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New Registrar
Ann Schrager

College of Opticians of Ontario Appoints New Registrar

President's Message

Ann Schrager has been named as the new Registrar for the College of Opticians of Ontario, the provincial licensing and regulatory body for more than 1800 Opticians in the province.

Ann brings a wealth of experience to her new role. After obtaining her Master degree in Health Sciences, Health Administration from the University of Toronto in 1991 she held the position of Policy Analyst at the Ontario Medical Association. She later was the Administrative Coordinator, Nursing Practice for the College of Nurses of Ontario.

In 1997 Ann became the Manager of Advisory Services for the Ontario Dental Association. In 2001 Ann became the Manager of Research for the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. Throughout her career Ann has gained experience in the development, coordination and facilitation of all aspects of health system administrative policies and procedures affecting human and financial resources, information technology, committee and governance structures and the development and maintenance of relationships with key external stakeholders.

Ann's appointment follows an extensive province-wide search undertaken by the Council of the College. Please join the College of Opticians in welcoming Ann to her new role as Registrar.

Message from the Registrar

I am very excited to serve as Registrar of the College of Opticians of Ontario. I thank Council members for their support and confidence in giving me this opportunity and privilege.

I am looking forward to being an integral part of the College's administrative team. We will celebrate the successes the team has achieved to date and further the momentum towards building the systems and mechanisms which will allow us to usher in new facets of professional self-regulation and to meet evolving and ongoing needs of Ontarians and opticians.



You are Invited!

The College of Opticians of Ontario would like to invite you to the fall Council Meeting set for Friday, September 27th, 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Saturday, September 28th, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We would like to remind all student opticians that you are welcome to attend and get a glimpse of what we are all about! Due to limited seating, please RSVP your attendance with Bev Sloan via fax: 416-368-2713 or 1-800-990-9698. See you there.

Important Notice

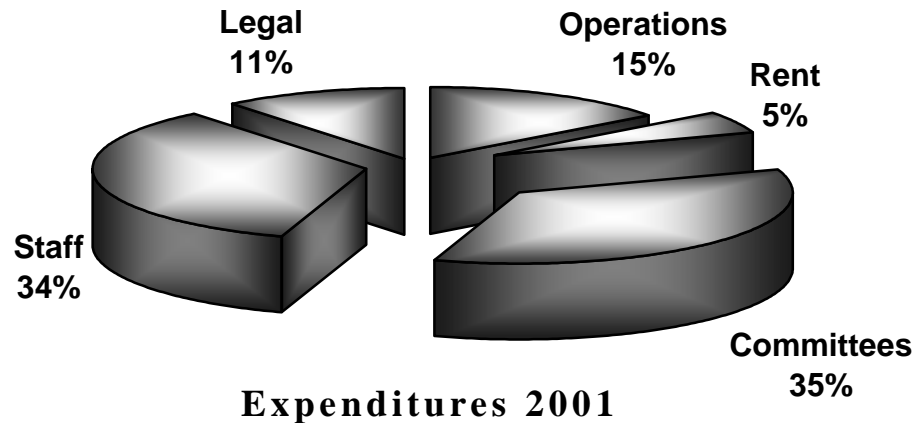


Fall Examination Date Change

Please be advised that due to a conflict with Vision Canada West 2002 and associated meetings requiring the presence of the President, Vice-President and the NEC Representative, the November examinations dates of Friday, November 1st to Sunday, November 3rd, 2002 have been moved to:

**Friday, November 8th, 2002 to Sunday,
November 10th, 2002**

The Financial Look



Unauthorized Practice Conviction



On July 20, 2001 an unregistered person was charged with performing the controlled act of dispensing eye glasses without being a member of the College of Opticians. On August 8, 2001, the unregistered person's employer, Aramco Optical Corporation, carrying on business in the Zellers Vision Centre at Bayshore Mall, Nepean, Ottawa, was charged with being the employer of the unregistered person who, while acting in the scope of her employment, performed the controlled act of dispensing eye glasses without being a Member of the College. The charges against the unregistered person were withdrawn. The corporation pled guilty. The court imposed a fine on the corporation of \$3,500.00.

About the Inserts

Standards of Practice for Eye Glasses & Comments Sheet

Enclosed with this newsletter is a **Draft** copy of our new proposed Professional Guidelines for Standards of Practice for Eye Glasses. We would appreciate receiving any comments you would like to make regarding the new proposed standards **by July 30th, 2002**. The College of Opticians values your input! A form has been included for your convenience. Please fax your comments **Attn: Belinda Kennedy at 416-368-2713 or 1-800-990-9698 or you can e-mail your comments to: bkennedy@coptont.org** Please note that the Guidelines for Professional Standards of Practice published September 21, 1994, are still current for Opticians in the province of Ontario.

Annual Report

Enclosed for your information is the College of Opticians of Ontario's 2001 Annual Report.

The staff and Members of the College of Opticians of Ontario would like to extend our most sincere and heartfelt sympathies to the families, friends and everyone touched by two fellow Opticians who have passed away recently.

**Mr. John Stephen
Harrington RO**

C-381

and

**Mr. Richard James Sired
RO C-554**

Another Way to Be Involved In The Governance of Your Profession !

Running for elected office on the College's Council is not the only way Ontario's opticians can actively participate in College activities. Another way is to serve as an appointed optician member on one or more of the College's Committees.

The hard work, dedication and commitment of generations of opticians who have served on Council and various College Committees have earned the profession the right and privilege of self-regulation and the trust and confidence of Ontarians. It is through such dedication that the College of Opticians of Ontario has become a leader in setting the foundations for the delivery of exemplary opticianry care.

Your College needs you to be a part of the successes. The College has openings commencing January 2003 for opticians who are not elected members of Council to be appointed to the following Committees: Complaints and Unauthorized Practice, Discipline, and Quality Assurance. These appointments consist of a **2 year term, commencing in January 2003 and ending December 2004**. The appointments are paid contract positions.

This is how you can become involved in these College Committees as an appointed optician member:

- Submit a covering letter and your Resume to the Registrar by September 30th 2002.
- The College's Executive Committee will invite you for a face-to-face interview at a scheduled session in October 2002.
- Following assessment of all applicants, the Executive Committee will make recommendations to the College Council regarding appointments to the above Committees.
- The College Council will appoint the candidates to the various Committees and establish the Committee slates at their first scheduled meeting in January 2003. Members will be appointed for a 2 year term ending December 2004.
- The respective optician members will be notified by the College of the names of the Committees they have been appointed to. College staff will provide the appointed optician member with the required details regarding that Committee's activities and meeting schedule.

To be eligible for consideration, you must be **currently registered in good standing** with the College of Opticians of Ontario. For more information please call or e-mail the Registrar at e-mail address: aschrager@coptont.org or 416-368-3616 extension 204.

Friendly Reminder

Please **send, in writing, via fax or regular mail, with your signature**, notifying the College of Opticians of any of the following changes: name changes, residential address and telephone number, or in the name and location of any dispensary where the registered optician, registered student optician and registered intern optician practice opticianry or is employed, as the case may be, within ten (10) days after the change.

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