

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2009

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, June 11, 2009, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m. by President Dr. David Freedman. Board members present were Drs. Ira Gottlieb, Steven Chatlin, Jay LeBow, and Ms. Barbara Crosby. Also present were Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel and Sally Reier, Administrative Officer. Guests present were Lynda Lardner-McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) representative, Paula Hollinger, Associate Director of Health Work Force, and Sharon Bloom, Executive Assistant.

A. MINUTES:

The corrected minutes from the May 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed and approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed Regulations requiring a licensed podiatrist to examine, diagnose, and determine the medical necessity to prescribe for a foot appliance

- Maryland Register Proposed Action on Regulations

The Board reviewed the proposed regulations which were submitted to the Administrative Executive Legislative Review (AELR) committee of the Maryland General Assembly. The Board determined that no action is required at this time.

2. Spring/Summer 2009 Newsletter – Request for topics/articles

Board members were invited to contribute articles or information for inclusion in a spring/summer edition of the Board's newsletter, *Toe The Line*. Mr. Bloom shall provide updated information regarding medical record keeping to Dr. Freedman for inclusion in the newsletter. The Board requested that the newsletter include a notice reminding podiatrists to be mindful of email filters and proactively add the Board email address to their safe email list.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Technology options for communication

- Email as a delivery option for communicating with licensees

The Board discussed the possibility of communicating with licensees electronically noting that email addresses are provided during the online license renewal process. The Board identified that considerable cost savings could be realized if printing and mailing expenses were not incurred and the newsletters were distributed electronically. The Board noted that archived newsletters are available on our website.

2. Department of Legislative Services

- Preliminary Sunset Review

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that Ms. Chilson from the Department of Legislative Services is scheduled to meet with Dr. Freedman and Ms. Schwartz next week regarding the Board's Preliminary Sunset Review. Staff has provided documentation for review by Ms. Chilson, as requested. Ms. Chilson plans to attend the July Board meeting and will be introduced to the Board at that time.

3. Scope of Practice inquiry

- On-site performance of multiple diagnostic testing which include Ultrasound Doppler, Peripheral Arterial disease (ABI/PVR) and Nerve Conduction Studies

The Board revised the prior determination that nerve conduction testing is within the scope of practice for the evaluation of nerve symptoms of the lower extremities. The Board determined that a licensed podiatrist can delegate the performance of this testing under his or her supervision.

4. NBPME Reports

The Board reviewed that beginning January 1, 2010 the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) will mandate that tests be taken sequentially and passed before the candidate continues on to the next part. This notice was provided for information purposes and does not require action from the Board.



With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board unanimously approved a motion to close its meeting at 2:10 p.m., for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Secretary/Treasurer