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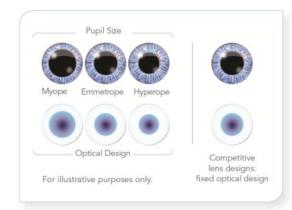
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### **ADVERTISING**

The Eye Opener Website

Full Page Colour Ad \$250 Employment Ad

Full page B & W Ad \$150 \$25 for 2 months.

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1/2 Page B & W Ad \$100





Another summer is upon us, albeit a very dry summer with some 128 fires burning as of the writing of this article. With so many forest fires burning, it has caused great upheaval to many folks that have had to relocate because of the fires or, that are unable to enjoy their cottages or camping this summer. Our thoughts, prayers and best wishes go out to all the brave men and women battling these fires that they stay safe and are able to bring the fires under control soon.



Your college remains busy as always, with many things on the go, from prior learning assessments for opticians immigrating to Canada that wish to continue their practice here; to various projects, such as improvements to continuing education, designed to assist our members in improving their knowledgeable and skills.

Your college continues to remain active in pursing and prosecuting illegal dispensers of contact lenses and will continue to do so, until we have managed to put a stop to it. Bill C313, the private members Bill, that moves cosmetic contacts to medical devices under Health Canada regulations, will go into effect shortly, and should help immensely, by choking off the supply of contact lenses to those outlets that continue to dispense and cause injury despite repeated requests to stop. Once the Bill is in full force, only licensed medical suppliers will be allowed to purchase or sell contact lenses and as such, it should help to reduce the availability of these lenses to illegal dispensers.

The annual general meeting, is just around the corner, and once again, the college is encouraging members to attend, and participate in the election of the officers that oversee your college. We also encourage everyone to consider taking a turn at running for office. Your college serves an invaluable purpose, and is the backbone of your profession. It exists to serve and protect the public, regulate the practice of the profession and govern its members, to ensure the public of the knowledge, skill, proficiency and competency of the members in the practice of opticianry.

As well, from time to time the college requires members to sit on various committees, and the college encourages all of its members that don't wish to run for office, to consider serving your profession by sitting on one of the committees as they become available.

All the best for the rest of the summer to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM

Ken Sorensen Registrar

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Paul Johnson Assistant Registrar Members are reminded that all opticians practicing in Saskatchewan, no matter what the duration, are required to be licenced in accordance with the Act.

Please advise the SCO office of any changes to your employment or home contact information.

You can do this by updating your profile online or emailing office@scoptic.ca



I would like to take this opportunity to give a warm welcome and congratulate our newly licensed opticians and contact lens practitioner who recently successfully challenged their NACOR Licensing Examinations. Being a professional optician is a rewarding career and I hope to see some of our new opticians at the Convention this year.

I would also like to take a minute to invite all of our members to get involved and assist the college where you can. At the Annual General Meeting this year in Saskatoon, you will be asked to elect (or re-elect) four council members. If you care about the direction your profession is going, and if you have a couple of spare hours a week, I encourage you to consider taking a position. If you are interested in taking a seat and have questions, please contact any one of your current council members.

We are also looking for volunteers to sit on our Discipline Committee. If this is something that interests you, please give the office a call and put your name forward.

Our Convention is taking place a little later this year, on October 17th & 18th. As always, I encourage everyone to attend. It is a great opportunity to connect with fellow opticians as well as building up your continuing education credits. This year, we have an exciting round table discussion planned for Saturday afternoon. Representatives from OAC will also be in attendance and we trust this will clear up any confusion regarding the different roles and responsibilities of the College and the Association.

Finally, a reminder to check with the office to make sure any continuing education credits you would like to take, have been pre-approved. The office is also in the process of putting a list of approved courses on our website.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer, and I am looking forward to seeing all of you in Saskatoon this fall.

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Deanne Oleksyn

**President** 

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Just played your #EyeLove daily questions — cool game! Very educational and a great learning experience

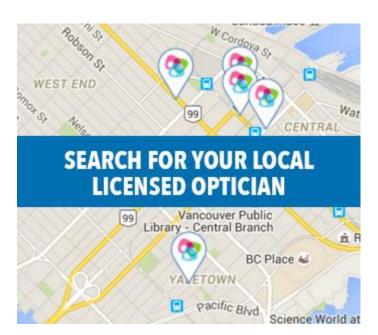
— Jennifer, participant (via Twitter)



### **How Do I Receive Free Promotion?**

It's simple. Take 5 minutes to go online and fill out a simple form and your optical store will automatically be listed on the Love Your Eyes searchable map for participants to find you.

