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College of Opticians of British Columbia

### **New Registrar Appointed**

**Vancouver** - Raheem Savja, Chair of the College of Opticians of British Columbia (COBC) today announced the appointment of Connie Chong as Registrar, effective March 11, 2013. Ms. Chong has served as Acting Registrar since February 2012.

“We are delighted Ms. Chong has accepted the Registrar role for the COBC. She has done an excellent job as Acting Registrar in supporting our registrants and advancing the College’s public protection mandate” says Mr. Savja.

Ms. Chong has served the COBC since 2007. She holds a BA in International Relations from the University of Calgary and is a University of British Columbia Masters of Health Administration candidate. She has a background in nonprofit management. She is currently a member of the Opticians Council of Canada national public awareness campaign’s steering committee.

“I am delighted to be the next COBC Registrar,” said Ms. Chong. “I have seen many interesting changes over the years and fully understand the challenges and opportunities that lie before the COBC. The COBC has an important role in helping to achieve a sustainable healthcare system and leading the transformation of vision care in British Columbia. I feel privileged to continue working with the Board, staff, volunteers and world-class opticians to achieve the vision of being the most innovative vision care regulator through the most trusted opticians in the healthcare system.”

“On behalf of the COBC Board I wish to congratulate Ms. Chong on her appointment as the next Registrar,” said Gary Corner, Vice-Chair of the COBC. “The COBC Registrar Succession Planning Committee was very prepared and thorough in recruiting the best person to lead the COBC. We have appreciated Ms. Chong’s work with the COBC and we now look forward to working with her in her new role.

The College of Opticians of British Columbia regulates and improves the practice of opticians in the public interest by ensuring that BC Opticians provide quality professional care to help people achieve better vision.

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