

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

**December 8, 2011
Room 110**

The Open Session meeting of the Maryland Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (Board) was held on Thursday, December 8, 2011, in Room 110, 4201 Patterson Avenue. The meeting was called to order at 1:17 P.M., by President Dr. Tanya Sellers-Hannibal. Additionally, Board members present included: Drs. Steve Chatlin, Jay LeBow, Craig Friedman, and Zachary Chatter. Public members of the Board were Jay Boyar, EdS and Barbara Crosby, RN, BSN. Staff present: Richard Bloom, AAG, Board Counsel, Sheri Henderson, Administrative Officer and Elizabeth Amspacher, Licensing Coordinator. Guests present: Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, Sharon Bloom, DHMH, Lynda McGinnis, D.P.M., Maryland Podiatric Medical Association (MPMA) representative, Marian Ruth, Investigator, and Harold Glazer, D.P.M., visiting Maryland licensed podiatrist.

A. MINUTES:

The minutes of the November 10, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Health Occupations Boards-Regulations and Scope of Practice Advisory Committees.

The Board expressed concerns during the discussion about the proposal for the Advisory Committee. Sharon Bloom, DHMH, explained that the new committee would be focused on helping the Secretary with decisions for expanding scope of practice and providing more access of care for the public. The concerns of the Board include the new committee affecting us negatively and our scope of practice being limited as another Board is expanded, as well as losing some of our leverage and independence. Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, clarified that Boards would have a chance to work issues out among themselves, and the Secretary would only convene the Committee under certain circumstances listed in the Bill. The Bill will be introduced during the 2012 General Assembly Session. The Board decided they will further discuss the proposal at the January 12th, 2012 Board meeting.

2. Board's Sanctioning Guidelines pending Secretary's Approval

Kristen Neville, Boards and Commission, informed the Board that the Secretary's approval of the Sanctioning Guidelines is still pending. The Secretary would like a conference call to discuss the issues. The call is scheduled for Monday December 12, 2011.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Updates on Licensure 2012-2013 Renewals (revised numbers).

The Board was made aware that out of the 431 licensees, 399 were successfully renewed, 8 converted from Active to Inactive, 10 are not renewing, 3 have not responded, and 11 were in the pending mode in the process of completing their renewal applications. Also, out of the 123 Inactive licensees 96 have renewed and 27 were still in the pending mode of their renewals.

Regarding the Active renewal, the Board clarified that any podiatrist that did not have a valid and current CPR Certification submitted to the Board by January 1, 2012 would not receive a renewed license.

D. Other- MPMA Report by Dr. McGinnis:

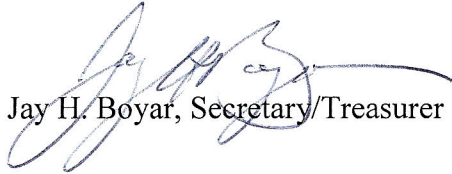
The Board followed up with Lynda McGinnis, D.P.M., on the MPMA's decision to pursue amendments to the Athletic Trainers statute as follows; the Board requested that the MPMA send an amendment to the statute, that would request a podiatrist sit on the Advisory Committee, the practice of podiatry be excluded from the statute, similar to the exclusion identified for Chiropractors, Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists, and that a podiatrist be able to participate in a supervisory role while employing an Athletic Trainer. The Board was informed that the MPMA is working on excluding the practice of podiatry from the statute, but has not made any movements yet on podiatrists gaining supervision over employed Athletic Trainers. The request that a podiatrist sit on the Advisory Committee was not addressed.

The Board also inquired of Dr. McGinnis on updates of the efforts being done to abolish from the Podiatry Practice Act the prohibition against the treatment of acute ankle fracture by a podiatrist. The MPMA is still considering whether or not they are going to pursue action at this time.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:46 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 1:46 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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