Check out www.weloveyoureyes.ca/sponsorship for details



### **How Do I Receive Additional Promotion?**

There are 2 options to receive additional promotion:

- 1. Specify that you will be donating a minimum of \$150 (funds to be used to purchase media space), and you will receive:
- · Listing of your optical store on the Love Your Eyes searchable map for participants to find you
- Sponsored puzzle where your name and store link will be provided to participants in your province
- Comprehensive Final Report to see all the statistics
- 2. Email to inquire about National Sponsorship options for as low as \$400. National Sponsors will receive:
- Logo Feature on Love Your Eyes Website's "Today's Question"
- Logo Scroll on Love Your Eyes Website Front Page
- Social Media Coverage
- Listing of your optical store on the Love Your Eyes searchable map for participants to find you
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### CONTINUING COMPETENCY INFORMATION

The SCO along with all Canadian Regulators have used a continuing education model to ensure opticians keep up to date and maintain a working knowledge base. The flaw in the system we use today is that there is no accountability as to whether we are taking classes on subjects that really matter, or just attending whatever is available for credit. Some regulators such as the COBC have worked closely with NACOR and have identified the base competencies necessary to practice as an optician.

These regulators are now working towards systems where opticians will be allowed to take private self assessments on line. The purpose of these assessments will be to allow opticians to see both their strong and weak areas in their optical knowledge. This will give opticians the ability to tailor their continuing education to be meaningful seminars and classes for them. This means of self assessment may also be a tool to be used to encourage Individuals to specialize in areas of strength. This new concept will make us all better opticians, confident that we are giving the best to our profession, our patients and ourselves!

The SCO will keep you informed as this exciting opportunity is developed.

You can learn more about this at the 2015 Convention in Saskatoon when we see a presentation from Connie Chung of the College of Opticians of British Columbia

See you at the Convention!!





We would like to take some time to give some background on the duties and responsibilities of the Conduct and Discipline Committees. The Conduct Committee is comprised of three practicing members in good standing. The duty of the Conduct Committee is to investigate complaints made to Council regarding the alleged professional misconduct or professional incompetence of a member.

Professional Misconduct is any matter that is harmful to the best interest of the public or the SCO members, harmful to the standing of the profession, in breach of the Opticians Act, or failure to comply with a direction of the Conduct Committee, Council or Discipline Committee.

Professional Incompetence is the display by a member of a lack of knowledge, skill or judgment or a disregard for the welfare for a member of the public served by the profession, to the extent that the person is unfit to either continue in the practice of opticianry or continue to provide one or more services ordinarily provided.

Once a complaint is passed to the Conduct Committee, it is their role to review the complaint and investigate the complaint by taking any steps it considers necessary, including summoning before it the member whose conduct is the subject of the complaint or assessing the member's competence. On completion of the investigation, the conduct committee files a report to the Discipline Committee recommending either that the Discipline Committee should hear and determine the complaint or that no further action should be taken.

The Discipline Committee is made up of at least three people, including our Public Representative. Their duty is to hold a hearing, on the recommendation of the Conduct Committee, to determine whether or not the member is guilty of professional misconduct or professional incompetence.

Where the Discipline Committee finds a member guilty, it can make one or more of the following orders: to strike a person from the Register, to suspend a member's license for a specified period, to place restrictions on a person's license in addition to administering a fine of up to \$5000 to a guilty member. A person has the right to appeal the decision of the Discipline Committee and can file an appeal to Council within 30 days of a decision.

The College plans to hold training for the Conduct and Discipline Committees in the fall to ensure our committees are prepared to deal with any complaints.

### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS - VACANT POSITIONS ON DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE



The College is seeking two volunteers to fill vacant spots on our Discipline Committee.

years experience as a licensed practicing member.

