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California Board of Podiatric Medicine Public Board Meeting Minutes Los Angeles, California November 18, 2008

A public meeting of the California Board of Podiatric Medicine (BPM) was held November 18, 2008 in Room 328 of the Westin Los Angeles Airport Hotel, 5400 West Century Blvd., Los Angeles, CA. Due notice had been sent to all known interested parties.

1. Call to order/Member roll call

President Gerena-Rios called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. A quorum was established with the following Members present:

Aleida Gerena-Rios, MBA, President
Michael J. Levi, DPM, Vice President
Raymond K. Cheng, AIA [arrived following roll call]
James R. La Rose, DPM
Hienvu C. Nguyen, DPM
Karen L. Wrubel, DPM

2. President's report

President Gerena-Rios welcomed numerous attendees including Kitty Williamson and Patty Harris, deputy directors of the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) for Administration and Board Relations, respectively. Dr. Wrubel moved and Dr. La Rose seconded approval of the June 6 open and closed minutes, which passed on a 5-0 voice vote. The Board then discussed compliance with the Governor's Executive Order S-09-08, which impacted DCA boards and bureaus.

3. Research review with Professor Nichol

University of Southern California Professor Michael B. Nichol, PhD, reviewed the latest research findings on the effectiveness of health licensing boards, and participated in discussion with the Board.

4. 2009 officers and meeting dates

President Gerena-Rios nominated Dr. Levi to serve as 2009 President, and Dr. Nguyen's second was followed by a 5-0 voice vote. Dr. Nguyen nominated Dr. Wrubel for Vice President. This was seconded by Dr. La Rose and approved by a 5-0 voice vote. Meeting dates, pursuant to a La Rose motion and Nguyen second, were approved by a 5-0 voice vote:

- February 6 – San Diego
- June 5 – San Francisco
- October 16 – Los Angeles

5. Professionals Achieving Consumer Trust (PACT) summit

The Board attended the DCA Summit luncheon program Surviving and Thriving in Today’s Media Maze.

6. Vice President’s report

Dr. Levi reviewed the Board’s budget and fund condition and led a discussion with DCA Fiscal Officer Pam Wortman.

7. C-Span2 Book TV

The Board watched a video of University of Baltimore Law Professor Michael Meyerson discussing his book *Liberty’s Blueprint: How Madison and Hamilton Wrote the Federalist Papers, Defined the Constitution, and Made Democracy Safe for the World*. Following the video, the Board enjoyed a speaker-phone conference call with Professor Meyerson engaging in question and answer regarding how the American checks and balance system applies to State government agencies like BPM. DCA Division of Investigation Chief Lynda Swenson and Deputy Chief Daryl Walker came into the meeting along with others to hear Professor Meyerson’s colloquy with Board Members and Counsel George Ritter.

8. Enforcement Committee

Dr. Wrubel welcomed Senior Assistant Attorney General Carlos Ramirez, head of the Health Quality Section, who reviewed Attorney General procedures with the Board. Counsel Ritter agreed to present at the next meeting information regarding the Board’s options regarding voting to hold mail ballot disciplinary decisions for discussion in closed session as a jury.

9. Legislative Committee

The Board approved on a 5-0 voice vote the exhibited proposed amendments to B&P Section 2499.5, on a motion by Dr. LaRose seconded by Dr. Nguyen. Brian Warren of DCA’s Legislative Office indicated support from the Department. G.V. Ayers, a consultant with the Senate Business and Professions Committee, was recognized by the Board from the audience for his leadership and contributions to California governance and public policy.

10. Public Outreach Committee

DCA Deputy Director for Consumer and Community Empowerment Mary Rosas and Publications Manager June Vargas briefed the Board on the translation of BPM brochures into Spanish and discussed some edits that the Board requested be made to the diabetic foot brochure.

11. Adjournment

Having completed all business, the Board adjourned at 3:38 PM.

Submitted to the Board for approval February 6, 2009.

APPROVED:

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President
Board of Podiatric Medicine