

Lens Division Meeting Minutes

Vision Expo West

September 13, 2017 | 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.

Chairperson – Karen Roberts

Vice Chair – Keith Cross

Note: Meeting presentations will be available on The Vision Council website under the Lens Division.

1. Members of the Lens Division were greeted by Karen Roberts, division chair. Members introduced themselves and signed the attendance sheet.
2. Nick Mileti moved to accept the Minutes from the VEW meeting. The motion was seconded by Neil Roche and carried by a majority.
3. Michael Vitale provided updates on the following topics;
 - 9 “Lens Expert Track” CE hours at the Vision Expo East
 - 2 of them being conducted by Michael Vitale
 - Open question to group if there are any other topics that members would be interested in having on the Expert Tracks
 - PREVIOUS MEETING: Discussion about potential topics: Customer Service, Lens Technologies such as materials, lens designs and applications; Protection; Creating house brands, etc.
 - These topics are still relevant and should be explored.
 - Michael Vitale mentioned that the lens expert track is a sponsored track

CARRY OVER ACTION:

(MV) Circulate the list of Expert Track topics to the membership to review and provide input on other potential topics.

Lens Expert Tracks at VEE 2017 and VEW 2017

Day 1

Troubleshooting Progressives and Other Multifocals

Speaker: Valerie Manso

Premium Lens Options for Generational Applications

Speaker: Raymond Dennis

A Systematic Approach to Prescribing and Selling 100% AR Lenses

Speaker: Michael Della Pesca, ABOM

Day 2

2201 - A Checklist for Managing Spectacle Complaints

Speaker: Raymond Dennis

Day 3

3201 - Measurements for Today's Lenses – How and Why

Speaker: Alex Yoho, ABOM

3203 - Spectacle Lens Update: Everything You Need to Know

Speaker: Michael Vitale, ABOM, LDO, NCLEC

3302 - Handling Prescriptions That Contain Prism

Speaker: Phernell Walker, ABOM, NCLEC

Day 4

4202 - Advanced Optics - Through the Looking Glass = 1 (9:45am – 10:45am)

Speaker: Phernell Walker, ABOM, NCLEC

4302 - Near to Intermediate Environment Lenses = 1 (11:00am – 12:00pm)

Speaker: Laurie Pierce, LDO, ABOM, NCLC

ACTION (Members): Send email to Michael Vitale, Karen Roberts and Keith Cross regarding topics of interest for future Expert Tracks

4. Update on the latest standards work
 - ISO 8980-1&2 published
 - ANSI Z80.31 Ready Reader standard revision/update to include “bifocals” now defined as plano carriers plus add power
 - ANSI Z80.1 / Z80.3 revisions/update
 - Work continues

5. Rick Van Arnam provided Lens Division members a status update on UDI and Prop 65
 - The FDA exempted prescription lenses from the UDI requirements
 - Some of the arguments for approving the exemption are applicable to prescription frames as well so TVC submitting exemption request for ophthalmic frames as well
 - UDI Requirements for Class I medical devices now goes into effect September 24th, 2020 due to a two year extension from the FDA
 - Requirement still applicable to mass produced products such as sunglasses, OTC readers, etc.
 - FDA allows the use of UPC codes and populate in FDA GUDID data base
 - If a prescription is received by a lab for a plano lenses, then this would be covered under the exemption

 - The Vision Council’s request for a Safe Use Determination (SUD) for BpA
 - Testing favorable but still require test method to be formally accepted
 - Unknown timetable going forward
 - Continue labelling as a precaution
 - Be mindful of new labelling requirements that go into effect September 2018
 - SUD only covering dermal exposure

- If workplace environment is in compliance with Federal Hazards Act or California equivalent, they are already covered for Prop 65 warning requirements
 - Recent FDA Audit of one of member labs:
 - FDA audit team determined that an optical lab needs to be registered as a manufacturer which is contrary to exemptions granted previously
 - Waiting for official audit report to see if this has broader implications for the industry.
 - Implications on documentation and annual fees
6. Cliff Gruschow from Transportation Impact presented Services that were available to members to potentially save transportation costs for labs and/or other businesses in the industry
- Provided brochures and support videos explaining the services available
 - PowerPoint will be available on Vision Council website
7. Finally, Karen reminded the group that we had agreed to kick off a Task Force on Consumer Activities with a focus on specific products/marketing/communication.

ACTION (KR/MV): A conference call will be scheduled in October to kick this off

8. Plea to Members to please respond to TVC surveys to have a voice in the future shape of industry body and tradeshow
9. Next Lens Division Meeting is scheduled for Executive Summit, San Diego, January 2018

10. New Vice Chair position

Karen noted that her term as Lens Division Chair will be complete at the beginning of our next meeting at the Executive Summit in San Diego, CA. Keith Cross will then assume the Chair position and we will be nominating a new Vice Chair. If any Lens Division member is interested in fulfilling the Vice Chair position, please send an email to Michael Vitale at mvitale@thevisioncouncil.org

Thank you to all the members that attended the meeting. Members can learn more about the Lens Division initiatives by visiting the Member section of The Vision Council website at thevisioncouncil.org/members or by contacting Michael Vitale at mvitale@thevisioncouncil.org or 703-548-2684.