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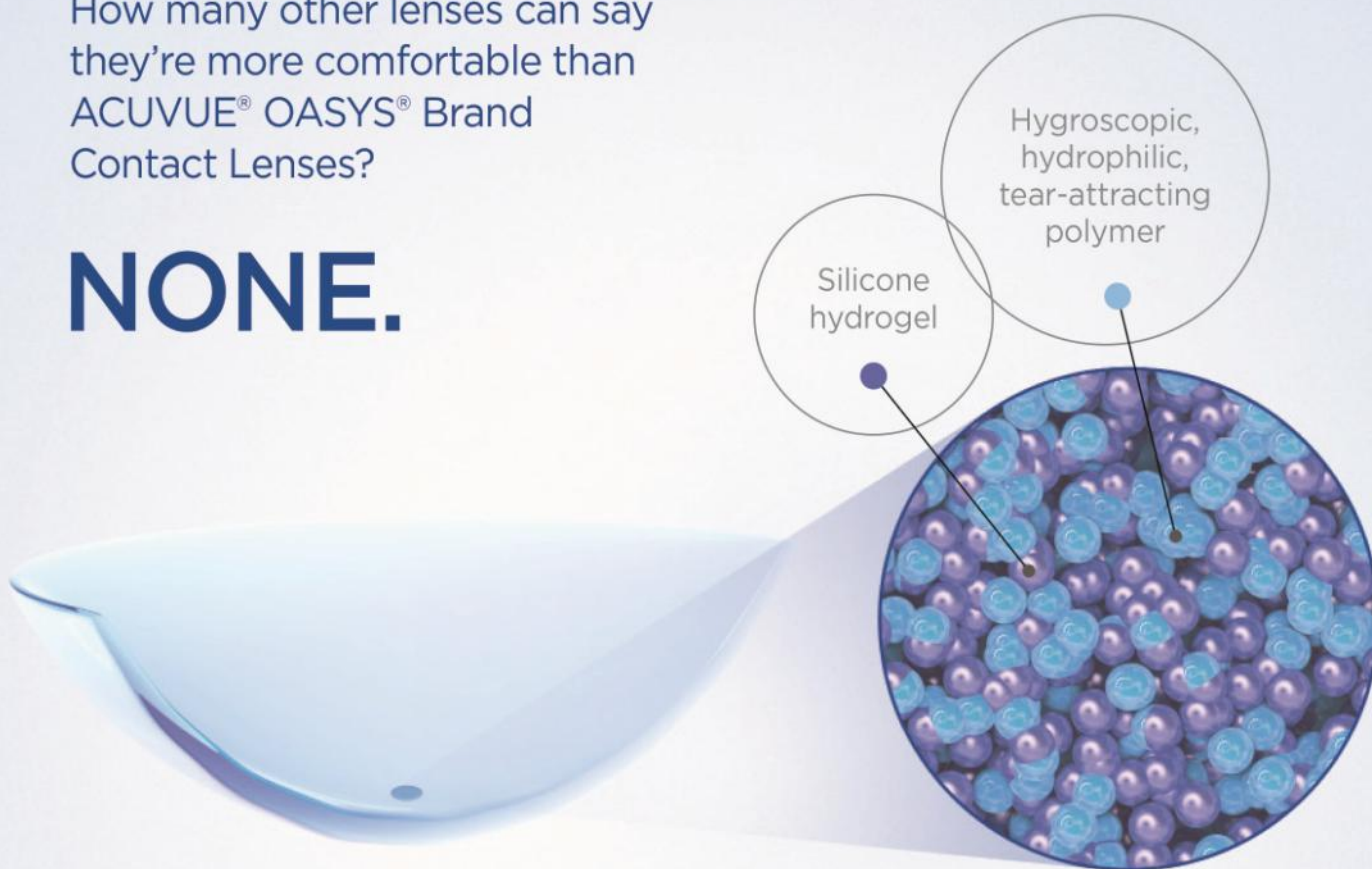
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Happy New Year to all our members! I hope 2014 is a happy and healthy one for everyone. I am excited to start a new year with the College, 2013 was a busy one and it was great to finally put some faces to names at the Convention in September. We have included some pictures on page eight and nine, so check them out. I hope everyone enjoyed the weekend as we had some great speakers and it was a good opportunity to build your credits. We hope we can increase the attendance this year and encourage more of you to attend the convention & AGM in Regina on September 27th and 28th.

