

Alabama State Board of Podiatry

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, January 14, 2011

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, January 14, 2011 at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:07 p.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 and Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro. Dr. Julie Overby and Dr. Ronald Agee were not present. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant) and Mr. Bill Garrett (Board Counsel). 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.

Dr. Guasteferro 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; the account balance is \$116,486.32. Dr. Fillinger made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gibson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren informed that Board that there is currently one open complaint and it is in the investigation stage.

Mr. Warren asked that the Board Members to review its current law and rules and regulations and consider new language that addressed prescribing habits of licensed podiatrists in the State. He informed the Board that the office has recently seen an increase in the number of complaints being filed that address prescribing habits.

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.

Dr. Guasteferro brought to the Board's attention issues that she has been having with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama relating to the billing of the following procedures:

93970: Bilateral Extremity Venous Duplex Ultrasound including Digits

93971: Unilateral Extremity Venous Duplex Ultrasound including Digits


The Board asked that Mr. Garrett draft a letter to Blue Cross Blue Shield addressing these issues.

Mr. Warren requested that the Board approve Mr. Bill Garrett and reimburse his travel expenses incurred for attending the Federation of Associations of Regulatory Boards Forum 2011, which is being held in New Orleans, Louisiana on from January 28, 2011 to January 30, 2011. Dr. Guasteferro made a motion for Mr. Garrett to be approved to attend the FARB meeting and for the Board to reimburse him for expenses related to the forum. The motion was seconded by Dr. Singh and unanimously approved by the Board.

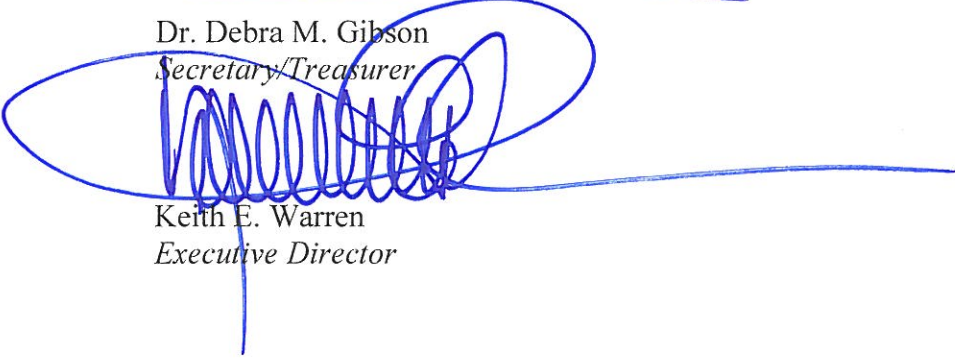
The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Dr. Fillinger made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:41p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Gibson and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,



Dr. Debra M. Gibson
Secretary/Treasurer



Keith E. Warren
Executive Director