

00BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS

OPEN SESSION MEETING

MINUTES

January 14, 2016

Room 110

The Open Session Meeting chaired by President Jay LeBow, DPM, opened at 1:05 PM.

Board members attending the meeting were Drs. Zachary Chatter, Craig Friedman, Todd Harrison and Philip Cohen. Consumer members present were Jay Boyar and Barbara Crosby.

Staff attending: Anthony DeFranco, AAG, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer, and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

MPMA Representative attending: Chanelle Carter, DPM.

Public at large attending: Danielle Valone and Harold Glazer, DPM.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from December 10, 2015, Meeting

The Board approved the December 10, 2015 minutes as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consideration for Proposed Regulations for Podiatrists to work as Physician Extenders

The Board was made aware that the topic of whether or not to propose regulations for podiatrists to work as physician extenders will be discussed at the upcoming MPMA meeting on January 26, 2016; therefore the topic was tabled until input from the MPMA is received following their membership.

2. CME Committee Report: Awarding CME's toward the first license renewal for Initial License Issuance and for Recent Graduates from Podiatric Residency

The Board's CME committee recommended keeping the Board's current policy for awarding 25 CME's for initial licensure for new full Active licensees who have just received a Maryland license for the first time, if the licensee practiced podiatry immediately preceding the application for a Maryland license. This policy would support a welcoming gesture towards those coming to practice in the State. In this policy, the Board awards all 50 CME's for a recent graduate of a two year residency program within the current renewal window. The Board approved this recommendation.

3. SB 109-Health Occupations Boards-Criminal History Records Checks- Required

The Board was given a copy of SB 109- Health Occupations Boards- Criminal History Records Checks. The Board was made aware the bill is moving forward with the Board of Podiatry requesting background checks only on initial applications.

4. Re-vote on amendment for CME Regulation from 1.0 credit to the minimum .05 credit accrual

The Board held a re-vote on the amendment for the CME regulation to change from a minimum 1.0 CME credit accrual to a minimum .5 CME credit accrual. The amendment was approved.

5. Writing the regulations for submission to the Department on fees assessed for the issuance of a TEMPORARY License (voted upon at the November 2015 Meeting)

The Board re-visited the decision that a temporary license for a podiatrist will be a \$300.00 fee, which was decided upon during the November 2015 meeting. The Board decided to reduce the fee to \$150.00 for a three month period (with the application fee of \$50.00) and move forward with writing proposed regulations for such.

6. Final Report on Renewals

Ms. Henderson informed the Board that renewals are now closed but there were 431 podiatrists that have renewed their license, 20 podiatrists that converted their license to inactive status, and 18 that converted their license to Non-renewed. The total number of renewed licenses dropped from 469 to 431.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Regulations regarding reinstatement criteria from Inactive to active license

The Board reviewed the regulations regarding reinstatement criteria from inactive to active licensure. Ms. Schwartz presented an idea to add to the regulation a statement regarding a podiatrist not having to take the PMLexis when reinstating to an active license from inactive status. The Board counsel advised that this appeared to be unnecessary due to the fact that the regulations do not mention licensing exams in the reinstatement process. After discussion, the Board did decide to remove section 16-308 (2) (VII) proof of out of state practice preceding the request for reinstatement that is sufficient to demonstrate current clinical proficiency, as specified in regulations adopted by the Board.

2. Limited license issuance for residency rotations in Maryland for different training affiliated locations

The Board reviewed the current regulations for limited license issuance for residency rotations. It was decided that if a resident will rotate through different locations during their residency, that the Board would need to obtain a list of all other facilities that hold affiliation agreements with the residency that the residents will be training in. The Counsel on Podiatric Medical Education (CPME) advised that the Board should require affiliation agreements between the primary program and their rotation affiliations, since CPME is no longer approving such affiliation with the primary program.

3. Define Active Practice for requirements to serve on the Board as a professional member

The Board reviewed regulation 16-202 Membership regarding the requirements to serve on the Board as a professional member. Within this requirement it states that you must be a resident of the State who has practiced actively in the state for at least 5 years immediately before appointment. The Board determined that "actively" practicing means someone that has been in some type of direct patient care before becoming a Board candidate.

4. SB 63/HB 56-Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices – Right to Try Act

The Board reviewed SB 63/HB 56-Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices – Right to Try Act and decided to take no position on the bill.

5. FYI- Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 30/No. 4 Winter 2015 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC

The Board received a copy of Topics Quarterly Newsletter Volume 30/No. 4 Winter 2015 from Gordon, Feinblatt, Rothman, Hoffberger & Hollander, LLC for informational purposes.

With no further business, the Meeting concluded at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