Renewal time is also approaching again. Renewal forms and continuing education statements will be sent out in the coming weeks. You can contact the office at any time to find out your con-ed balance, so make sure your credits are up to date by March 31st. We have included some guidelines for renewals on page 10 and remember to send in your renewal in full on time to avoid a late fee.

We have been busy making some improvements and in the coming months we hope to launch an online facility for our members, allowing them to login and check their continuing education credits and update contact information. We also hope to have our online directory of members available on our website very soon. We have developed **Linkedin** and **Twitter** accounts as well as our **Facebook** page so we encourage everyone to check those out and increase our presence through social media.

Our office opening hours will be extended from February 3rd, in time for renewals. The office will now be open from 9 am until 4 pm, Monday - Thursday. We remind everyone that as well as mailing in your renewal, you can also call in to the office at A4 116 103rd St. East, Saskatoon, S7N 1Y7.

June O'Connor



OFFICE HOURS & LOCATION

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New Opening Hours from February 3rd:

9 am - 4 pm, Monday - Thursday



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The Eye Opener
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THE REGISTRAR'S DESK



First off, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends and that the New Year is filled with health and happiness for all.

Your college had a very busy 2013, during which we completed the amendments to the Regulatory Bylaws. The bylaws now contain provisions to allow for Prior Learning Assessments to be provided to individuals immigrating to Canada that have experience or training as opticians or, individuals living in Canada with prior training and experience that wish to re-enter the profession. The bylaws have been signed off by the Minister and published in the Gazette and are now in effect.

In 2014, the College will be moving forward with amendments to the Administrative Bylaws in order to update them and make them compatible with the Regulatory Bylaws and Standards of Practice. Part of that process will include consideration and possible amendments to the number of sitting council members including the staggered election dates of the members. It's important that the majority of members do not come up for re-election at the same time so that the college can always retain the knowledge and experience of a portion of its sitting members, and also so that newly elected members have an opportunity to get familiar with the inner workings and business of the college before taking on specific duties.

I would also like to take a minute to remind members that your college is instrumental in your being the licensed

and qualified professionals that you are today. Without your college, opticians wouldn't exist as licensed professionals. In a nut shell, your college exists to serve and protect the public, regulate the practice of the profession and govern the members in accordance with the Act and bylaws. As well, your college works diligently every day to stay abreast of current changes and trends in the industry, to not only ensure the members have the most up to date legislation and regulations, but to also ensure that when that the membership wishes to advance their scope of practice, they will be well poised to be able to do so.

While your Registrar oversees the day to day workings of the College, it's your council that is front and center in determining the short and long term planning goals for the college and your profession. That being said, it's very important then, that each and every member give serious consideration to serving and assisting your profession by running for council. It's important work that your college does, and it's just as important that members step up and take their turn in helping to build and keep the profession of opticianry as cutting edge as it is today.

Your new legislation and regulations that became law in 2010 are some of the most up to date and advanced in Canada today. In fact, other regulatory bodies from across the country are looking at Saskatchewan's new Act and Regulations for ideas and advice on drafting and amending their own legislation. Your council of the day, worked long and hard to make that happen, and where some jurisdictions are only now writing legislation to regulate cosmetic contacts for example, your council took the initiative to ensure that provisions were in place to regulate not only cosmetic contacts but all eyewear.

The AGM will be held in Regina this year, and I look forward to seeing you there. In the meantime, I encourage each of you to give serious consideration to putting your name forward to serve on council. If you would like information on running for council or the duties of council, please feel free to call either a council member, June at the office, or myself, and we will be pleased to answer your questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Sorensen'.

Kenneth H. Sorensen
REGISTRAR

**Members are reminded
that all opticians
practicing in
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SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH 2013

Our "Looking Ahead Seeing the Opportunities" Convention was held at the end of September at the Saskatoon Inn. We would like to say a sincere thanks to all of our speakers and sponsors and to everyone who attended and helped make the weekend a huge success. The Convention is a great way to build your Continuing Education Credits, stay in touch with fellow members and keep up to date with the latest trends.

