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MINUTES
Board Meeting
Friday, January 15, 2016

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, January 15, 2016 at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. by Dr. Jamie Cleckler, Board Chair. The following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Jamie Cleckler (Chair), Dr. Tommy Garnett (Vice Chair), Dr. Hadryan Vaughn (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. John Odle (member), Dr. David Roberson (member), Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro (member). Board member not in attendance was Dr. Jay Morgan (member). Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Cameron McEwen (Legal Counsel), Mr. Mike James (Investigator), Ms. Jennifer Love (Legal Assistant), and Ms. Renee' Reames (Executive Secretary to Mr. Warren and serving as recording secretary).

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.

A copy of the minutes from the October 16, 2015 Board meeting was distributed to the members prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Garnett made a motion to approve the October minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Guasteferro and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren presented the Executive Director Report to include financial information for FY 2016 (as of January 11, 2016), along with the current number of licensees (#153) and the number of complaints received to-date in FY 2016. A detailed list of deposits and expenses was presented for the Board's review. Mr. Warren reported that the number of licensees had declined; however, new legislation about the scope of practice to include the ankle was being proposed, which may be beneficial in increasing the number of licensees.

Mr. McEwen stated that a new wellness program was being developed and he proposed an agreement with the Alabama Physician Health Program, through the Medical Association, by the Board. Mr. Warren reported that he was working closely with the APHP Director, who is a physician. The Board discussed having a Podiatrist involved in the program as a mentor, to encourage the licensee's recovery. Following a review of the proposed agreement, Dr. Garnett made a motion to approve the agreement with the APHP, as modified. The motion was seconded by Dr. Odle and unanimously approved by the Board.


Mr. McEwen reported on three licensees who had agreed to treatment in the Board's Wellness Program. He indicated that one licensee had surrendered her license, was recuperating from surgery and currently had a Consent Agreement with the Board to enroll the Wellness Program. He also reported on another case of a licensee, who became ill and went to the hospital, and was diagnosed as being under the influence. Following an investigation, the licensee agreed to enroll in the Board's Wellness Program. In a third case, Mr. McEwen report that the licensee voluntarily sought inpatient treatment, was soon to be released and would like to be enrolled in the Board's Wellness Program. Dr. Guasteferro made the motion to approve the three (3) individuals to enroll in the Board's Wellness Program and that Consent Agreements be prepared for the last two individuals before proceeding with their enrollment. The motion was seconded by Dr. Odle and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. McEwen explained that a new Rule would need to created and presented to the Board for approval, before the Wellness Program Agreement would be in effective.

Mr. Warren present a request for licensing by reciprocity without examination. Dr. Guasteferro made motion to deny the application without having successfully completed the examinations required in the Board's Rules. The motion was seconded by Dr. Garnett and unanimously approved by the Board.


The next meeting of the Board is scheduled April 15, 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business of the Board, Dr. Cleckler adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jamie Lee Cleckler, DPM
Chair



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director

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