

**BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES**

September 16, 2010
Room 108/109

The meeting was opened by Dr. Freedman, Board President at 1:17 PM. All Board members were present. Richard Bloom Board Counsel and Eva Schwartz were present as well. Court Reporter from “For the Record” transcribed the meeting due to lack of staff to help with future Board minutes and other Board business.

Guest attending were: Linda McGinnis, DPM, MPMA representative, Paula Hollinger and Sharon Bloom, DHMH.

A. MINUTES:

The Board approved the July 8, 2010 meeting minutes as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Proposed legislation for registering Podiatric Medical Assistants (PMAs) in Maryland

Dr. McGinnis, MPMA (Association) representative stated that the Association will not oppose the Bill. The Board requested some commitment from the Association that they will not go against the bill in Annapolis during the Legislative session, but rather that they would help lobby for the successful passage of the bill. Dr. McGinnis stated that she would relay to the Board of Directors of the Association the Board's request.

A discussion ensued as to the registration fee that the Board would charge. The Board stated that a \$100.00 annual registration fee will be proposed. This proposed fee, calculating that approximately 400 PMA will register with the Board, would produce revenue to offset any expenditures relating to the expanded licensees database **AND** expand the revenue base of the Board, which is under very tight scrutiny by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS). DLS stated in their preliminary Sunset Evaluation Report that presently, the Board does not have a stable, sustainable and long term revenue collection capability due to the decline in the number of new licensees seeking licenses in Maryland and the upward trend in the retirement age of practitioners. The Board is proposing this legislation so that in addition to addressing the x-ray training, thus the patient and staff safety issues would be addressed, it would also ensure the financial autonomy of the Board. The Board reiterated the importance of passing such a bill because of increased patient safety due to the monitored and didactic training of the PMA's, which would also include a radiology component to satisfy MDE's concerns about the PMA's taking x-rays

under the supervision of a podiatrist without formalized training. **In conclusion, the Board once again requested the MPMA's support in this endeavor.**

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Website Posting of Final Public Orders as mandated by SB291/HB114

Ms. Schwartz stated that the Board will post the Public Orders of those licensees who were sanctioned by the Board since July 1, 2010.

2. Aggravating and Mitigating Circumstances/ Sanctioning Guidelines

The topic was moved to the Executive meeting, after Dr Freedman accepted the job of chairing this task with Dr. Chatlin.

3. Welcoming new licensees

Ms. Schwartz identified Drs. Malinoski and Harmelin as new licensees.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:10PM.

CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Maryland State Government Annotated "10-501 et seq." the Board 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,

Jay Boyar, Ed.S., Secretary/Treasurer