



**OHIO STATE BOARD  
OF BARBER  
EXAMINERS**

**EIGHTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL REPORT  
TO THE GOVERNOR**

**FISCAL YEAR 2015**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Ohio Barber Board was established in 1934 to protect the public by establishing, maintaining and monitoring sanitary and professional standards in the barber industry.

The Board is responsible for examining and licensing barbers, barbershops, barber instructors, and barber schools and has the authority to deny, suspend or revoke a license for just cause. Enforcing the provisions of Chapter 4709 of the Ohio Revised code as adopted by the Ohio General Assembly and Chapter 4709 of the Ohio Administrative Code as adopted by the Board.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Barber Board licenses barbers, barbershops, barber instructors and barber schools. The Board protects the health, safety and welfare of the consuming public by setting standards for licensure and by enforcing these standards through exams, investigations and disciplinary actions. The Barber Board works closely with Ohio Department of Education and Corrections personnel to provide facilities in which inmates may receive training in the barbering profession.

## **THE BOARD**

The Board is composed of three members, two of whom are licensed barbers, and one public member. The Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoints each member to a three-year term. Board members are compensated hourly for time devoted to the Board's affairs, and are reimbursed for expenses incurred in performance of their official duties.

## **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Concepcion H. Skaggs: Chairman  
George Allen: Board Member  
John Korting: Secretary/Public Member

The Barber Board, during FY-15 held six meetings for the purpose of conducting Board business other than to administer examinations.

In addition, the Board administered examinations Twenty-Five days in the fiscal year. The records show that 270 applicants were examined. The Board members and the Executive Director administer the examinations.

The payroll records reflect that there were a total of ten employees, consisting of four barber inspectors, three administrative employees, and three Board members. The Barber Board generates revenue of approximately \$750,000.00 per year

There are thirteen approved private schools and five institutional barber schools in Ohio.

There were 5,603 inspections of barber shops; there were 131 new shops and 225 changes of ownership inspections. The inspectors visit each shop approximately 2-3 times each year and look for sanitation violations and unlicensed barbers and barbershops. The Inspectors issued 1,340 “warnings” on minor infractions to avoid violations being issued to them. The inspectors issued 632 violation notices. The inspectors assist and educate the barbers and barbershop owners in becoming compliant with the rules and regulations. Two hundred and ninety-four investigations/complaints of various natures were received in this office and were investigated by the Inspectors and their reports were forwarded to the Board office.

The Barber Board’s mission is to have a clean healthy environment for the consuming public in which to obtain barbering services.

The Barber Board is proud to announce that the most recent audit conducted by the State Auditor’s office found the Board to be 100% compliant.

Many barbers are self-sufficient shop owners, while many others depend on the Barber Board for hands on help for all matters. If the Board would not provide this hands on assistance many barbers would become unlicensed and begin cutting hair in unlicensed barbershops, thus causing a menace to public health and would not pay their fair share of federal, state and local taxes.

Within our global society, the Barber Board continues to assist all out of country barbers and introduce them to Ohio’s requirements for licensing. It is a high priority of this Board to assure that all out of country applicants receive fair and impartial treatment.

One goal of the Barber Board is to help maintain the number of barbers needed to meet public demand. The Board promotes the expansion of barber schools and works cooperatively with the Department of Corrections, public schools and the private schools to accomplish that goal.

The prison system barber schools are second to none. The graduates from the schools are trained and ready to enter the workforce and lead productive lives as professional barbers.

In regards to Executive order 2013-05K, the Barber Board has always and will continue to assist military veterans and their family members obtain licensure without delay.

In regards to Executive order 2012-06K, the Barber Board had made Human Trafficking Education apart of barber school training. The barber students must read human trafficking material and complete a written questionnaire prior to obtaining a barber license.

Ohio has always provided leadership on the national level. Howard Warner served as president in 2011, whom retired from the State of Ohio Board of Barber Examiners November 2014. Also, Connie Skaggs is currently serving as President of the National Association of Barber Boards of America.

The Barber Board has the team in place to meet all new challenges and to assist the current administration in making Ohio the greatest place to operate a small business.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of serving on the Governor John Kasich's team.

Respectfully,

Ed Highley  
Interim Executive Director