

Alabama State Board of Podiatry

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MINUTES Board Meeting Friday, April 13, 2012

The Alabama State Board of Podiatry met on Friday, April 13, 2012, at the Board Offices located at 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, Alabama, in order to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 2:19 p.m. and the following Board members were in attendance: Dr. Angelo Agee (President), Dr. Eric Fillinger (Vice-President), Dr. Danalynn Guasteferro, Dr. Sanjeev Singh, and Dr. Ronald Agee. Board members not in attendance were Dr. Debra Gibson and Dr. Julie Overby. Also in attendance were Mr. Keith E. Warren (Executive Director), Ms. Hope Paulene (Executive Assistant), Mr. Bill Garrett (legal counsel; arrived 2:30 p.m.) 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 January 20, 2012, meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fillinger and unanimously approved by the Board.

Mr. Warren reported on the recent financial activities of the Board and indicated an account balance of \$107,985.19, as of April 17, 2012. Mr. Warren explained that funds in excess of \$100,000 are transferred to the General Fund.

Mr. Warren reported that the Board members would be receiving questionnaires to complete as part of the current audit and Sunset Committee review. He indicated that different questionnaire surveys are also being sent to licensees and individuals who filed complaints.

Dr. Robert Agee made a motion to approve the financial report as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Guasteferro and unanimously approved by the Board.

Dr. Fillinger presented a request from a licensee for approval of CME credits for 42.5 hours on Hyperbaric Oxygen. An outline of the training was presented for the Board's review. Dr. Fillinger made a motion to approve the topic and hours for CME credits. The motion was seconded by Dr. Guasteferro and unanimously approved by the Board. Mr. Warren will notify the licensee that the training was approved.

Mr. Warren reported that Alabama Blue Cross/Blue Shield has added Codes 93965, 93970 and 93971 to the Preferred Podiatry fee schedule and are approved retroactively for billing. The Board discussed with the Board attorney about writing a letter to the Alabama Department of Insurance about the delay in BC/BS responding to the several inquiries by the Board on this matter

Mr. Warren reported in response to the Board's conversation about scope of practice, the Alabama Podiatric Medical Association had indicated that they are not proposing any legislation regarding this matter.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 12, 2012, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Angelo Agee/

Keith E. Warren
Executive Director