

Opticians Association of New Brunswick

OANB Member News

2023 OANB AGM !



2022-23 Achievements:

- OANB currently has: 248 Members
- A healthy & sound fiscal report
- 1-Year CE system adopted with success
- Positive feedback on Jurisprudence module, will alternate special educ. requirements in future
- 2022 AGM & Atlantic Conference – great attendance & excellent education
- Negotiated new Social Development: Health Services Vision Contract with Province - Thank you Casey O'Hara!
- Voting capability added to website
- Optician Awareness live events & social media campaign underway, (including) Mobile Optician service awareness ads for seniors.
- Working with NBCC, Moncton toward Sept. 2023 new Optical Program start
- Sale of optical equipment purchased from Oulton College to NBCC, for future examination use.
- PETL Grant for Governance training for new OANB Council
- New, improved OANB Photo IDs to be issued to practicing members upon 2023 license renewal
- Working with NB Government re: appointment of 2nd Public Member to Council
- OANB Merchandise – for sale at live events
- Criminal Record Check for new members approved by Min. of Health and implemented
- Reviewing peer practice assessment procedures

Welcome New Council Members!



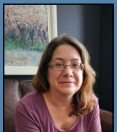
Justin

Justin Thibodeau, Mitchell Feero and Public Member, Kitty Maurey have joined the OANB Council.



Mitchell

They will work with re-elected Council members Khrysty Walters and Jessica Jay, and members serving the second year of their current terms: Roberta McLaughlin, Ed Pardy, Melonie Hebert and Brooke Gallant. The election of Officers will be held at the June 11, 2023 Council Meeting



Kitty

Thank you past Council Members: Marilyn O'Hara, Fred Dionne & Dominique Roy!

Member Comments & Information

At the AGM Justin Lewis raised the issue of re-petitioning the government to require more regular **Driver's License Eye Exams**. If you are interested in joining Justin to form a committee to work with the Optometrists & OD's, please contact: justin.a.lewis@gmail.com, or the OANB office at: nbqdo@nbnet.nb.ca

\$1M Liability Insurance is included with an OANB Membership. Opticians, particularly Contact Lens fitters, who wish to obtain more coverage can upgrade to a \$3,000,000.00 or \$5,000,000.00 PLI policy by contacting the OAC office at 1-800-847-3155 or email canada@opticians.ca

Act vs. Regulations: What is the Difference?
Optician's Act: The Opticians Act is Legislation. It allows OANB to legally exist and gives it power to govern the profession of Opticianry in the Province of New Brunswick, within the law. The Act cannot be changed without the agreement of all stakeholders and legislative approval. Objects of the Act are:
 (a) to ensure to the public the proficiency and competence of opticians;
 (b) to maintain a high standard of professional ethics among opticians;
 (c) to promote the proficiency, knowledge and skill of opticians in all matters relating to their profession.

The Regulations:
 Combine the Legalities of the Act, with policies developed by OANB. They provide detailed guidelines for the day-to-day operations of all aspects of the Association:

- To ensure compliance with the law
- To streamline internal processes
- To give guidance for decision-making

The Regulations outline Council and Member roles in enacting revisions and new regulations, to maintain relevance and address new issues.



Response to suggestion of 6:00 p.m. dispensary closing time amendment:

"I can understand that most businesses are struggling to cover all hours, due to a lack of employees. It has been hard in all working sectors. OANB does have a clause in our Regulations, which is there to protect opticians from being over-worked for "more hours per week than could reasonably be expected by the number of licensed opticians employed," which enables an optician to lodge a written complaint for review, if they feel they are being asked to work too many hours. I believe OANB members are well protected when it comes to work/life balance. The optical industry is an essential one, and we need to be available. Our store hours do not define the importance of our work, we define the importance of our work. An overworked employee can write a complaint for review. As a proud optician, I could not proudly say that my services are not available to children after 6 pm."



Professional Development

OAC Connect - May Webcast

May 17, 2023 - 8:30 - 10:30 PM



Complete Pair Sales Presentation
 Chris Longstaff & Josh Speers
 1 RF



Clinical Troubleshoot for the
 Problematic Rx, Part 3
 Sophia Leung - 1 EC

To register: <https://bit.ly/41jXwI>

OAC Connect NB

Fredericton- Wednesday, May 24, 2023

Moncton (Trinity) - Thursday, May 25, 2023

6:00 — 9:30 pm

See ad below for more details

Find great past webinars through the OAC APP:

[https://web.ventla.io/oac-live-webcasts?](https://web.ventla.io/oac-live-webcasts?eventid=701249)

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Big screen education! OAC Connect New Brunswick 2023

Up to 6 credits available!

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6:00 — 9:30 pm

Popcorn & other concessions provided.

Changing the World of Low Vision Care

Helen Whitaker: 2 EC

Color Vision Therapy

Karen Monet: Credits TBC

Glare

AI Lens: Credits 1 EC

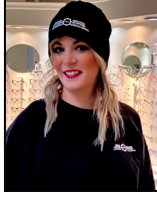
OAC Members & Students:

\$24.00+tax

Register at: <https://opticians.ca/viewEvent.html?productid=8054>

Promote OANB with Pride!

OANB Toques & Sweatshirts will be on sale, with prize draws at both events!



