



NEWSLETTER

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**FALL
 Meeting
 Sept. 8, 2024
 CEC Jonesboro**



**WINTER
 Meeting
 Oct. 13, 2024
 CEC Rogers (NCLE)
 Not a football weekend**

**SPRING 2025
 Meeting
 Sunday May 18
 CEC Little Rock**

Mark your calendar
 and make plans to
 attend.



*Fall Meeting Sept 8
 Winter Meeting Oct 13*

The Fall Meeting will be held, Sunday, September 8, 2024 at the Embassy Suites, Jonesboro and the Winter Meeting will be Sunday, October 13, 2024 at the Embassy Suites, Rogers. The ROGERS Winter Meeting will have, NCLE.

BOTH HOTELS HAVE A BLOCK OF ROOMS FOR OUR GROUP BUT THEY WILL GO FAST.

You will find the registration forms for both of these meetings in this newsletter. Please make sure you PRINT your email address, and please use the email address that you want your registration confirmation to be emailed to.

The Spring 2025 Meeting will be held SUNDAY ONLY on May 18 in Little Rock, Arkansas. If there is a class or speaker that you would like to see on the agenda, please let us know.

There will be **NO Registration** at the door, and we will **NOT** have assigned seating. If you wish to pay at the door you must:

MAIL OR FAX YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE the due date for the meeting you wish to attend.

The due date is the DATE that the registration needs to be in the Association office and not the DAY you mail it to the office.

If you send your registration and wish to pay at the door the **AT THE DOOR** fee will APPLY.

The fax number is 870-572-2847.

Educational Reminder . . .

You must have **five hours** of State Board approved EDUCATIONAL HOURS between July 1, 2024 and July 1, 2025 to renew your certificate July 1, 2025

The state board has stated there will be **no extension granted in 2025.**

**This is your association
please help . . .**

**Send all information for
newsletter and classes at
the meetings to the
association office.
We need your input**

**OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF
ARKANSAS
POST OFFICE BOX 1
WWW.AROPTICIANS.ORG**

Licensed Optician WANTED

Ophthalmology clinic and surgery center
in Searcy seeking a licensed optician
to manage optical shop.
Call Madelyn at 501-268-1532
and fax resume to 501-268-9071

President's Letter

Hello Fellow Opticians,

*It is once again time for continuing education that is needed for your license renewal.
This year we have to have 5 hours including one hour of jurisprudence.
There are three locations that are offered for your convenience.*

Jonesboro (Fall Meeting) September 8th

Rogers (Winter Meeting) October 13th and

Little Rock (Spring Meeting) May 18th

Mark your calendar for the meeting that fits your schedule.

*Please make sure to fill out and submit your paper work as soon as possible and get
it sent in so you know you have a seat reserved for the upcoming classes.*

Sincerely

Debra Ball, OAA President



**AS OF JULY 1, 2023 ALL APPLICATIONS AND FORMS HAVE BEEN CHANGED. PLEASE
DO NOT USE ANY OF THE OLD APPLICATIONS OR FORMS THEY WILL BE RETURNED
TO YOU. FOR A COPY OF THE NEW APPLICATIONS AND FORM, GO TO
WWW.AROPTICIANS.ORG**

You may print them from either website.

As of July 10, 2023 the fees for the following have been reduced 95% for ONE YEAR:

New Apprentice new fee \$3.00

**24-26 renewal fee will be \$3.00; however, if you choose to pay late (after June 30),
the fee will be \$60.00 and the late fee will apply**

When you have a new apprentice applying for an apprenticeship they MUST ENCLOSE:

- **A transcript High School or college stating the date they graduated**
- **A supervision agreement**
- **On the Section, Current Business, they must fill out the Optical information of where they are going to serve their apprenticeship. The board office has received several applications for Apprenticeships that do not have the required business information. They must have a job as an apprentice before applying.**

THE STATE BOARD EXAMINATION IS GIVEN DAILY



OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

Fall Meeting

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Embassy Suites by Hilton Jonesboro

