

BOARD OF PODIATRIC MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OPEN SESSION MEETING MINUTES
January 8, 2009
Room 110

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners was held on Thursday, January 8, 2009, 2008 in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:46 p.m. by President Dr. David Freedman. Board members present were Drs. Steven Chatlin, Ira Gottlieb, Jay LeBow, Tanya Sellers-Hannibal, Mrs. Ernestine Jones Jolivet and Ms. Barbara Crosby. Also present were Eva Schwartz, Executive Director, Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Sally Reier, Administrative Officer, and Oladuni Akinpelu, Administrative Specialist. Guests present were Lynda Lardner-McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) representative.

A. MINUTES:

The minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Task Force updates

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the Task Force continues its review of the uniform application of discipline, sanctioning guidelines, and the governance of the boards. The recommendations of the Task Force are anticipated to be available in January. Ms. Schwartz will continue to attend the Task Force meetings and provide updates to the Board.

2. Final Fee Regulations to be effective 12/29/2008

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the fee regulations became effective December 29, 2008. An invoice memorandum was mailed instructing licensees to submit their five hundred twenty-five dollar (\$525.00) required annual payment toward the 2010-2011 licensing renewal fees no later than January 30, 2009.

C. PMLexis – Credentialing

The credentialing of candidates for the PMLexis exam is a function of the Board which is performed by Board staff. The existing procedure allows the Board to receive a candidate's primary source documentation. The NBPME has proposed to credential PM Lexis candidates and provide only score reports to the Board. Most importantly, after a year of taking the exam, candidates for licensure will need to request the scores again from NBPME and to have the PMLexis Exam scores certified by the Federation of Podiatric Boards as well. The Board did not identify a desire to change the existing credentialing procedure. As such, Board staff will continue to credential PMLexis candidates, and accept NBPME's scores as a primary source verification for such.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Legislative Auditors Report

Ms. Schwartz informed the Board that the Legislative Auditors Report did not identify any deficiencies specific to the Board of Podiatry. This Legislative Auditors Report continues the recommendation of prior reports that the boards maintain a separation of staff duties regarding the handling of cash receipts, access to the licensure database and the reconciliation of same.

2. Board of Pharmacy – Regulatory Review and Evaluation

The Board noted that the Board of Pharmacy is reviewing and evaluating their regulations and requests that any comments on the regulations be submitted no later than March 1, 2009.

D. OTHER:

1. MPMA News

Dr. Lardner-McGinnis stated that the association is awaiting receipt of a letter from DHMH regarding the nomination of candidates to serve on the Board. The association anticipates holding elections in April to nominate candidates for same.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:01 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 2:01 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,

Ernestine Jones Jolivet, Secretary/Treasurer