The minimal charge for the convention is well worth it. There were 12 Credits available from attending this years convention as well as a chance to socialize with fellow opticians and make some new friends. There were several great speakers over the weekend, including some familiar faces and some new ones. On Saturday we had presentations from John Nesbit from Essilor, Emmett McRobie from Centennial, Maxine Stewart from Zeiss and Dr. Prete from Johnson & Johnson. There was also a presentation from Emmett McRobie along with Romer Gaspar, an Optician from Alberta and Nadine Elkew, one of Saskatchewan's Opticians about their experiences working in underdeveloped countries. On Sunday, our presentations were delivered by Heather Power and SCO's Treasurer Clarence Mott who updated everyone on the SCO Office. We also had a special performance from Double Vision, a comedy magic act, for our members at lunchtime on Sunday. There were lots of great prizes to be won on both days and we thank all our sponsors for their contributions.

Check out pictures of the winners from this year's convention on the following pages.
It could be you next year!!

At the AGM, a new council was elected. It would be great to see all of our members attend these meetings and we encourage you all to think about putting your name forward to run to become part of the Saskatchewan College of Opticians Council. **We look forward to seeing you at the 2014 Convention and AGM which will take place in Regina on September 27th & 28th at the Ramada Plaza Hotel.**



*Sincere THANKS
to our
convention sponsors !*





35TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & AGM SEPTEMBER 28TH & 29TH 2013 PRIZE WINNERS



Michelle Lavallee
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Fee Structure (check one)

Optician	☐
Optician Licence Fee	\$446.25
TOTAL	<u>\$446.25</u>

Contact Lens Practitioner	☐
Optician Licence Fee	\$446.25
C.L. Practitioner Fee	\$236.25
TOTAL	<u>\$682.50</u>

Non-Practicing Member	☐
Optician Licence Fee	\$ 141.75
Optician & CL Fee	\$ 283.50
Fee Submitted	_____

Retired Member	☐
Optician Licence Fee	\$ 36.75
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NON PRACTICING LICENCES

BY registering as a NON-PRACTICING member of the Saskatchewan College of Opticians I hereby agree that I will not actively perform opticianry duties in the Province of Saskatchewan. I further agree that performing such duties in Saskatchewan while registered as inactive is considered ‘dispensing without a licence’, and I will be subject to the appropriate disciplinary actions of the Saskatchewan College of Opticians.

Signature _____

Date _____

**Applications received without fees or Proof of Insurance will be returned !
\$75.00 late fee for applications received after April 1st**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL GUIDELINES

Licence Renewals are due before April 1st 2014. Each year there are lots of phone calls and emails from members who are not sure of the renewal procedures. We have answered some of the most common questions to help make renewal time easier:

- ⇒ Payments: We accept Cheque/Money Order/Visa (We cannot accept AMEX or Mastercard). There is a 5% service charge with Visa. Please make cheques and money orders payable to *Saskatchewan College of Opticians*.
- ⇒ Proof of Liability Insurance must be submitted with your renewal each year.
- ⇒ It is necessary for practicing members to have their Continuing Education Credits up to date in order to renew their licence. As a reminder, Licenced Opticians need 10 Credits within the previous 3 years and Licenced Contact Lens Practitioners require 15 Credits within the same time period.
- ⇒ Applications received without payment or proof of insurance will **not** be processed.
- ⇒ We will use your photo from last year unless a new one is submitted with your renewal form.
- ⇒ It is your responsibility to ensure your renewal is **received** by the SCO Office by April 1st.
- ⇒ Late Payment Fees of \$75 will apply to all applications received on April 2nd or later.
- ⇒ **Any member who has not renewed by April 1st is unlicensed and will not be allowed to practice.**
- ⇒ Members who have not renewed by April 1st, will be notified in accordance with the Regulatory Bylaws that their licence has expired and will also be advised at that time of the date that they will be removed from the Register should they remain unlicensed.
- ⇒ Members that have been removed from the Register and wishing to be reinstated, will be subject to the re-licensing requirements as set out in the Administrative Bylaws i.e. the normal licence fee, plus a penalty of a lapse fee equal to the licence fee, and a re-registration fee of \$100.
- ⇒ We are encouraging members to receive correspondence from the College by email. Please choose your preferred communication method when completing the renewal form. Should you not choose a method on the renewal form, correspondence will be sent by email.

