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**Board of Podiatric Medicine
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**BPM Board Governance Policies
and
Procedures Manual**

Article 22 of the Medical Practice Act creates within the jurisdiction of the Medical Board of California the California Board of Podiatric Medicine (the "Board"). It is recognized that through exercise of its licensing, regulatory and disciplinary responsibility, protection of the public remains first and foremost the Board's primary and overriding priority above all other interests to be achieved.

It is also recognized and accepted as a best practice that the creation of Board governance policies and procedures may assist to create a solid framework for efficient and successful achievement of Board policy ends. Good governance necessarily involves improved clarity of the board structure and its committee system in addition to proper delineation of distinct processes and procedures in order to foster stability, effectiveness and continuity within the Board.

Further, governance principles address critical orientation and training obligations in addition to member service expectations that help guide members through the complexities of membership in a policy-making body and to assist bringing clarity to respective roles and responsibilities for enhancing policy-making capability as a collective whole.

Through considered identification of governance principles to guide the body, the Board may sustain continued success in the mission of public protection and enable enhanced effectiveness. Among many additional benefits that may be secured include the ability to achieve greater clarity of purpose and solidify the agency's role for the public and the stakeholders it serves.

Thus, in order to effectively secure the aims mandated by the California Business and Professions Code, enable the Board to operate within a clear governance framework and to augment the mission of public protection,

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Podiatric Medicine:

1. Instruct the Executive Officer to begin drafting a Board Administrative Procedures Manual as a ready reference of important and critical laws, regulations and Board policies to guide the actions of members and ensure enhanced Board effectiveness and efficiency and report back to the Executive Management Committee in May 2015.

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