



# NEWSLETTER

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## **SPRING Meeting May 19, 2024 CEC Little Rock**



The Spring meeting will be held on May 19, 2024 at the Embassy Suites in Little Rock, Arkansas. We will offer 4 hours of Arkansas State Board and ABO credits.

The Annual business meeting will be held at noon on Sunday May 19, 2024. If you would like to run for an office or a board seat, please contact, Christy Seaton, our nomination chairman.

Please make your reservations as soon as possible to make sure you have a room if needed.

You will find the registration for the meetings in this newsletter.

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Mark your calendar  
and make plans to  
attend.

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## **Educational Reminder . . . Remember!!!!**

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

**RENEWAL FEE FOR 2024-2025 WILL BE \$3.00 IF PAID BEFORE JULY 1, 2024.**



**OPTICIANS ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS**

# Spring Meeting

**Sunday, May 19, 2023**

**7:30 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Embassy Suites**

**11301 Financial Centre Parkway Little Rock, AR 72211**

**501-312-9000**

## REGISTRATION FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DISPENSARY \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE 5/10/24**

**TO PAY AT THE DOOR\*\*\***

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED**

**Either Form must be received in the Association office before 5/10/24 If payment is not received the amount due will be \$210.00**

### REGISTRATION – Sunday, May 19, 2023

MEMBERS*	\$100.00	\$130.00	_____
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NON-MEMBER	\$180.00	\$210.00	_____
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TOTAL ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

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 FAX YOUR REGISTRATION TO 870-572-2847 BEFORE 5/10/24**

**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!!*

*This will be our last meeting before our badges renew July 1st 2024. Remember you must have four hours of State Board approved (Education) hours. Our meeting is a One Day Only. There will be NO Registration at the door. Please make sure to fill out and submit your paper work for continuing education as soon as as possible and sent in so you know you have a seat reserved. Looking forward to see you at the Spring Meet in Little Rock on May 19th.*

**NEVER STOP LEARNING**

*Sincerely*

*Debra Ball, OAA President*

## State Board Corner

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THE STATE BOARD EXAMINATION IS GIVEN DAILY.**

Once you have completed all your requirements (which includes passing the ABO Exam), you can apply to take the Arkansas State Board of Dispensing Opticians Licensed Exam. Once the application is approved you can schedule to take the exam at a testing service. Most testing services are open Mon-Sat 8 am 7 pm

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU DO NOT SENT A COPY OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT WITH YOUR APPRENTICE OR LICENSE APPLICATION, OR YOU DO NOT COMPLETE THE APPLICATION CORRECTLY, IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU FIRST CLASS MAIL. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!!**

Exciting News! The board has updated all forms, as of May 1, 2023 only the new forms will be accepted

The board is now a part of the department of health and lots of changed have happened, so make sure you have the correct information about apprentice applications, license applications, office permit applications, renewals, and testing process.

**2024-2025 RENEWAL FEE WILL BE \$3.00 IF RECEIVED IN BOARD  
OFFICE BEFORE JULY 1, 2024. FEE WILL GO BACK TO \$60.00 PLUS  
LATE FEE IF PAID AFTER JUNE 30.**



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## AGENDA

**Sunday, May 19, 2024** (please note corrected from newsletter)

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Seating and Questions	
8:00 am –9:00 am	Light Management: The Need for Ocular Solutions Presented by Jackie O'Keefe, ABOC, LDO	
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Making Meetings Matter	Presented by Jackie O'Keefe, ABOC, LDO
10:00 am - 12:00 pm	ASK, SHARE, LEARN - Optical Round-Table	Presented by Jackie O'Keefe, ABOC, LDO
12:00 noon	Business Meeting	

### About 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.

### CEC Courses are Arkansas State Board and ABO Approved

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

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