



National Examining Board of Ocularists

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ASO Board and Education Committee NEBO Report November 2020

"The ASO/ASO COO Educates and NEBO Certifies: a team that is recognized around the world."

To the ASO Board and ASO Education Committee,

Changes and improvements have been and continue to be made during the last year to the National Examining Board of Ocularists. What a difference a year can make (or even just a day in the year 2020). New operational principles have been adopted by NEBO allowing for financial stability. The loss of the in-person meeting in Las Vegas shifted the **2020 Written Certification Exam** to be given at off-sites closer to the candidate's locale administered and processed by Scantron Corporation. Auditing mechanisms of courses whether in-person or online have been initiated. Adaptation discussions of dealing with virtual vs in-person classes are ongoing. We have added 2 new members to NEBO; Public member Kirstin Atkins and John Imm, BCO. More information can be found on our website.

2020 Recertification/Certification/Registration process participant breakdown:

- 5 Ocularists/Apprentices are scheduled to take the written exam.
- Of those taking the written exam, 1 is retake of the Exam from previous failures, 3 are new candidates, and 1 is for recertification process I.
- 6 BCO's have recertified under Process II (300 credits).
- 52 BCO's have not yet recertified and will either have to pay for an offsite exam or complete their credits to fulfill the Process II process of 300 credits.
- 2 BCO's have contacted us to allow for expiration.
- 15 BCO's have completed their **Registration.**
- 40 have yet to complete their **Registration due Dec 31, 2020.**

2019 Certification Exam:

The new BCOs are on our website (www.neboboard.org) as well as in our Spring 2020 newsletter. They were also listed in the Journal Ad that was updated from NEBO this

year.

Individual CE credits:

The Individual (non-prior approved) CE credits may be applied for using the form found on our website (www.neboboard.org). These are the forms used for continuing educational credit from sources not providing approved transcripts as certified by NEBO in advance.

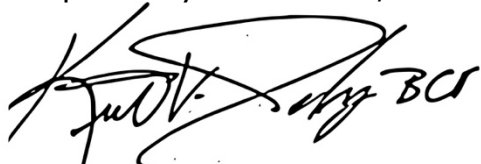
Group Credit Cost Assignment:

- Pay a flat non-refundable fee of \$250 for program review and credit assignment per program/event/meeting.
- Pay flat fee of \$7,000 per program/meeting that will include up to 100 (one hundred) credits for that event for approved courses. Changes within the event and re-assignment of credits is included as well as credit adjustments made after the program/event/meeting audit.
- The flat program fee also includes credits given 30 days prior to the last day of the program/event/meeting.
- Programs/event/meetings must be submitted for NEBO credit assignment at least 30 days prior to the beginning of the program/event/meeting.
- NEBO will assign a credit total and breakdown within 7 Days of receiving application based on the rules governing credit assignment for CE credits.

My chairman tenure will come to an end after this year's annual meeting. It has been a wild ride since taking on the role in 2015. The position has been an honor, stepping into this world my father was an integral part of in its inception. My deepest gratitude goes to my Executive Directors and Boards that have helped "weather the storms" encountered with guidance and so much hard work behind the scenes. I see a bright future for NEBO with its new structure with much thanks to Dr. Daniel C. Yeager and Hillary Yeager.

We look forward to our continued and symbiotic relationship and will be at your service to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt V. Jahrling BCO". The signature is stylized and includes the letters "BCO" at the end.

Kurt V. Jahrling, BCO, BADO, CCS
Chairman, NEBO