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MINUTES
Board Meeting
Friday, October 24, 2014

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, October 24, 2014, at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:18 p.m. and the following Board members were in attendance Dr. Jay Morgan (Chair), Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro (Vice Chair), Dr. David Roberson, Dr. Hadryan Vaughn, Dr. Tommy Garnett and Dr. John Odle. Board member not in attendance was Dr. Jamie Cleckler. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hendon Coody (Legal Counsel), Ms. Hope Paulene, Administrative Assistant and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren). A quorum was present in order to conduct business.

Public Notice of this regularly scheduled meeting was submitted to the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.alabama.gov, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act, and published on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.alabama.gov.

The oath of office was administered by Keith Warren to new Board members, Dr. Dr. Hadryan Vaughn, Dr. Tommy Garnett and Dr. John Odle. Dr. Morgan welcomed the new Board members.

A copy of the minutes from the July 11, 2014 Board meeting was distributed to the member for their review prior to the meeting. Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to approve the July minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report to include financial information through September 30, 2014, and the current number of licensees (#154). He also reported on the number of complaints received in FY 2014 and

current Fiscal Year 2015. Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Morgan deferred the Legislative Report until later in the meeting.

Ms. Coody presented the Legal Counsel report. Ms. Coody reported that she had filed a summarily suspension of the license of the Respondent in complaint #2013.09, and the Respondent had been notified of an Administrative Hearing set within 120 days. She reported that the Respondent had voluntarily surrendered their license and settled with an administrative fine of \$5,000. Ms. Coody reported that it was her understanding that the Respondent was interested in reapplying to the Board in the future and, in the meantime, Respondent had been arrested for federal prosecution.

Ms. Coody reported on the Consent Agreement signed by Dr. Hattie Snyder and follow-up on the Order regarding terms of rehabilitation. (1) license suspended for 2 years; (2) reminder concerning medication justification, (3) fine and administrative cost due within 180 days, (4) inpatient treatment requirements, (5) CE requirements prior to applying for licensing, (6) closing of practice, notifying patients and assigned person, and (7) random drug monitoring/screening. Dr. Robinson made a motion to proceed with random drug screening. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garnett and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody presented a proposed rule for release of patient records, referencing 34-24-276(2)(b). A copy of the Chiropractic Board's rule for records requirements to release patient records was provided to the Board for their consideration. The Board discussed modifying the rule to include copies of x-rays provided digitally. Dr. Odle made a motion to accept the Rule for release of patient records as presented along with the digital x-ray modification. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garnett and unanimously approved by the Board.

Ms. Coody reported that a complaint had been received about patient records and she recommended that the licensee be notified in writing to cooperate in providing records to the patient. Dr. Odle made a motion to write the Respondents in the complaint cases concerning release of patient records and cooperating as proposed by Ms. Coody. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garnett and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren commented on an earlier inquiry to the Board from a Florida podiatrist, who had not taken the PM Lexus examination and was requesting licensing. Mr. Warren reported that he had contacted the Florida licensing board about reciprocity if the conditions were the same and the Florida licensing board indicated that they would deny the application for licensure due to not having taken the PM Lexus exam. Dr. Guasteferro made the motion to deny the application request based on his current State of licensure (Florida) denying an applicant who lacked the PM Lexus exam. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garnett and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Morgan presented the proposed 2015 board meeting schedule for the Board's approval: January 16, 2015, April 17, 2015; July 17, 2015, and October 16, 2015. Dr. Garnett made the motion to approve the proposed 2015 meeting dates. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Morgan called for the election of officers. Dr. Guasteferro made the motion to elect Dr. Morgan as Board Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Morgan made the motion to elect Dr. Guasteferro as Board Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Dr. Roberson and unanimously approved by the Board. Dr. Roberson made the motion to elect Dr. Vaughn as Board Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Guasteferro and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported that he would send to the Board members for their consideration a copy of the draft legislation proposed last year. He reported that the legislative session would begin in March 2015. Mr. Warren reminded the Board that two versions existed; one with the ankle treatment and one without the ankle.

Mr. Warren inquired about creating a podiatrist assistant in the proposed legislation. The Board agreed to defer discussion until the next meeting to allow time to research and consider the role under the Board's jurisdiction.

Dr. Morgan appointed Dr. Garnett to serve on the Legislative Committee to assist Ms. Coody in drafting legislation to include soft tissue and ankle.

Dr. Garnett reported that the Podiatry Association had hired lobbyist John Teague.

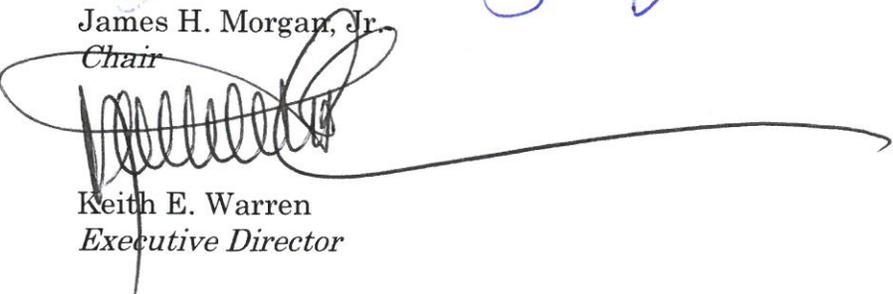
The next regularly scheduled Board meeting is scheduled January 16, 2015.

There being no further business, Dr. Morgan adjourned the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



James H. Morgan, Jr.
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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