

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

**September 13, 2012
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, September 13, 2012, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:10 P.M., by Board President Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal.

Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Jay LeBow, Craig Friedman, Zachary Chattler, and Todd Harrison. Public members of the Board present were Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN and Jay Boyar, EdS.

Staff present: Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator.

Guests present: Lynda McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA), Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

A. MINUTES:

1. Approval of minutes from July 12, 2012, Meeting.

The minutes of the July 12, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Boards' proposed 2013 legislature status

Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, presented to the Board new bills for the Health Occupations Boards including the Authority for Criminal History Records Checks, Hearing of Charges and Order of Revocation or Suspension-Prohibition of Stay, and Revisions bills that will be moving forward in legislation. The Board was given a copy of each of the bills. The Cease and Desist Bill will not go forward this upcoming legislative year.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

2. Election of President

Vice President Jay LeBow, D.P.M., led the election for the Board President. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal D.P.M. was voted unanimously for another term and continues the position of President for the Board.

3. Approved specialty credentials after the DPM-is description of the credentialing initials necessary?

The Board was made aware that there were only two boards that the APMA (American Podiatric Medical Association) would recognize for credentialing podiatrists. These boards are the American Board of Podiatric Orthopedics and Primary Podiatric Medicine (ABPOPPM) and the American Board of Podiatric Surgery (ABPS). The Board stated that terms like wound care certified or specialist would be accepted only if it is identified that the practitioner is a D.P.M. Licensees will be allowed to continue to use the approved acronyms for certifications as they have in the past.

3. Corporate Name Request

The Board reviewed a request from David Deiboldt, D.P.M. for a business corporate name change from John Freid, D.P.M., P.A. to **The Beltsville Foot and Ankle Center, Inc.**. The name was approved by the Board and Richard Bloch, executive Director, Maryland Podiatric Medical Association. The Licensee will be informed of such.

4. Veterans and their spouses licensure bill – draft

For informational purposes, Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, presented an update regarding the Veterans licensure bill. The Board expressed many concerns with the Veterans licensure bill set to move forward next legislative session. Board members were made aware that they may attend and testify at hearings as a ‘citizen’ podiatrist but not as a member of the Board.

5. Review for eligibility for FULL License:

- a. Najiah Faour, D.P.M.**
- b. Neda Arjomandi, D.P.M.**

The Board reviewed and approved the issuance of a Full license for the above applicants. Vice President, Jay LeBow, D.P.M. made the motion to establish a licensing committee consisting of a Board member to review each licensee's file prior to releasing a full license in the future. The Board vote consisted of three for and three opposed with the Board President being the breaking tie for the licensing committee. Sharon Bloom, DHMH also presented opposition to the idea, because staff follows the law to accomplish compliance with meeting the criteria for licensure, and if any issues would arise during the verification of the eligibility for licensure, they would be brought before the Board immediately, BEFORE continuing the process of licensure. Having a committee, would slow down the process of the issuance of the license, something the Secretary of

DHMH wants to streamline and expedite. The Board decided that whoever held the Vice-President position would have the responsibility to be the licensing committee. Hence forth, all information on new licensure candidates will be scanned to current Vice-President Dr LeBow via email for review before approval for issuance of license.

6. Dispensing Drug Permits

Executive Director, Eva Schwartz, presented the Board with a new application and additional materials that will be forwarded to podiatrists applying for a drug dispensing permit. The Board approved the new packet. Eva Schwartz will also be attending a meeting on Monday, September 24, 2012, with the Deputy Secretary, Division of Drug Control (Under Laboratories) and all the other Boards that issue Drug Dispensing Permits, and the Pharmacy Board, to discuss an increase in the fees associated with dispensing permits. Funds from the Dispensing Permits need to be collected to cover the approximately \$200,000.00 expense that Drug Control would incur for inspecting the offices of practitioners that hold Drug Dispensing Permits. The moneys would be collected by the Boards, the Boards would continue to issue the dispensing Permits for now, but the funds would revert to the General Fund (The Boards cannot keep the revenue from the Permits), as per SB 603, effective July 1, 2013.

7. COMAR 10.40.02 and 10.40.03

The Board was given a copy of the final COMAR 10.40.02 and 10.40.03 for informational purposes.

8. Standard of Care Inquiry- Steve Chatlin, D.P.M.

The Board received the following inquiry from Steve Chatlin, D.P.M.

What is the standard of care concerning the fixation of closing base wedge osteotomy bunion procedures? In general should there be 2 points of fixation, ie. 2 screws, 2 k-wires?

The Board stated that the surgical treatment of any osteotomy is up to the discretion of the surgeon.

D. OTHER

1. The Board held a discussion on who would be responsible for reviewing and approving the required CME credits for podiatrist. After discussion, it was determined that the position of the Vice-President of the Board would be responsible for the approval of all CME's submitted to the Board.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:04 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 2:04 p.m., in room 110 for the purpose of complying with the Maryland Medical Practice Act that prevents public disclosures about particular proceedings or matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay H. Boyar, Secretary/Treasurer

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