



# NEWSLETTER

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**EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS**

**September 10, 2017  
Jonesboro**

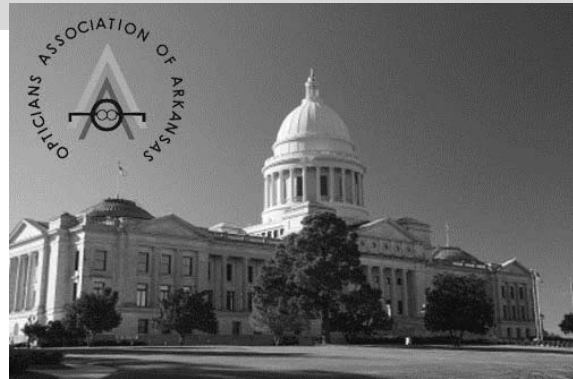
**October 28-29, 2017  
Fayetteville**

**May 5-6, 2018  
Little Rock**

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Mark your calendar  
and make plans to  
attend.

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The convention committee has worked hard to plan this year's educational seminars. The Fall meeting will be held at the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce, Jonesboro, Arkansas. We will offer four hours of State Board credit.

The Winter meeting will be October 28-29 At the Hilton Garden Inn, Fayetteville, Arkansas. We will offer Arkansas State Board, JACHPO, ABO, and NCLE hours on Saturday. Sunday we will offer State Board and ABO credits only. If you do not want to attend both days there will be a Saturday or Sunday only registration.

HANDOUTS FOR THE SEMINARS WILL NOT BE PROVIDED AT THE SEMINAR. THE HANDOUTS WILL BE POSTED TO AROPTICIANS.ORG, BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017.

You will find the registration form for both of these meetings in this newsletter.

The Spring Meeting will be held May 4-6, 2018 in Little Rock, Arkansas at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza. There will be a Saturday or Sunday only registration. If there is a speaker or class that you would like to see on the agenda please let us know. We are planning to have NCLE and JACHPO hours at this seminar.

Thanks to:  
**Boozman-Hof**  
**ZEISS**  
**KBco**

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**Educational Reminder . . . Remember!!!!**  
**You must have four hours of State Board approved educational hours**  
**between July 1, 2017 and July 1, 2018**  
**To renew your certificate July 1, 2018**

*State Board News*

**This is your association please help . . .**

**Send all information for newsletter and classes at the meetings to the association office. We need your input**

*State Board Exam*

*You may apply to take the State Board Exam when you have completed your apprenticeship and passed the ABO Exam*

*The state board has a new e-mail address*

*aropticiansboard@hotmail.com*

*fax number  
870-572-2847*

## President's Letter

### GREETINGS FELLOW OPTICIANS . . .

*Fall of 2017 is almost here! Along with that comes our fall meetings for continuing education. We have two meetings planned, one in Fayetteville and one in Jonesboro.*

*Continuing education is such a vital part in your profession. Our association has been fortunate to have some great speakers over the years. There is always room for knowledge and improvement.*

*We hope to see you at one of these meetings. I'm sure you'll enjoy it! The dates, locations, and courses are enclosed. We look forward to seeing as many as possible.*

*Sincerely,*

*Velvet Prewitt, OAA President*



Spring Meeting Little Rock, Arkansas, Crown Plaza, May 4-5-6, 2018  
Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend  
Watch the web site for updates and location (aropticians.org)

Don't forget you can register to take the State Board examination any time you have met the requirements. The test is given in the testing center 24/7, and remember you cannot apply to take the state board exam until you have passed the ABO examination Don't forget to check out the new state board web site. It will go live, September 1, 2017, please make sure all your information is up to date.

YOUR 2017-2018 OPTICIAN ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS DUES STATEMENT IS ENCLOSED IN THIS NEWSLETTER. NO OTHER STATEMENT WILL BE SENT. THE SIXTY DOLLARS RENEWAL FEE THAT YOU PAID IN JUNE WAS FOR YOUR LICENSE OR APPRENTICE RENEWAL, not your association dues.

