



NEWSLETTER

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SPRING MEETING

May 14-15, 2022
Embassy Suites
Little Rock

June 10, 2022
All State Board Renewals
due in State Board Office

October 2, 2022
CEC Jonesboro

NOV 5-6, 2022
CEC Fayetteville Area

May 20-21, 2023
CEC Little Rock

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend. **NOTE THE DATES HAVE CHANGED**



The spring meeting will be held for two days in May: May 14 and 15, 2022 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock, Arkansas. Both days will offer 4 hours of Arkansas State Board credits a few of the classes will be ABO/NCLE. All classes will be ABO certified. The Annual business meeting will be held at 12 noon on Saturday May 14, 2022. If you would like to run for an office or a board seat, please contact, Felicia Shepherd, our nomination chairman. The Group rate is \$129 a night (but special phone number MUST be used). The hotel will not take reservations with the group discount directly. To receive the group rate of \$129/night:

Call 1-800-EMBASSY

Request the below block/group code:

AR State Board of Dispensing Opticians Code: ARD

- Please make your reservations as soon as possible so we will have enough rooms to fill our block.

You will find the registration for the meetings in this newsletter. There will be NO Registration at the door, and we will have assigned seating. If you wish to pay at the door you must do the following: **MAIL OR FAX YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE 4/28/22. The fax number is 870-275-5977 .**

Educational Reminder . . . Remember!!!!

**You must have four hours of State Board approved educational hours between July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2022
To renew your certificate July 1, 2022**

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

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

President's Letter

Hello fellow Opticians!!

I sure hope this finds each of you healthy and enjoying your families. I am excited that the time is drawing nearer for our next opticians meeting. We hope many of you will be able to attend and earn those needed educational credits...

The Opticians Association has worked very hard over the years to provide great speakers and courses. These meeting have been a huge help to me over the years and I know the courses provided will help you as well. Please take advantage of the education credits if at all possible...

I look forward to seeing all of you in May. We know that the pandemic restrictions are tiring, but we care about your health and wellbeing. Hopefully soon we will be back to "normal".

OPTICIANS ARE AWESOME!!

See you soon!

Shannon Pearson, OAA President

**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 meet the requirements. The test is being offered 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 website.

OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS
POST OFFICE BOX 1
LEXA, ARKANSAS 72355
WWW.AROPTICIANS.ORG



OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

Spring Meeting

Saturday, May 14, Sunday, May 15, 2022

7:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Embassy Suites

**11302 Financial Centre Parkway Little Rock, AR 72211
501-312-9000**

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REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

DISPENSARY _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

BEFORE 4/28/22 TO PAY AT THE DOOR* AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Either Form must be received in the Association office before 4/28/22

FULL REGISTRATION – Saturday and Sunday

MEMBERS* \$85.00 \$115.00 _____

NON-MEMBER \$165.00 \$195.00 _____

SATURDAY ONLY

MEMBERS* \$60.00 \$90.00 _____

NON-MEMBER \$140.00 \$170.00 _____

SUNDAY ONLY

MEMBERS* \$60.00 \$90.00 _____

NON-MEMBER \$140.00 \$1.0070 _____

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** or **FAX TO 870-275-5977** *** TO PAY AT THE DOOR YOU MUST FAX YOUR REGISTRATION TO 870-275-5977 BEFORE 4/28/22



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AGENDA

Saturday, May 14, 2022

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am –10:00 am	Prism **	Brent McCardle
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Myopia Control **	Brent McCardle
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	UV vs Blue **	Brent McCardle
12-00 pm – 12:30 pm	Business Meeting	

Sunday, May 15, 2022

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Sun Vision **	Brent McCardle
9:00 am – 10:00 am	UV **	Brent McCardle
10:00 am - 11:00 am	The Progressive Maze	Brent McCardle
11:00 am – 12:00 am	Tackling Troubleshooting	Brent McCardle

All classes are Arkansas State Board and ABO approved. The ones with the asterisk are also NCLE approved. *Please make sure you get the proper educational certificates stamped before you leave the class.*