Interested members are asked to contact the college by email at office@scoptic.ca or call 306-652-0769 for further information



# 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & AGM Travelodge Hotel, 106 Circle Drive West, Saskatoon, SK S7L 4L6 October 17th & 18th 2015

### **CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM**

Registration received prior to October 7th will be eligible for early bird pricing TICKETS FOR ALL FUNCTIONS WILL BE ENTERED INTO DRAW FOR DOOR PRIZES

SURNAME	FIRST NAME				
LICENCE NUMBER	GUEST				
HOME ADDRESS					
CITY	POSTAL CODE				
PHONE	EMAIL				
SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS					
DECISTRATION					
REGISTRATION SCO MEMBER		✓	Pre-Registration	✓	After Oct. 7th
Full Convention (Saturday & Sunday Seminars, AGM, Breakfasts & Lunches)			\$145		\$170
Saturday Seminars (includes Lunch)			\$90		\$100
Sunday Seminars (includes Lunch)			\$90		\$100
REGISTRATION SCO STUDENT		<b>√</b>	Pre-Registration	✓	After Oct. 7th
Full Convention (Saturday & Sunday Seminars, AGM, Breakfasts & Lunches)			\$80		\$90
Saturday Seminars (includes Lunch)			\$50		\$60
Sunday Seminars (includes Lunch)			\$50		\$60
REGISTRATION					
GUEST		✓	Pre-Registration	✓	After Oct. 7th
Saturday Lunch			\$10		\$10
Sunday Lunch			\$10		\$10
TOTAL PAYMENT DUE					

### MAIL COMPLETED FORMS & PAYMENT TO:

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Please mention Saskatchewan College of Opticians when booking.

Rooms must be booked by September 16th in order to avail of this special rate.



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### 12 CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS AVAILABLE

Credit Categories: EG - Eyeglass CL - Contact Lens EC - Eyeglass or Contact Lens RF - Related Field PS — Professional Service

### **SPEAKER TOPICS & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17th 2015				
8am - 9am	Registration & Breakfast - Sponsored By ESSILOR			
9am - 10am	Social Media/ ECP Marketing - Grant Larsen	Sponsored by TBA	1 RF	
10am - 11am	TBA - John Nesbit	Sponsored by Essilor	1 EG	
11am - 12pm	Application of <i>The Health Information Protection Act</i> , the role of the IPC and regulatory bodies and privacy best practices - Diane Aldridge	Sponsored by OIPC	1 RF	
12pm - 1pm	Lunch - Sponsored By OAC			
1pm - 2pm	Sarah Moshurak - The Art of Handmade	Sponsored by OAC	1 EG	
2pm - 3pm	Refraction Presentation - Jim Thompson	Sponsored by SCO	1 EC	
3pm - 5pm	Round Table Discussion - SCO & OAC		2 EC	

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18th 2015				
8am - 9am	Registration & Breakfast			
9am - 10am	Continuing Competency - Connie Chong	Sponsored by SCO	1 RF	
10am - 11am	LASER REFRACTIVE SURGERY & PRESBYVISION - Matthew Woodham	Sponsored by LASIK MD	1 EC	
11am - 12pm	One Day Acuvue Moist Multifocal - Jim Thompson	Sponsored by Johnson & Johnson	1 CL	
12pm - 1pm	Lunch - Sponsored By OAC			
1pm - 3pm	SCO AGM - 4 Council Positions for Election		2 PS	

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EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
Vision Expo Wes	t Sept. 16 - 19, 2015	Sands Expo & Convention Centre, Las Vegas, Nevada
Vision Canada	October 2 - 4, 2015	Pacific Gateway Hotel Vancouver, BC
SCO Convention	October 17 - 18, 2015	Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon
SCO AGM	October 18, 2015	Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon



### **Building An Online Eyecare Community**

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The Saskatchewan Chapter has grown and is common with the British Columbia Chapter and the Manitoba Chapter in that these organizations believe in the mandate 'Promote Opticians'.

When the OAC first suggested Saskatchewan Opticians build themselves a self -serving association with the number one goal being to 'support Licensed Opti-ASSOCIATION OF CANADA cians in the province', we had no idea that the idea would be so popular. The membership in the Chapter has doubled since inception and thanks to people Bill Fedrau, your Chapter President, the profile of the Chapter has increased. OPTICIENS DU CANADA The Saskatchewan Chapter has all the benefits of the OAC for Opticians to en-

Opticians join associations for many reasons, some of which are:

- *Information*. To receive accurate and prompt information about all issues that affect my practice.
- Advocacy. Bring professional interests to allied health professionals, the insurance industry, government, media and any other organization we encounter in our day-to-day practice.
- **Public relations.** Actively market to the general public and referring health-care providers on a regular basis regarding the scope and benefits of my services, and to counter any negative press.
- Expansion of Opportunities. Invest in research and building alliances, an association can open new doors in building credibility and position.
- 5. **Professional development.** Bring experts to events, to learn straight from the masters.

