



WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

Important Notice: Annual Postgraduate Seminar transitioning to the Optometric Physicians of Washington

BACKGROUND & CHANGE

For the past 50 years, the Board of Optometry (board) has provided an annual post-graduate educational seminar through its authority in [WAC 246-851-130](#).

Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO) recently advised the board that entities approving continuing education should not also provide the continuing education. There are currently ample continuing education opportunities, and so the board has decided it's time to discontinue the annual seminar.

Fortunately, the Optometric Physicians of Washington (OPW) is well-positioned to provide the seminar in future years, and will begin doing so in 2016.

2016 – LOOKING AHEAD

The OPW is the professional association of Washington State optometric physicians affiliated with the American Optometric Association. The OPW is comprised of 13 optometric societies throughout the state, with approximately 560 members.

The mission of OPW is to enhance the vision care and eye health of the public and to promote the continued development of the profession of optometry. OPW is committed to making this transition as smooth as possible, with as little effect to seminars attendees as possible. A mailing will go out in early January with registration information. Dates for 2016:

SPOKANE: March 12-13

SEATTLE (Kane Hall): March 19-20

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