Alabama State Board of Podiatry



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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, January 18, 2008

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, January 18, 2008 at the Board Office in Montgomery, Alabama in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. and the following members were present: Dr. James (Jay) Morgan (Vice-President), Dr. Darron Barrus (Secretary/Treasurer), Dr. Mark Veres, Dr. Steven Grunfeld. Dr. Patricia Antero (President) and Dr. Tara Blasingame were not present. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), and Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), and Mr. Randy Reaves (Board Counsel). A quorum was declared to conduct business.

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

The minutes from the October 19, 2007 Board meeting were presented for approval. Dr. Veres made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Grunfeld and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren addressed the Board regarding the proposed legislation. He will ask Representative Howard Sanderford for sponsoring in the House and will converse with Gina Tucker, Lobbyist with the Alabama Podiatric Medical Association to secure a sponsor in the Senate.

Mr. Warren informed the Board that each of them will be receiving 1099s soon for Board Compensation. These are being prepared by Debra Henry, CPA.

Mr. Reaves addressed the Board, informing them that the Board had received several complaints that would require administrative hearings. He suggested that the Board also work on developing legislation to address these issues as well.

Dr. Eric Fillinger joined the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

The Board decided not to meet with Dr. Shane Burchfield.

The Board recessed at 2:20 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 2:35 p.m.

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Dr. Barrus addressed the Board with the current financial information; the account balance is
 \$ 77,936.66. Dr. Barrus made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Veres and unanimously approved by the Board.

The Board approved 4 applications to take the Law exam on February 13, 2008.

The Board discussed pending and upcoming Board appointments.

Dr. Veres opened the floor for nominations for President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer.

Dr. Barrus made motion to elect Dr. Morgan as President, Dr. Grunfeld as Vice President, and Dr. Barrus as Secretary/Treasurer. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fillinger and passed by acclamation.

Dr. Veres requested the Board discuss nominees to replace Dr. Blasingame. After discussion, the first choice would be Dr. Debra M. Gibson and the second choice would be Dr. Kent S. Martin. Dr. Barrus made a motion to approve these two nominations. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fillinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren announced by next Board meeting is tentatively scheduled for Friday, April 18, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, Dr. Veres made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Barrus and unanimously approved by the Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Of. James (Jay) Morgan

President

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director