California Board of Podiatric Medicine
Public Board Meeting Minutes
Irvine, California
February 2, 2007

A public meeting of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine (BPM) was held February 2, 2007 in the Catalina Room of the Crowne Plaza Irvine Hotel, Irvine. Due notice had been sent to all known interested parties.

1. Call to order/Member roll call

President Nguyen called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM. A quorum was established with the following Members present:

Hienvu C. Nguyen, DPM, President
Raymond K. Cheng, AIA
Aleida Gerena-Rios, MBA, Vice President
James R. LaRose, DPM
Michael J. Levi, DPM
Robert N. Mohr, DPM

2. Director’s Remarks

President Nguyen introduced the Honorable Charlene Zettel, Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs. Ms. Zettel addressed the Board on the consumer protection emphasis she desires for all DCA agencies, and commented that DPMs have an important role to play in California’s response to pandemics or other emergencies.

The Director presented plaques recognizing the leadership of Dr. Mohr and Mr. Cheng, both nearing the end of their respective first terms of service.

3. President’s Report

President Nguyen welcomed all public and licensee attendees including Jeffrey Haupt, DPM, President of the Orange County Podiatric Medical Society and Maria Shih, Center for Public Interest Law, School of Law, University of San Diego. Former American Podiatric Medical Association President Richard Viehe was one of the many professional leaders present and spoke eloquently about the Board’s role and contributions to public safety.

“Boards are established to protect the people of California.”
Section 101.6, B&P Code
Dr. LaRose moved and Mr. Cheng seconded approval of the November 3 minutes. The motion passed 6-0.

4. Licensing and Medical Education Committee

The Board approved the academic year 2007-08 applications pending from schools and graduate medical education programs, with the Committee having delegated authority to review and approve additional applications. Dr. LaRose moved and Mr. Cheng seconded approval of six schools; the motion passed on 6-0 voice vote. Ms. Gerena-Rios moved and Mr. Cheng seconded the motion passing 6-0 on voice vote to approve the residency programs.

Ms. Gerena-Rios seconded and amended a LaRose motion, directing staff to include on the next meeting’s agenda action for approving public notice of a possible rulemaking to recognize the United States Medical Licensing Exam pursuant to Business & Professions Code Section 2486 (b), to also direct staff to work with the California and American Podiatric Medical Association representatives reviewing related matters prior to the national leadership meeting March 24 in Washington, DC. The motion passed 6-0, voice vote. The concern focuses on the delay of the National Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners (NBPME) in upgrading its Part III exam to reflect the profession’s definition of entry-level competence, i.e., that following two years of graduate medical education, which is required by California law.

Mr. Ritter indicated he would prepare a legal analysis in regard to the USMLE Section III exam.

5. Enforcement Committee

Vice President Gerena-Rios indicated she would attend June 22 annual enforcement meeting, chaired by Enforcement Coordinator Michelle Mason for BPM’s medical consultants.

The Board Members indicated they do not favor at this time receiving electronic transmissions of mail ballot packages.

6. Legislative Committee

The Board expressed a consensus that a 5-4 non-licensee majority for its composition is workable but that a 4-3 non-licensee majority could take the Board below a minimum critical mass of licensee input, given the possibility of vacancies, illness, and other conflicts that sometimes prevent attendance.

Mr. Ritter indicated he would prepare a legal analysis regarding “orthotics,” and the Board also requested staff to report on recent complaint history in this area.

The Board adjourned for lunch at 12:05 PM.

7. Annual Evaluation

Returning to open session at 2:00 PM, the Board heard comments and discussed executive officer performance, with the incumbent outside the room.
8. Closed Session [Government Code § 11126(a)(1)]

The Board went into Closed Session at 2:15 PM to meet with the executive officer.

9. Return to Open Session

At 2:45 PM, President Nguyen returned the meeting to Open Session, announced that the Board had evaluated the executive officer’s performance for 2006.

10. Adjournment

Vice President Gerena-Rios moved and Dr. Levi seconded the motion that having completed all business the Board adjourn at 2:50 PM.

Submitted to the Board for approval, June 1, 2007.

APPROVED:

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President

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