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Hello to all NEBO Board Certified Ocularists and pending BCO candidates,

I sincerely hope this letter finds you all physically healthy and avoiding the COVID-19 illness. The mental challenges and anxieties from dealing with an ever-evolving list of new physical symptoms and re-opening plans gets more taxing by the day. Fortunately to date, NEBO has not received reports of any BCOs that have contracted this disease and we hope that will continue as society opens back up for service. Needless to say, with the cancellation of the meeting in Puerto Rico, a lot of discussions have taken place in "how to deal" with the re-certification process for the BCO, in light of the reduced credit opportunities.

Let me say that despite being out of the office, the NEBO Executive committee has had several meetings via ZOOM teleconferencing and numerous exchanges with our entire Board while continuing to move along our re-accreditation process with NCCA and ISO. Modifications and special exceptions for our current lockdown have been reviewed and are awaiting implementation. The most recent "principles of operation" for our new scheme (serves as our tactical blueprint) were passed just the other day. At seven pages long, it is a culmination of about 1.5 years of meetings, research, and revisions. A glossary of terms to support all of the items included is also nearing completion and a new "retired" status for Ocularists will be part of the new scheme and good news, no registration!

Numerous exchanges with the ASO and others are taking place continually to work out equitable and fair solutions while maintaining NEBO standards for re-certification. We have several proposed options on how to assist / accommodate our BCOs for re-certification when the direction / model of the ASO Las Vegas Meeting is decided. Additionally, contingency plans are being explored for a potential cancellation of that meeting as well, so rest comfortably knowing that the NEBO Board is actively thinking about how to navigate these trying times!

Please stay tuned to our website for more updates and progress on NEBO future plans and adjustments in the many areas discussed above. As soon as we know something that resolves these contingencies we will notify all BCOs by email, as well as list it on our website at NEBOBOARD.ORG.

If I may, a famous "Chinese" proverb (yes it did come from China) says "May you live in interesting times". That has certainly been the watchword for us all and will continue for all of us for some time to come.

Best of health to you, your families and staff,

Dr. Daniel C. Yeager
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