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MINUTES
Board Meeting
Friday, January 20, 2012

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, January 20, 2012, at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:11 p.m. and the following Board 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), Mr. Bill Garrett (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 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.

Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2011, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fillinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Gibson reported on the recent financial activities of the Board and indicated an account balance of \$120,606.77, as of January 27, 2012. The 11/10/11 entry on the report was correctly labeled as a deposit. Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fillinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Garrett reported that there had been no response to the Board's letter addressed to Alabama Blue Cross/Blue Shield concerning billing issues under Codes 93965, 93970 and 93971.

Mr. Warren reported that a licensee had requested an extension of their renewal because of lack of CE credits due to his health problems and had been unable to travel. Mr. Warren indicated that a late fee was charged upon renewal of his license and the licensee had requested that he be reimbursed the late fee due to his medical circumstances. Following discussion, Dr. Guasteferro made a motion to deny the request to reimburse the late fee. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gibson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented another request from a licensee to be reimbursed their late fee. The licensee had indicated they were late renewing their license due to a death in the family. A further review of the licensee's renewal dates indicated that the licensee had been late several years in renewing their license. It was the unanimous consensus of the Board to deny the request to reimburse the late fee to the licensee.

The scope of practice was discussed by the Board and it was suggested that the Alabama Podiatric Medical Association be contacted regarding any proposed legislation concerning this matter.

Dr. Angelo Agee commented on the lack of residency programs for graduates. The Board discussed preceptorship programs. Mr. Garrett indicated that there was no authority given to the Board in the statute regarding non-licensed individuals.

The Board discussed the Alabama Usage Tax regulations and audits regarding business practices.

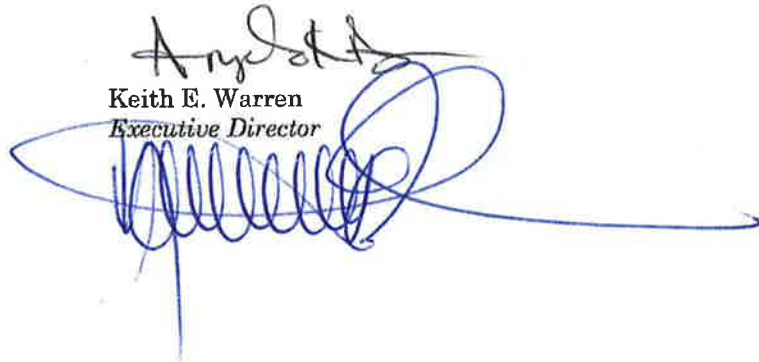
The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 13, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Angelo Agee
Chair

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Keith E. Warren', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.