STUDENT Bursaries & Scholarships 2013-2014

LASIK MD	National to NAIT Students	\$750.00
Highest overall mark in	<i>Year One Eyeglasses</i>	
Highest overall class average in	<i>Year One Advanced Practice Contact Lenses</i>	
S.C.O.		\$250.00
Top overall written mark in	<i>Year Two Eyeglasses</i>	
Top overall written mark in	<i>Year Two Advanced Practice Contact Lenses</i>	
O.A.C.	National to NAIT Students exc. Alberta	\$250.00
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IN THE NEWS

DRUG RELEASING CONTACT LENSES FOR GLAUCOMA

Researchers at Massachusetts Eye and Ear/Harvard Medical School Department of Ophthalmology, Boston Children's Hospital, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are one step closer to an eye drop-free reality with the development of a drug-eluting contact lens designed for prolonged delivery of latanoprost, a common drug used for the treatment of glaucoma, the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide.

"In general, eye drops are an inefficient method of drug delivery that has notoriously poor patient adherence. This contact lens design can potentially be used as a treatment for glaucoma and as a platform for other ocular drug delivery applications," said Joseph Ciolino, M.D, Mass. Eye and Ear cornea specialist and lead author of the paper.

The contacts were designed with materials that are FDA-approved for use on the eye. "The lens we have developed is capable of delivering large amounts of drug at substantially constant rates over weeks to months," said Professor Daniel Kohane, director of the Laboratory for Biomaterials and Drug Delivery at Boston Children's Hospital.

In vivo, single contact lenses were able to achieve, for one month, latanoprost concentrations in the aqueous humor that were comparable to those achieved with daily topical latanoprost solution, the current first-line treatment for glaucoma. The lenses appeared safe in cell culture and animal studies. This is the first contact lens that has been shown to release drugs for this long in animal models.

The newly designed contact lens has a clear central aperture and contains a drug-polymer film in the periphery, which helps to control drug release. The lenses can be made with no refractive power or with the ability to correct the refractive error in nearsighted or farsighted eyes. "A non-invasive method of sustained ocular drug delivery could help patients adhere to the therapy necessary to maintain vision in diseases like glaucoma, saving millions from preventable blindness," Dr. Ciolino said.

Source: Press Release Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, December 9th 2013

REGENERATED TEAR GLANDS

A research group headed by Professor Takashi Tsuji of Tokyo University of Science have successfully regenerated fully functional bioengineered lacrimal (tear) glands. The results signify a substantial advance in the development of next generation organ replacement regenerative therapies. The results are published in the scientific journal Nature Communications.

The research group (M. Hirayama et al.,) reports the bioengineered lacrimal gland germ and harderian gland germ, both developed in vivo, achieved sufficient physiological functionality, including tear production in response to nervous stimulation and ocular surface protection. This study demonstrates the potential for bioengineered organ replacement to functionally restore the lacrimal gland.

Source: Japan Corporate News Network, October 2013

CONVENTION & AGM 2014

The Annual Convention and AGM will return to Regina and will take place on September 27th & 28th 2014 at The Ramada Plaza Hotel.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERS



The Saskatchewan College of Opticians would like to recognize our members who gave up their time during the year and volunteered to help the SCO during the year. We have members on different Committees and others who volunteered at education events during the year. We want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to these members. We are very grateful to have your help. At the Convention, we presented awards to these members to show our appreciation for their hard work during the year.

We want to say a special thanks to **Carol Stobbe** who attended a National Meeting on behalf of the College. **Sheena Richardson** who volunteered at the All Nations Jobs Expo in Regina. **Sheri Jones** for volunteering to be part of the Discipline Committee. We also had volunteers help administer the NACOR Licencing Exams in June: **Dale Hicks, Lorie Ellefson, Bill Fedrau and Steve Charles**. **Lorie Ellefson** also volunteered along with **Willard Jamieson** at a weekend workshop for students in March. We also want to thank **Lorrie Hildebrand, Tana Paton and Raena Wilk Morhart** for volunteering to be part of our PLAR Committee, and to our Conduct Committee: **Amanda Anderson, Roger Perzan and Ron Dorey**.

