



California Board of Podiatric Medicine Public Board Meeting Minutes San Francisco, California June 5, 2009

A public meeting of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine (BPM) was held June 5, 2009 in the Siena Room of the Hotel Adagio, 550 Geary Street, San Francisco, CA.

Due notice had been sent to all known interested parties.

1. Call to order/Member roll call

Vice President Wrubel called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

A quorum was established with the following Members present:

Karen L. Wrubel, DPM
Raymond K. Cheng, AIA
Aleida Gerena-Rios, MBA
James R. La Rose, DPM

Dr. Wrubel welcomed Bev Augustine, Deputy Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs, and Dr. Michael Cornelison, Vice President of the California Podiatric Medical Association. Ms. Augustine briefed the Board on new initiatives of the Department. Following a discussion of the impact on public health and safety resulting from State budget-cutting to eliminate podiatric medicine funding in Medi-Cal, she said she would take these concerns back to the Department and share them with leaders in the Executive Office. Ms. Gerena-Rios emphasized how a decrease in diabetic foot care and limb salvage would affect Hispanics especially. She said there would be no net cost savings as emergency room treatments would increase.

2. President's report

Dr. LaRose moved and Mr. Cheng seconded a motion approving the February 6 minutes, which passed on a 4-0 vote.

3. Licensing and Medical Education Committee

On a 4-0 vote, the Board approved Dr. LaRose's motion to approve the seven (7) 2009/10 applications from podiatric medical schools exhibited in the Agenda Book, as well as that from the Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine, which was a handout.

Also, on a 4-0 vote, the Board approved the nineteen (19) exhibited 2009/10 applications from California-based residency programs, as well as three submitted at the meeting as handouts: Coast Plaza Doctors Hospital, Olympia Medical Center, and Rancho Specialty Hospital.

In regard to the latter vote, Mr. Cheng disqualified himself on the Cedars Sinai program as Dr. LaRose did regarding Rancho Specialty’s program because of their respective associations with the institutions. However, on the advice of the Board’s Counsel George Ritter, they voted nevertheless pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act rule of necessity, as their votes were needed for the purposes of maintaining a quorum.

The Board also voted 4-0 that it will not continue requiring schools, which are accredited nationally to graduate applicants for licensure in all 50 States, to apply for annual approval by California. The discussion noted that the Board could reactivate the annual application process anytime in the future.

4. Fingerprinting Regulation

The Board conducted a public hearing on proposed amendments to the California Code of Regulations: adding Sections 1399.720-1399.725, Title 16, Division 13.9, Article 12 regarding fingerprinting requirements pursuant to B&P Code Sections 144, 480, 2222, 2229, 2236, 2470 and 2497. There was no submission of public comments orally or in writing. Following a discussion between Board Members and staff, Mr. Cheng moved and Dr. LaRose seconded approval of the proposed language and the motion passed 4-0.

5. Public Outreach Committee

Mr. Cheng moved and Ms. Gerena-Rios seconded approval of the exhibited language for a new brochure, *Stepping into Podiatric Medicine*. The motion passed 4-0.

6. Annual Evaluation of the Executive Officer

Pursuant to Government Code Section 11126(a)(1), the Board went into Closed Session at 9:25 AM and evaluated the executive officer. It returned to Open Session at 9:30 AM and reported on the action taken approving the incumbent’s performance.

7. Adjournment

Having completed its agenda and taken action where necessary, the Board adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Submitted to the Board for approval October 16, 2009.

APPROVED:

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President
Board of Podiatric Medicine