

# *Alabama State Board of Podiatry*

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## **MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, July 15, 2011**

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, July 15, 2011 at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:15p.m. and the following members were in attendance: Dr. Angelo Agee (President), Dr. Eric Fillinger (Vice-President), Dr. Debra Gibson (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Sanjeev Singh, Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro and Dr. Ronald Agee. Board member not in attendance was Dr. Julie Overby. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), Ms. Elizabeth Utley (legal counsel) and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present in order to conduct business.

Public Notice of this meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State's Web Site in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act and it was also published on the Board's Web Site at [www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov](http://www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov). The previous meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum as a result of the recovery efforts from tornadoes statewide.

Dr. Fillinger made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2010 meeting as submitted. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gibson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported the current financial information to the Board and indicated an account balance of \$86,157.41. Dr. Gibson made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Ronald Agee and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren introduced Ms. Elizabeth Utley with the Attorney General's office. Ms. Utley reported that she has been working with Dr. Guasteferro regarding the Alabama BC/BS billing issues previously discussed by the Board and will have more information for their consideration at a future meeting. They further discussed the issue of a bone biopsy beginning cited by BC/BS as out of the scope of practice as pertains to diagnosis and treatment. Ms. Utley indicated that she would write a letter to BC/BS referencing

the statute (Section 27-1-15) and Rules of the Board to seek reimbursement for these services.

Mr. Warren commented that the Board had received complaints pertaining to the prescribing habits of licensed podiatrists in the State and suggested the Rules be modified pertaining to this matter. In the case of a complaint, the Board agreed that a letter should be sent to the prescribing podiatrist requested information and justification for treatment and that this subject be addressed on a case-by-case basis rather than modifying the Rules.

The Board reiterated that continuing education hours that are accredited by The Council on Podiatric Medical Education or the National Podiatric Medical Association are automatically acceptable; however, hours obtained through the American Medical Association would require the Board's review and approval before the hours would be deemed acceptable. The prior approval would be necessary to ensure that the hours are podiatric in nature and relate directly to the practice of podiatry.

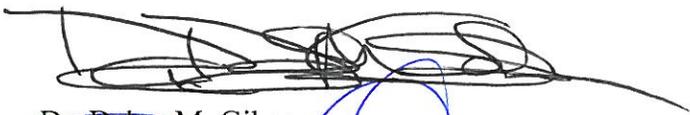
Mr. Warren reported that the board terms for Dr. Fillinger and Dr. Angelo Agee had expired. Each of are not eligible for reappointment, however, they may continue to serve until replaced. The Board discussed nominations for Dr. Fillinger's position and asked Mr. Warren to contact nominees regarding their interest to serve on the Board.

The Board also discussed Alabama Use Tax and potential affect on the Podiatry occupation.

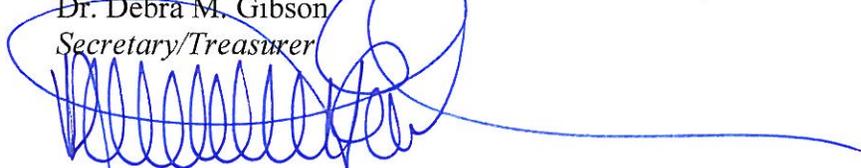
The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Dr. Fillinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:54p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Guasteferro and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Debra M. Gibson  
*Secretary/Treasurer*



Keith E. Warren  
*Executive Director*