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Public Hearing Minutes of 10/6/2022

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The meeting was called to order by Ms. Stuart at 1:00 PM MT.

Ms. Stuart asked for public comment regarding the Proposed Rule chapter that had been reviewed by the Board of Optometry. Hearing none, Ms. Stuart read written comments prepared by Lisa White on behalf of the Idaho Optometrist Physicians (IOP):

The IOP is not in agreement with moving to Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE) only for Continuing Education (CE). The five regional directors are concerned they will not be able to find local CE options if this change is accepted; the extra time and cost involved in COPE certification may deter some local speakers. Depending upon course length and processing time, speaker course fees can range from \$65 to \$180, while fees for event applications run from \$20 to \$100.

The IOP Board feels that the Board of Optometry is qualified to approve education courses and speakers. The American Optometric Association is creating a speaker database where speakers will be audited in a similar manner as the Association of Regulatory Boards (ARBO).

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM MT.

The next meeting is on 12/12/2022.