



# NEWSLETTER

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**EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS AND SPRING MEETING**

**May 4-6, 2018, Little Rock**



The convention committee has worked hard to plan this year's EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS. The spring meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 201 S. Shackelford Road Little Rock, AR. 501-223-3000.

Saturday we will have six hours of Arkansas State Board of Dispensing Opticians / ABO credits/ NCLE and JACHPO. Jerry Himes will also teach a Basic Optics course on Saturday morning for apprentices to help them prepare for their examinations. You must **pre-register** for this class due to limited space and to ensure the availability of the review book you will need.

On Saturday at lunch we will have the board meeting and fun and games. We will have an election of officers and board members. If you are interested in being an officer or being on the board, please contact Lonnie Burrow. We will have door prizes and giveaways at the business meeting but you must be present to win. On Sunday we will have four hours of Arkansas State Board of Dispensing Opticians/ABO credits. Please make sure you have your CEC sheets stamped before you leave your seat as it will not be stamped at a later time.

The Crowne Plaza has given us a discounted room rate, when you make your reservations, tell them you are with the Opticians Association of Arkansas.

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Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

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*Thanks to our sponsor:*



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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  
The renewal paper work must be in the state board office June 10, 2018  
This will be the last education seminar before renewal**

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# SPRING MEETING

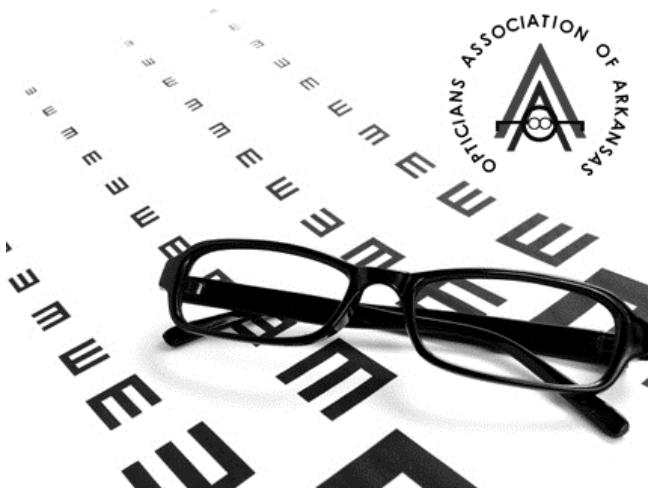
**May 4-6, 2018 Little Rock**

**CROWNE PLAZA**

**201 SOUTH SHACKELFORD RD**

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS 72203**

**501-223-3000**



## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISPENSARY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>BEFORE 4/21/18</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>BASIC OPTICAL COURSE (MUST PRE-REGISTER)</b>			
MEMBERS*	\$60.00	\$90.00**	_____
NON MEMBERS	\$140.00	\$170.00**	_____
<b>SUNDAY ONLY</b>			
MEMBERS*	\$50.00	\$80.00	_____
NON MEMBERS	\$130.00	\$160.00	_____
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 CELL 601-954-1278

\*\* If paying for the Basic Optics Course at the door, you must send in the registration form without payment no later than 4/21/18.

**State Board News**  
This is your association please help . . .

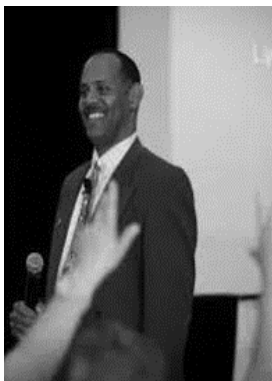
Send all information for newsletter and classes at the meetings to the association's office. We welcome your input.

*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](mailto:aropticiansboard@hotmail.com)*

*fax number*  
870-572-2847



## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*Dear Fellow Opticians.*

*It's education time! Our annual Spring Convention is just around the corner. We sure hope to see as many of you as possible.*

*We strive each year to provide courses that are of interest to you. Different levels of optical for each stage of your career. I, for one, learn something every year.*

*We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Mark the dates and make plans to join us!*

*I hope everyone has started their New Year off healthy and happy!! Just remember to make this a part of your 2018 plans.*

*Sincerely,*

*Velvet Prewitt, OAA President*



**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND LYNN LAWRENCE**  
**SO MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO ATTEND.**

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. Remember you cannot apply to take the State Board's examination until you have passed the ABO examination. Don't forget to check out the new State Board website.

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OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS  
**SPRING MEETING**  
**May 4-6, 2018**  
**Little Rock, AR**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**Friday May 4, 2018**

6:00 -8:00 Early Bird Social

**Saturday, May 5, 2018**

7:30 – 8:00 Registration

8:00 – 10:00 The Ultimate Practice Lynn Lawrence

8:30 – 12:30 Basic Optics Review Jerry Himes (**Apprentices Only MUST PRE REGISTER**)

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 12:15 OSHA Infection & Ocular Emergencies Lynn Lawrence

12:15 – 1:30 Lunch Business Meeting

1:30 – 3:30 The Final Front Tear Lynn Lawrence

**Sunday, May 6, 2018**

7:30 – 8:00 Registration

8:00 - 9:00 How to Prevent Burn Out Lynn Lawrence

9:00 – 11:00 Importance of Teamwork in the Marketplace Lynn Lawrence

11:00-12:00 The History of Eyewear Jerry Himes

**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.**

