



# NEWSLETTER

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## FALL Meeting October 15, 2023 CEC Jonesboro



## WINTER Meeting NOV 11-12 2023 CEC Rogers



## Spring 2024 Sunday May 19 Little Rock

Mark your calendar  
and make plans to  
attend.

The Fall Meeting will be held, Sunday, October 15 at the Embassy Suites, Jonesboro and the Winter Meeting will be two days, Saturday and Sunday, November 11 and 12, 2023 and will be at a **new location**, THE EMBASSY SUITES IN ROGERS

The ROGERS Winter Meeting will have:

Sat 11/11, 5hrs State Board approved CEC, It is designed for apprentice  
But anyone can attend it will be hands on

Sun 11/12 4 State Board approved CEC/ 4 hours ABO (no NCLE)

**BOTH MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD ON HOME WEEKEND OF THE RED WOLVES AND RAZORBACKS HOMES FOOTBALL GAMES, 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 2024 Meeting will be held SUNDAY ONLY and this is a NEW DATE Sunday, May 19 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.

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 four hours of State Board approved EDUCATIONAL HOURS between July 1, 2023 and July 1, 2024 to renew your certificate July 1, 2024  
The state board has stated there will be  
**no extension granted in 2024.**

**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**

## President's Letter

*It is once again time for continuing education that is needed for your license renewal.*

*In the 29 years of being in optical business, I have seen a lot of change and growth in the association. When I started there were about 100 Licensed opticians. We now have over 400. With growth, we have a lot of knowledge, experience, different techniques that can be shared among us. I am proud to be a part of this association.*

*There are three locations that are offered for your convenience. Jonesboro (fall meeting), Rogers (winter meeting) and Little Rock (spring Meeting). Please make sure to fill out and submit your paper work for continuing education 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**

**24-25 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 Apprenticeship that do not have the required business information. *They must have a job as an apprentice before applying.***



## OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS

# Fall Meeting

**Sunday, Oct 15, 2023**

**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 10/1/23**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>Before 10/1</b>	<b>Pay at Door***</b>	
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: **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 10/1/23** 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

**Saturday/Sunday, November 11-12 2023**

**7:30 AM - 1:00 PM each day**

**EMBASSY SUITES**

**3303 S. PINNACLE HILLS PKWY**

**ROGERS, ARKANSAS 73758 479-289-8699**

## Note

**WE ARE BACK AT THE  
EMBASSY IN ROGERS**

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DISPENSARY \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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### FULL REGISTRATION – Saturday and Sunday

MEMBERS*	\$200.00	\$230.00	_____
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NON-MEMBER	\$360.00	\$390.00	_____
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### SATURDAY ONLY

MEMBERS*	\$100.00	\$130.00	_____
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NON-MEMBER	\$180.00	\$210.00	_____
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### SUNDAY ONLY

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# Meeting Agendas

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7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am – noon	Prism **	Brent McCardle ABOM
	Sun Vision**	Brent McCardle ABOM
	UV vs Blue**	Brent McCardle ABOM
	The Progressive Maze	Brent McCardle ABOM
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Judiprandance*	State Board

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Saturday, November 11

This class is designed for the apprentice optician, all attendees are welcome to attend.

**THIS CLASS WILL BE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 80 TO REGISTER**

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Basic Optics	Presented by Jerry Himes, ABOM
10:00 am - 12:00 am	Hands on workshop	This class will be tables set up with ABOC instructor it will be hands on the tables are (they may vary) Neutralization, prism. Restraining and drill mounts, adjustments, seg heights and PD's
		Presented by Jerry Himes, ABOM
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	Jurdianceprudance for those that need	

Sunday, November 12

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 – 9:00 am	Welcoming Patients to Presbyopia **	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
9:00 - 10:00 am	Psychological safety in the workplace**	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
10:00 – 11:00 am	Compensated powers (and other ophthalmic conundrums)**	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM
11:00 pm – 12:00 pm	Contrast sensitivity and Visual Perception**	Presented by Pete Hanlin, ABOM

### 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*