

# OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY



Board Newsletter

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## It's Scary Eyes Season again

### Halloween disguises can hurt

It's that time of year again where costumes are popular. Many patients, including adults and teens enjoy changing their look and some of them use decorative contact lenses to masquerade in a new persona.

As you all know, some decorative or cosmetic contact lenses, when used and cared for appropriately, are a great part of a costume. We all know too that there are many cosmetic contacts on the market, sold without prescriptions that can cause severe eye damage.

The FDA has a plethora of information and resources related to this topic. Here is a link to their webpage that talks about the topics and has a number of older press releases and information resources: <http://tinyurl.com/fdacontacts>

This is a great time to remind your patients and their families about the dangers of improper decorative or cosmetic lenses. You can provide prescriptions for plano lenses to ensure that patients have the appropriate lenses to protect their eye health while allowing them to enjoy a new look or costume.

Let's make Halloween a happy and healthy event. If you know of anyone selling plano lenses without a prescription, please report it to the Board. We are actively educating Oregon retailers and sellers about the law related to selling contacts without a prescription.



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*"The Board is here to ensure that Oregonians receive high quality eye care when they see an Oregon optometrist. We take pride in providing that service to citizens."*

*- Shelley Sneed*

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## CAHQ CE Reporting

We have been contacted by several licensees about new requirements to report your CE to your CAHQ.

If you need a report from the Board to meet that requirement, call or email the staff and they can produce the report and email it to you.

One of the benefits of entering CE course data in the new online licensing system is that it's easy to generate reports and send them electronically.

## Homeland Security and Optometry?

Who would have thought that optometry would have a link to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security? In late August the Board received a call from Jesse Miller, a Special Agent with Homeland Security's Investigations unit. It was a curious call to say the least.

The Homeland Security Bureau is interested in connecting with any optometrist who comes across patients with eye issues related to solar eclipse glasses. If you have a patient report to you any issues due to the use of eclipse glasses, Special Agent Miller would like the glasses. Homeland Security is interested in determining if the glasses are counterfeit.

If you have a patient report eye health concerns after viewing the eclipse and they used glasses, please contact Mr. Miller. He can be reached at [Jesse.Miller@dhs.gov](mailto:Jesse.Miller@dhs.gov).



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## Board Meeting Attendance

### September 15, 2017

One of the requirements of your Oregon license is that you need to report at least 1 hour of Board approved law/ethics education every two years. One way to do that is to attend an OBO Board meeting for at least an hour. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 15, 2017 at the OTE conference room on the first floor of the Board's office complex. The public session of the meeting is scheduled to start at 12:30 pm. You are welcome to attend and we'd love to see you. We are testing conference call and web conferencing at this meeting as well.

**If you'd like to join the meeting via conference call or via the web, please email [shelley.g.sneed@oregon.gov](mailto:shelley.g.sneed@oregon.gov) to send you the information on how to participate.**

After the meeting the Board will mail you a CE certificate to verify attendance.

# Online Renewal Tips

If you haven't renewed your license using our new online system, here are some tips to make the process as painless as possible:

- Use the link from the email sent by the Board about 45 days in advance of your license renewal—the link on the website is to update your record NOT renew your license.
- Be sure there's a phone number in the cell field on the contact information page.
- The system default is to renew an active status license. If you're inactive, be sure to click to renew inactive.
- When entering CE courses, there are two types of CE: 1) COPE approved (other than EJ, PB and PM) or 2) Board approved. If you're entering Board approved courses you need to select the course from a drop down menu. If you're having trouble finding the course name, visit the Board's course list on our website.
- Always include the CE type to ensure that you are meeting the Board's requirements: Courses are either TMOD, Other, Law/Ethics, or Cultural Competency (1 hour allowed but it's not required).

**Remember, the Board staff is here to help answer questions on the system**

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