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OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

# FALL SEMINARS

**September 10, 2017 Jonesboro**

**October 28-29, 2017 Fayetteville**

## SEMINAR AGENDAS

### **Jonesboro Agenda Sunday, September 10, 2017 – Arkansas State Board Credits**

- 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Wild Blue Yonder (all about blue light)
- 9:00 AM -10:00 AM Creating the Best Patient Experience
- 10:00 AM -11:00 AM Progress in Progressives
- 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM AR for the long run

### **Fayetteville Agenda Saturday, October 28, 2017 Arkansas State Board, JACHPO, ABO, and**

- 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM NCLE REGISTRATION
- 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM The Ultimate Practice Lynn Lawrence
- 10:00-10:15 AM Break
- 10:15 AM- 12:15 PM OSHA infection Control in a Practice Lynn Lawrence
- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM The final Front Tear Lynn Lawrence

### **Sunday, October 29, 2018 Arkansas State Board and ABO Credits**

- 7:30 AM - 8:00 AM REGISTRATION
- 8:00 AM -9:00 AM How to prevent Burn Out Lynn Lawrence
- 9:00 AM- 11:00 AM Importance of team work in the market place Lynn Lawrence
- 11:00 AM-12:00 PM Capturing the Power of Sun Raphael Varisella

#### **ABOUT LYNN LAWRENCE**

LYNN E. LAWRENCE, CMSgt (ret), CPOT, ABOC Lynn E. Lawrence is currently a national lecturer and an ophthalmic technician for Mills Eye and Facial Surgery. In 2009 he retired from the USAF after 30 years of service. During his military career he was promoted to the top 1% of the enlisted ranks, Chief Master Sergeant, and then assigned to the Army/Air Force Exchange Service Headquarters, Dallas, Texas as the Optical Program Manager. He oversaw quality control for 133 optical stores world-wide.

**ALL COURSES ARE APPROVED BY THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS.**

**PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOU RECEIVE THE PROPER CREDITS BEFORE LEAVING THE MEETING ON SATURDAY AND/OR SUNDAY.**





OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

# FALL SEMINAR

Sunday, September 10, 2017,

7:30 A.M. till 12:00 P.M.

Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce

1709 E. Nettleton Ave.

Jonesboro, Arkansas

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISPENSARY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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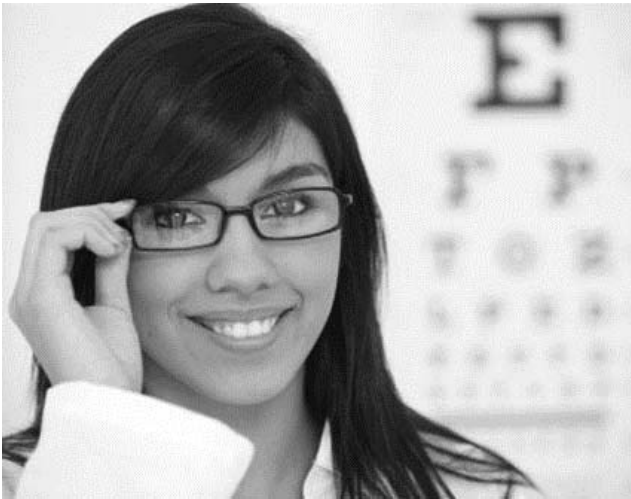
	BEFORE 9/1/17	AT DOOR	AMOUNT ENCLOSED
<b>REGISTRATION</b>			
MEMBERS*	\$50.00	\$80.00	_____
NON-MEMBER	\$130.00	\$160.00	_____

\*\* YOUR 2017-2018 MEMBERSHIP DUES MUST BE PAID

TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

IF PAYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM FOR EACH PERSON. YOU MAY COPY THIS FORM.

COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: Optician Association of Arkansas PO Box 1 Lexa, AR 72355



OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

# OCT FALL SEMINAR

**October 28-29, 2017 Fayetteville**

**Hilton Garden Inn**

**1325 North Shiloh Drive**

**Fayetteville, Arkansas 72704**

**479-856-6040**

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	<b>BEFORE 10/15/17</b>	<b>AT DOOR</b>	<b>AMOUNT ENCLOSED</b>
<b>FULL REGISTRATION</b>			
MEMBERS*	\$110.00	\$140.00	_____
NON-MEMBER	\$190.00	\$220.00	_____
<b>SATURDAY ONLY</b>			
MEMBERS*	\$60.00	\$90.00	_____
NON-MEMBER	\$140.00	\$170.00	_____
<b>SUNDAY ONLY</b>			
MEMBERS*	\$50.00	\$80.00	_____
NON-MEMBERS	\$130.00	\$160.00	_____
			TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

SPECIAL ROOM RATE IS AVAILABLE . . . **Hilton Garden Inn 479-856-6040 RESERVATION CUT OFF DATE 10/10/2017**  
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