It is great to see members get involved with the College and we are very grateful to everyone for their commitment during the year. If you would like to volunteer and share your enthusiasm for Opticianry, please contact the SCO office.

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COUNCIL UPDATE

At the AGM in September, a new Council was elected. Paul Johnson stepped down as President; we would like to thank him for his leadership and all he accomplished for the SCO during his term as President.

Jessica Brown takes over as our new President. We wish Jessica the best of luck in her new role. Clarence Mott was re-elected as Treasurer and Diana Hicks was re-elected and remains our Co-Education Chair along with Deanne Oleksyn.

Sheri Jones is our newest Council member who was elected at the AGM. We would like to welcome Sheri, who takes over from Jessica as Councillor.

JESSICA BROWN PRESIDENT



I was born and raised in Regina, Saskatchewan where I graduated from O'Neill high school. Even though my intentions when growing up was to be a nurse or veterinarian. I started my optical career right out of high school where I found a true passion in helping people with their eyewear needs. This is also when I started to explore the lab and learn about the way prescriptions were created.

I have been working with Regina Eye Centre for over 12 years and I became licensed in 2007. I have over 14 years experience in the industry and have been able to explore all the areas of eyewear and eye health.

In my spare time my family and I enjoy cooking, going to movies and walking our dog. We have a big passion as a family for helping animals so we enjoy helping local organizations anyway we can. It is never a dull moment at our house hold as my three year daughter is growing up so fast and that is why we truly just enjoy spending our free time together enjoying life.

I look forward to 2014 as the new President of the SCO and hope in meeting and speaking with all of my fellow opticians and making a difference in our profession.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy year in 2014!



SCO COUNCIL MEMBERS 2013-2014

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The Saskatchewan College of Opticians is pleased to announce a new sponsorship from Western Eye Care Instruments (WECI). We have recently upgraded our lensometers, which we use for student examination purposes, and received generous sponsorship from WECI.

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We are extremely appreciative of the support from WECI and look forward to working with them in the future. **If you would like to contact Western Eye Care Instruments you can call them Toll FREE at 1-866-338-2233 or email: davidblack@shaw.ca.**

CON - ED REQUIREMENTS

Licence Renewal	Credits accumulated in years		
March 31, 2014	2011	2012	2013
March 31, 2015	2012	2013	2014

Each year at renewals, we look at the credits you have accumulated over the previous three years. You will note that this means you can re-use credits. For renewals in March this year, we remind everyone to have their credits up to date in order to renew your licence. You will receive a statement of your current Con-Ed Credits in the next few weeks along with your renewal application. You can contact the SCO office anytime to check the your credit balance. We hope that in the coming months you will be able to check your credit balance through our website www.scoptic.ca. Credits should be submitted to the SCO office by fax, email or mail.

KEEP YOUR CONTINUING CREDITS UP TO DATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

SASKATCHEWAN COLLEGE OF OPTICIANS

Convention	Sept. 27 - 28 2014	Ramada Plaza Hotel, Regina
AGM	Sept. 28 2014	Ramada Plaza Hotel, Regina

INTERNATIONAL DATES

Vision Expo East	March 27 - 30 2014	New York, New York
Vision Expo West	September 17 - 20 2014	Las Vegas, Nevada
Vision Canada	November 14 -16 2014	Toronto, Ontario

NACOR PRACTICAL EXAMINATION DATES

Alberta	Feb. 1 - 2, 2014	NAIT Campus, Edmonton
Ontario	April 11 - 12, 2014	Georgian College, Barrie
British Columbia	May 24 - 25, 2014	Douglas College, Coquitlam
Saskatchewan	May 31 - Jun 1, 2014	Saskatoon
Manitoba	Jun 7 - 8, 2014	Winnipeg
Nova Scotia	Jun 7 - 8, 2014	Halifax
Alberta	Jun 20 - 22, 2014	NAIT Campus, Edmonton
British Columbia	Sept 19 - 21, 2014	Douglas College, Coquitlam
Ontario	Oct 24 - 26, 2014	Georgian College, Barrie
New Brunswick	Nov 1 - 2, 2014	St. John

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