

# WORLD COUNCIL OF OPTOMETRY

## MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD TO BE HELD ON 3 DECEMBER 2009 AT THE SUTTON PLACE HOTEL IN TORONTO

Agenda item 8

### Report from Legislation, Registration and Standards Committee

#### 1 Introduction

Following the election of the Committee's former Chairman, Tone Garaas-Maurdalén, as President-Elect of WCO, Dr Susan Cooper was appointed by the Governing Board in June 2009 in Melaka as the new Chairman of the Committee.

In the period June-December 2009, the focus has been on completing the Scope of Practice questionnaire and guidance on completion, in liaison with the European Council of Optometry and Optics.

Outstanding work for the Committee is as follows:

WCO Code of Practice	For discussion at teleconference meeting in April 2010
Review of Case Statement	Executive Director to provide verbal update

#### 2 Committee Members

Membership of the Committee is confirmed as follows:

Chairman	Dr Susan Cooper
Secretary	Bryony Pawinska
Africa region	Dr Naomi Nsubuga
Asia Pacific Region	Dr Kah Ooi Tan
Europe Region	Armin Duddek
Latin America Region	Max Schilling
North America Region	Jeffrey Weaver
Individual Member	Daryl Guest (Australia)
Individual Member	Bob Hughes (UK)
Individual Member	Dr Pete Kehoe (N America)
Individual Member	Dr Sidney Stern (N America)
Co-optee	Murray Turnour

#### 2 Scope of Practice Questionnaire

It has taken some time to finalise the questionnaire, but this work has now been completed and the final version will be presented to the Governing Board for approval in principle, subject to any final amendments following the 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot.

New guidance on how to complete the questionnaire is appended to this report, for approval (Appendix LRS1).

There has been a 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot of the final version and Tone Garaas-Maurdalén will report verbally on any further changes that might be required as a result of comments from participants in the pilot (members of ECOO Professional Services Committee and members of the LRS Committee).

There has been discussion between Ms Garaas, the Executive Director and the Committee Secretary about how to secure commitment from the organisations who are not members of WCO in their own right, but are members of a WCO member organisation. Data protection legislation in various countries will preclude WCO member from disclosing the names of their own country member organisations. However, it has been agreed that the senior officer for each regional organisation will be asked to inform their own members of the advantages of contributing to the survey and ask them to notify the name of one central contact to Pelle Knusden, the webmaster, if they wish to be involved.

Dr Susan Cooper  
Chairman  
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