

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF
OPTOMETRY



Greetings Board members,

October 1, 2017

The beauty of autumn with its magnificent symphony of transitioning leaves signals the end of the year is soon upon us and the holidays are just around the corner. Before we edge into that final season of the year, we have a fair amount of business to take care of.

We begin with the announcement of Governor Brown's reappointments of two professional members, Drs. David Turetsky and Debra McIntyre and one public member, Cyd Brandvein.

The agenda for the November meeting has been finalized and is posted, giving us all a preview of the items we will be discussing during our open session. Any changes to the agenda will be a result of new, time sensitive issues that may require our immediate attention thus potentially rolling over an item or two to the next meeting to give us an opportunity to enter into thoughtful discussion.

Committee meetings have been calendared as well, with our goal of convening at least a month prior to our quarterly meeting starting its pilot program. The Dispensing Optician Committee (DOC) is marching through its aggressive schedule, bringing such subjects as education requirements and license processing to the forefront of short-term priorities. Aside from DOC, other committees are assembling as well, moving through their key priorities defined within our recently adopted Strategic Plan. Prior to our November meeting, our Executive Officer and I are scheduled to appear before the Medical Board to advance our partnership in areas of joint interest such as technological promoted online services. The purpose of collaboration by both boards is to explore means to educate, legislate and enforce necessary safeguards for consumer protection.

Have a good month and I'll reach out to the Board with further updates next month.

Cyd