

## **Alabama State Board of Podiatry**

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Honorable Robert Bentley Governor State of Alabama 600 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36104

RE: Alabama State Board of Podiatry

2012 Annual Report

Dear Governor Bentley:

Pursuant, §34-24-252, Code of Alabama, 1975, the Alabama State Board of Podiatry is required to submit an annual report to the Governor as to its activities, conditions and financial status. Therefore I submit for the following information for your records.

Board Members are:

Dr. Angelo K. Agee, President 118 Lake Forest Drive Montgomery, AL 36117 Expiration: March 25, 2011

Dr. Eric B. Fillinger, Vice-President 1938 AL Hwy 157, Ste 101 Cullman, AL 35058 Expiration: March 25, 2011 Dr. Debra M. Gibson, Secretary/Treasurer 1770 N. Alston Street Foley, AL 36535

Expiration: March 25, 2013

Dr. Sanjeev K. Singh Post Office Box 116 Troy, AL 36081 Expiration: March 25, 2014

Dr. Ronald Agee 1529 Bessemer Road Birmingham, AL 35208 Expiration: March 25, 2014

Dr. Julie D. Overby 1401 Springhill Drive Mobile, AL 36604 Expiration: March 25, 2014

Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro 833 St. Vincents Drive Ste. 503, Bldg. III Birmingham, AL 35205 Expiration: March 25, 2015

The Board has continued to be successful in resolution of complaints. The Board has not experienced any litigation or challenges during the last year.

The Board has initiated several goals for the upcoming year. The Board will begin a newsletter to keep its licensees current on Board business and changes as well as any updates in their profession. The Board will also implement online renewals for the 2013 renewal period. The Board is upgrading its web site to assist the licensees and public in an easier more friendly application as well an online verification of license that can be printed to the records of licensees, health insurance companies and hospitals across the State.

The Board and industry continue to discuss the change in scope of practice to allow a podiatrist to practice above the foot to include the ankle area. Alabama is 1 of 4 states in the United States that does not allow its licensees this privilege. This is extremely important with recruiting new licensees to come to Alabama to practice Podiatry. Most graduates choose their practice locations based on this one privilege. We are not growing in licensees and do see this as a significant issue in the near future.

The Board continues to operate through a Special Fund Account with a balance of \$124,997.31 as of December 31, 2012. Board revenue consists of license fees, license renewal fees, examination fees, administrative fines and/or penalties. The Board currently has 163 licensed podiatrists.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Board office should you need any additional information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Warren Executive Director

cc: Secretary of State

State Auditor

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