As a Chapter of the OAC, all Saskatchewan Chapter activities are financed through the general coffers of the Opticians Association of Canada. The amount budgeted each year is directly related to the revenue derived from Saskatchewan Opticians and Students. The Board of Directors of the OAC approves the annual budget for the OAC and on that board of directors sits all Provincial Chapter Presidents. The importance of selecting the right candidate for President of a Provincial Chapter falls squarely on its members.

The amount of provincial interaction and local support from the Chapter is directly related to the engagement of Opticians in the province. Nationally, Saskatchewan has been very well represented and the voices of Saskatchewan Opticians are well heard at the OAC table. Locally, the Saskatchewan Chapter is now directly involved and a large sponsor in the SCOs annual convention. The sponsorship allows for greater investment into education and high quality speakers. The future is bright. Opticians in Saskatchewan have resoundingly spoken that they want their own organization, one which places their needs first and foremost .....well you have that organization now. It is on solid ground and growing. The only thing that would make it better is if ALL Opticians in the province belonged; leave no one behind.

To Chapter Members we say, "remind your co-workers and all fellow Opticians they need to join the Chapter and you, to support each other in our goal to be highly trained professionals and to provide the best client/ patient outcomes."



Council's primary function is the regulation of opticians to ensure conformity to the Opticians Act and Bylaws. We are here to protect the public from harm as well as to promote the present and future of professional opticians.

This year there are **4 positions** open for election at our **AGM on October 18th 2015**. Diana Hicks, Sheri Jones, Sherryl Maier and Clarence Mott's terms are coming to an end. Elected Council members must be practicing members of the SCO in good standing. This year, there are 3 two year terms and 1 one year term available.

### Do you want to make a difference in our profession?

Do you have some spare time to give? Why not consider running for council and have a chance to make a difference in the direction this profession is going. The time commitment could vary from two hours per week to two - three hours per day, depending on what issues are before us. In addition, you are expected to commit to attending all SCO functions, and be available to the membership for guidance.

Nomination forms can be found below and can be submitted to the SCO office before the AGM. We will also be taking nominations on the day. Candidates must be open to questions from the membership.

If you are interested in sitting on council and have any concerns or questions, then please contact the SCO office at 652-0769 and we will be happy to assist you.



Diana Hicks LO LCLP Education Chair



Sheri Jones LO LCLP Councillor



Sherryl Maier LO Councillor



Clarence Mott LO LCLP
Treasurer

COUNCIL 2014 - 2015 NOMINATION FORM			
NOMINEE:	LICENCE NUMBER:		
PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _			
NOMINATOR:	LICENCE NUMBER:		

The SCO office answers lots of queries about continuing education credits throughout the year. This is a reminder about the rules and requirements for continuing education credits. If you have any other questions, please contact the SCO office.

### How many credits do I need to renew my license?

A Licensed Optician must have 10 credits over the previous three years; 8 of which must be Eyeglass Credits. A Licensed Contact Lens Practitioner must have 15 credits over the previous three years; 5 of which must be Eyeglass Credits and 5 Contact Lens Credits

### What are the different credit categories?

There are five categories of credits: Eyeglass (EG), Contact Lens (CL), Eyeglass or Contact Lens (EC), Professional Service (PS) and Related Field (RF).

#### How long are my credits valid?

Each year at renewals, we look at the credits you have accumulated over the previous three years.

Licence Renewal	Credits accumulated in years		
March 31, 2016	2013 2014 2015		
March 31, 2017	2014 2015 2016		

### How can I check my credit balance?

You can check your continuing education credits online anytime by logging in through our website. Every member should have a User ID and password. If you have misplaced your User ID and password, please call the office.

### What happens if I don't have enough credits?

Please make sure you have the right amount of credits before submitting your license renewal as members cannot be licensed unless their credits are up to date. A late fee will apply to members whose renewals are late due to insufficient credits.

### Do I need continuing education credits if I am a non-practicing optician?

While it is not mandatory to keep your continuing education credits up to date while you are non-practicing, the SCO strongly advises that you keep your continuing education credits current. The reason for this is because it makes the path to re-licensing easier when you return to practicing status.

### Where can I take continuing education credits?

Approved credits are available online or by attending seminars. The seminars at Vision Canada, Vision Expo East & West and of course our own convention are already pre-approved. We also accept credits from any seminars that have been approved by NACOR. A list of NACOR approved credits is available on the NACOR website. The OAC offer lots of online modules and some credits from 2020mag.com have been approved for credits as well. We are in the process of putting together a list of approved courses on our website www.scoptic.ca.