OANB Heavy Blend Crewneck:
 Black, S-XL:
 \$30.00

OANB Jacquard Cable Knit Cuff Toque
 Black, one-size:
 \$20.00



Member Comments & Information continued



Industry Round-Table Meeting: NACOR Rep. Khrysty Walters & Registrar Ann Eastwood attended the Industry Round-Table held in conjunction with the NACOR Board Meeting on April 19, 2023. The group determined to work toward: Redefining Opticianry in Canada and enhancing the promotion of the profession.

Screen time: We as professionals in our industry of vision care, and in our effort to educate the public about the 20/20/20 Rule about screen time, don't use this advice ourselves, within a webinar which is usually 1+hours. We should be reminding viewers, at 20 min. intervals, to look away for 20 seconds during webinars, and follow our own advice.—Vince Gionet

Mauzi Jim Fun!



"Second Pair Sunglass Sales," with trainer Bob Alexander in Moncton looked like fun!

The presentation was also given in Bathurst and Edmundston.

OANB APPRENTICE AREA



Would someone you know like to become an Optician?

Learn about the NAIT Online Optical Program

Next intake start dates:

Aug 28, 2023 & Jan. 3, 2024

<https://www.nait.ca/programs/optical-sciences-eyeglasses?term=2023-fall>

PROGRAM LENGTH: 2 Academic Years

COST/TUITION: \$3,380.00 (DOMESTIC) | \$9,468.00 (INTERNATIONAL)

START DATE: September 2023

LOCATION: Moncton

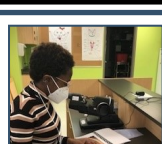
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS: PROFILE J

- High School Diploma
- Adult High School Diploma
- GED Diploma of High School Equivalency
- Essential Skills Achievement Pathway: Post-Secondary Entry High School Diploma
- Pre-calculus 110
- Geometry and Applications in Mathematics 112 and Functions and Relations 112

Total of three (3) sciences including at least two (2)

- from the following:
- Biology 112 or 122
- Chemistry 112 or 122
- Physics 112 or 122
- NB Francophone High School Math Equivalencies International Student Admission Equivalencies

To apply: NBCC.CA



NACOR EXAMINATION PREP RESOURCES!

EXAM SCHEDULE: June 3-4, 2023

Free On-Demand via the OAC APP, including: recorded NACOR Examination Prep sessions (Eyeglasses, Contact Lenses—Pathology, Contact Lenses - Case Studies/Troubleshooting), sample questions, video tutorials and more! To access:

<https://www.opticians.ca/site/studentresources?nav=sidebar>

Employment Opportunities



Optix by Dr Savoie, Campbellton is looking for a **full time optician or student optician** to join our team. Great team atmosphere. please send me an email at: ffsavoie13@hotmail.com



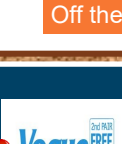
Off the Wall Eyewear Emporium

an independent, super busy, and very cool eyewear shop

We are looking for a **Full-Time Dispensing Optician** to join our team in Moncton and Saint John, NB, after November you will be full-time at the Moncton store going forward.

Independent, super busy, and a very cool eyewear shop is looking for a rad smarty-pants to join our funky family at Off the Wall Eyewear Emporium. \$22-\$25 per hour depending on experience. Health plan, Dental, Life Insurance and Staff Rewards. Send us an email and let's chat: onyourfaceeyewear@gmail.com

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Vogue Optical is currently seeking a **Managing Optician, Shediac**

Optician/contact lens fitter Bathurst

Must be bilingual. • Must be a licensed optician. • Have the ability to work in a team to ensure the overall success of the store. • Must have the ability to organize, set priorities, solve problems and work under limited supervision. • Excellent benefits offered with a competitive starting salary

Permanent full-time positions

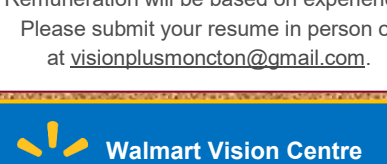
Interested candidates can apply by fax: (902) 626-3610 or email: bmacdonald@vogueoptical.com



VisionPLUS is seeking a **bilingual certified optician** to join their team!

Permanent full time position starting in April.

Remuneration will be based on experience. Please submit your resume in person or at visionplusmoncton@gmail.com.



Walmart Vision Centre
 Regent Mall, Fredericton

is looking for a **Dual Licensed Optician**

If interested contact:
 District Manager, Nichole Haley
 (506) 292-4265

we're hiring

IRIS

(Full/Part) time position

Competitive wages, based on experience
 Benefit program including health, dental, LTD, RSP with employer contribution, EAP program
 Sales bonus program, Periodic incentive program
 Free eyeglasses annually, Family & Friends discount, store discount, referral bonus, paid vacation time off and personal days. Provincial Opticianry licensing fees and Liability insurance reimbursed.

IRIS The Visual Group is looking for a bilingual Optician in Dalhousie

What you need?

Current NB Optician license
 Ability to communicate in both French and English
 Willingness to deliver excellent patient-care
 Be able to troubleshoot and support patients
 Contribute to team goals and positive environment
 Complete necessary administration
Like what you see? Click the link to apply:
<https://bit.ly/3VRFz66>