223 Red Wolf Blvd, Jonesboro, AR 72405

870-619-4482

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

DISPENSARY _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Form must be received in the Association office before 9/1/24

SUNDAY	Before 9/1	AFTER 9/1***	
MEMBERS*	\$100.00	\$130.00	_____
NON-MEMBER	\$180.00	\$210.00	_____
		DUES ENCLOSED	_____
		TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	_____

AGENDA in this newsletter

IF PAYING FOR MORE THAN ONE PERSON, PLEASE FILL OUT A FORM FOR EACH PERSON. YOU MAY COPY THIS FORM. COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: **Opticians Association of Arkansas, PO Box 1, Lexa, AR 72355 or FAX TO 870-572-2847 *** TO PAY AT THE DOOR YOU MUST MAIL OR FAX YOUR REGISTRATION TO 870-572-2847 BEFORE 9/1/24** Your DUES are due so they should be enclosed with this form. If this form is received without your \$60 dues and you are registering as a member, it will be returned to you until the dues are PAID IN FULL. Your association dues are not the \$60 that you paid to renew your License of Apprenticeship in June.



OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

Winter Meeting

Sunday, October 13, 2024

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM

EMBASSY SUITES

3303 S. PINNACLE HILLS PKWY

ROGERS, ARKANSAS 73758 479-289-8699

**Note: This is NOT
a football
weekend**

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Meeting Agendas

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Sunday September 8

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am –9:00 am	Hug Your Patient **	Jackie O'Keefe
9:00 am - 10:00 am	What is Good Vision? **	Jackie O'Keefe
10:00 am – 12:00 pm	ASK, SHARE, LEARN - Optical Round-Table***	Jackie O'Keefe
12:00 Noon	Jurisprudence*	

Thanks to Transitions for Sponsoring Our Speaker Jackie O'Keefe

Jackie O'Keefe Lincoln, LDO enjoys every facet of Opticianry from dispensing and writing to lecturing and consulting. She has been in the Optical industry since 1981. In her spare time, she can be found on the open road riding her Harley Davidson or on the dance floor dancing to her hearts content. And did you know that optical runs in her family? Mother Ginny McLaughlin, Sisters Candace O'Keefe-Culp and Laurie O'Keefe-Pierce are all in optical and just love to gather and talk optics. She was active in the International Association of Lions Clubs, a volunteer for Maine's Prevention of Blindness Programs, Inc., on the speakers' bureau for the Suicide Prevention Awareness & Resource Council. Jackie is Past President of the Opticians Association of Virginia and a founding member and Past President of the Opticians Association of Maine. She resides and consults in the Virginia Beach, VA area.

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Sunday, October 13

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 –9:00 am	Ocular Ramifications of Diabetes***	Pete Hanlin, ABOM
9:00 - 10:00 am	Psychological safety in the workplace***	Pete Hanlin, ABOM
10:00 – 11:00 am	Ophthalmic merchandising***	Pete Hanlin, ABOM
11:00 pm – 12:00 pm	UV and Blue Light ***	Pete Hanlin, ABOM
12:00pm – 1:00 pm	Jurisprudence*	

Thanks to Essilor for Sponsoring our Speaker Pete Hanlin

Pete Hanlin began his ophthalmic career in 1989 as a lab technician. Over the next 13 years, he managed optometric practices in Pennsylvania and Florida before joining Essilor of America in 2002- where he is currently Vice President of Professional Services. Designated a Master Optician by the American Board of Opticianry, Pete serves as an industry representative on the ANSI Z80 committee. A graduate of Lee University, he lives in Hickory Creek, Texas with his wife and grandson.

CEC Courses Approval Master Key:

*Arkansas State Board Approved

** Arkansas State Board and ABO Approved.

*** Arkansas State Board, ABO AND NCLE Approved.

Please make sure you get the proper educational certificates stamped before you leave the class