



NEWSLETTER

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**FALL Meeting
October 2, 2022
CEC Jonesboro**



**WINTER
Meeting
NOV 5-6, 2022
CEC SPRINGDALE**



**May 21, 2023
CEC Little Rock**

Mark your calendar and make plans to attend.

The Fall Meeting will be held, Sunday, October 2 at the Embassy Suites, Jonesboro and the Winter Meeting will be two days, Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 2022 and will be at a **new location**, The **Holiday Inn Northwest Arkansas, Springdale, Arkansas.**

There will be 5 hours of State Board approved education (CEC) and 4 ABO approved hours at the Jonesboro meeting.

The Springdale Winter Meeting will have:

Sat 11/5, 5 hrs State Board approved CEC/4 hours ABO/NCLE

Sun 11/6 5 State Board approved CEC/ 4 hours ABO (no NCLE)

The CDC guidelines that are in place at the time of the meeting will be followed. There will be assigned seating, and **NO REGISTRATION AT THE DOOR.** If you choose to reserve a seat at the meeting, you will have to pay and pick up your CEC form before you go into the meeting room.

BOTH MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ON HOME WEEKEND OF THE RED WOLVES AND RAZORBACKS, YOU NEED TO MAKE YOUR ROOM RESERVATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. 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 too.

The Spring 2023 Meeting will be held Sunday, May 21 in Little Rock, Arkansas. **IT WILL BE SUNDAY ONLY** If there is a speaker or class that you would like to see on the agenda, please let us know. If you would like to have or attend a 4 hour Back to Basic Optical course, please let us know. If 25 people want to attend we will have one at the Spring Meeting

You will find the registration for the meetings in this newsletter. There will be **NO Registration** at the door, and we will have assigned seating. If you wish to pay at the door you must:

MAIL OR FAX YOUR REGISTRATION FORM BEFORE 8/18/22 for FALL MEETING.

The fax number is 870-572-2847.

Educational Reminder . . .

You must have five hours of State Board approved EDUCATIONAL HOURS between July 1, 2022 and July 1, 2023 to renew your certificate July 1, 2023
The state board has stated there will be **no extension granted in 2023.**

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

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

President's Letter

Hello fellow Opticians!!

The time has come again to start getting your continuing education for next year's renewal.

You've got 3 opportunities for your hour's so start thinking about which classes you want to attend.

We've all been under additional stress these past couple of years so it's important that we remain strong as an association and support and help each other as much as we possibly can.

Just remember to never stop growing and learning as an Optician!

Sincerely

Christina Seaton, OAA President



Want or need a 4 hour Back to Basics Optical Course in 2023?

If 25 people want to attend we will
have one at the Spring Meeting!

Email and let us know!

aropticiansboard@hotmail.com



OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

Fall Meeting

Sunday, Oct 2, 2022

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 _____

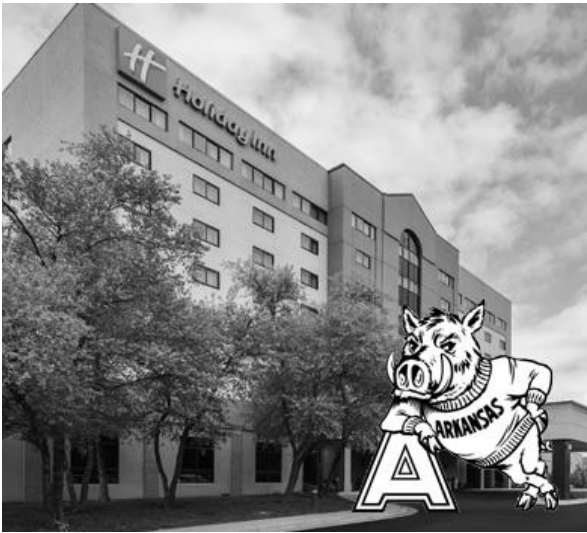
BEFORE 9/18/22 TO PAY AT THE DOOR* AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

Either Form must be received in the Association office before 9/18/22

SUNDAY	Before 9/18	Pay at Door***	
MEMBERS*	\$100.00	\$130.00	_____
NON-MEMBER	\$180.00	\$210.00	_____
		TOTAL 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: **Optician 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 9/18/22**



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Winter Meeting

Saturday/Sunday, November 5-6 2022

7:30 AM - 1:00 PM each day

Holiday Inn Northwest Arkansas

1500 S 48th Street Springdale, AR 72762

MAKE RESERVATIONS BY CALLING FRONT DESK TO

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DISCOUNTED ROOMS CALL:

(479) 751-8300



REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

DISPENSARY _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

BEFORE 10/28/22

TO PAY AT THE DOOR***

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FULL REGISTRATION – Saturday and Sunday

MEMBERS* \$125.00 \$155.00 _____

NON-MEMBER \$205.00 \$235.00 _____

SATURDAY ONLY

MEMBERS* \$100.00 \$130.00 _____

NON-MEMBER \$180.00 \$210.00 _____

SUNDAY ONLY

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NON-MEMBER \$180.00 \$210.00 _____

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Meeting Agendas

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7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am – noon	Compensated Powers (and other ophthalmic conundrums)** Fundamentals of Accommodation and Convergence** Welcoming Patients to Presbyopia** Contrast Sensitivity & Visual Perception**	Pete Hanlin, ABOM Pete Hanlin, ABOM Pete Hanlin, ABOM Pete Hanlin, ABOM
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Judiprandance*	State Board

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.

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SPEAK TO FRONT DESK FOR DISCOUNTED RESERVATIONS



Saturday, November 5		
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Importance of Team Work *** Preventing Burnout ***	Lynn Lawrence Lynn Lawrence
10:00 am - Noon		State Board
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Judiprandance*	
Sunday, November 6		
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Testing your Optical Skills ** Dealing with Difficult Patient **	Lynn Lawrence Lynn Lawrence
10:00 am - Noon		State Board
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Judiprandance*	

Lynn E. Lawrence is currently a national lecturer and an ophthalmic technician for Mills Eye and Facial Plastic Surgery. He is an approved speaker for the American Optometric Association, American Board of Opticianry, and Joint Commission for Allied Healthcare Personnel in Ophthalmology. He retired after 30 years of service in the United States Air Force. During his military career he was promoted to Chief Master Sergeant and worked directly for the Air Force Surgeon General's Office. It was then that he was appointed by the Air Force Surgeon General as the Ophthalmic Career Field Manager for 540 Optometry/ Ophthalmology technicians at 90 locations and overseeing quality control for 133 optical stores world-wide. He develops training, compliance, and staff development materials because of his passion to see others grow in their professions and advance in certification. Lynn has been a COPE approved speaker since 2008 and has had the opportunity to speak to student optometrists at the Pacific University.

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