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DATE: February 1, 2018

TO: All South Carolina Licensed Opticians

FROM: April Koon, Administrator

RE: Notice of Election - Accepting Nominations for Board Member Election

This letter serves to announce an election for the South Carolina Board of Examiners in Opticianry. The South Carolina Opticianry Practice Act states the Board consists of seven members. Five members must be licensed opticians appointed by the Governor upon nomination by all licensed opticians in this State through an election conducted by the Board.

You may visit our website at www.llronline.com/pol/opticians for a complete copy of South Carolina Code of Law Title 40 Chapter 38. An election will be conducted to fill one seat on the Board for the following term:

Term May 2018 – May 2022

Ms. Mikell currently holds the position that expires May 11, 2018. Ms. Mikell is eligible for re-

Candidates and voters for election must have a current license to practice as an optician in South Carolina.

NOMINATION PROCESS:

- All candidates for election, including incumbents, must be nominated on an official petition form signed by not less than ten South Carolina licensed opticians qualified to vote in the election.
- An official petition form can be obtained from the Board website at www.llronline.com/pol/opticians.
- Petitions must include original signatures.
- Petitions to place nominees on the ballot must be received in this office no later than March 1, 2018. Petitions received after that date will not be considered for this election. Faxed petitions will not be accepted.
- If a term has only one candidate nominated, that name will be submitted to the Governor.
- If a term has two or more candidates nominated then ballots will be prepared with the names of nominees in alphabetical order and mailed to each optician licensed in South Carolina. Voters will be given approximately 30 days to return ballot by mail to the Board office; a date certain will be provided. Faxed ballots will not be accepted.
- After the election is completed, the Board administrator will certify in writing to the Governor the names of the candidates with the number of votes received.

Deadline date for the Board to receive petitions is March 1, 2018.