### What is the pre-approval process and how do I know if a module is approved?

Seminars in continuing education or ophthalmic practices that are provided by institutions not sponsored by the council must be pre-approved by the council, or its delegate, in order to qualify as educational credits for licensing purposes. Seminars may also be approved for continuing education purposes through the NACOR. To be approved as a continuing education seminar, the seminar must consist of at least one a variety of professional development topics that are designed to improve and advance the professional development of opticians/ practicing members and contact lens practitioners. To have a seminar or online module pre-approved, please send the request to the SCO office along with full information of the material covered in the seminar for the Education Chair to review. The Education Chair will then assign credits and a category to the seminar and it will be added to our published list online. If you are unsure if a module or seminar has been pre-approved, please contact the office **beforehand** to check as credits from seminars or online modules that have not been pre-approved cannot be applied to your file.



NACOR EXAMINATION DATES 2015				
Province	Date	Location	<b>Application Deadline</b>	
British Columbia	Sept. 11 - 13 2015	Douglas College, Coquitlam	Friday August 14, 2015	
Ontario	October 24 - 25, 2015	Georgian College, Barrie	Friday September 25, 2015	
Nova Scotia	November 7 - 8, 2015	Halifax	Friday October 9, 2015	

### **REMINDER TO STUDENTS**

While the OAC looks after the enrollment and administration of the NAIT Optical Programs, we would like to remind students that our Education Chair is always on hand to help or answer any questions that you might have during the year. Please contact the SCO office if you have any questions or concerns.

### Winners of the SCO Bursaries for 2014-2015



### Jennifer Belyea & Delee Decap

Highest Mark Year Two Eyeglass

### **Lacey Littlemore**

Highest Mark Year Two

### STUDENT LICENCE INFORMATION

All students must register each academic year with the SCO for a student optician or student contact lens practitioner licence. The fees are \$30 annually. There is also a \$10 registration fee for first time applicants. A passport photo must also be submitted for your student license card. Registration forms are available from the SCO office.

### **STUDENT Bursaries & Scholarships 2015-2016**

LASIK MD National to NAIT Students \$750.00

Highest overall mark in Year One Eyeglasses

Highest overall class average in Year One Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

S.C.O. \$250.00

Top overall written mark in Year Two Eyeglasses

Top overall written mark in Year Two Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

O.A.C. National to NAIT Students exc. Alberta \$250.00

Top overall written mark in Year Two Eyeglasses

Top overall written mark in Year Two Advanced Practice Contact Lenses

### Update from the Convention Chair



Last year's convention was a great success and had an awesome turn out! The convention is getting better and better each year. All we need is the support of our members to attend this worthwhile weekend and we can continue to grow. As well as attending the many seminars over the weekend and keeping up to date with the latest optical developments, It is also a great opportunity to stay in touch with other SCO members and make some new friends. This year, we have some great seminars lined up from some familiar faces and some new ones as well. There will be 12 Continuing Education Credits available for attending the entire weekend.

I would also like to take an opportunity to thank our sponsors who continue to generously support us each year by providing speakers, sponsoring breakfast and lunches and providing door prizes.

If you have any comments or suggestions for the convention, or if you would like volunteer to help organize the convention, please contact the SCO office.

See you at the Travelodge Hotel in Saskatoon on October 17th & 18th,

Clarence Mott



#### DOES THE SCO HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS?

The SCO contacts members regularly throughout the year and is promoting the use of email as the preferred method of communication. For those that chose email as their preferred method, you will now receive all communication including licence renewal information via email.

Please check with the SCO office if you are unsure of your preferred communication method. Please add the SCO email address to your contact or safe sender list to ensure our emails reach your inbox.

Have you checked out our website?

### www.scoptic.ca

Our website is updated regularly to keep you up to date with the latest developments from the college.

We also encourage you to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. We have had lots of new followers recently. We regularly post information and articles to our pages and it is a great way for you to communicate with the SCO.



In partnership with the College of Medicine, Department of Community Health & Epidemiology, the Saskatchewan Network for Health Services in French/ Réseau Santé en Français de la Saskatchewan (RSFS) is in the process of updating the directory of health professionals who are willing to speak at least some French in their provision of health services. We are also seeking to add professionals who are new to the province, recently graduated or simply newly interested. Professionals are added to the directory on a volunteer basis and there are no legal obligations associated with being listed. If you would like more information or are willing to be listed please contact Katie Pospiech at katie.pospiech@usask.ca or (306) 966-1270. Thank you very much.



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