. Go to <https://serv-or.org/> and <https://www.medicalreservecorps.gov/HomePage> for more information on the programs.

*"Many thanks to Dr. Pelson and Dr. Lynch for their outstanding leadership and dedication to the Board over the last 6 years. We will miss you "*

- Molly Cardenal,  
Board President

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## Proposed Budget Amendment

Oregon optometry law requires that all licensees have a chance to review and comment on any changes to the Board's budget or CE program. At the May 6, 2016 Board meeting, the Board reviewed a proposed 2015-17 budget amendment and directed staff to proceed with rule making. All licensees were emailed information or mailed the proposed changes. The home page of the Board's new website has the proposed rule changes, proposed amended budget, rule making notice and statement of need and fiscal impact. If you have comments on the budget amendment, you can attend a public hearing on July 7, 2016 at 9 am at the Board's office. You can also fax, mail or email comments as well. Comments will be received until 11 am on July 7th. All comments will be reviewed by the Board at their meeting on September 9th.

### Overview of proposed budget modifications

The proposed budget amendments include a number of organizational changes. First, with the retirement of Cathy Boudreau, we have changed the staffing of the Board. Debbie Hendricks was upgraded to full time and her position was regraded to reflect her new duties. The Board also is implementing a new online licensing system. There are start-up and on-going costs related to the system that weren't included in the original budget. OBO began using DAS (state services) about two years ago. This year DAS is allocating all computer costs in the first year of the biennium. That change is reflected in the budget amendment.

### Visit [www.oregon.gov/obo](http://www.oregon.gov/obo)

If you'd like to see the detail on the budget modification, go to the home page of the Board's website and scroll down to the "Rule changes" section. There are links to all of the budget and rule filing documents there for your review.

## Welcome Dr. Louie

Dr. Derek Louie is a Clinical Associate Professor and Optometrist at OHSU's Casey Eye Institute. Dr. Louie specializes in fitting medical contact lenses. Dr. Louie received his optometric degree in 2005 from Southern California College of Optometry.

Throughout his career, Dr. Louie has been involved with Oregon Optometric Physicians Association, American Optometric Association and American Academy of Optometry.

At Casey Eye Institute Dr. Louie is involved in the innovative Interprofessional Education curriculum. The program brings together students from several health care professions and aims to teach them medical decision making, medical ethics, patient safety and understanding medical errors.

Dr. Louie has a strong commitment to the profession and the Board looks forward to him joining them at the upcoming September 9, 2016 meeting at Pacific.



Derek Louie, OD

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## 2016 Board Meeting Dates

**September 9th at  
Pacific University**

**November 4th**



# BOARD MEETING

The OBO Board met on May 6, 2016

## Board Activities

As of March 30, 2016 the Board had the following licensee counts:

Active Licenses	788	Inactive Licenses	447
2016 new applications to date	13		
2016 new licenses issued	8		

Discipline Cases for 2016 through March:

New complaints	22	New complaints reviewed	13
Complaints resolved & closed	7		
Complaints resolved with no discipline	4		

## Board Actions:

The Board approved a consent order with Dr. Biggar on the legal matter between him and the Board. The Board approved staff proceeding with rule making on a proposed 2015-17 budget amendment.

## The Board discussed the following agenda items at their meeting:

- The Board reviewed and approved quarterly financial statements.
- The Board reviewed a proposed budget amendment and directed the staff to move forward with rule-making.
- The Board discussed the Oregon Medical Board's Social Media Philosophy and decided not to address the issue at this time. There have been no complaints to date about optometrist's use of social media affecting patients or patient care.
- After Executive Session, the Board took action on several investigation cases.

# Electronic Signatures

If you need to report a new practice location, update your mailing address or phone number, or update your email address, feel free to send us an email with the updated information. If you send license record update requests via email, OBO's rules require that you include the following information as your electronic signature:

- Full legal name
- License number
- Last 4 digits of your social security number

## Check out our new website

We finally did it! The Board's new website was launched the end of April on the Oregon.gov platform. The goal is that the site will be more user-friendly and accessible to licensees and the public. As you use the site, if you see edits or have recommendations, please email and let us know. We want it to be a modern, easily accessible information resource. The new website is located at: [www.oregon.gov/obo](http://www.oregon.gov/obo).

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